

# PATTON HAS A PATENT BOARD

## Mechanic Sportsman Invents a Hollow Surf Board on New Lines.

Here is the latest thing in surfing and it sounds like excellent sense. Mike Patton, who is a trained mechanic, wood butcher and a keen thinker, besides being a well-known sportsman, has been figuring on the surfboard proposition for some time and he gave out the results of his think tank tintinnabulation yesterday afternoon.

Mike figures on a hollow surfboard but not one built on the same lines as those which have already been tried. His idea, as well as can be explained without a diagram, is something like this. A bottom board, or bilge, of sufficient thickness to allow for the tapering and chamfering necessary for the correct shape of the board.

Along the outer edges of this main body would run side pieces of about three-quarters of an inch or one inch in thickness. This side piece would, of course, be planed off at the bow end to admit of the fastening of a flat top. This top would be of the same material as the main body, light wood and would be not more than half an inch thick with supports in the center, if necessary—and they would be necessary for a heavy rider.

In the center of the underbody would be a flush, screw bilge drainer of light brass so that, in case there was a leak, the air space could be drained dry. Careful carpenter work in building the board would make it unnecessary to have any caulking. A line of lead along each side of the side pieces would insure the board being water tight.

Mike claims, and his claim looks very reasonable, that such a board would be light and yet have sufficient heft to carry way when once started. "A big steel steamer" said he "is heavy enough and, though advancing at a very slow speed, will grind the end of a pier to pieces. It is the air inside which keeps such huge leviathans afloat yet the weight and heft is there just the same. I believe that a board constructed on these principles would be a great success."

Much of this conversation took place on a car bound for Waikiki and an enthusiastic surfer who is blessed with the wherewithal to gratify minor experimental fancies, was so taken with the idea that he has already arranged to have a board constructed on the lines suggested by Mike Patton.

Chicago's big "Bellerophon" was constructed on new lines and has proved a really fine success, so that the launching of the latest craft will be watched with keen interest by the surfing hui.

It is quite true that the real experts can take any old kind of a board and catch a wave while the malihinis are struggling vainly to get a start, but any improvement that tends to make it easier for the malihini, is good, not only for the sport, but for Hawaii.

As it is now there are only a few boards which an absolute novice can take and, after being given a good push by some kindly cicerone, catch a wave for the first time. What is needed is more good boards and more people to take an interest in the chance visitor and show him how to get a start. All the tourists who have tried surf riding and have made a success of only one wave, have all gone away with the surf bug firmly embedded in their craniums.

We need more boards of different sizes and we need a trifle more courtesy in the surf. Many of the Outrig-

gerites are very good about showing the festive malihini how to get wise and it would be well if the management at the beach hotels would let their guests understand that, if they want to try surf-riding, all they have to do is to ask some of the Outrigger members to show them how. Then the great sport would have more devotees than ever and, with a supply of "easy" boards, the tourist who comes here for but a few days, could realize the intense enjoyment of catching a good wave and flying shorewards with the spray and froth singing in his ears like the stream from ten thousand Champagne bottles.

## RETURN RELAY SWIMMING RACE

There will be a return relay swimming match between the Healanis and Myrtle boat clubs this afternoon. The course will be across the end of the Bishop slip, by the Healanis boat club and the starting gun will be fired promptly at 4 o'clock.

The recent race was won by the Healanis in the remarkable time of 2 mins. 46 secs. and, as both teams have been training hard, there is every possibility that this record will be broken. The distance is 300 yards almost to a fraction.

Each leg of the race is 50 yards long and so six men of each team take part in the race. Each team has three men placed ready for a start at either side of the slip and, when the signal is given, one man from each team starts off to batter a furrow in the water to the other side.

The teams will be from the following swimmers:

Healanis—Oss, Fuller, Kamakau, Lawrence Cunha, Mayne, Bray, Duke and King.

Myrtles—D. Center, T. Center, Davis, Townsend, Padeken, Bechert, Girdler, Kerr, Cooper.

## SCOTCH TO PLAY THE REST OF THEM

Cricket being on the boom, there will be a great game at Makiki this afternoon. The Honolulu C. C. will play the Scotchmen. The Britishers are greatly disturbed over the rumors that the local team had only "Hootmen" for players and will do their very best to make the Glasgie kids take water.

Now that the trip to Kahului has been arranged and it is certain that a team will go from here to Maui, enthusiasm in the cricket line has taken a boost and there will be many live ones out to watch and to take part in the game this afternoon.

McGill will captain the Hootmen and Rudolpho di Buchly will do his very best to carry the mere Britishers to victory. The captain of the local team is one great sportsman and all the players who have agreed to play with him will have a good old "Teucro" for their "Sub duce." The game will start at 2:15 sharp and there is a quiet rumor to the effect that, since it is impossible for an Advertiser reporter to be there all the time, the score will actually be turned in. But, of course, this is only a rumor.

## KALIHI CONCERT TONIGHT.

The concert and dance to be given by the Kalihi Athletic Club at K. of P. hall this evening will be a grand affair, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the benefit of the baseball team. Mr. Frank May and Mr. A. M. Keoho will give a Japanese stunt, and will inform the public as to the real cause of the strike at the different plantations on this island. There are several other good numbers on the program. A dance will immediately follow the concert, and judging from the advance sale of tickets, there will be a crowded house. Tickets may be obtained at the door.