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SENIOR SIX ACTUALLY BRING HOME BACON ON KAM DAY-1950

Left to right: "Turkey" Love, Pat Eckstrand, Tom Arnott, Jim Pflueger, "King" Sam Fuller, Tom O'Brien, Warren Ackerman receiving the porker and fruits for their victory.—Photo by Caricof.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY, 1950

By Sam Poepoe

When the spectators witness such a spectacle as the Kam Day Races and the Macfarlane Races little do they know of the months of preparation, planning, training, coaching and co-ordination necessary to make it possible. Below is a short story giving a slight idea of the organizing, by our good member Sam Poepoe. (Editor)

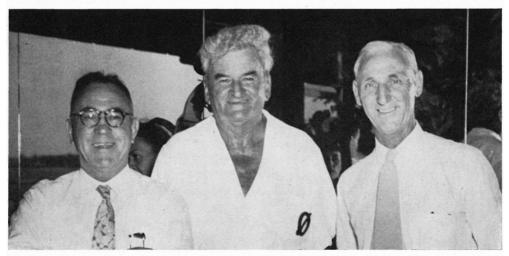
The background for the success of Kamehameha Day, 1950, was laid last fall when President Godbold convened a committee of men and women at several dinners at the Club. The purpose of the meetings was to stimulate interest in paddling. It was decided at that time to hold an Intra-mural Racing Day in May, 1950. The Canoe Committee, with Bill Capp as Chairman, endeavored to follow through with the plan but soon found it would be impossible to do so because of year-end activities in the high schools, such as baseball, track, final exams, and graduation.

Meanwhile, the Hui Paddlers Association took action and elected Tommy O'Brien, President, and Frank Woolley, Secretary. The Club's Board of Directors appointed Sam Fuller as Coordinator of the head coaches of the Club. However, because of his many activities, Sam Poepoe assigned, arranged and made avail-

able all equipment that the paddlers needed. The canoes Hanakeoki, Captain, Honaunau, Old Kakina and Lahilahi were also made available to all the paddlers.

With such equipment and the good response of the members of the Hui to the appeal made by the officers and members of the Club, the paddling progressed under the able coaching of Duke Kahanamoku, Toots Minvielle, Tommy Kiakona, Johnny Hollinger and Sargent Kahanamoku. Attendance for practice was good, except for the two times that big surf ran, when the men were allowed to surf to their heart's content. Practices were held on Sunday mornings and every evening except Saturdays. Crews worked diligently and for many long hours.

On Friday, June 9th, Duke flew to the Shrine convention, leaving O'Brien and Poepoe in complete charge of the senior, junior and girl crews, with Sargent as head man of the freshman and kid crews. On the day of the races a second wahine crew was formed, thus making two women's crews for the event. Sufficient paddlers had turned out to practice so that the coaching staff was able to enter two senior and two junior crews in the races.



Sir Frank Beaurepaire, of Australia, Honorary Marshal, "Dad" Center, Head Judge, and Charles Grainger, of Australia, Deputy Marshal, seem to be enjoying the Kam Day Races—or something.
—Wm. Lacv Photo

The fine work of all these crews is evidenced in the results, which follow:

Canoe race, boys under 17—Won by Outrigger (1. Allen Kaaua, 2. Bill Goodheart, 3. Albert Lemes, 4. Paul Dick, 5. Bill Prange, 6. Paul Dolan); 2nd, Hui Nalu Team A; 3rd, Waikiki Surf; 4th, Hui Nalu Team B. Time, 11 min. 19.8 sec.

Canoe race for men, freshmen—Won by Outrigger (1. Ronald Correll, 2. Archie Kaaua, 9. Tommy Haynes, 4. Richard McGill, 5. George Schattenburg, 6. Chuck Schrader); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Waikiki Surf; 4th, Hui Nalu Team B. Time, 11 min. 12.4 sec.

Surfboard race for boys, open—Won by George Downing (WSC); 2nd, Tom Schroeder (OCC); 3rd, David Heiser (WSC); 4th, Bob Krusen (WSC). Time, 14 min. 28 sec.

