

OCC Surf Night & John McMahon Surf Awards

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Junior Surfers of the Year: Mahina Akaka and Ke'e Lum

Good fun, good times, and good people was what was happening at this year's OCC Surf Night and John McMahon Surf Awards. This annual event was a great success as measured from all the smiles and high energy.

The OCC Surf Committee secured five new surfboards from the Surf Factory and Chronic that were raffled off with raffle tickets starting at \$5. No typo, \$5 per raffle ticket. Congratulations to all the surfboard winners! It's great that they all went to good homes.

A special thank you goes to Jimmy McMahon, Manhattan Beachwear and Scott Hawaii for the abundance of great door-prizes. We gave out so many prizes that not a single young person left empty handed.

Every year the OCC Surf Committee recognizes a Surfer of the Year with the John McMahon Surf Award. This year we recognized a female and male surfer. Our female winner was Mahina Akaka and male, Ke'e Lum.

Both Mahina and Ke'e are so deserving of this award due to their great surfing accomplishments at such a young age. You can for sure expect to see these names in the future on a grand scale.

This perpetual trophy is located at the OCC Lobby Trophy Case and dates back to 1976 with some very notable names on it. Congratulations to Mahina and Ke'e, you deserve it and best of luck to your surfing future.

A special thank you also goes to OCC Surf Committee members Jim Farrell and Kaili Chun for all their hard work, dedication and wisdom in making this event such a great success.

Please remember this event for next year as the OCC Surf Night is open to any member who would like to join us for some great food, surf fellowship and awesome surf raffle prizes.



Celebrating Ke'e's win were father Mike Lum, uncle Scott Matsuoka, grandmother Rosie Lum, aunt Michelle Matsuoka, and Ke'e.



Mahina's family and friends surround her after the win.



Surfboard winners: Kailoa Akaka, Noa Haine, David Rochlen.

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