

Board Surfing, 1972

by Fred Chuckovich

After a good Spring with plenty of 4-6 foot waves the Summer started with a swell of unusual size and conditions. Waves approaching 15 feet treated the Outrigger Canoe Club Members to some of the best surf the south shore has seen in years. These waves as well as a number of other early summer swells gave our crew ample practice for the summer contests to come.

First and foremost, recognition should go to Evie Black, who came out of the winter rounds with a number of first place awards, then continued toward top spot by taking first place in the Women's Kuhio Beach Junior Surfing Championship and third place in the Ala Moana Hawaii State Championship. As though this wasn't enough, Evie went to the World Championship in San Diego representing our Club and brought home a most respectable third place finish in the women's division. Returning to Hawaii she placed second in the Chun's meet in October. This young lady should keep the Club's name high in women's surfing for years to come, as she has accomplished all this at the age of 17.

Other girls who did well in the Kuhio Beach meet include Heide Hemmings, who placed second and captured the High Point Trophy for Sportsmanship; Lori Fagothey with a fourth place, and Tracy Phillips with a fifth—the latter two in the 12-14 age group.

Speaking of youth, that is where the Outrigger Canoe Club's strength lies in men's surfing this past year. Summer is always the time when young surfers begin to develop on the South Shore and the club is blessed with its fair share of up and coming boys.

In the 9-11 age group we have some "hot" youngsters, including Pua Rochlen, Pat Ayau and Billy Berger. Pua placed first in the Kuhio Junior Championship and Billy Berger captured 3rd in this year's School Meet.

The older boys division, 12-14, has the bulk of our Club's talent with Kenny Morrow and Kainoa Downing leading the way. Kenny again surfed

well this year as he has in the past. He placed fourth at Kuhio Beach, and third in the Hawaii State. Forced to kneeboarding at the United States Surfing Championship in Huntington Beach, he placed third. Not bad for his first try at knee riding. It seems that Kainoa and Kenny are always battling for honors in this age group. This was true at the Outrigger contest and again in the Hawaii States, where Kainoa placed second, again edging Kenny. This might well be a match to watch for years in the future. There are a number of others to watch here, including Scott Rigg who rode well in the States; Gregg Quinn, who made the move to Rice Bowl this summer, and Matt and Kevin Cross, who probably lead everyone in total hours logged at the mini circuit of Wench, Tonggs and Graveyards.

The next group, Junior Men's, is an intensely competitive one. This is partially due to the general tension and confusion of growing up and maturing through the 15 to 17 year span. Many of the young men in this group tend to drop contest surfing and sometimes even much of their active participation in Club functions of all kinds. In spite of this, the Outrigger is fortunate to have one of the nicest young men, as well as hottest surfers, still actively representing the Club—Mark Rigg. Mark won the Outrigger Jr. Men's contest and then followed that with a hard-fought third place in the States at Ala Moana. Mark has perfected his smooth style at Rice Bowl, No Place, and other hot spots around the Club.

In Senior Men's division, the Club was represented in the World Contest in San Diego by Keone Downing. Keone, who placed fifth two years ago has continued surfing well even though he has been going to school in cold water country near Santa Cruz. Keone will have plenty of competition from seniors Brant Ackerman and Donny Mailer, who will be staying home this winter. The latter has returned from last winter's snow skiing in Aspen and is surfing as aggressively and well as ever. Hopefully one of these two will get a break in Winter competition this year. Both are well known faces at the "heavies" on the North Shore.



Evie Black on her way to another first place finish.

That New Look around the Front Office

At this writing, work is well under way on the modification of the lobby and office area. The beautiful koa wood being used at the new front desk is already receiving admiring glances and comments from our members and visitors.

The new arrangements at the front entrance will improve the security situation and will facilitate improvement in the layout and traffic flow inside the business office. Air conditioning of the office is included in the overall improvement plan. This requires completely enclosing the office area.

An added benefit of the new arrangement will be a new trophy case which will provide space for our many new and hard-earned trophies. This new trophy case will be located to the left as you enter the club, over what previously was the office counter.

Also under construction is the new canopy between the lobby and dining areas. This new addition will eliminate the need for the old "umbrella shuttle" during inclement weather. Constructed of wood framing and clear acrylite, the canopy is designed to retain the open, light and airy naturalness—which is a club trademark—while providing the necessary shelter.

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