

2009 Athletic Committee Annual Report

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Mike Kane, Club Captain 2009

The 2009 Athletic Committee consisted of the usual ten sports and fitness subcommittees. All subcommittee chairs functioned within their proposed operating budgets. Members of the Volleyball and Canoe Racing subcommittees raised thousands of dollars to support their programs.

The metrics by which the Board of Directors measures the success of the Athletic Committee emphasize member participation and competitiveness, especially in volleyball and canoe racing. Again this past year, more than 10% of our members participated in club sponsored athletic programs or sports events. The junior volleyball program is strong and continued to add more competitive girls/boys. The Canoe Racing program registered approximately 308 members for the regatta and distance seasons.

Our athletes performed admirably in distance canoe racing, including a win by the men on the 50th anniversary of California's coveted Catalina Island to Newport race. We performed well in national volleyball competition in local and state surfing and paddleboard and one-man competitions. The entire Masters division of the Canoe Racing program performed extraordinarily well during the regatta season as well as the distance season. Combined we had five men's crews participate in the annual Molokai Hoe. The men Masters volleyball also excelled with a solid second at Haili on the Big Island. Every subcommittee has an active, enthusiastic and hardworking group of members.

The OC1/Kayak subcommittee, chaired by Rob Durkin, completed the third year of the new watercraft locker and rental agreement system. Although there were a few misunderstandings and some ruffled feathers, the process went considerably smoother the third time around as members are now becoming more familiar with the procedures and the overall value of the system. Under Dr. Durkin's leadership the committee has successfully launched the OC-1 junior program. Generous donations of equipment have flowed in, allowing for the committee to successfully attract youth participants. Volunteer coaches take special time out to emphasize the fundamentals of canoe paddling and respect for the ocean. Mahalo, to the Board of Directors for their support during this first year and beyond.

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee, chaired by Jimmy Austin, installed a new permanent heavy duty sand bag at the bottom of the stairs underneath the sand. This will help to buffer the rocks during periods of low sand accumulation and low tide. The

committee also undertook a project to evenly distribute sand along the beachfront utilizing a bobcat. These initiatives highlight the great work undertaken by this committee.

During 2009, Arnold Lum, Fitness Committee (Chair) lead a successful transition of our free weight set. You may notice we have gained a more durable product combined with a smaller noise footprint. This is one of many examples we are grateful to this committee for.

In 2009 we like to thank our Coordinating Director, Marc Haine for his advocacy and guidance; Mike Ako, our GM, Gordon Smith, Don Isaacs and the extraordinary OCC staff for their cooperation and support. Our dedicated members of our subcommittee chairs were: Stew Kawakami (Canoe Racing), Mark Jackola (Surfing), Jimmy Austin (Beach & Water Safety), Stefan Renke (Swimming), Jay Anderson (Volleyball), Katy Bourne (Running), Jordan Choulgian (Golf), Rob Durkin (OC-1/Surfski), Kanesa Duncan (Paddleboard), Arnold Lum and Carolyn Corrigan (Fitness Center). We would also like to recognize Dolan Eversole for his role as Chair of the Club's Sustainability Committee.

Once again, we thank the members of Outrigger Canoe Club for your patience during the spring and summer when our enthusiastic paddling program stresses the staff and strains the facilities. On behalf of the Athletic Committee, coaches and athletes, I'd like to thank you for your generous financial support during the past season and for your commitment to the future of our sports programs.

As a parting note , we'd like to say two special thanks, first to Domie and his team for the wisdom and craftsmanship he demonstrated by refurbishing the Koa canoe, *Kaoloa*. It is no doubt his master skill contributed to our many victories at Hilo bay in the 2009 state championships. Secondly, moving into 2010 the Athletic Committee would like to honor all the hard work and dedication of Gordon Smith our clubs financial controller. At the end of March, Gordon will be retiring from OCC after many years of serving our membership. Through the years Gordon has played an instrumental role in facilitating the success of our athletic programs and for this we are very grateful. We wish Gordon well in his new endeavors. Mahalo, on behalf of the Athletic Committee.