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Photos by Nora Meijde-Gentry

Winners in the men's open division were Mikey Cote, Karl Heyer IV and Robby Kelley.



Drew Watumull



Trey Balding, Chris Hosselman and Mikey Cote won the men's short board.

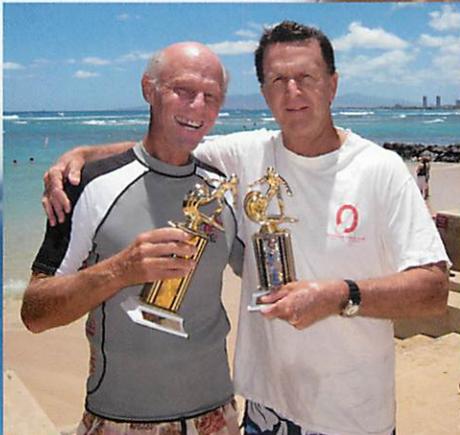


Winners in the girl's short board were Hana Harrison, Jenna Frowein and Cassiday Metter.



Senior Masters trophy winners were Joe Dubiel, Arnold Lum and Jaren Hancock.

Women's open champs were Nicole Pedersen, Sara Ackerman and Malia Eversole.



Golden Masters Ricky Grigg and Peter Balding.

Liam McTigue, Pierce Watumull, Dane Rust and Sutter Grune

Easton Watumull, Brendan Bradley and Conner Grune



SURF BREAKS

for Surf Contest

By Mark Jackola

The summer surf season got off to a slow start and we did not even have the Mother's Day swell. We got everything prepared so that surf permitting we could hold the annual OCC Surf Contest. The holding period for the contest is from May to the end of September.

At 4 p.m. on June 29 the surf came up and we scheduled the surf contest for the next day. The contest organizers began calling all of the members that signed up to participate. The coconut wireless also got the word out to other members.

The tide was low at 9 a.m. and after every one registered and got their tee shirt we waited to send the first heat out when the tide began to rise just after 9:10 a.m. The surf was at near advisory high surf levels and the conditions were perfect, light winds and consistent surf.

The junior men and boys were the first to go out to Sand Bar and Kenny Rust of Aloha Surf Life Saving was out with his jet ski to keep the area clear for the competitors and to provide instant response if lifesaving was needed.

Our head judge David Shipley, rated top pro judge by the Association of Surfing Professionals, was assisted by Nate Wilbur, John Rousche, tabulator Mary Anne Shipley and the best spotter, play by play, George Badone. Gabe Drill of the beach staff was a relief judge.

The Menehune surfers were the last of the junior surfers to hit the water and many people were worried that the surf was too big, but the parents of the young surfers thought it was fine. Robby Farrow made up the men's open heats and when they hit the water the surf got even bigger with 8 to 10 foot wave faces breaking at Old Man's Bowl.

The men's division is the most competitive with the bragging rights that go with a victory, and in the open long board division it was Karl Heyer IV with the wave of the day, sole arch on the nose and tube ride that guaranteed his first place finish. Mikey Cote beat the rest in the men's short board final.

We must acknowledge the great surfing of the senior grand masters, Ricky Grigg and Peter Balding showing the class and finesse that only comes with time and experience.

The grand finale with the tide pushing even higher was the canoe surfing and this gets everyone's attention because the canoes are easy to see and the wipeouts are spectacular, with the spectators yelling and cheering every long ride.

Jimmy McMahan organized the heats for the seven canoes and made sure that the officials knew the rules for this event, keeping the spirit and contributions that his late father John McMahan had instilled many years before.

Sam Clemens, with his green four man canoe caught one wave all the way in, skillfully maneuvering between the boats moored in the lagoon and jetting across toward the groin all the way to the beach. The crowd was screaming, fully engaged with the spectacular large waves and close calls.

The last heat had all of the canoes in the line up and not to be out done Fred Hemmings Jr. also caught one wave and rode it in all the way to the beach and got so close to the wall in front of the Beach Service Desk, that he placed his hand on the wall. The crowd went wild.

The winner of the event was Jimmy Austin, steersman, with Mike Kane, Anthony Hunt, and Scott Hendricks as crew. They even rode right at Old Man's Bowl twice, had some stunning huli and rode the steepest, biggest waves to be the champs for 2007.

Thanks to all who made the event successful as this is the only athletic even without a set date so the staff had to be ready with less that a days notice. Thanks to My Evolution for the red ball caps and tees that all the junior members grabbed up.

RESULTS

Menehune Body Board
Drew Watumull, 1st

Boys Body Board
Brendan Bradley, 1st

Menehune Boys Short Board
Dane Rust, 1st
Pierce Watumull, 2nd
Sutter Grune & Liam McTigue, 3rd (tie)

Boy's Short Board
Brendan Bradley, 1st
Conner Grune, 2nd
Easton Watumull, 3rd

Junior Men's Short Board
Robby Kelley, 1st
David Markle, 2nd
Alex Hossellman, 3rd

Men's Short Board
Mikey Cote, 1st
Chris Hossellman, 2nd
Trey Balding, 3rd

Men's Open Long Board
Karl Heyer IV, 1st
Robby Kelley, 2nd
Mikey Cote, 3rd

Masters
Wink Arnott, 1st
Randy Schoch, 2nd
Randy Grune, 3rd

Senior Masters
Flash Dubiel, 1st
Arnold Lum, 2nd
Jaren Hancock, 3rd

Grand Masters
Ricky Grigg, 1st
Peter Balding, 2nd

Girl's Short Board
Hana Harrison, 1st
Jenna Frowein, 2nd
Cassidy Metter, 3rd

Women's Open
Sara Ackerman, 1st
Malia Eversole, 2nd
Nicole Pedersen, 3rd

Canoe Surfing
Jimmy Austin, Mike Kane, Anthony Hunt, Scott Hendricks, 1st
Sam Clemens, Jane McKee, Katie Slocum, Mahi, 2nd
Reed Dolman, James Stone, Kaau McKenney, Brooke Berrington, 3rd