

# Cape St Francis surfer making waves in China

A fairly recent newcomer to Cape St Francis is starting to literally make waves through his surfing talents.

Grant Beck has just this month of December made his debut in the World Title event after reaching the finals of the SA Longboard Championships earlier this year, in which he earned a wild card.

Beck is the national team & events manager at Billabong and the current Create Your Own Happening (CYOH) Champ and he has captured media attention as being a surfer who is going places. And travelling aboard to represent South Africa in the prestigious ASP Africa challenge at GoPro World Longboard Surfing Championships in China from 5-12 December this year, was just one of his fine achievements as a surfer in 2014 particularly.

By making the finals in the SALSA (South African Longboard Association) SA qualified Beck a wild card entrance to this GoPro.

Beck has been surfing for 11 years and for the past three years he has been living permanently in Cape St Francis. His father, Mike Beck, says that as a boy Grant surfed most of the Junior events and mostly reached the quarterfinals.

And this year Beck, who is also a level three Judge which qualifies him to judge international events, started to seriously carve a name for himself in earnest after being the judge of the year in 2013.

For instance he won the 2014 Seal Point Board rider Xpression Session and was first in the Open Final ahead of Billy Payne, second and Donavon Zoetmulder, third.

Then he was also part of the Eastern Province team as well as team manager which won the SA Champs, plus he was placed second in the Jeffreys Bay club contest 2014.

He was pretty chilled about the contest in China as there is no pressure on him to perform. He said he would take one day at a time and just take in the experience of this Asian country. And as a filmmaker and editor of Pineapple Productions and a photographer he took his equipment with him.

And in the contest, Beck, who has all round surfing skills by riding short boards, long boards was riding a Starboard which is the latest in surfboard technology - where a nine foot longboard only weighs 4.6Kg!



Grant Beck

## Pam Golding Ladies Open Results



Over All Results: 1st place, Julia Read & Jean Campbell from Knysna - 91

Day 1 - Links: 1st Marina Juta, Christine Salesky - 4; 'Day 1 - SFB: 1st Marietjie Lategan, Ronelle Du Toit - 46

Day 2 - Links: 1st Ingrid Diesel, Michelle Walker - 45; Day 2 - SFB: 1st Julia Read, Heilie Uys - 50

Photo: Overall winners Julia Read and Jean Campbell with Heilie Uys, left, and Jeff Clause, right.



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