

FORECAST

Outrigger Canoe Club

OUTRIGGER BEACH

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HONOLULU, HAWAII



Photo: RON HAWORTH AND ASSOC.

Lanikai/Waikiki Champions, first row, l-r, Jody D'Enbeau, Bill Eggers, Tom Conner. 2nd row, l-r, Geof Avery, Loch Ledford, Mark Buck, Nadine Kahanamoku, Henry Ayau. Not shown, Mike Holmes, Billy Mitchell.

Lanikai - Waikiki Canoe Race



Photo: JERRY OBER

The Junior crew pulls hard off Portlock.

OUTRIGGER PADDLERS CAPTURE 1ST AND 4TH IN LANIKAI-WAIKIKI RACE

The first annual Lanikai to Waikiki canoe race was a fitting tribute to Duke Kahanamoku. Ten of Oahu's finest canoe crews started at 8:35 a.m. on Duke's birthday, Saturday, August 24, and seven crews finished at the Moana Hotel about four hours later. Three canoes were forced to withdraw by rough seas and 20-knot winds.

The Outrigger "Seniors" took a lead at the start and were never behind, winning the 23-mile race in 3 hours 44 minutes 8 seconds. In second place about one-half mile astern was a crew from the sponsoring Lanikai Canoe Club, followed closely by Waikiki Surf and the Outrigger "Juniors." Our spirited "Juniors" maintained a solid second place from the start all the way to Koko Head, at one point closing to about 200 yards on our leading "Seniors," until reluctantly having to yield to Lanikai and Waikiki Surf.

Paddling in the Outrigger "Senior" boat were the following paddlers from our Senior, Junior and Freshmen boats in the recently completed regular racing season: steersman **Mike Holmes**, **Geof Avery**, **Henry Ayau**, **Mark Buck** (coach), **Tom Conner**, **Jody D'Enbeau**, **Bill Eggers**, **Butch Ledford** and **Bill Mitchell**. With the exception of coach and steersman **Fred Hemmings**, the "Juniors" were made up of the following paddlers from our championship Boys 16 and Boys 18 crews: **Brant Ackerman**, **David Alexander**, **Aka Hemmings**, **Tom Arnott**, **John Mounts**, **Jim Pietsch**, **Gary Sheehan**, and **Marty Wilson**.

The crews are grateful to their escort skippers: **John Goss**, whose cruiser NENE O KAI convoyed the Seniors; **Kimo Austin** in his sampan POMAİKAI and **Paul Strauch** in the Boston Whaler who served the "Juniors."

Our members can be very proud of our crews' performance in this brand new event. Most of them will resume training for the 17th running on October 20 of the 41-mile Molokai to Oahu canoe race in which the Outrigger is the defending champion.



Photo: CLINE MANN

It takes sixteen people to get nine paddlers 23 miles. This is the Junior crew and the seven others who helped organize and direct their effort. Long distance canoe racing is a highly organized sport almost like running a small army.

Molokai/Oahu Canoe Race training starts. For those of you who come to the club first thing in the morning or the late afternoon, you will see a crew going out in one of our fiberglass trainers. Those paddlers will be off for an hour or so making ready for the annual running of the 42-mile open sea classic race.

THE LANIKAI-WAIKIKI CANOE RACE By Mike Holmes

As the announcement of the first Lanikai to Waikiki Canoe race was made, some of our younger paddlers got together and decided to see what they could do in an event of this type. This may not seem unusual unless you are aware that the average age of these paddlers is 16, and that they are accustomed to races of one-mile maximum length. The race they decided to enter was a grueling 23-mile event over a course potentially containing some of the most adverse paddling conditions imaginable.

At the outset, they realized they did not know where to begin learning to train for a race of this type, so they recruited the tutoring and experience of **Fred Hemmings, Jr.**, who was both their steersman and coach. They paddled and ran daily as a unit; they waited every evening until 7:00 p.m. for the senior crew to return from their practice for the training meal, at which time they would begin their psychological warfare upon the senior crew. Realizing how weak we all are against a rough sea, the senior crew members often related various paddling situations which have occurred in past races and which might help if the ocean were rough on race day. The young paddlers would listen to these stories and laugh and take them lightly or so it might seem.

