

Surfing

By Mark Hemmings

The 3rd Annual OCC Surfing Contest was held on August 17 at "Old Man's" surf fronting the club. Over seventy members signed up for the events, which were held in 3 to 5-foot waves under choice conditions. The judges, experts **Wally Froiseth**, **Russ Takaki**, and **Ken Bailey**, commented that the competition was keen and the scores close.

In the feature event, the Senior Men's, **Fred Hemmings**, the defending champion, won again with **Peter Balding** and **Rick Steere** tying for second and **Mike Holmes** fourth. **Rusty Starr** won the Junior's over **Russell Brown** and **Don Mailer**. The Wahine finals saw **Koochie Rochlen** topping **Sharon Ackerman** and **Phyllis Swartz**. Winner in the Boys' 12 to 14 was **Keone Downing** as **Willy Hawthorne** placed second and **Burt Goodfriend** third. The most enjoyable contest for the spectators was the Boys' and Girls' 11 and under held at "Backwash" surf next to the Elks Club. **Marc Haine** won with **Peter Balding** and **Julie Morgan** making it close.

The judges' stand, set up on the reef between the club and the surf, enabled volunteer cameraman **Jackie Hines** to capture the entire contest on his super-8 movie camera. The films of the meet were shown the following Saturday evening at the club. Unfortunately, the confusion over the canceling of Club Day that day held down the attendance. The OCC meet movies were coupled with a terrific special surfing movie by **Val Valentine** and the presentation of awards for the meet.

Also announced that evening was the selection of winners **Keone Downing** and **Rusty Starr** to represent the OCC in the most important California meet, the Huntington Beach Contest, in mid-September. Best of luck to Rusty and Keone and Mahalo to everyone who participated and helped to make the 3rd Annual OCC Surfing Contest a success.



Meet director Mark Hemmings.



Fred Hemmings, Jr. and **Joey Cabell** were selected to represent Hawaii in the WORLD SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held in Puerto Rico November 7th through 14th. Both Fred and Joey have won the Makaha International Surfing meet twice. The Hawaii team will be headed

by **George Downing**, a three-time winner of the Makaha Meets. The other members of the Hawaii team are **Ben Aipa, Reno Abelera, Richard Trier, Martha Sunn** and **Sharon Weber**.



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