

2007 OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC AWARDS

By George Wessberg, Club Captain
Outstanding Subcommittee Chair



Anthony Hunt

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Anthony Hunt, chair of OC1/Kayak Subcommittee, spent countless hours overseeing the implementation of the Boat & Surfboard Locker re-furbishing and re-organization mandated by the Board of Directors.

He and the subcommittee members prepared a comprehensive OC-1/Kayak Storage Locker Policies and Procedures that was approved by the Board. This

manual is intended to maintain transparency and fairness in the assignment of storage lockers.

Anthony also energized the OC1/Kayak subcommittee by recruiting enthusiastic members who represented OCC by wearing team jerseys during the Kanaka Ikaika one-man racing series. Finally, in an effort to maintain continuity and momentum, Anthony also recruited, trained and supported the in-coming subcommittee chair at the end of his term.



Aka Hemmings

Outstanding Paddling Coach

Aka Hemmings personifies the true spirit of coaching. Approximately ten years ago Aka saw a need for our members young and old to develop canoe steering skills and competence on the ocean so he developed, organized, and conducted his now very popular Summer Steering Clinics.

Aka teaches participants a wide range of topics related to paddling that include

healthy lifestyle, physical fitness, water safety and respect for the ocean, other paddlers and the canoe. Every year Aka adds a new component to the program so many of his "graduates" return every summer.

Aka is a master steersman who truly has a wealth of knowledge about outrigger canoe paddling and steering canoes. Fortunately for our club, he also has a generous heart that motivates him to share his invaluable knowledge with others.



Diane Stowell

Outstanding Athlete

Diane Stowell has dominated her age division in national and internal swimming competitions for decades... and decades... and decades. Although she gave up competitive canoe racing a few years ago due to a shoulder injury, Di still wins her age division whenever she hits the water. Di is also a source of motivation and inspiration for mature athletes who wish to remain young for as long as possible.



Kelly McMahon, Sandra Simons and Alice Lunt.

Outstanding Volunteers

Alice Lunt, Kelly McMahon and Sandra Simons, like the rigging ropes that bind the outrigger canoe together, these ladies have committed countless hours to holding the Canoe Racing program together every season.

Like Paula Crabb and Siana Hunt before them, they register our paddlers, track down members to take I.D. photographs, plead with members to complete forms, maintain our database, and adapt to the never-ending changes in the OH CRA registration process. They do all of this, and more, with a smile and words of encouragement for paddlers and coaches at every regatta.