

2008 Athletic Committee Outstanding Awards

By George Wessberg & Kisi Haine, Club Captains



Dolan Eversole

Outstanding Subcommittee Chair

Dolan Eversole, chair of Beach and Water Safety has worked very hard to perpetuate our Club's strong canoe surfing and water sports heritage. Through his meticulous organization and recruitment of competent volunteers, Dolan resuscitated a defunct subcommittee and guided it to become an invaluable asset to the Athletic Committee and the Club.

After creating and implementing the extremely successful Ko Kai Nalu program, Dolan oversaw the difficult task of re-organizing and conducting the canoe surfing steersman certification process to make it safer for our members and all people who enjoy the waves and water.



Jim Beaton

Outstanding Athletic Coach

Jim Beaton, husband, father, and competitive open paddler and steersman has been coach of the Boys 16s and 18s Canoe Racing crews. Jim started coaching many of these junior members four years ago and inspired some of them to become outstanding paddlers who now compete in the upper division.

Jim personifies the spirit of "positive coaching" and is a wonderful role model for our youth and a terrific example for our elite paddlers.



Gerri Pedesky

Outstanding Athlete

Gerri Pedesky, a Club member for more than 50 years, has served the Club on its Board of Directors, was a founder of ODKF, was one of the original creators of, and perennial volunteers for, the lucrative Macfarlane Regatta Shirt & Cap sales, and a year-around paddler who competes in the Masters program with women a decade or more younger.

One has to admire a lady who cannot swim but fearlessly paddled on three Molokai crews and braves up to six foot swells in the channel to complete her weekend OC2 workouts during the off-season.



Siana Hunt

Outstanding Volunteer

Siana Hunt, the former "queen of paddling registration" gracefully accepted the chair of the annual Macfarlane Canoe Regatta from Scrappy Lipton, who was truly a tough act to follow. Siana, with help from Anthony and many others, works hard every year to improve the event while staying within budget.

Additionally, Siana followed her organization of a fabulous Centennial Celebration on December 31 with leading an enthusiastic revival of Club Day on May 31.