

# Surfing

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NOTICE to non-surfers and old timers . . . those are not "Paipo" (body surfing) boards you see the younger set carrying down to the shore lately. They are "mini-boards" . . . the latest trend in surfboard design ranging from 6 to 9 feet long and weighing between 14 and 18 pounds. With their minimal surface area, narrow tail, and deep fin they have opened new dimensions in performance and techniques. Although much smaller, these boards retail at \$175 to a high of \$200 for the "Lotus" model such as **Brant Ackerman** owns. If you want to avoid these prices, you might strip down, reshape your present board as **Mike Driscoll** has done. Or if you are really stoked, you can build your own mini-board from scratch. Ask **Tom Bean** for expert advice on this method.



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The mini-board illustrated, left to right: Corky Cruver, Steve Williams, Keoni Downing, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Brant Ackerman and Tom Bean with the "Kidney Bean."

The Kui-O-Hawaii Surfing Meet at Chun's Reef on April 6-7 was the setting for top surfing competition in which Outrigger surfers once again performed excellently. This time **Steve Williams, Brant Ackerman** and **Rusty Starr** placed well in the finals.