

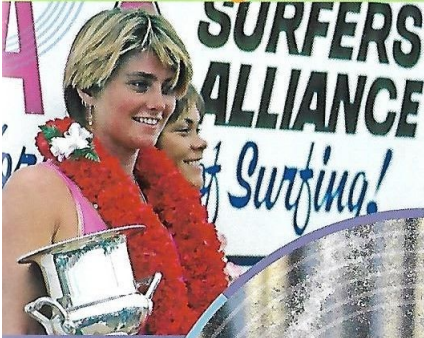
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surfing walk of fame induction 2022

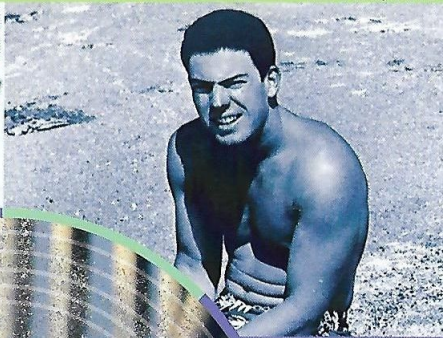
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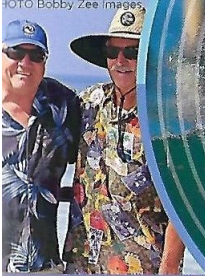
Woman of the Year
JODIE COOPER

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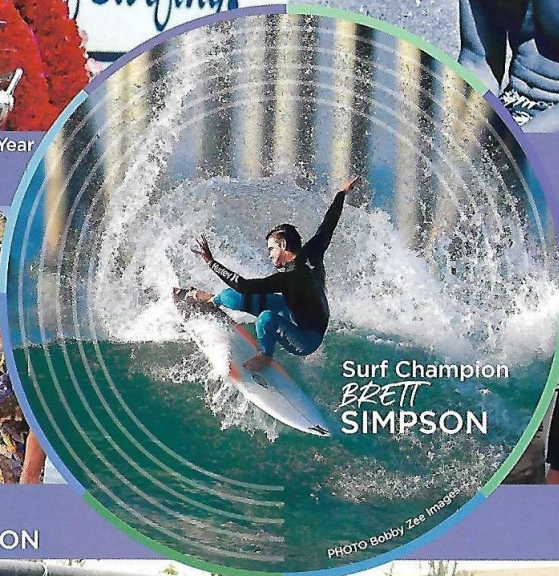


Surf Pioneer
LANCE CARSON

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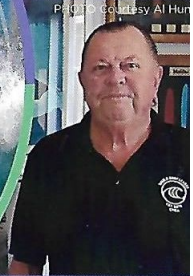


Local Hero
BRUCE GABRIELSON



Surf Champion
BRETT SIMPSON

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Honor Roll
AL HUNT

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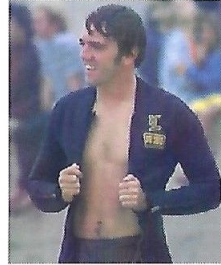


Surf Culture
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LOCAL HERO

BRUCE GABRIELSON

A fixture in Huntington Beach since the halcyon 1960, Dr. Bruce Gabrielson a man of many talents and accomplishments. First paddling out in the early '60s, by '67 he'd taken a keen interest in the high art of surfboard shaping. Gifted his first tools by none other than the legendary Dale Velzy, Gabrielson and partner Chuck Ray launched Wave Trek Surfboards shortly thereafter.

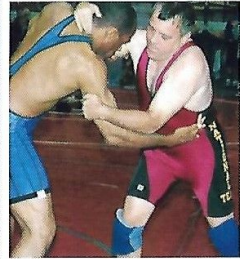


1967 was a defining year for Gabrielson. Besides Velzy hooking him up, he was also elected president of the Huntington Beach Surfing Association, a position he held for a decade. Gabrielson was also heavily involved with the Western Surfing Association during this period, as well as sat on the Board of Directors and served as Contest Director for the United States Surfboard Championships.

Deeply involved in all facets of surfing, Gabrielson has played a critical role in the evolution of local, Northern Orange County surf culture. The founder of the Edison High School Surf Club, he went on to found and coach the Huntington Beach High School Surf Team, which was the first U.S. high school to formally

As a Local Hero, Bruce kind of did it all: competed in the U.S. Championships at the Southside of the Pier, coached the Huntington Beach High School Surf Team, and worked in the surfboard industry launching Wave Trek surfboards in the '70s.





If Bruce wasn't riding his Wave Trek surfboards, he might be found wrestling as he was a championship wrestler and is in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

recognize surfing as a varsity sport. Also working his magic at the college level, Gabrielson was also the co-founder, coach, and captain of the California State University Long Beach Surf Club.

Equally accomplished away from the beach, Gabrielson holds a Ph.D. in electrical Engineering, plus advanced degrees in Computer Science and a degree in business. He also received a secondary teaching credential in math and physics. Gabrielson has authored four books on surfing and one on wrestling and is distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

More than half a century into it, and Gabrielson continues to keep the stoke alive. He remains a board member of the International Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame and is a member of the Ocean City Surf Club.

CRITERIA

Nominees must have resided in Huntington Beach for at least 10 years, graduated from the Huntington Union School District, been a finalist in the surf champion category, contributed to Huntington surfing culture, been a surfing pioneer in the city or a past champion at the annual Huntington Beach City Championships.

PAST INDUCTEES

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| 1994 | Robert August | 2008 | Rich Chew |
| 1995 | Herbie Fletcher | 2009 | Jackie Baxter |
| 1996 | Corky Carroll | 2010 | Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti |
| 1997 | Gordy Duane | 2011 | Bill Fury |
| 1998 | Chuck Dent | 2012 | George Draper |
| 1999 | Jack Haley | 2013 | Roy Crump |
| 2000 | Bud Llamas | 2014 | Mike Haley |
| 2001 | David Nuuhiwa | 2015 | John Boozer |
| 2002 | Brad Gerlach | 2016 | Timmy Turner |
| 2003 | Chuck Linnen | 2017 | Timmy Reyes |
| 2004 | Rich Harbour | 2018 | Randy Lewis |
| 2005 | Carl Hayward | 2019 | Sam Hawk |
| 2006 | Bob "The Greek" Bolen | 2020 | canceled due to COVID |
| 2007 | Scott Farnsworth | 2021 | Mike Downey |