

OCC Girl's Surf Team Rips in Roxy Surf Meet

By Terri Needels, Surf Committee Chair

Three OCC Surf Team girls took first place in their divisions in the Roxy Wahine Surf Jam held February 10-11 at Makaha Beach. The popular Roxy event showcased more than 250 girls competing in short board, body board and long board divisions.

Geodee Clark, surfing in the 12-year-old Girls Longboard Division, took first place in her preliminary, semifinal and final heats. Geodee's sweep was particularly impressive given the quantity and quality of the competitors in her division.

Carissa Moore clearly outmaneuvered her competition in the Teenie Wahine (8 years and younger) division. She consistently caught waves at their critical points and cranked turn after turn throughout the full length of the wave.

Jenna Frowein also out surfed her competition in the Teenie Wahine Body board division. She took off at the peak and rode all the way to shore, making it successfully through the Makaha shore break, on wave after wave.

Special congratulations go out to Allie Whiting who surfed in her first competition. She tied for 6th in the Teenie Wahine Body Board division and participated in the Tandem Exhibition with her dad Ford Whiting.

Surf committee chair Terri Needels also entered the contest since she was videotaping the girls heats all weekend and couldn't stay out of the surf. She got to the finals of the Senior Women's Body Board, placing fifth.

The team girls have been racking up the wins in other contests as well. Geodee has been consistently taking first place in the monthly Hawaiian Amateur Surf Association Long Board division competitions, and took first in the Rell Sunn Makaha contest, China Uemura's Contest and others.

Carissa similarly placed first in the Rell Sunn and Haleiwa Menehune contests. Jenna was awarded first place in the 6 and under division of the China Uemura contest.

The boys and girls teams have been developing their skills under the leadership of Hans Hedemann. Hans, a former world champion professional surfer, is regularly meeting with the team to review contest rules and strategy.

He is holding mock contests, is videotaping team members surfing, and is providing feedback in techniques and on how to maximize scores on judged rides.

If you want to find out more about the team or wish to assist, please call Terri Needels at 254-6114.

Allie Whiting and Jenna Frowein, front; Geodee Clark and Carissa Moore, back.

