

# Surfing

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## PERUVIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Veteran surfer **Mike Holmes** has been selected to represent the OCC in the Peruvian Surfing Championships in late February. Club Waikiki of Lima is the host of this annual event in which OCC surfers have participated for the past five years. Mike has his boards ready to go and has been training strenuously for the surfing and paddling events which are staged over a week's program. He will be joined by OCC champions **Fred Hemmings** and **Joey Cabell** who will be on the Hawaii team. As first alternate OCC's **Paul Strauch** is standing by to fill in for Joey who may be too busy here in Honolulu to compete. Others on the Hawaii team are **Ben Aipa**, **Eddie Aikau**, **Reno Abellira**, and **George Downing**. As goodwill ambassadors to Peru and the Club Waikiki, the participants share the experience of a lifetime traveling, meeting new friends, and being exposed to a new and different way of life. This is a goal well worth seeking for up-and-coming OCC surfers.

## HALEIWA CONTEST

Several members of the OCC Surfing team will be competing in the Haleiwa Meet this month. Hope the weather straightens out and the waves are good. With the right conditions Haleiwa can be one of the best breaks on Oahu.

## OCC SURFING COMMITTEE

**John McMahan** is the new chairman of the surfing committee. There will be a junior member on the committee and John asks that interested members please talk to him about the meetings and future events.

**Ron Sorrell** has been chosen to head the new International Professional Surfers Association. Ron, who is a holder of the "Winged O," has an outstanding background in water sports. He has judged the Makaha International Surfing Championships, paddled for many years on Outrigger's canoe teams, and was a member of Hawaii's surf life-saving team.

The IPSA will involve itself in the establishment of retirement plans, sponsorships, personal appearances and indorsements for top pro surfers.