

# OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB HAD BIG YEAR IN MANY LINES OF ATHLETIC ENDEAVOR

## Capt. "Dad" Center, Leading Waikiki Beach Sports Authority, Presents Interesting Detailed Report on Activities Of Aquatic, Track and Volleyball Teams

**D**AD CENTER, captain of the various Outrigger athletic clubs, presented a very interesting report on the work of the various teams at the annual meeting held Thursday evening in the Library of Hawaii. While other reports of the evening were well received, that presented by Mr. Center evoked the most sustained and prolonged applause. The report, in full is as follows.

"I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1918. The old club has at last cast off its old outriggers for new, and has sailed up with the rest of the athletic clubs of this community.

"The conduct of the younger element as a whole this year has been excellent. The year passed with only one flat fight, and that was a poor one at that.

"In November the club held its first regatta of thirty-nine events at the beach. Prizes amounted to \$550 in medals and cups. The Woman's Auxiliary donated \$250 toward the prizes, and through dances the club raised the balance. From the interest shown it was a big success and brought out a number of good swimmers, canoe men and surf riders. It is hoped that the club can hold these regattas every year. The cost will be considerably less this year as we have all of the equipment from last year.

**Surfing and Canoeing**  
"Surf board riding was taken up more this year, and found not as hard as many think. In this line the club's junior members showed more interest than last year.

"Canoeing—In this branch we have had a big year. The canoes have stood up well, and are in fine shape now. A considerable amount of canoe sailing was done throughout the year.

"On Regatta Day, September 15, 1917, for the first time in a good many years, the club entered two canoe crews and ten surfboard paddlers. We were defeated in the canoe races by small margins, and won all three places in the surfboard paddling contest.

"In our regatta held at the beach, we held two canoe races—one for the senior members, and one for the juniors. The interest shown was surprising. It has been several years since the club has been able to get a canoe crew together.

"The club spent eight hundred dollars on their canoes this year, and from the looks of things we will have to put away a good many of our canoes, as our membership will be considerably less this coming year.

### Swimming

"The club spent about \$1200 on swimming. A club room was arranged for the boys, and a new room was added on to the guest house for our girl swimmers, besides racing suits and lockers for same, cabinets for cups, three rub-down tables, locker for rub-down material, six cots for meets when held in the harbor, a stop-watch, and one or two apparatus for developing swimmers.

"The swimming team made its first appearance in August, 1917, in the Y. M. C. A. tank, this being the first time some of our swimmers were ever in a tank, and fresh water at that. We had twenty-one entries for boys and two girl entries. We received third place in the meet in points. We won five first and seven third places.

"Our second appearance was made in September in much faster competition. We won one first place, six second and four thirds, and won a special relay cup. Thirty-one boys entered and six girls.

"The club had one girl representative in the All-Women's swimming meet held October 27, 1917. She scored the highest number of points of any entry in the meet.

"In the Y. M. C. A. swimming meet, held December 12 and 14, the club entered thirty-six boys and six girls. We won ten first places and thirty-six seconds, thirteen thirds.

### Club Holds Several Records

"Our last appearance for this year was in the Carnival swimming meet. We had twenty-three boys and eight girls entered. We took six first places, three second and seven thirds. In this meet our girls won the relay cup.

"In the boys' swimming department we held the Island plunge championship, and the 100 and 200-yard breast stroke records.

"The girls held the tank 50 and 100-yard open championship, and the 50-yard for girls under fifteen as well as the 60 and 80-yard breast stroke tank records, and the Island 160-yard relay record. In September, in open water against the mainland swimmers, our girls took fourth place in the 50, 100, 220 and 440 yards.

"Through the O. C. C. taking a hand in the girls' swimming it has been the first time that Hawaii has been able to hold swimming races for girls with any kind of competition, and the first time that they have been able to swim in a relay race.

"Clair Tait, our swimming coach, has done wonderful work, and through his efforts our swimming team was able to make such a good showing. Tait is representing the Outrigger Club with the American Red Cross swimming team.

### Track

"Our club decided to go still farther this year, by leaving the sands and tackling the cinder path. We gathered a good track team together after some hard work and managed to make a good showing. In the first appearance we were pretty badly beaten, but in the second appearance we landed second place against our not to be beaten Twenty-fifth Infantry champions. In our first meet, held March 30, we entered twenty-two men, receiving third place in the meet with thirty-six points. Our second appearance was on June 15, at the Fair. With twenty-three entries we won second place with thirty-six points.

"Our track team holds these Island records—120 yards high hurdles, 220

low hurdles and running high jump.

"'Buzz' Smith of our track team upheld the club at Hilo on July 4, winning the 100, 220 and 440 yard run.

"Through our coach, John Rollins, and John Watt, our track team captain, we were able to make a good showing. John Watt backed up this club to the last, and showed he has some backbone, and I hope the lesson he set will start our younger athletes on the right track—not to be too proud to stand up for the O. C. C.

### Volleyball

"This game has every member doing it! We have at last found something that has beaten the tea drinkers of our club. The court is busy every day, and is one of the best things of the club as it brings the members in closer touch with each other. The older members as well as the young have enjoyed themselves. We entered a team in the Volleyball League of Oahu for the championship and made a remarkable showing. Our court is not of the best, but we hope some day to have a good one.

"The club started out in the athletic line from the start this year, and it has been one of the hardest and busiest years I have ever had. The hardest part was to get the members to stand up for their club and work for the good and the interest of this club instead of working for outside organizations and using the club as a door mat.

"I hope that the members here tonight will elect a board that will not be too proud to work. Work is what is needed in this club.

"I want to thank the board and members for the good support they have given me this year, and hope that the club will have as good a year in 1919 as this one just closed."

—W. S. S.—

## LAI TIN ORDERED BEFORE DRAFT BOARD

### Honolulu Gets Seven Hits In Row At Bridgeport

William F. Lai (Lai Tin) has been ordered to appear before the draft board, according to the Bridgeport (Connecticut) Telegram of July 11. Lai Tin has been playing third base for quite some time with the Bridgeport club of the Eastern League.

The Bridgeport team is the class of the circuit and Lai is its big sensation. Including the game of July 10, Bridgeport had won thirty-seven and lost nine games and was leading the league with a percentage of 804, being closely pressed by the New London club with thirty-five games won and eleven lost, a percentage of .761.

In the game of July 9 with Springfield Lai Tin got only five hits out of five trips to the plate and made four runs. He had one putout and four assists, without an error. In the July 10 game with the same team, which Lai's bunch lost, 5-1, the Honolulu player got two singles out of three times at bat, although he did not score. In this game all the fielding that fell to his lot around the third sack were two putouts.

Yamashiro, another Honolulu boy whom they call Tim over there, is playing rightfield on Lai's team. Yamashiro had a putout in each of the games mentioned above. He failed to do anything at bat, although Tim is rated a heavy hitter.

"Third Baseman Billy Lai got two hits in the first two times up which with his five of the day before, gave him a run of seven straight hits. Lai, as usual, played a sterling game and so did Sherwood in leftfield," says the Telegram of July 11.

—W. S. S.—

## DEMPSEY AND MISKE BATTLE IS CALLED OFF

NEW YORK, July 16—Prominent pugilists met in boats at Madison Square Garden tonight in a benefit to buy athletic equipment for soldiers. The feature bout, between Jack Dempsey and Billy Miske, heavyweights, was called off, as Dempsey sprained an ankle in gymnasium work in the afternoon. Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, outboxed Willie Jackson of New York in a four-round bout.