

Athletic Committee Has Programs for All Members

By Mary Caywood

When the Outrigger Canoe Club was founded more than 100 years ago, its purpose was to perpetuate traditional Hawaiian water sports, specifically canoe and board surfing. Today, the Club sponsors a variety of athletic activities including water sports and others.

Each has its own Subcommittee of volunteer organizers, coaches and enthusiastic participants, working under the leadership of the Athletic Committee's Club Captain. This year's Club Captain is Jenifer Bossert; her assistant is Jared Watumull.

Jen paddles with the Open Women's program and has chaired both the Canoe Racing and the OC1 & Kayak Subcommittees. Jared paddles with the Open Men's program and has been Equipment Coordinator on the Canoe Racing Committee for three years.

Jen and Jared say they first want to thank the many volunteers who help with athletic activities and events and those who have assisted over the years.

The Athletic Committee's eleven Subcommittees are: Beach & Water Safety, Canoe Racing, Fitness, Fishing and Boating, Golf, OC1 & Kayak, Paddle Boarding, Running, Swimming, Surfing and Volleyball.

Of the subcommittees listed, Fishing & Boating is new in 2011, and volunteers have expressed interest in restarting a Canoe Sailing subcommittee and a Softball subcommittee.

The Canoe Racing, OC1/Kayak, Surfing and Volleyball Subcommittees have youth divisions. Jen hopes to see every Subcommittee develop a youth division and the participants in our existing youth programs double!

She says there are 60 participants in Youth Volleyball (they are looking for more girls) and 110 in Youth Canoe Racing, but they could both use more. Jen says there are great coaches volunteering so members should take advantage of them.

She would like to see an increase in the number of members in competitive activities and believes that OCC's

athletic programs can, and should, serve both elite and recreational athletes.

Jen says they hope to have something for everyone in the Club. The Athletic Committee's optimal goal is participation of 100% of the Club membership in something, or at least to provide opportunity for everyone to participate. They want people to be involved and healthy.

Jen says they want to keep Club members informed about what they do—to show that the money paid in dues is well spent—so read the magazine, the weekly eNews, and check out the athletic calendar on the website. She would like to see member education be a part of what they do, for example, clinics for some recreational athletics on Saturday afternoons. Stand-up paddleboarding is popular now and could be offered.

Another Athletic Committee goal is "progressing" all sports that we're involved in, that is, implementing new technology in training and activities. For example, use faster canoes and better paddles. It involves keeping on the cutting edge of rules and techniques and equipment. It means keeping the Club moving forward on training and fitness in sports.

This sounds like a huge assignment for the Athletic Committee's Club Captain, Jenifer Bossert and assistant, Jared Watumull. It wouldn't be possible without the assistance of many willing and talented volunteers.

The Running and Surfing subcommittees are still seeking members to serve on these committees. If you're interested in helping plan and put on events, contact Sean Parsa, surfing chair, at seanparsa@yahoo.com. For running, contact Katy Bourne, chair, at katybourne@yahoo.com, 286-4427.





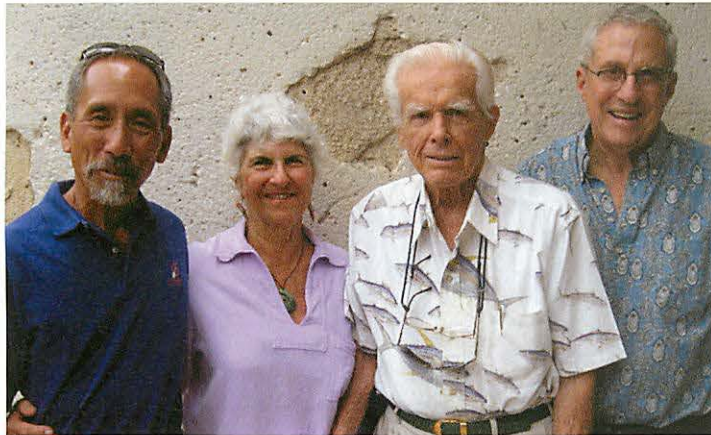
Club Captain

Assistant Club Captain Jared Watumull and Club Captain Jen Bossert.



Canoe Racing Committee

Jared Watumull, Jen Bossert, Kim Darling, Alice Lunt, Stew Kawakami (Chair). Missing: Diane Esecson.



Swimming Committee

Arnold Lum, Gerry DeBenedetti, Ray Robinson, and Blake Johnson. Missing: Stefan Reinke, (chair), Diane Stowell, Chris Lavoie and Laurie Foster.



Fitness Committee

Arnold Lum (chair), Lyn Brown, George Norcross, Cindi White-Yanaga, and Carolyn Corrigan (vice-chair). Missing: Andy Nichols, Stew Kawakami, Ron Sorrell, Keith Steiner, Kari Vasey, and Kathleen Quinn.



OCC-1 and Kayak Committee

Rob Durkin, Mark Eliashof and Bobby Hastings. Missing: Kala Judd, David Fan, Shaun Woo, Mike Nakano and Bill Meheula.



Volleyball Committee

Scott Rigg, Rick Budar, Diana McKibbin, Marc Haine, Marcie Nowack, Jay Anderson, Stevie Li. Missing: Chris Crabb, Max Clini, Kisi Haine and Danny McInerney.