Canoe race, girls—Won by Outrigger Team A (1. Anita Berg, 2. Doris Berg, 3. Jean Cooper, 4. Helen Haxpon, 5. Gainor Lloyd, 6. "Turkey" Love); 2nd, Waikiki Surf; 3rd, Outrigger Team B (1. Pat Honl, 2. Baby Hite, 3. Pam Anderson, 4. Ivanelle Mountcastle, 5. Blondie Boyd, 6. Jack Cross, steersman. Time, 1 min. 33.1 sec.

Canoe race for men, juniors—Won by Outrigger Team A (1. Neal Ryan, 2. Jim Muirhead, 3. Johnny Goss, 4. Elia Long, 5. Johnny Crites, 6. Jack Cross); 2nd, Outrigger Team B (1. Frank Kanahele, 2. Lindy Sutherland; 3. Alan Kay, 4. Jack Muirhead, 5. Bob Anderson, 6. Leith Anderson); 3rd Waikiki Surf; 4th, Hui Nalu. Time, 10 min. 16.3 sec.

Canoe race for men, novice—Won by Waikiki Surf (1. Len Okumura, 2. William Mitchell, 3. Rod Asano, 4. W. Watanabe, 5. I. Tsuda, 6. Kenneth Tosaki); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Outrigger (1. Mark Auerbach, 2. Hutton Smith, 3. David Anderson, 4. Randy Worthington, 5. Chuck Gray, 6. Frenchy Lyons. Time, 11 min. 15.7 sec.

Canoe race for men, open—Won by Outrigger Team A (1. Tom O'Brien, 2. Warren Ackerman, 3. James Pflueger, 4. T. Arnott, 5. T. Ekstrand, 6. "Turkey" Love); 2nd, Outrigger Team B (1. Bill Rolph, 2. Bob Bush, 3. Frank O'Sullivan, 4. Bill Morris, 5. Toots Minvielle, 6. Tommy Kiakona); 3rd, Hui Nalu; 4th, Waikiki Surf. Time, 10 min. 15.3 sec.

The officials were: Honorary Marshal, Sir Frank Beaurepaire, Australia; Deputy Marshal, Charles Grainger, Australia; Head Judge, George "Dad" Center; Offshore Judges, Kenneth Pratt (Outrigger), Al Long (Waikiki Surf Riders Club), Billy Maertens (Hui Nalu Club); Inshore Judges, Ernest Stenberg (Outrigger), Buster Shim (Hui Nalu), Dr. Robert G. Hunter (Waikiki Surf Riders Club); Chief Clerk of the Course, Wilbur Craw, assisted by Bill Ireton (Outrigger), George Young (Hui Nalu), Abel Gomes (Waikiki Surf Riders Club); Timers, Cecil Benny, Head Timer, assisted by Johnny Black (Outrigger), David Heiser (Waikiki Surf Riders Club), Nip Tong (Hui Nalu); Recorder, Mrs. Thomas O'Brien; Starter, Bob Fischer; Radio Announcer, Carlos Rivas; Radio Men, recommended by Pat Olds, were, Inshore, Johnny Keawe, ably assisted by Charles Stillman, and Offshore, Manuel Pires.



The placing of the buoys and the planting of the markers were under the able direction of Toots Minvielle, with Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf Club and Outrigger contributing men to planting the markers and pennants of red, green, white, blue and yellow. These men were: Johnny Hollinger, Toots Minvielle and William Prange, Sr., for the Outrigger; Nip Tong, Ah Kin Yee and Joe Pang for Hui Nalu, and John Lind and David Heiser for the Waikiki Surf Club.

Several innovations were made, one of which was the walkie-talkie supplied by the HAM operators, which helped to hold the interest of the spectators on the beach while the boats were making the turns offshore and as they approached the end of the course. Another was the securing of marker pennants to the iaku of each canoe. They were turning or lane markers which reminded the crew they had to turn in the lane bearing the same color as was secured to their iaku. This work was done solely by the members of the Healani Rowing Club, a new canoe racing organization, with President Clement Paaina, Coach George Waialeale and Pat Silva, in charge. To them goes our mahalo nui loa.

WALKIE-TALKIE INNOVATION

The Kam Day races were made more interesting by the use of walkie-talkie equipment. Ship to shore telephonic communication gave the judges, timers and commentator minute to minute information which was relayed to the spectators. To those who made this available the Club extends their thanks for this kokua.