There is no way to explain to one who hasn't paddled in a rough sea that the canoe will often take on an angle customary only to a gyroscope, an angle often exceeding 45 degrees both vertically and laterally.

The day the juniors took their 20-mile practice run, the seas were calm and the experience could only teach them how physically demanding the race would be. At the time the race would start, they would still not know how to paddle and compensate for a relentless sea. This was their handicap and with it they paddled tremendously, powering themselves into a solid second place after a very poor start due to crowding of canoes. They maintained their second place throughout the first half of the race only to relinquish it near Portlock. They were further handicapped by seasickness and yet gave way to only two other crews in addition to our winning senior crew. It is noteworthy that they beat the Surf Club's first-line senior crew paddling the Malia. Ten boats entered the race, three of which did not finish because they could not make it around Makapuu Point, the seas were indeed rough.

In a time when many young people lacking a sense of accomplishment are turning towards a nothing-type existence, these young athletes are an elite group and they now know they can accomplish almost any objective they choose to set for themselves.

Speaking for the senior crew, we are very proud of them and would like to have as many of them with us as possible in the Molokai Race this October. We also hope that their accomplishments as paddlers and individuals will be a source of pride to the general membership which seemed to be too tired to drive 23 miles to see the start of a very monumental race.

Both the senior and junior crews wish to extend their thanks to the many people who helped them at the club, from the cooks to the manager and coaches.



Editor's note: The Junior crew used less than the most up to date equipment, they had for the most part training paddles, no two of the same weight, and a protective canvas for the canoe that would rival a volleyball net in its ability to hold water. J. O.

An indication of the spirit the junior crew carried with them throughout training and through to the end of the race is indicated in this poem by **John Mounts**. It was read to the entire crew and their friends and helpers the night before the race.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE RACE

By John Mounts

'Twas the night before the Race
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring
not even a senior mouse.

The paddles were hung
by the chimney with care
In hope that the next day
the race would be theirs.

The seniors were nestled
all snug in their beds,
While visions of first place,
dance in their heads.

Buck in his long underwear
and Holmes in his cap
Had just settled their brains,
for a long night's nap.

When out on the lawn,
there arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their beds,
to see what was the matter!!!

Away to the window,
they flew like a flash,
Tore up the shutters
and threw up the sash.

When what to their wondering eyes
should appear on the run,
But a miniature canoe
and nine baby guns.

With a jolly old steersman,
St. Hemmings by name,
Who drank blood and ate dynamite
and his crew did the same.

More rapid than bullets
his eighteens they came,
And he whistled and shouted
and called them by name.

Now Sheean, now Snidely,
now Zorba and Marty,
Gun Aka, Gun Acky,
Gun Jimmy and Arnotty.

To the top of the porch,
to the top of the wall,
Now paddle away, paddle away,
paddle away all.

So up to the housetop,
the paddlers they flew,
Munching on nails
and razor blades too.

As Buck and Holmes drew in their heads
and were turning around,
Down the chimney St. Hemmings
came with a bound.

A bundle of toys
he had flung on his back
And he looked like an animal
just opening his pack!

He brought out some gloves
and an oxygen mask,
And told them the race
would be no easy task.

He knew that his crew
would be tough to beat
So just for luck
he left rabbit's feet.

If the going got rough
and their morale began to soften,
Just in case
he left them some coffins.

He was going to leave
some railroad tracks,
But the 18's ate them
and those are the facts!

Everyone looked tired
and needed some rest
For he knew that the next day
they would all face the test.

So he sprang to his canoe,
to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all paddled
with the speed of a missile.

But they heard him exclaim
as he drove out of sight,
Good race to you seniors
'cause we'll give you a tough fight!

John Mounts is one of three of the Junior paddlers of the Lanikai Race to enter into training for the Molokai/Oahu Race. John's fellow Junior paddlers will be **Dave Anderson** and **Aka Hemmings**.



