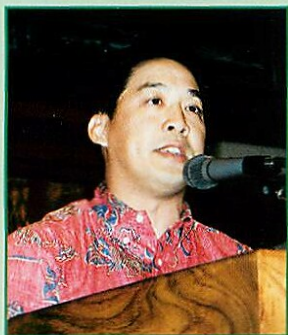


Athletic Report



By Alan Lau
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The Club enjoyed a banner year in all of the sports in which it competed. Crews and teams sponsored by the Club honored themselves in the highest levels of national and international competition. In addition, and some say more importantly, the athletic programs supported by the Club reached farther into the membership than ever before allow-

ing many more Outrigger members to enjoy the honor of representing the Club.

In canoe racing, the Club won the Oahu Championships in July which was an accomplishment that paddlers from 12 through 60 plus were able to enjoy together. The Club then banded together to take third place in a hard fought State Championship on Kauai. In all, over 200 members, including a record number of juniors, paddled in the Regatta season.

In the long distance paddling season, more paddlers participated in the program than ever before. The Club supported junior members taking part in the distance races which has not been done in the past. The Club also sent a deserving men's novice crew to Molokai after that crew had gone nearly undefeated during the Regatta season. Men's and Women's crews also placed high in the prestigious Catalina and Molokai races.

In volleyball, the adult teams once again dominated local competition and placed high in national competition. Junior member participation was at an all time high with one of the boy's teams taking a bronze medal at the junior national tournament.

Two of our members, Stein Metzger and Kevin Wong, products of the Outrigger volleyball program, are ranked in the top five on the international beach volleyball circuit and have established themselves as serious gold medal contenders in the Athens Olympics in 2004. Stein and Kevin have certainly not forgotten their roots and have given back to the Club by providing their time at beach clinics for our young members.

In addition to paddling and volleyball, the Club supported hundreds of members in one man canoe racing, kayaking, paddle board competitions, surfing, softball, running, swimming and golf. This included support for the elite athletes in their sports as well as members who had met the requisite training requirements.

Credit for the success of the program must go not only to the athletes but also to the volunteer athletic subcommittee chairs and their committee members.

Bill Danford took on the thankless task of serving as the Club Captain for the second year in a row and should be commended. John Rader, Gordon Smith and their staffs provided tremendous support and flexibility in accommodating the athlete's needs and handled those tasks with ease and grace. Finally, my fellow Directors were all very supportive of all athletic programs this past year.

In 2001, we established and budgeted for a paid activities director to oversee the extensive athletic program and to create new programs for the entire membership. We hope to find a qualified candidate sometime this year. We also established spending procedures which will ensure that the Club's financial resources will be best utilized so that the Club can maintain its position as the pre-eminent athletic Club in the nation.

We have a terrific young lady, Sasha MacNaughton, who has taken over as Club Captain for 2002 and will undoubtedly do a fine job. As you can well see, the future is extremely bright for Outrigger athletics.

Bylaw Amendment

Members voted to amend Section 41 of the Club Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors to read as follows:

"Absence and Hardship. Each member other than a Nonresident member who has been absent from Oahu for a continuous period of six months or more may petition the Board of Directors for a remission of one-half dues during such period."

The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may grant inactive status to members in, but not limited to, the following situations: financial hardship, illness that prevents use of the Club for an extended period, or absence from Oahu pursuant to military orders or to attend school.