

2013 Athletic Committee Annual Report

The 2013 Athletic Committee consisted of eleven (11) sports and fitness subcommittees.

Our 2013 subcommittee chairs were: Alice Lunt and Michelle St. John (Canoe Racing), Alan Lau and Rick Humphries (Volleyball), Rick Hobson (Surfing), Brad Theissen (Fishing & Boating), Stefan Reinke (Swimming), Katy Bourne (Running), Phil Sevier (Golf), Mike Nakano (OC-1/Surfski), Kristin Watumull (Paddleboard), Jimmy Austin (Beach & Water Safety), and George Norcross (Fitness Center). On behalf of OCC, we extend a sincere "Mahalo" for their service during the year.

All subcommittee chairs coordinated activities within their approved operating budgets, and our OCC athletes competed aggressively and produced respectable results.

The Canoe Racing subcommittee continues to support our largest contingent of participating members, both youth and adult. The Athletic Membership program was renewed in 2013 as a way to continue to increase competitiveness, and there were some memorable highlights. For Regatta season, OCC had 32 crews qualify for States with two of them winning the gold - Mens' 60s and Boys 18s. The Junior Boys Crew also took first place in the Moloka'i Hoe, a historical moment for OCC given 2013 was the first year that a Junior Division was allowed to race.

I think it's important to note the OCC canoe racing program also did its part in honoring the military, with a special military event as part of the MacFarlane Regatta on the 4th of July. And in September a couple OCC members (Daryl Wong and Glenn Perry) hosted six-man canoe paddling and wave riding for a military group.

The Volleyball subcommittee continued to do a great job developing the youth players, and they competed well in the USA Boys Junior National Tournament. The 13 and Under finished 2nd out of 17 teams in that division.

The Surfing subcommittee held the annual OCC surf contest on June 29th, which had over 40 contestants. For their year-end event, they viewed a movie, "Deeper Shade of Blue" by film maker Jack McCoy. And Pierce Watumull was honored with the Jimmy McMahon Jr. Surfer of the Year award.

The OC-1/Kayak subcommittee awarded Molokai race subsidies to six members, which was based on meeting pre-established requirements. The subsidies are intended to foster member participation in Molokai solo craft races.

The Paddleboard subcommittee, led by Kristin Watumull, hosted the annual Cline Mann race on July 6th. There were over 115 finishers, and OCC member Scott Gamble was the winner of the short course.

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee continues to guide junior members, as well as adults, through the annual Ko'Kainalu Jr. Lifeguard program, and capably support new activities and clinics. Special thanks to Don Issacs and Dolan Eversole for the success with the Ko'Kainalu program.

The Running subcommittee, ably chaired by Katy Bourne, continued to participate and finish well in the Hana Relay and Swamp Romp. The subcommittee also maintained a monthly running/hiking adventure that is quite popular with the membership.

Our OCC Golf subcommittee scheduled well-attended monthly golf outings and one of the highlights is the annual Aikane Cup golf match with Pacific Club. The OCC golfers lost 4 ½ to 3 ½, but vow to come back strong in 2014 and win back the cup.

Fishing & Boating hosted OCC's third Annual Fishing Tournament on October 26, 2013. A total of 8 boats and about 60 participants were involved. Jesse Eurich and his team (Michael Marks and Kel Kado) took first place with a giant ono. Prizes were also awarded for the largest mahi and the largest tuna. The crews brought fresh fish back to grill at the club, and they are grateful to the OCC staff for their support.

The Swimming subcommittee, under the leadership of Stefan Reinke, successfully hosted two races, the annual Castle Swim and the OCC Invitational.

During 2013, George Norcross, Fitness subcommittee Chair, continued initiatives on equipment repairs and upgrades, as well as fitness classes. A variety of exercise programs aimed at improving overall health and fitness continue to be available to members.

We extend a special mahalo to our outgoing Chairs, Alice Lunt, Michelle St. John, Stefan Reinke, and Kristin Watumull for their time, effort, and commitment to OCC's athletic pursuits.

As always, we thank the members of Outrigger Canoe Club for your patience and understanding during the spring and summer when the expansive paddling program challenges the capacity of the club staff and facilities. On behalf of the Athletic Committees, coaches and athletes, we'd like to thank you for your generous financial support during the past season and for your continued commitment to the future of our sports programs.

The Athletic Committee would also like to recognize the OCC Maintenance and Beach & Water Safety staff, and all OCC employees for their hard work and ongoing support of all OCC athletic endeavors. We thank our Coordinating Directors, Jen Bossert and Keahi Palayo, for their guidance and passion; Gary Oliviera, Joyce Nobriga, JoAnne Huber, Don Isaacs, Sam Clemens, and all of the other extraordinary OCC staff for their cooperation and support.

Mahalo,
Al Darling, Club Captain