

Surf Groms Busy All Summer at the OCC

By Terri Needels

A record number of OCC's novice surfers turned out for Saturday clinics and a week-long camp to develop their surfing skills. Every Saturday during the months of June and July, Kisi Haine and other Surfing Committee members taught interested groms (beginners) the basics of surfing.

They learned among many other things, about ocean safety, waves, currents, wind, the parts of a board, how to wax it, put the leash on properly, how to paddle, turn the board around, avoid the coral heads while paddling out, how to find the line-up, how to catch a wave, how to ride it, maybe even turn the board, and how to wipe out safely.

Every Saturday (except for the days the surf was full of jelly fish) the group met on the beach, received land-based instruction, and then paddled out with their "coaches". Surf Committee volunteers Kaili Chun, Terri Needels, Joe Dubiel, Shawna Brizzolara, Howard Word, and Laurie Lawson braved the surf and the groms out at Tongg's surf spot. Mahalo for all their efforts!

Former world champion surfer Hans Hedemann and his crew of professional surf instructors held a week-long surfing camp the first week of August at the OCC. The 15 participants received intensive instruction on both the land and in the water. Their progress was videotaped daily.



Photo by Greg Laliberte
Jr. Riggers enjoy Surf Camp

"You are the bows..." Spring Break 2002 March 25 - 31

And the woman who held her babe against her bosom said,
Speak to us of Children

And he said:

Your children are not your children

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are not the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,

And He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that

is stable

Kahlil Gibran

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Every day, after 2 1/2 hours of surfing, the group reconvened in the Board Room to watch the videotapes and get further feedback. The participants quickly developed their skills and by the final day, virtually everyone was catching wave after wave, turning, and pulling out!

Hans put together an incredible video of the camp-set to music-which documented the progress from start to finish. The scenes of the first day wipe-outs were particularly entertaining!

Professional photographer Gregg Labierte took action photos of all participants surfing as well. The group celebrated the end of their active week with a spaghetti lunch party in the Duke Room where they viewed the videotape, chose action photos of themselves, and celebrated their success. Mahalo to Hans and the Hans Hedemann Surf School for an excellent camp!

Competitive and Recreational Surf Teams

Due to the increasing number of Junior members interested in improving their surfing skills, coach Hans Hedemann has organized two teams, a competitive and a recreational surfing team. Surfers who are interested in competing (or who have already been competing) in amateur surfing contests can participate in the competitive team.

This group meets monthly to surf at various surf spots, participates in mock contests, are videotaped, and review the videotapes to get feedback. The competitive team enters the monthly meets held by the Hawaii Amateur Surfing Association (HASA), Hawaii Longboard Federation meets, and other amateur meets held throughout the year.

Surfers who are interested in improving their surfing skills and who may or may not wish to compete eventually can participate on the recreational team. The recreational team meets to go surfing on a monthly basis. They are coached in and out of the water, are videotaped, and receive feedback when viewing the tapes. The group recent-



Christopher Fong



Christopher Fong, Jenna Frowein, Kayla Ginela, Noah Ginela

ly had a great time surfing at Alii Beach in Haleiwa.

If you would like more information and/or are interested in joining one of the teams, call Terri Needels at 254-6114.

Menehune Surfing Contest

Outrigger families were well represented at the recent 25th Annual North Shore Menehune Surfing Contest held on October 13th and 14th at Alii Beach in Haleiwa on the North Shore.

This contest is known for its size – more than 200 contestants—and exclusive focus on kids 12 years and under. It also features a Kokua division which allows parents to assist their 6-year and under kids in the waves. All 65 of the kids in the Kokua Division received a trophy and prizes.

This year's contest was held in 3- to 4-foot surf on the outside break, with ample white water on the inside for the younger divisions. World Champion surfer Kelly Slater presented the trophies (and 11 surfboards) to the winners of the various divisions.

As usual, our Outrigger kids excelled, with the keiki from the Moore, Ginella, Fong and Frowein families taking away awards and tons of prizes.

Super-talented Carissa Moore was one of the few kids to surf the outside break in the contest and put on quite a show with amazing off the lips, floaters, and even air maneuvers! The contest announcers were already wondering when she would go professional (she is only 9 years old!). Congratulations to all the OCC kids and their families!

Girls 7 - 9 Yr Short Board: 1st Place: Carissa Moore 3rd Place

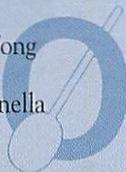
Jenna Frowein

Boys 7 - 8 Yr Short Board: 5th Place: Christopher Fong

Boys 7 - 8 Yr Long Board: 5th Place: Noah Ginella

Boys 9 - 10 Yr. Short Board: Semi-Finalist: John Ginella

Boys and Girls Kokua Division: Kayla Ginella



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