Keeping Hawaiian Sports Alive

Hawaii is justly proud of its golf champions, its internationally famous boxers, its baseball and football players, and its weight lifters. All have brought renown to Hawaii.

Of the ancient Hawaiian sports, swimming remains popular and Hawaii has had national and Olympic champions almost continuously throughout this century.

Other Hawaiian sports, however, have tended to become lost, revived only at infrequent intervals as features of such events as Aloha Week.

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It is encouraging, therefore, to witness the revival of interest in outrigger canoe racing which has taken place during recent years both in Kona, under the leadership of Julian Yates, and on this island.

The Koolaupoko Lions are making their contribution to this revival, next weekend when a two-day program of canoe racing is planned at Kailua, along with Hawaiian entertainment and other features.

It should be a gala weekend for Windward Oahu residents, and an attraction for visitors and residents of other parts of the island also.

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Lions clubs in Hawaii have established a reputation for putting on a good show. And whatever revenue they derive from their activities goes into worthwhile community projects, the most noteworthy of which is work with the blind and visually handicapped.

Consequently Kailua's Labor Day celebration will have a three-way appeal, as a good show, as an opportunity to support constructive community enterprise, and as a means to preserve interest in an ancient and booming Hawaiian sport—outrigger canoe racing.