

# Junior Surfers of the Year

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Trevor Hemmings won the grand prize, a new surfboard, which is held by his dad Heath Hemmings, a former winner of the McMahan trophy.



Kelly Graf with the John McMahan Trophy.



Jimmy McMahon honored past winners of the trophy named for his dad, John McMahon-Todd Bradley, Kisi Haine, Traci Phillips, Heath Hemmings and Mark Norfleet.

This year's John McMahan Junior Surfers of the Year Award went to Dylan Kowalski, the highest rated NSSA surfer in our Club, and Kelly Graf, one of our outstanding up and coming amateur surfers.

Both of these surfers have excellent sportsmanship and love to compete. They manage to stay humble and maintain better than 3.5 grade averages.

Dylan was third in the open men's final, got to the semi finals in the explorer junior division and to the semi finals in the Local Motion Surf into Summer events.

Kelly, who is 11, won first place in the Junior Girls and second place in the Menehune long board at the China con-

test in June. She was fourth in the girls 10-14 short board event at the T&C Gromfest in May.

This year's event to award the trophies on June 22 was the first of its kind honoring the late John McMahan and the past winners of the award. There were more than 50 door prizes. The grand prize, a brand new surfboard, was won by Trevor Hemmings.

It was great to see the families enjoying a night out and having so much fun. They were treated to a preview of a new surf movie in the Koa Lanai. It was standing room only and sold out.