DOWNING Triumphs In 53:17.4 For New Record

Tom Moore Second In Five-Mile Race Off Waikiki Beach

George Downing of Waikiki Surf Club won the five-mile open Diamond Head Buoy surfboard paddling championship for the fourth straight year and set a new record for the event in the annual Hawaiian Surfing and Paddling meet off Waikiki beach yesterday. A crowd estimated at several thousands saw the four-hour program.

The slim and bronzed WSC veteran triumphed in 53 min. 17.4 sec. to eclipse the record of 58:45 he established last year. Tom Moore of California, competing after an attack of the flu earlier in the week, was second and also finished under the old mark. His time was 57 min. 46.1 sec.

Rabbit Kekai, Hui Nalu ace, was third in 62:7.7, followed by Wally Froiseth of WSC and Paul Dolan of OCC.

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In the companion five-mile Stock race, Pat Wyman of Outrigger paddled home the winner in 63:28.11. Richard Schoening, unattached, was second and George Honua of Hui Nalu took third place.

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Downing also won the Open Solid Plank 100-yard sprint in 46.5 sec., with Jack Cross of OCC second and Joe Pang of Hui Kalia third.

Downing received the individual high point award with 17 points. Kekai was second with 15 points, followed by Wyman with 10. Tom Moore and Schoening tied for fourth with seven points.

Kekai triumphed in the Men's Open Mile Outrigger canoe race, 6 yards in 1 min. 30 sec. Downing was second in 1:33.5 and Wyman was next in 1:41.6.

Esther Kalama of WSC copped the Women's Open one-mile race in 11 min. 25½ sec. Keanue Kekai and Violet Makua, both of WSC, were second and third.

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A special Malihini event was won by John Bloomfield of New South Wales, Australia. H. Clark, also of Australia, was second, followed by a fellow countryman, Pat O'Toole. Bill Sparks of Seattle, Wash., took fourth place.

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The mixed tandem race over 220 yards went to Rabbit Kekai and Mary Huelbert. Tom Moore and Keanue Kekai were second and third place was copped by Paul Dolan and Dorothy Wall.

Chauncey Nicola, Jr., won the junior boys' 220 yard event in 1:17, followed by Kenneth Carvalho and Al Kuhahl. All three boys were Hui Nalu entries.

Hui Nalu, anchored by Kekai, won the 400-yard four-man relay for men open, followed by Waikiki Surf and Outrigger Canoe Club.

California, Waikiki Surf and Outrigger finished in this order in the run-swim-run event. Willie Kekai copped the coconut tree climbing event in 13.4 sec. Richard Kauo was second and Kenneth Carvalho third.

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The Australian life saving team gave a demonstration of their technique during the program. Their appearance was one of the highlights of the well-conducted program which was sponsored by the Waikiki Surf Club.

Stanley Kim, WSC president, Wally Froiseth, general chairman, John Lind, announcer, and Bill Smith, Jr., chairman of the AAU swimming committee, were among the officials who handled the program.