

Senior Womens Division Surfers (l/r): Champion Evie Black; Cindy Rose; Kelly Haneberg; Lisa Rigg; Cindy Foster. Photo Bruce Ames



Outrigger Canoe Club Annual Surfing Championships

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The surfing conditions were excellent for the annual O.C.C. Surfing Championships. Early in the morning the Keikis Division competed off of Hotels and inside Tongs. These twelve and under intrepid surfers surfed into the four-foot waves and did quite well. First place, capturing the honors, was Peter Anderson; second place was Chip Benham; third place, Stephen Ames; fourth place Hugh Beckley Foster and in fifth place, Jeff Davis. It is interesting to note that the two eight-year old contestants, Ames and Foster, were able to out-surf in some instances their older, twelve year old brothers. Congratulations, men!

Following the keikis' event, the senior women took to the surf. Because the surf was large, many of the women wanted to opt for boogie boards and as a result all of the competing women decided to surf on boogie boards instead of surfboards. It appears that Evie Black is just as good on a boogie board as on a surfboard, for she was able to win the O.C.C. Surf Championship for women and walk away with first place honors. Cindy Rose was second; Kelly Haneberg was third; Lisa Rigg was fourth and Cindy Foster was fifth.

The men's Makule - 35 and over-division - followed. Peter Balding came in first; second was Mark (Butch) Hemmings; third place was Rudy Huber; fourth place, Howard Bugbee; and fifth place, Hugh Foster. It should be noted that with Hugh Foster coming in fifth, the Foster family placed in all three events they entered. Hugh Jr. was fourth in the Keikis and Hugh Jr.'s mother and Hugh Foster's wife fifth in the women's.

Around noon with the surf running at four to six feet, the Junior Men competed. In first place was Jimmy Bugbee; second place Greg Quinn; third place Billy Berger; fourth place Twain Newhart and fifth place, Paul Kaho.

The final event of the day was the Senior Men's championship. In first place, surprisingly, was a relative youngster in this age group - Gordon Quigg, who edged out Karl Hyer IV with 99 points to Karl's 98 for second place. Brant Ackerman was close behind with 96 points, followed by Keone Downing with 91 points; fifth place Chuck Keller, 89 points; sixth place, Grady Howe with 85 points; seventh place, Bruce Ames with 84 points; eighth place, Ricky Lemke with 73 points; ninth place, Billy Foytich with 63 points and in tenth place, Bob Lundy with 62 points.

Keiki Division Surfing Champions (l/r): winner Peter Anderson; 2nd, Chip Benham; 3rd, Stephen Ames; 4th, Hugh Foster; 5th, Jeff Davis. Photo Bruce Ames

