



BODYBOARDING CHAMPS CROWNED

DAVID LEE TAKES THE CAKE, AND EATS IT TOO

SEPTEMBER 24-29

SPENDING A WEEK ON A BEACH and surfing one of South Africa's finest waves, The Plett Wedge, with three other people, sounds like a treat, doesn't it? Trust me, it isn't if you're a professional bodyboarder competing in the toughest bodyboarding event of the year – The 21st annual 5A rated South African Bodyboarding Championships.

Conditions for the finals were almost perfect, with solid four to six foot hollow bowls, light offshore winds, and big busts all day. Riders worked hard to impress the judges. David Lee from Southern KZN scored the only perfect 10 of the competition (see page 8), in the drop knee division, when he took off deep, got shackled in a solid barrel, exited cleanly, and smashed the sickest floater. Unfortunately, Lee was eliminated from the DK division during the quarters, but ripped his way through the pro division, to claim victory and take home the title of South African Pro Champion.

Tons of fun, plenty of action, super sick surf, and precise organisation by the Eastern Province Bodyboarding Association made the event one of the best to date – the benchmark has been set. – **Gareth White**

For a full list of results check out: sabaonline.co.za

Above: Duart McClean at Plett wedge.



ROCKING THE DAISIES

NATURE IS, LIKE, COOL, AND STUFF
SEPTEMBER 28 - 30, CAPE TOWN

IT'S HELD ON A WINE ESTATE near a town called Darling, is unspeakably picturesque and has a green theme, which means you can actually feel the rash forming on your karma every time you flick a stompie into a patch of the wild flowers you aren't allowed to pick.

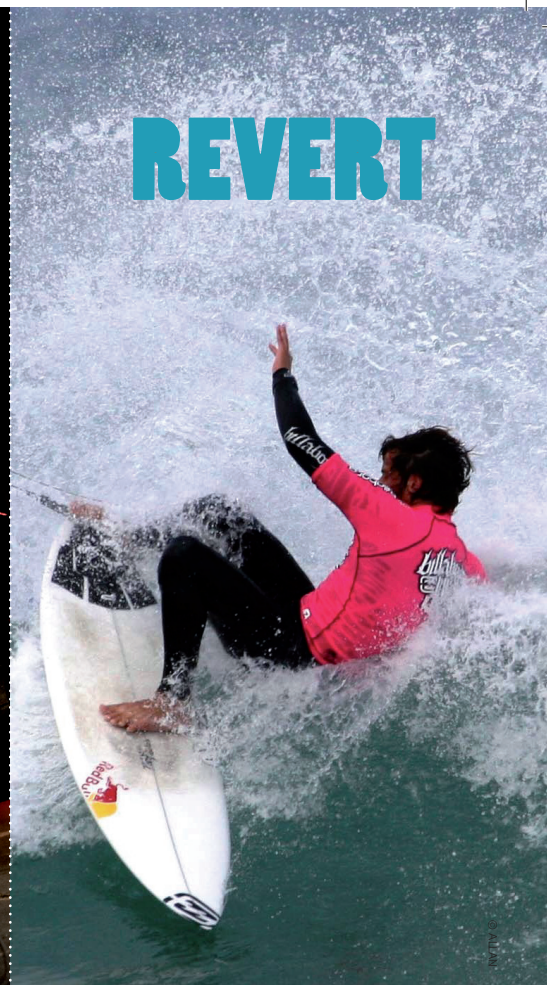
There's a vibe of the barefoot drum-circle variety, but the complete lack of preachy self-righteousness means it doesn't impair your experience.

Simply put, the whole thing kicked recyclable ass. Standouts were the Rudies and the New Academics, both of which played some great new material. Three Bored White Guys made a valiant effort to get an appreciative but unenthusiastic crowd to impersonate farm animal noises. The Dirty Skirts rocked out proper, and Big Idea slayed the crowd as the finishing act on Saturday, leaving DJ Lapse to mop up the remaining party animals with an electro funk mix that had babies conceived on the dance floor.

Daisies is one of the newest festivals in SA, this being its second year, but it looks set to comfortably slide in next to the other big occasions on the local calendar. And when you've finished reading this, wipe your bum with the page and do your bit for Mother Nature.

– **Dorin Bambus**

Above: Esjay from Love Jones dances through a patch of daisies.



REVERT

BILLABONG JUNIOR SERIES 07

RUDY PALMBOOM JNR ROCKS OUT
J-BAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"IT WAS A NERVE-WRACKING DAY, especially in the semi, where I just squeezed through with a 7.5 on the last ride of the heat. In the final, I just went out and had fun, and it all ended well," said Rudy Palmboom, the stoked 19-year-old winner from the Bluff, Durban. Rudy claimed both the event and series titles in the premier pro junior boys at The Point, J-Bay. He took home 18 000 bucks in the fifth and final event of the series, in rainy, mediocre-to-good conditions. Brandon Roberts, who could not find the 6.1 points required to overtake Palmboom in the last seven minutes of the final, took the runners up position, and Brett Shearer clinched third place. Also producing a pretty epic final was the youngest division, the U12 boys, eventually won by Slade Prestwich.

– **Preston Lerease**

Above: Rudi Palmboom dominating.