

# OUTRIGGER CLUB MEMBERS EXPECT MUCH IN SPORTS

## New and Keen Interest Has Been Aroused, Especially Along Line of Athletics

The Outrigger club members are more than pleased by the course taken by its new officials. Already there is more interest and club spirit being shown than ever before, especially in the athletic line.

Under the able leadership of Captain G. D. Center the boys of the club have got together and an able swimming team has been formed which is expected to occupy in a few years the position which the Hui Nalu have held for so long, that of having the best swimming team not only in the Islands but in the world. Clair Tait is doing his best to help the swimmers in every way possible and any evening he may be seen with a score of swimmers out at the diving stand giving instruction in starting, turning and improvement of form.

### Sand Hampers Diving

In regards to fancy diving or diving of any kind the club is now being hindered and has been for some time by the fact that the sand has so drifted in by the diving stand that diving is impossible. Fifty feet further towards Diamond Head from the diving stand there is ample water for diving purposes. There is a sandy bottom and the surf would not interfere with a stand. It is suggested that since the club takes such an interest in water sports, the present stand be moved the required distance and the spring boards be put back. This would both facilitate the club divers in their practise and would be immensely appreciated by the general public.

If the present stand could not be moved, a temporary stand of some sort could be installed which could be moved about in case the sand shifted and made it too shallow again. For the past five years, though, this spot has been the same depth as it is now. A slight current runs past it, caused by the surf piling in and the water going out to sea again but there is not enough to cause any danger and at the same time it seems to keep the excess sand from drifting in.

Another plan is for a place to be dredged out in front of the present diving stand and the hole thus made be surrounded by wall of sand bags on the bottom about two feet high. This might keep the sand from coming back again.

### Big Canoe Fleet

At Waikiki at the present time there is at the Outrigger and the Moana Hotel the largest collection of Hawaiian outrigger canoes now in existence. The Outrigger Club has fourteen canoes seven of them big surfing canoes with a capacity of from six to sixteen passengers, including one polished six-paddle racing canoe, and seven smaller canoes. In addition to this, there are several private canoes owned by club members. At the Moana Hotel Dude Miller has in his care seven other canoes, which brings the total to twenty-eight canoes. In Kailua, Hawaii, there is the next biggest fleet of canoes and this varies from twelve to about twenty-five, and the majority of these are smaller canoes.

At the present time it is practically impossible to get a really good surfing canoe, for all of the old time canoe makers have passed on and the present makers do not seem able to get the graceful and necessary lines for surfing. In a few years more it is going to be impossible to get a Hawaiian Outrigger canoe at all for the trees are dying off very rapidly and even at the present time it is hard to procure a good one.