

2008 Athletic Committee Annual Report

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George Wessberg, Outgoing Club Captain 2008

On behalf of incoming Club Captain 2009

Mike Kane

The 2008 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. The Canoe Racing program registered approximately 330 members for the regatta and distance seasons.

Our athletes performed admirably in distance canoe racing, national volleyball competitions, and in local and state surfing, 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 win in Haile on the Big Island. Every subcommittee has an active, enthusiastic and hardworking group of members.

The OC1/Kayak subcommittee, chaired by Billy Phillpotts, completed the Second 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 second time around as members are now more familiar with the procedures and the overall value of the system. The temporary surfboard rack utilized during the summer was greatly appreciated.

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee, chaired by Dolan Eversole, completed new guidelines and implemented new testing criteria for the certification of steersman for our four-man surfing canoes. This necessary change was also disconcerting for a few members, but the process was deemed necessary by the vast majority of our experienced steersmen to assure the club and the community that safety and competence is our primary concern.

We thank our Coordinating Director, Byron Ho for his advocacy and guidance; Mike Ako, Gordon Smith, Don Isaacs and the extraordinary OCC staff for their cooperation and support; and the dedicated members of our committee. Subcommittee chairpersons were: Jen Bossert (Canoe Racing), Mark Jackola (Surfing), Dolan Eversole (Beach & Water Safety), Dennis Blake and Jim Wienke (Swimming), Jay Anderson (Volleyball), Katy Bourne (Running), Frank Kingery and Phil Sevier (Golf), Billy Philpots (OC-1/Surfski), Kanesa Duncan and Ken Bailey (Paddleboard), and Carolyn Corrigan and Arnold Lum (Fitness Center). We would like to thank Jen Bossert, Dolan Eversole and Billy Philpots for their years of service and welcome their replacements: Stew Kawakami for Canoe Racing, Jimmy Austin for Beach & Water Safety and Rob Durkin for OC1/Kayak. We would also like to recognize Dolan Eversole for his new role as Chair of the Club's new 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, Mike and I thank you for your generous financial support during the past season and for your commitment to the future of our sports programs