

FRED HEMMINGS LEADS FIELD AT MAKAHA; STRAUCH A CLOSE SECOND



Makaha surfing champ Fred Hemmings, Jr., holds his trophy with the help of younger brother, Aka. PHOTO COURTESY OF HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN.

Outrigger Surfers Win at Makaha

After being postponed a week because of a severe storm, the finals of the Men's Division of the Makaha International Surfing Championships were conducted the day before Christmas under ideal surfing conditions with four Outrigger Canoe Club members among the finalists. Eighteen-year-old Fred Hemmings, Jr., competing for the first time in this division, won first place against some of the finest surfers in the world. Fred, who won the Boy's Division title in 1961 and again last year, was named by the Honolulu Quarter Back Club as Hawaii's Outstanding Athlete of 1964.

Taking a close second after leading in points almost to the end was Paul Strauch, Jr. Paul has long been acknowledged as one of Hawaii's best, having won the Makaha junior title in 1959.

Joe Cabell, last year's champion, who alternates between skiing at Aspen and surfing in California and Hawaii, was seeded into the finals. He lost his board on his first wave and, requiring almost a half hour to retrieve it, seemed hopelessly out of contention. However, scoring quickly and well in the final minutes he lifted himself from last to fourth place.

Ricky Steere surfed very well during the competition, and, while not winning a prize, nevertheless made it into the finals for the second year in a row.

In the Boy's Division Aka Hemmings captured 3rd place, being the only Outrigger Canoe Club member to gain the finals. Other members who made it into the semi-finals were Jay Clarke, last year's 2nd-place winner, Tom Bean, and Brant Ackerman. The last three, along with several other outstanding junior surfers from California as well as Hawaii, were unfortunate victims of mother nature in that the horribly small waves on this particular day did not permit them to show their real stuff.

In the Women's Division, Haunani and Mapuana Rochlen, Micki Briggs and Joan Coogan were entered. Only Haunani survived the single elimination and wound up in 7th place.

Outrigger Surfers to Peru

During mid February the World Surfing Championships will be held in Lima, Peru. On the 5-man team representing Hawaii will be Fred Hemmings, Jr. and Paul Strauch, both of whom have previously been invited as guest-surfers by Club Waikiki of Lima, Fred last year and Paul in 1963. They will be joined there by member Joe Cabell who will represent Windansea Surf Club of San Diego.

Outrigger Surfboard Paddlers Win

In the annual 5-mile Diamond Head surfboard race, held after Christmas because of conflict with the Makaha events, member Dodd Balock won the stock board division, with Rick Steere in 3rd place. In the racing class Richard Sylva placed third.

THIS 'N THAT

••One of the nicest innovations during cocktail hour are those hot pupus, specialty of our French chefs. There are three or four choices served from 6 p.m. until they're gone, which is shortly thereafter, they're so good.

••Drop by and hear the music these weekends. We've got Eddie Kinilau's trio of Hawaiian troubadours on Fridays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Marion Diamond's trio on Saturdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

••Our Standing Committees this year have been outstanding (if you'll pardon the pun.) We can't list them all, but these people have given untold hours and their work has brought you everything from new members, to fun parties, to athletic competitions. Don't think there haven't been some grand verbal battles—there have been—but it takes this kind of effort and many hours to accomplish all this. Without their work, you would have a standstill club.

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