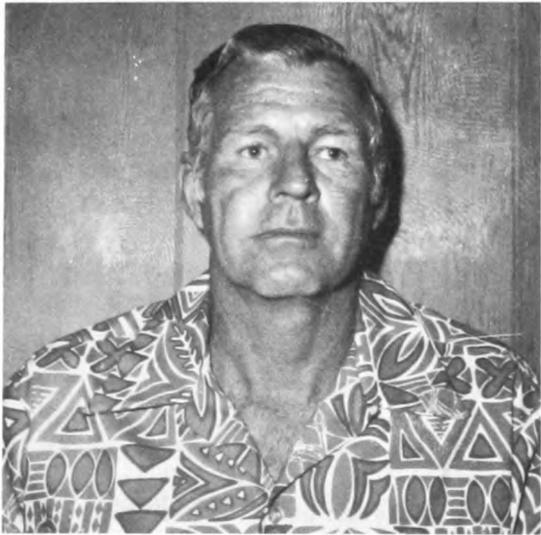


The Club Captain's Report



John Beaumont, 1976 Club Captain

Our goals for 1976 were to continue to provide winning teams in our chosen sports and to increase member participation in all of our sports programs. In both areas we were very successful! The 1976 canoe racing season sparked the largest turnout of paddlers that the Club has had in years. Each year the competition gets tougher with more and more canoe clubs entering the arena. Outrigger crews placed high in all of the regattas, highlighted with a win in the Walter Macfarlane Regatta and a second place over-all in the State Championships. In distance racing, both our men's and women's crews dominated all of the races with the exception of the Molokai Race. The Molokai Race proved to be quite a shock to the Hawaiian Islands when the Tahitians walked away with the first four places. Naturally, this brings about a hasty reappraisal of our past methods, techniques and equipment.

Fortunately, a few OCC members have gained considerable expertise in the Tahitian methods, and we will be able to combine these with our traditional methods for even better results. We are looking forward to this new challenge.

Our OCC volleyball teams continued to dominate local play, and our national teams went on to win the National AAU Championships and then take third place in the National USVBA Masters Division and fourth in the USVBA National Open Division. I think OCC members should be proud of our volleyball program in terms of our younger players' participation. We see these youngsters starting off as eight or nine-year-olds on the "baby sand court" and gradually progressing to the big courts. Then they wind up "starring" on the local high school circuit with several individuals winning college scholarships in the sport and then returning to the OCC to win berths on our Club national championship teams.

Two of our "expansion" sports this year

were sailing and swimming. With very energetic chairmen, both these sports gained in popularity and participation.

In sailing, we converted our fleet from four rather old Scorpion sail boats to a fleet of four new Laser type sail boats. The Laser is a competition class boat, so now Club sailors can sail for both fun and in competition. The Club also acquired a Hobie 16 sail boat, a gift for our sponsoring the Hobie 16 World Championships at the Club last November. All of these boats are for your use. Checkout instructions are available on request.

Our OCC swimming program encourages open ocean distance swimming. Some of the events are the Waikiki Roughwater Swim, the Castle Swim from the old Club site at Waikiki to the present site, and the prestigious Maui Channel Swim. The OCC placed second in this event which features a six-man relay team swimming from Lanai to Lahaina, Maui.

Our mountain ball team again won the Surveyors League, and this time, by virtue of winning the league three times, retired the trophy in the permanent possession of OCC.

Our very efficient Golf Committee put on two golf tournaments that were well received and attended. A recent golf questionnaire to the general membership will provide the guidance necessary to bring golf to more members.

The last event of the year that attracts a large OCC member turnout is the 26-mile Marathon. We entered 39 members; 38 finished, a fine tribute to the OCC running program.

Our surfing competition was hampered by poor and inconsistent summer surf. However, the Club championships were finally held in late summer. In addition, a distance paddle board race was held Christmas Day. The course is approximately 5.6 miles long starting at the OCC beach, rounding the Diamond Head buoy, then Wreck Buoy and returning to OCC.

In summary, I feel we had a very successful year, both in our win-loss record and total participation. We enhanced our heritage with water sports by increased activity in swimming, sailing and distance surfboard paddling.

For 1977, aside from our normal activities, several of our major endeavors include: sponsoring the National AAU Volleyball Championships here in Honolulu in early May. We anticipate up to 100 teams participating.

Hampered by the lack of our own courts, tennis buffs must be satisfied with play in local leagues and when courts are available. We did come up with Club champions in both the singles and doubles divisions.

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