Photo: JERRY OBER

Junior crew on home stretch.



Photo: CLINE MANN

The senior crew shows its winning form off Diamond Head.

Sailing

by Cline Mann

In the Labor Day weekend Sunfish race sponsored by **Nick Czar** of the Elks Club and conducted by other members of that club, Outrigger Canoe Club members sailed off with the trophies. Leading from start to finish in a brand new borrowed boat was **Tom Reiner**. Tom's time in the 6-mile race was an agonizing one-hour, 45 minutes. The extremely light wind added almost a full hour to the normal time for the course. A rather distant second was **Cline Mann**, who had to hustle to cross the line inches in front of **Mike Holmes**.

Club Notices

SKI MOVIES TO BE SHOWN ON SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE ROYAL THEATER. ADMISSION FREE!!

Chad Dunstan, President of Seven Seas Travel Agency, announces that on October 12 (this is a Saturday morning) at 10:00 a.m. at the Royal Theater in Waikiki there will be a showing of ski films for those members of the Outrigger and their friends who are interested in skiing. There will be approximately an hour and a half of professional ski films, covering skiing in Norway and different parts of the United States. This will introduce several new films which have never been exhibited here before. Titles include "Where Skiing Began" and "Ski Whiz" as well as several others. We will also have in attendance a well-known skier from Norway who will answer any questions about the skiing there.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and it looks as if we will have a big crowd so come early.

P.S. Wear a sweater as we are going to try and get it cold enough to simulate skiing conditions (we hope).

ATTENTION REGULAR MEMBERS!!!

We need your kokua in bringing up to date and completing our regular membership file. If your name appears below we **still** do not have your photograph. Will you send us a picture of yourself approximately 2½" x 2½"—passport, snapshot—any type of likeness that can be pasted on file card for identification purposes. Mahalo.

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Don and Carla Beach have been in Singapore where Don has been developing a new restaurant. Carla writes of her activities there and sends this picture of their little daughter, "Nakal Bunga Beach," meaning Naughty Flower.

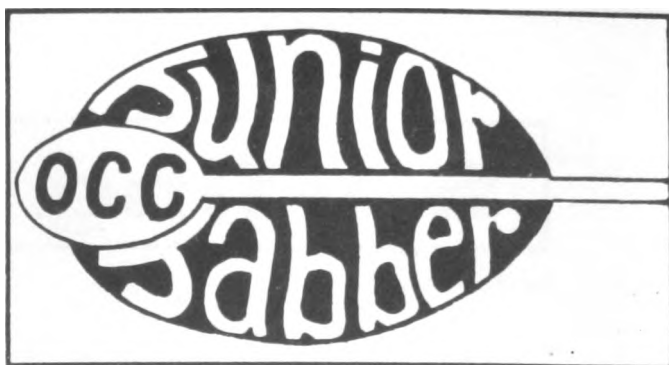
HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

The club is looking for names for its four private dining rooms which are presently known simply as rooms A, B, C, D, and for our cocktail lounge and main dining room.

For example, someone has suggested "Trophy Room" for the cocktail lounge, the "Diamond Head Room" for the most mauka private dining room, the "Makai" room for the most makai room. How about the "Paddle Room," the "Skeg Room"?

Now that you have the idea let's have your suggestions. Please mark them for the attention of the manager.

If your suggested name is used your prize will be two dinners of your choice on any date you specify.



by Maile Buck

Summer is over and now all its happenings are waves gone by. The paddling season was one no one will forget, with its victories, saddened defeats (and of course, the parties!). The spirit shown throughout was the greatest yet and one our club should be proud of. Many happy memories are kept in the hearts of our youngest members and they will probably never forget the summer program. The Sand Blasts, jogging to the Ala Wai, scenes in the volleyball courts, rocky beaches, and the parties are all covered and the book of summer 1968. Style has turned its last page. But of course there is always the summer of '69 just waiting to be opened in June.

