

Athletic Committee

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At the beginning of 1975 we set out to accomplish two basic goals with the Club's athletic program. As always, one of those goals was to compete successfully in various competitions here in the State and nationally. Our second goal and, I feel, a more important one, was to provide the opportunity for more of our Club members to participate in various athletic programs here at the Club. With that in mind please accept this report.

The beach Canoe Committee really only functions as a committee to manage our beach and surfing equipment. Last year the Committee staged a very successful canoe surfing steering contest in which twelve teams participated and a perpetual trophy dating back to 1910 has been resurrected.

The 1975 volleyball program at the Outrigger Canoe Club continued to be far and away the best in the State and it is safe to say one of the best in the nation. Your Volleyball Committee provided a multitude of volleyball tournaments for members' participation. Our representative teams once again won every major tournament in the State and went on to win and place in both the AAL and national championships. Of particular note last year in volleyball was the outstanding achievement of our younger players in the Rim of the Pacific Tournament held in Vancouver. These youngsters, drawn from our limited membership, competed against national and state teams and managed to place third in the Tournament. Our volleyball players and program continue to be recognized as one of the best in the country.

The Club fielded a team in the 1975 Surveyors Mountainball League and our team managed to capture a championship in this very competitive league. They also represented us with gusto and good fellowship in a tournament on the Island of Kauai.

One of the original purposes of the Outrigger was to provide a beach haven for surfers. The Outrigger Canoe Club Surfing Committee continues to function with this in mind... to provide an opportunity for our young members to participate recreationally and competitively in the sport of surfing. A Club tournament was held during the summer months and many of our Club's top surfers also rank among the best in the Hawaiian Surfing Association's rating system.

The Outrigger's small but hardworking Golf Committee staged several tournaments which provided fun and good sport for all who participated.

It is amazing that there is so much interest in tennis here at the Club. However we do have a very well or-

ganized tennis committee which worked to have an Outrigger Canoe Club team participate in several tournaments in a city league.

The Swimming Committee revived the Castle Swim. The event had male and female participants from teenagers up to members in their sixties. Participation doubled over the previous years.

A sport that has come into its own here at the Club, not by chance but by the hard work and guidance of a strong committee, is sailing. The Sailing Committee, in addition to staging various summer regattas, also conducted clinics, and some of the more experienced skippers offered instruction to interested novice sailors throughout the summer.

1975 marked one of the best years ever for the Outrigger in the ancient Hawaiian sport of canoe racing. Over two hundred of our members participated in the summer regatta season, carrying the Club banner to the State Championships in Hilo where our Club missed winning the State Championship by one small point. Our women continued to dominate long distance paddling by capturing the Dad Center Race. And everyone will agree that the 1975 Molokai to Oahu Canoe Race was the most competitive and thrilling ever staged. Outrigger's Kakina crossed the finish line at Waikiki Beach first, in record time, and in doing so held the honor of Hawaii high by defeating a strong challenge by Tahitian paddling teams.

One more sport we would like to mention in this report is running. A number of Club joggers have been recording their mileage on special charts in the locker rooms for several years. 1975 brought our joggers into the competitive area of marathon racing. Close to thirty OCC runners successfully completed the 1975 Honolulu Marathon. Club supporters also manned aid stations during the Race.

In summary, the key word to the Outrigger Canoe Club's athletic program was *participation*. Not only did our member athletes continue to compete and win, but in addition, there was a great amount of interest and participation generated in new athletic activities. Members of the Outrigger Canoe Club can be proud that their Club is truly one of the great athletic clubs in the country.