

Athletic Report

By Ron Li, Club Captain

Thank you for allowing me to serve again as your Club Captain and Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

This year, we had 13 Subcommittees, 100 committee members, and over 1,000 participants from organized teams to fitness members.

Athletics has lots of moving parts, and I would like to acknowledge the valuable assistance of the cadre of past Club Captains who continue to help out wherever they can without being asked.

Greg Moss did a terrific job in '94-'95, organizing a long legal-sized drawer of athletic files, and continued to follow-through on the solutions to the kayak/one man canoe storage.

Bill Bright who was your Captain in '90-'91, followed through on the Long Range Plan/Capital Improvements and upgrade of the Fitness Center.

Liz Perry who had succeeded Bill as the Club Captain, was this year's Coordinating Director of Athletics, as well as the coach for the novice women's crew. This is a perfect situation when the Coordinator has been a Club Captain!

Last but not least, Paula Crabb who was the Captain in 87-'88, has been handling the difficult job of paddler registration of some 300 every year. She will be the Canoe Racing Chair for 1997.

Rather than running through the accomplishments of 13 committees, I'd like to touch upon a few areas that will become trends for the future.

The first is communicating everything we have to offer to the members.

The Calendar of Events for the year is a major challenge, because we not only have to coordinate with all the committees, but also with the community who often look to us as a catalyst.

We got new placards for the Bulletin Board in the Tunnel, and organized the space, and the enthusiastic response by the athletic committees was terrific. We have news, schedules and results.

Captain's Corner in the *Outrigger* magazine is a three-dot column to cover areas not covered by the subcommittee articles.

The February 1997 issue of the *Outrigger* is terrific, telling the story and what we have to offer all in one place.

Canoe Racing--We didn't win it all and came in 2nd in the States. However, in the long-distance program, our Men and Women both won their Catalina races, and we had three women's crews in Molokai. We're coming back again, sparked by a strong Novice Women's crew.

Overall, the Club has the best equipment and outgoing Chairman Tay Perry is continuing to work on the Maintenance Matrix with the new committee.

Volleyball has continued to experience rapid growth in the Junior program. We now have Boys & Girls 12-14-16-18 teams.

However, our athletic budget and the volleyball budget is limited, so we can only help the best two teams with partial funding to take a Mainland trip. To take the pro-

gram beyond that, teams have relied upon fund-raising which is called the "Huli Fund". This program started 10 years ago and funds raised supplement travel expenses. Any funds leftover remain in the fund for the following year. Please mark your calendar, the next Huli-Huli Chicken sale is set for April 12th.

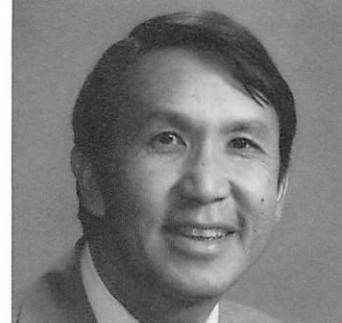
Our junior coaches are basically volunteers who may receive a small stipend that covers gas and out-of-pocket expenses. Overall, our Junior Volleyball program is a bargain. Youth volleyball clubs on the Mainland are known to charge \$400-\$500 per month to participate.

The Girls 16 team had a great year. After self-funding a trip to Las Vegas for a tournament, they showed up at the Haili Tournament in Hilo with all of their parents and coach Kisi Haine.

In the B Championship game, they lost in rally scoring, finishing 2nd out of 46 teams. After winning the States, they traveled to Northern California where 800 girls teams showed up for the Kaepa tournament. In their category, they finished 21st out of 340 teams--many of their opponents had girls 6'1" as blockers.

The Boys 18 team also had a great year. Several played on the Men's A Team at Haili. At the Junior Olympics, our team finished 2nd out of 96, losing to an all-star team drawn from West Los Angeles. Scott Rigg was the coach, and like Kisi, grew up at the Club. The majority of our Junior players are continuing to play ball in college and have become leaders on their teams, since they have sound fundamentals of the game.

We have great support for the annual Non-Run Fun Festival



which is a fundraiser for the Hana Relays, and the Fitness Committee which acquires equipment on the Wish List when they find a bargain.

Summer surf contest has been revived which involves standing by for surf each weekend. In addition, Chairman Mark Jackola has voluntarily coached the Jr. Surf Team, including driving them to meets on the weekends. To support the team, their fund-raising has included Monday Surf movies and T-shirt sales.

Lastly, it always helps to have new committee members and to rotate the chairmanship. New Tennis Chair Gloria Keller came-up with nifty tennis outfits for the team--within budget and some members probably joined the tournament circuit just to earn the uniform.

Finally, if Cline Mann were here today, he'd be the first one at the mike to strongly protest that his name was put on the new four man canoe which sits next to his favorite table. Let that be a reminder that in our athletic endeavors, Cliner was the "quality controller" and if you participated and did your best, his ultimate compliment was "SUPAH! Now how about having a cold one on me!"

Thanks to all for another SUPAH year. Let's go have another one and support Kalani Schrader as your new Club Captain. ☺