

Surfing



Brant Ackerman showing his winning form. Photo: Cline Mann.

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Beautiful weather, inspired competitors, expert judges and ideal four to six-foot surf combined to make the second Annual Outrigger Intra Club Surfing Contest a delight and success.

More than sixty-five members signed up for the various events held August 19th and 26th at "Old Man's Surf" in front of the Club. On the Wednesday evening before the meet about 175 people came down to enjoy Val Valentines' latest surfing movie "Wet and Wild," featuring several of the Club's best performers.

Highlights of the meet included the senior men's contest with three of the world's greatest surfers, Paul Strauch, Fred Hemmings and Joey Cabel treating the crowd to some spectacular rides in their battle for first prize. Brant Ackerman, age 16, showing up his elders by finishing way ahead in the junior-senior paddle race and Peter Balding, Jr., age 8, the crowd favorite doing head dips and spinners at hotels in the boys and girls 11 and under event.

Winners in the various events were:

Boys and Girls 11 and under—1. Winky Arnott, 2. Mare Haine, 3. Peter Balding, Jr.

Boys 14 and under—1. Doug Strahley, 2. Bill Chamberlain, 3. Corky Cruver.

Boys 17 and under—1. Brant Ackerman, 2. Aka Hemmings, 3. Gar Clarke.

Wahines Open—1. Gayle Reiner, 2. Robin Smith, 3. Mahelani Martins.

Senior Men—1. Fred Hemmings, Jr., 2. Paul Strauch, 3. Joey Cabel.

Junior Paddle Race—1. Brant Ackerman, 2. Aka Hemmings, 3. John Mounts.

Senior Paddle Race—1. Mike Holmes, 2. Jody D'Enbeau, 3. Tom Holmes.

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Brant Ackerman and Aka Hemmings, first and second prize winners in the Outrigger Surfing contest, have been selected to represent the Outrigger Canoe Club in the Huntington Beach, California, Championships on September 23rd and 24th. The contest, nationally televised on ABC-TV, is regarded as the foremost in California surfing competition. Everyone wishes them the best of luck and we know they will do their best for the Outrigger Canoe Club and Hawaii. The first place prize? You guessed it, a free trip to Hawaii.



Left to right: Winky Arnott, Ann Hogan, Peter Balding, Mark Hanie. Photo: Cline Mann.

Volleyball



Left to right: Pete Velasco, John Lowell, Tom Haine.

The following and very flattering letter, was received by the Club from the Chairman of the Pan American Games Trials at the University of Minnesota and Twin City Area.

August 25, 1967

Mr. Tom Arnott
Outrigger Canoe Club
Waikiki Beach
Honolulu, Hawaii
Dear Mr. Arnott:

On behalf of Mayor Arthur Naftalin of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, would you please, at an appropriate time, convey the three enclosed Honorary Citizen's certificates to Mr. Thomas Haine, Mr. Pedro Velasco, and Mr. John Lowell.

These gentlemen played a large part in the U. S. winning a gold medal in volleyball at Winnipeg, Canada during the Pan American Games. (Tom was just great against Cuba—I think he won the match for us—while Pete was sitting it out on the bench with a sprained ankle).

I consider it a real pleasure to have the acquaintance of these three guys and look forward to seeing them again next year at Portland, Oregon for the National Volleyball Tournament. The best to you. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Roy O. Bomgren, Chairman