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Surf's Up for OCC Summer Surf Contest

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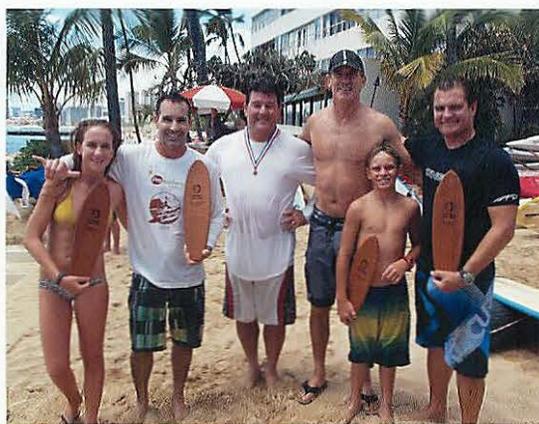
Men's Open: Dustin Sellers, 6th; Peter Cross, 5th; Tom Robinson, 4th; Shawn Woo, 2nd; Mark Sandvold, 3rd; Peter Anderson, 7th; and Ralph Gray, 1st.



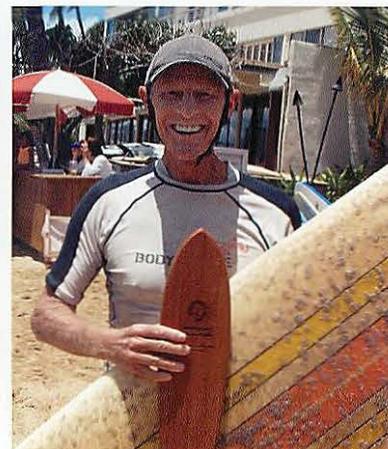
Tandem: Bud and Tom Robinson, 2nd; Kailee and Kelly Graf, 5th; Kayla McTigue and Jackie Wade, 4th; Max Sellers and Ke'ea Lum (not pictured), 4th; and Peter and Griffin Anderson, 1st.



Women's Open: Kelly Graf, 1st; Terri Needels, 2nd; Jackie Guild, 4th; and Kaili Chun, 3rd.



Stand Up: Halie Harrison, 1st, Women; Dustin Sellers, 1st Men; Winston Gamble, 4th Men; Bill Lawson, 3rd Men; Ke'ea Lum, 1st Boys; and Mark Sandvold, 2nd Men's.



Ricky Grigg was tops in the Masters Division.

Club surfers enjoyed great surf and fun on the south shore this summer.

The summer of 2010 was the worst surf in the last 50 years and the Club was unable to host its famous Summer Surf Contest.

This summer, the Surf Committee called the event to start on July 30, but upon arriving at the Club, the committee and the Water Safety personnel felt that the conditions were not clean enough to run the event in a safe and family friendly manner.

Then on August 13, with light trade winds and perfect conditions, members gathered at the beach to register for this year's contest. Sean Parse was the registrar and Terri Needels organized the heats with the Junior Boys starting the first heat at 8:45 a.m.

As the contest director I have always held our event at surf advisory levels or near advisory levels which made for

some super spectacular surfing contests. Legendary ownership of the memories went hand in hand with the skill needed to surf in that kind of surf.

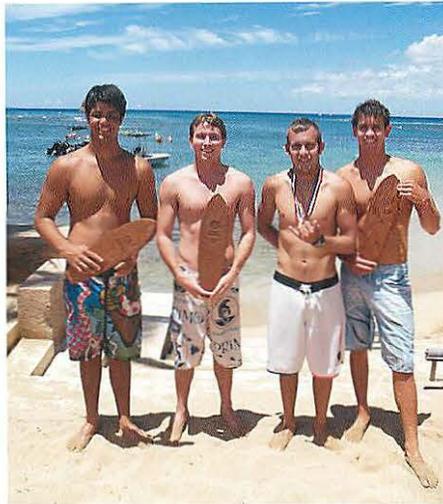
This year brought on a new paradigm with the surf at "Sand Bar" being the best I have ever seen and maybe the best ever. There were plentiful sets with waves in the head high category and just perfect long lefts.

This year we had the best participation by Junior 'Riggers and member's children under 10. The Menehune category had the best participation ever. This year the family tandem event was introduced. The criterion was to catch a wave and ride it the longest distance and acrobatics did not count for the score.

