



Another view of the clubhouse in the 1950's, from the diamondhead side

'73 Peruvian Surfing Contest

Yearly our Club sends a representative to the Peruvian International Surfing Contest. The individual is chosen partly on his surfing ability and partly as a personal envoy for Outrigger goodwill and sportmanship.

This year we were well represented on both accounts by Donnie Mailer, who added the bonus of bringing home a well deserved and hard fought 3rd place finish.

Donnie left early in March and spent a month in the gracious hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gonzales and their two sons, Dennis, Jr. and Fernando, who naturally are avid surfers.

The first week was spent sampling the night life and surfing some of the local spots: Punta Rocas, La Islaya and Pico Alto, with waves ranging from 4 to 15 feet, all surf within Donnie's range. Later, after the contest, the three boys took a side trip north to the famous Chicama Point. There they surfed five-foot waves along the 1-kilometer point with a single ride lasting over two minutes.

Donnie expressed great admiration for the Gonzales family who took him into their home and gave him an opportunity to really live the "Peruvian life." Donnie also greatly enjoyed the chance to visit the Inca ruins in Cusco and Manchupichu.

The contest itself was held at Punta Rocas in six-foot surf lasting right up to dark. The Punta breaks well from four to twelve feet, both rights and lefts, in cool 65 degrees water. First place was taken by Peruvian Gordo Barrada; second by Pancho Awarparri, and third by Donnie Mailer. Dennis and Fernando Gonzales also surfed well.