A sad Aloha goes to **Mark Osmun** and his family who moved to the East Coast last month. Mark was on the champion 16's crew and also a good volleyball player. He will be attending school in the state of Virginia. Mark will be returning to the islands for the summer of 1969.

Volleyball

FLASH!!!

OCC volleyball players make the Olympic team: **Tom Haine, Pete Velasco, John Stanley, and John Ahlstrom.**

Mike Wilson, John King, Mark Osmun, and John Boyd brought back the second place trophy in the four-man volleyball tournament at Holy Nativity on Thursday, August 23.

Champion Outrigger volleyball player **Chris McLaughlin** will be head coach of the Punahou volleyball team this season. Chris will feel right at home as many of his team come from Outrigger. They are **John Mounts, Gar Clark, Dough Straehley, Buster Chapman, Mike Wilson, Jimmy Pietsch, John King, Bob Schneider, George McPheeters** and **Chuck Haneberg** is the manager.

Rugby

Anyone interested in playing rugby should contact either **Dr. John Keenan** or **Steve Scott**. The season starts in late October.

Surfing

By Mark Hemmings

The 3rd Annual OCC Surfing Contest was held on August 17 at "Old Man's" surf fronting the club. Over seventy members signed up for the events, which were held in 3 to 5-foot waves under choice conditions. The judges, experts **Wally Froiseth**, **Russ Takaki**, and **Ken Bailey**, commented that the competition was keen and the scores close.

In the feature event, the Senior Men's, **Fred Hemmings**, the defending champion, won again with **Peter Balding** and **Rick Steere** tying for second and **Mike Holmes** fourth. **Rusty Starr** won the Junior's over **Russell Brown** and **Don Mailer**. The Wahine finals saw **Koochie Rochlen** topping **Sharon Ackerman** and **Phyllis Swartz**. Winner in the Boys' 12 to 14 was **Keone Downing** as **Willy Hawthorne** placed second and **Burt Goodfriend** third. The most enjoyable contest for the spectators was the Boys' and Girls' 11 and under held at "Backwash" surf next to the Elks Club. **Marc Haine** won with **Peter Balding** and **Julie Morgan** making it close.

The judges' stand, set up on the reef between the club and the surf, enabled volunteer cameraman **Jackie Hines** to capture the entire contest on his super-8 movie camera. The films of the meet were shown the following Saturday evening at the club. Unfortunately, the confusion over the canceling of Club Day that day held down the attendance. The OCC meet movies were coupled with a terrific special surfing movie by **Val Valentine** and the presentation of awards for the meet.

Also announced that evening was the selection of winners **Keone Downing** and **Rusty Starr** to represent the OCC in the most important California meet, the Huntington Beach Contest, in mid-September. Best of luck to Rusty and Keone and Mahalo to everyone who participated and helped to make the 3rd Annual OCC Surfing Contest a success.



Meet director Mark Hemmings.



Fred Hemmings, Jr. and **Joey Cabell** were selected to represent Hawaii in the WORLD SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held in Puerto Rico November 7th through 14th. Both Fred and Joey have won the Makaha International Surfing meet twice. The Hawaii team will be headed

by **George Downing**, a three-time winner of the Makaha Meets. The other members of the Hawaii team are **Ben Aipa, Reno Abelera, Richard Trier, Martha Sunn** and **Sharon Weber**.



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JOHN MYERSON

Club Events

News from **Jody** and **Nancy D'Enbeau** find them both at Nancy's family home in Lexington, Kentucky, where Nancy has enrolled in college and Jody is busy digging ditches prior to going into military training later this fall. If Jody isn't questioning his move to Kentucky now, I am sure he soon will be.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Mr. Smith is a former president of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

The **Ernest Morgado** family will be leaving soon for Europe. Their daughter **Kathleen** will attend Weber State College in Utah this fall.

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BINGO RETURNS STARTING SEPTEMBER 25th and will be featured the 4th Wednesday of each month. Buffet dinners before the games which will start at 8 p.m. and finish by 10 p.m.



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