

Club Captains Corner

By Bill Danford

To all those who were present at OUR Mr. Lee's memorial service and to those who wanted to be there, the service and send off was done in grand style. Two four-man canoes took Mr. Lee's ashes right through the bowl at Old Man's where he will rest among many of his closest friends. We will all miss, "Howdy Danford or Howdy Walter, or Hi Yah Ackie". His quote of the day was like clockwork and each neatly inscribed on the chalk board. His aloha for all of his Outrigger family will be fondly remembered. We will all miss our ambassador at the State Regatta over the years, and other off Island events where members would be competing only to arrive at the venue and hear, "Howdy" from the hotel's lounge area.

O-1 and Kayak Racks

By now many of you will have seen first hand the O-1 and Kayak proto racks, which were mentioned previously in this column. Check them out if you haven't already done so at the entrance of the alleyway. A great job was done by Bob Dewitt and his crew, and was a great subjective lesson in space utilization for many of those who thought the project was an over kill.

Canoe Racing

By press time our long distance canoe season will have started and the men and women will have competed in the Kaena Challenge, Duke, Dad Center, and Kona venues. The women have a lot of veterans back and the men have a very young, but large rebuilding program.

The entire program will work towards bringing the men and women closer together as an OCC team rather than two separate entities. The results should be satisfactory for all. I'm very confident that our young men will surprise many who are anxiously watching their program as well as the women's program under first year coach Mike Byers.

Junior Program

We will be erecting O-1 canoe racks at the Ala Wai canoe site very shortly. Keoni Kino who already has spearheaded the Junior Paddleboard program would like to solicit the help of any member who would like to donate their O-1 to the program. Keoni, along with other veteran OCC O-1 paddlers, will develop a program for interested junior members on the off-season. Please contact Keoni at 373-9080.

Volleyball

Thanks to Chris Crabb and helpers for putting together four weekends of instructional sand court sessions for the junior membership. Contact Chris if you are interested in your son or daughter learning how to play volleyball in the sand.

Finally, please contact me if you would like to serve on a particular athletic subcommittee for 2002. Many of you have sent requests in the past and never been contacted back. I am interested in knowing so that everyone has an equal chance to serve voluntarily on a subcommittee.