

Surfing Championships

The annual Outrigger Canoe Club Surfing Championships got under way Saturday, June 28, and was concluded on Saturday, July 5. Once again, there was a large turn-out of contestants, ranging in age from 9 years old to Rudy Huber. Approximately eighty persons participated in the exciting event. The surf was very cooperative and ranged in size from 4 to 6 feet at "Old Man's" and there were many exciting rides. John Hunt was the Head Judge. Mr. Hunt has judged professionally in the past, and he was assisted by Judge Bob Lundy. Other Judges included Walter Guild, Tracy Phillips, Cindy Keiter, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Jimmy McMahon and Kimo Austin. Meet Chairlady, Jeannie McMahon, helped coordinate trophies and tee shirts. All participants received a tee shirt for participating in the contest.

The following are the results of the

various divisions:

11 & Under: Smoking Hugh Foster captured first place this year in the 11 & Under division wresting the championship away from last year's winner, Stephen Ames. Stephen Ames came in second, followed by Heath Hemmings. Young Kent Ames managed to come in fourth place, and the youngest contestant in the whole meet, Age 7 Ryan Foster, came in fifth. Hunter Eggers was in sixth place and Tim Kelley, Jr. in seventh.

13 & Under division: In a hotly contested 13 & Under division, Jeff Bova managed to edge out Lock Eggers and come in first, with Lock Eggers second, followed by Walter Cerny third; Sean Murphy, fourth; Gregg Betz, fifth and Ryder Stahl, sixth. Ryder Stahl, a former resident of Hawaii who moved to the Mainland was here for his summer vacation and again participated in

the Surfing Contest.

Junior Men: In the Junior Men's Division, first place went to Michael Stirling, who among other achievements this summer helped rescue persons from a burning yacht off of Waikiki. Congratulations Michael! In second place was Brandon Gauthier; third place, Tony Prior; fourth place, Kenneth Brown and in 4th place, Darnell Davis.

In the Senior Men's division, the competition was keen. Several expert and professional surfers participated in the Senior Men's including Fred Hemmings, Jr. and Keone Downing. Former World's Surfing Champion, Fred Hemmings, Jr., won first place. In a surprising second place achievement, young Patrick Ayau, came charging on. This is the first year Patrick Ayau has surfed in the Senior Men's Division. Third place went to Mark Haine; fourth place, Jimmy Bugbee; fifth place, Ian Emberson; and in sixth place, Doug Bechert.

In the Women's Division, top women surfers Tracy Phillips and Cindy Keiter battled it out. Tracy Phillips managed to squeak by Cindy Keiter and come in first place. Cindy Keiter, who demonstrated some tube-riding ability in fine form came in second. In third place, Kelly Hanneberg; fourth place, Sharon Bintliff; fifth place, Coco Summer; and in sixth place, Anne Hogan. Rumor has it that fifth place finisher in the Senior Men's, Ian Emberson, and fifth place finisher in the Women's, Coco Summer, are to be married. Congratulations!

Perhaps one of the most hotly contested divisions of the day was the Men's Makule (men 35 years and older). Rudy Huber traveled all the way from the North Shore to attend the meet. Mark "Butch" Hemmings traveled all the way from Kauai to participate. In first place in the Makule Division, Bruce Ames; in second place, Mark "Butch" Hemmings; third place, Kimo Austin; fourth place, Rugged Rudy Huber; fifth place, Jaren Hancock and sixth place, Ron Li. Congratulations to all!
—Bruce Ames

Right: OCC Surf champs, 18 and under, from left, Tony Prior, C. Michael Stirling, Ken Brown, Brandon Gauthier and Darnell Davis.



Below: 11 and under contestants, from left, Hugh Foster, Stephen Ames, Heath Hemmings, Kent Ames, Ryan Foster, Hunt Eggers and Tim Kelly. Photos: Darcy Goodman

