

# Letters From the People

## CHAMPION NOT BARRED.

Editor Advertiser: Permit me to give the Bystander a better understanding. The work of Duke Kahanamoku in making a living by taking tourists surfing does not bar him from membership in the Outrigger Club, it does not bar him from competing for the Clark cups and it does not brand him a professional, according to the rules of the Outrigger Club. Duke has never applied for membership in the Outrigger Club, and the cups were given for the best surfers in the club. There has been a rule in the Outrigger Club that the man who makes a living out of the sport of surfing shall not vote or hold office, but it was expressly stated that he was not called a professional.

The Hui Nalu is an organization of picked swimmers, it may be said picked swimmers of the whole world; the Outrigger Club does not try a man out as a swimmer and a surfer before he can become a member; it is an organization to encourage everyone to learn to use the surf board, and while none of its members are barred from contesting for the Clark cups, it would be manifestly unfair to expect the 250 members who go down to surf once in a while to compete with the few men of Hawaii who spend many hours a day in the surf.

The Hui Nalu has placed Hawaii on the sporting map of the world, and every man in Hawaii should feel proud of that fact. The Hui Nalu is composed mostly of Hawaiian youths and part Hawaiians; it may and should become one of our greatest promotion assets. Hawaii is proud of Hui Nalu; it is an organization of experts to be proud of. Let Hawaii do it honor. For many years New Zealand held the championship for single sculling, and the world had to send its champions to New Zealand to win back the honors. Hawaii has the champion swimmer of the world; let the world send its champions here to wrest the honor from Duke. Duke is in the world's championship class and does not care to contest with a swarm of beginners in surfing to have his name engraved on a cup. So far as the Outrigger Club is concerned, it concedes that Duke Kahanamoku is water King, and every member of the club is proud of his achievement; he does not belong to the Outrigger Club, nor does he belong exclusively to the Hui Nalu; Duke Kahanamoku belongs to Hawaii, and all Hawaii is proud of him.

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