Downing Retains 5 Mile Surfboard Paddling Title

George Downing, successfully defended his title in the 5 mile open Diamond Head Buoy surfboard paddling championship Sunday morning.

It was the fourth win scored by the Waikiki Surf Club paddler in that particular event. Sunday's race was the fifth annual championship.

In winning, Downing also broke the record he set in 1951. Sunday's time was 53:17.4. The record was 58:45.

TOM MOORE SECOND

Second place Tom Moore of California also came in under the old record in the time of 57:46.1.

"Rabbit" Kekai of Hui Nalu was third.

Pat Wyman of the Outrigger Canoe Club won the 5 mile stock event in the time of 63:28.11. Richard Schoening, unattached, was second and George Hema of Haui Nalu was third.

Downing also defended his open solid plank 100 yards title by winning in 46.5. Outrigger's Jack Cross was second; Joe Pang of Hui Kalia was third.

Kekai won the men's open Malibu 220 yards event in 1:30. Downing was second and Wyman, third.

The women's open 1 mile race was won by Esther Kalama of the Waikiki Surf Club in 11:25.5. Keanue Kekai and Violet Makua, both also of WSC, finished second and third.

John Bloomfield and Pat O'Toole of Australia finished one-two in the special malihini race.

Kekai and Mary Huelbert won the 220 yard mixed tandem race. Moore and Keanue Kekai were second.

CHAUNCEY NICOLA WINS

Chauncey Nicola Jr. copped the junior boys 220 yard race in 1:17. He was followed by Ken Carvalho and Joey Cahall.

Hui Nalu won the 400 yard four man relay event followed by WSC and the Outrigger.

California, WSC and the Outrigger finished one-two-three in the run-swim-run event. Kekai won the coconut tree climbing event in 13.4.