

# FORECAST

## Outrigger Canoe Club

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### Outrigger Surfing Wrap-up 1969



Paul Strauch with winning Makaha \$500.00.

Photo: Ron Haworth

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Outrigger has long been known as a power in volleyball and canoe paddling, but a third sport, surfing, overshadowed both the established giants in '69.

It was a year which began with Outrigger boasting a world champion and Makaha champion—it ended with still a third important title—the Duke Classic.

Fred Hemmings is a holdover from the world crown he won in Puerto Rico in late '68. Fred will be asked to defend the title sometime this year in Australia.

Fred limited his competition surfing to two contests this year. He took a fifth at Sunset in his fifth Duke Classic and a second at Makaha in his umpteenth International Surfing Championships.

A bearded and smiling Joey Cabell was in a class by himself and walked away with the Duke and Kimo McVay's \$1,000 bill. In winning Joey proved a point—it isn't necessary to surf every weekend in contest to remain sharp.

It was his first competition since winning the senior Makaha crown a year earlier.

The year's biggest Outrigger dividend turned up in the form of graceful Paul Strauch. Always a smooth, fluid surfer, Paul became the talk of the town during December by placing in the Duke and winning the Makaha honors.

And a month earlier he gave hint of what was to come by taking fourth in the Makaha Open contest.

But it was the grand-daddy of all contests, the Waikiki Surf Club-sponsored International Surfing Championships at Makaha Beach that thrilled Paul. He won as a junior in '59 and had been chasing the elusive winner's circle ever since.

The excellent showing of Outrigger's surfing team has almost assured the Club of Strauch and Cabell being selected to represent Hawaii (along with Hemmings) in Australia for the world contest.

Perhaps overlooked by many was the depth of Outrigger's surfing team. Most clubs have a star, even two, but OCC has many.

To illustrate, one need to look no further than Makaha (international) and a field that saw OCC surfers in almost every heat of the quarter-finals.

Brant Ackerman and Rick Steere made it all the way to the semi-finals before being eliminated by the likes of Felipe Pomar and Rolf Aurness. No disgrace there.

The credit for Outrigger's fine showing goes to Johnny McMahon, who has chaired the surfing committee for two years.

McMahon's budget was \$2,200, a small price for the good press which developed. While the budget might seem large for a sport normally confined to Oahu, it also helped to send Mike Holmes to Peru in February to represent OCC in the International Surfing Championships near Lima. The affair is considered one of the important contests of any year and is hosted by the Club Waikiki of Lima.

Past winners have been Cabell, Hemmings and Strauch. That record stands alone for a single club.

This year's budget will not only be used to send Peter Balding to Peru, but must also be drawn upon for the world contest.

Outrigger junior surfers carried their weight and will be hard pressing the seniors soon.

Leading them was young Keone Downing, who successfully defended his Makaha title won in '68. Keone has three or four more years of junior eligibility remaining and could rack up several more triumphs before he enters the senior class.

Other juniors who looked good by placing high in '69 competition included Donny Mailer and Kainoa Downing.

Outrigger's junior team would be strengthened if certain club members now surfing for other surf clubs would surf instead for Outrigger. It seems a small request (if not an honor) to ask

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*Duke winner Joey Cabell.*

*Photo: Ron Haworth.*

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of youngsters who derive so much in the way of benefits from belonging to Outrigger.

The Club thanks the following junior and senior surfers who participated in the OCC program: Jim Beaumont, Steve Wilson, Rick Cassidy, Bryan Cassidy, Bill Hawthorne, Bruce Ames, Bob Anderson, Peter Balding, Mark Hemmings and Mike Holmes.

Winners of Outrigger's own contest held at Old Man's and judged by Wally Froiseth and the beautiful Sunn sisters were: Holmes, Fred Swartz, Mailer, Bret Goodfriend, Kainoa Downing and Kelly Morgan.

Our Club was not represented at Makaha in the wahine classifications. Perhaps this area will brighten in the coming year and give OCC a truly well-rounded surf team. Let's hope so.

Even the Makaha tandem saw OCC take a third with Fred Hemmings teaming with Linda Scott of Windansea. Fred also capped his year by being awarded the Duke Kahanamoku Sportsmanship trophy for his conduct at Makaha.