

# BUTTINSKIS TAKE BOARDS

## Members of Outrigger Club Are Annoyed by Board "Borrowers."

As usual on holidays, and, nowadays, on any afternoon, the surf, especially the small surf, was crowded yesterday afternoon with all kinds and sizes of surfboards. The large surf was very poor, but the small surf was particularly good and the two hundred or so riders had a jolly time of it.

It would be interesting to know who it is that takes all the boards from the Outrigger club. Those who go in the surf seem to have very little idea of "Meum and Tuum" and private boards are taken without as much as a "Thank you."

It would not be so bad if the boards were taken only by members of the club. But people who have no connection with that institution whatever, walk in and appropriate the best looking board they can find. Many of these are Hawaiian boys, but they have taken example from haole grownups who ought to know better.

This is one of the most annoying forms of petty larceny that can be imagined. There are only a few lockers for boards at the club and these are all taken, so that other members must be satisfied to leave their boards where they can be taken. To go out to the beach with the expectation of a fine ride in the surf and then to find that someone has taken your board away is not only distressing, it is maddening in the extreme.

There is no need for this. People who have learned to ride the surf know that all the boards at the Outrigger club are private. Those marked O. C. are public to the use of any club member, but nobody else. Those with other initials are private and are not to be used, save by the owners or those who have permission from them to do so.

One or two local army officers had their boards taken yesterday and there were several others who were robbed in a similar fashion. It would be a very good example if one of these people with more gall than decency were to receive a hard and conspicuous biff in the face when discovered in the act.

There is another thing about which people show very little sense in the water. Recently parties of girls and men with surfboards have insisted on hanging round the beach where the surf is at its best, leaning on their boards and talking, but making not the least attempt to surf. They are not only keeping some live ones from using the boards, but they are endangering the lives of the girls with them by getting directly in the route of the surfers.

Most of the riders are easily expert enough to guide their boards away when there is fear of a collision, but there are many who are malihinis and cannot control their little craft to a nicety. Again it is very annoying to be forced to lose a good wave on account of a giggling community of incapables who merely gasp with terror when they see a rider approaching them.

The surf does not belong to the riders. They do not claim that it does, but there is only a small space for them and it would at any rate be courteous if those who do not wish to tackle the waves, should keep out of the way as much as possible and enjoy the water where it is not peopled by the active riders.