Surfing Reunion - Six senior surfers gather in Southern California

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My wife and I enjoy playing golf, which is not unusual for 70+ seniors, but when I saw my doctor this morning and said I had just been on a surf trip to California, he said 'you are amazing!'.

I was not the oldest or the youngest among the 6 senior surfers who gathered in southern California for some fun in the sun and west coast waves. Pictured (L to R)are Jim Edgerly, myself, Jack Ashworth, Frank Kaufman, Dan Hallal, Nick Buschovich, and Nick's friend Don. Most of us attended Frank's Settlement Project event and then camped out in tents near Doheny Beach, an hour south of Los Angeles. Frank doesn't surf, but joined us for a night of camping and a day at the beach.

We came together from the east and west coasts, from northern and southern California, and shared the joy of riding waves for 3 days. With rain in the forecast, Bob Spitz offered us an empty condo with warm dry beds in Laguna Beach for the 3rd night, which we welcomed after sleeping bags on the ground. We all had a great time, and hope to do it again next year.