

Athletic Committee Report

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The 2011 Athletic Committee consisted of the usual 10 sports and fitness subcommittees; plus, the inaugural debut of our newest OCC subcommittee, Fishing & Boating. Every subcommittee has an active, enthusiastic and hardworking group of members. In June of 2011, all committees were charged with developing and/or enhancing Youth programs in their respective sports. Substantial progress towards that goal has been accomplished.

Our dedicated subcommittee chairs were: Stew Kawakami (Canoe Racing), Sean Parsa (Surfing), Jimmy Austin (Beach & Water Safety), Brad Thiessen (Fishing & Boating), Stefan Reinke (Swimming), Diana McKibbin/Rick Budar (Volleyball), Katy Bourne (Running), Reid Perry (Golf), Bobby Hastings (OC-1/Surfski), Kristin Lee (Paddleboard), Arnold Lum (Fitness Center). On behalf of OCC, we extend a heartfelt mahalo for their service this year.

All subcommittee chairs functioned within their proposed operating budgets. In addition, the Volleyball and Canoe Racing subcommittees raised significant monies to support financial needs unmet by their current budgets. Our athletes performed admirably in canoe racing, national volleyball competitions, local and state surfing and paddleboard and one-man competitions.

The Canoe Racing subcommittee continues to support our largest contingent of participating members, both youth and adult, during Regatta and Distance Season racing. Yet, those numbers have remained static for several years. Given the rising popularity of canoe paddling over the last decade, our competitor clubs have seen a significant rise in participation, resulting in decreased ability for OCC to compete successfully at regattas. This disturbing trend necessitates looking carefully at athlete/member eligibility in the near future.

The OC1/Kayak subcommittee, chaired by Bobby Hastings, completed another year of the watercraft locker and rental agreement system. A new system for members to monitor their logged usage via OCC's website was instituted by Stephen Riede and Evelyn Cagaoan. This committee has successfully established the OC-1 junior program. 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 continued support as this important athletic program develops.

In 2011, this committee also hosted their Hoe Waa Mau solo craft race with 194 participants.

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee, chaired by Jimmy Austin, has established emergency action plans for future Tsunami like scenarios. Additionally they have guided junior members once again through the annual Ko Kainalu Jr. Lifeguard program. Mahalo to program director Dolan Eversole for his mentorship and Don Isaacs for coordinating the Beach Services.

The Running subcommittee, ably chaired by Katy Bourne, continued to participate, and place highly, in the Hana Relay, Swamp Romp, and various marathons. In addition, the committee instituted a new monthly Running/Hiking Adventure that proven very popular with the membership.

The surfing subcommittee will reorganize for the 2012 year. Any member interested in volunteering, please contact the Club Captains.

During the latter half of 2011, the Volleyball program underwent re-organization; developing a Program Philosophy Statement, new program policies, an equipment inventory program for cost control, and are currently working to initiate a Developmental Training program designed to serve a larger percentage of Outrigger members. The membership can expect to see additional tourneys and "Beach Days" as 2012 progresses.

Our OCC Golf subcommittee scheduled well-attended monthly golf outings for 145 participating members. They have also committed themselves to initiating a Junior Golf program in 2012.

Our newest subcommittee, Boating & Fishing, sponsored OCC's Inaugural Annual Fishing Tournament in October, 2011. They hope to see increased participation in 2012.

During 2011, Arnold Lum, Fitness Subcommittee Chair, lead numerous initiatives from equipment upgrades to fitness classes on the koa lanai. Thanks to this committee a variety of exercise programs aimed at improving overall health and fitness are now available throughout the week from yoga to zumba.

The Swimming subcommittee, under the leadership of Stefan Reinke, successfully hosted two races, the annual Castle Swim and the OCC Invitational, the latter drawing more than 120 participants.