This event was fantastic as the junior members went out with some of their friends and there were also the father son teams. Next summer we expect more father/mother son/daughter teams. Everyone had a BLAST!!



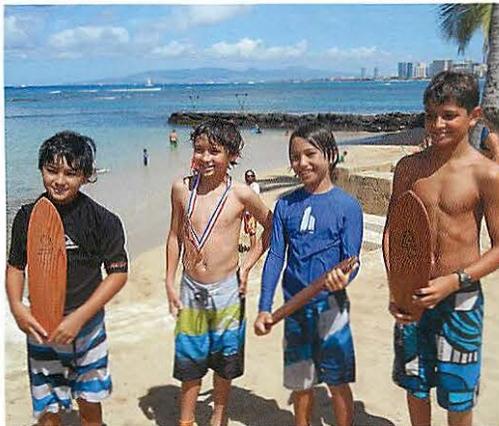
Masters Men: Jay Fries, 5th Men; Roger Soderholm, 2nd Men; Chuck Kelley, 1st Men; Arnold Lum, 3rd Men; Stewart Wade, 4th Men; and Ricky Grigg, 1st Grand Masters.



Junior Men: Easton Watumull, 2nd; Robby Kelley, 1st; Trey Balding, 4th; Conner Grune, 3rd.



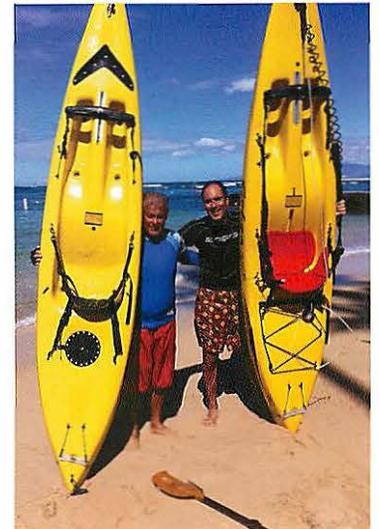
Girls: Jenna Frowein, 4th; Jackie Wade, 1st; Kelly Graf, 3rd; Halie Harrison, 2nd.



Menehune: Zac Hedemann, 3rd; Griffin Anderson, 4th; Gavin Hogan, 2nd; Drew Watumull, 1st.



Boys: Maxx Sellers, 3rd; Dane Rust, 1st; Nathaniel Yee, 2nd; Ke'ea Lum, 4th; and Peter Cross, 5th.



Kayak: Doug Ostrem, 2nd; Chuck Hill, 1st.

Bragging rights for this year's event go to the men's open winner Ralph Gray and women's open winner Kelly Graf. As is the tradition the open class is the top tier of the event with the highest and most serious level of competition.

This year the theme was family fun and to highlight that at the end of the Senior Men's and Grand Master heat Chuck Kelley was on a wave with Ricky Grigg and Chuck did a head stand and Ricky held on to his feet to keep going the longest distance.

In the Stand Up surfing category the big money to win this event was on Winston Gamble. But Dustin Sellers has been training in secret and came from the back of the pack and smoked the entire heat of stand up surfers!

Thanks to the judges from the Association of Professional Surfers, Jack and David Shipley and Bernie Baker,

and the one and only "best spotter" George Badone, for judging the event. Nate Wilbur backed up the judges.

Safety is everything in a successful family friendly surfing event. Thanks to Kenny Rust of Aloha Surf Lifesaving for the quick assistance and transport of Paige Brattin to the beach for medical attention from our beach service crew Leilani, "D" and Damon. Paige was hit by her surfboard during her heat.

The food and trophies were well received and thanks to the staff for all of their support. See you next year.

Two weeks later, we had some of the largest surf ever on the South Shore and members enjoyed surfing, canoe surfing and stand up paddling. The stories of the canoe rides by Jimmy Austin, Marc Haine, Todd Bradley, Fred Hemmings and others will go down in infamy! Look for a story and photos in next month's magazine.

More Summer Surf Fun

by Jake Vaughan



Fiji Surfing Fun



Andrew and Egan Atkinson caught some fun waves in Tavarua, Fiji during the summer.

On the Cover: Dylan Kowalski, one of the top surfers in Hawaii, maneuvers through a summer swell. For more about Club surfing go to pages 2-4. Photo by Diane Edmonds, yourwavepics.com.