

SURF RIDING IN AUSTRALIA

The following interesting letter with regard to surfriding has been received by Mr. George Osborne. It is notable that the Outrigger Club is being heard of in all parts of the world. Alexander Hume Ford is certainly keeping busy: -

"Dear Sir: Having read on several occasions about the "surfboard riding" on the Waikiki Beach, I am taking the liberty of addressing you and asking you for particulars in regard to the sport.

"On the Sydney beaches we 'shoot the breakers' without a board by going out about 150 yards from the beach, then swimming on the wave just as it is about to break. We then hold ourselves rigid and are shot in onto the beach. Of course, this shooting is all very well in its way, but I am of the opinion that this is but tame sport compared with the surfboard riding as is done on your beaches.

"I consider myself a very fair 'shooter' without a board, and think that, if you will be good enough to supply me with the dimensions of the board used, also instructions how to manipulate same, I may be able to master the board.

"I am not certain whether you will receive this letter, as the address is rather vague, or I would forward you some illustrations of 'shooting the breakers' on the different Sydney beaches. However, should this address find you, I will be pleased to forward them on receipt of correct address.

"I will also be pleased to supply you with information in regard to our sport in the good old Pacific, or any other information you may desire.

"Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am, yours sincerely,

"CAPEWELL AMOS,

"Member of the Maroubra Surf Club."