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The 2016 Molokai Hoe Saw OCC Represented by 6 Crews

By Guy Wilding, Head Coach



The *Manu Ulu* crew: James Donovan, Heinere Itchner, Jake Hamstra, Christian Bradley, Simeon Ke-Paloma, Sean Kaawa, Karel Tresnek Jr., Griffin Bolan, Victor Bovino-Agostini.



The *Henry Keawe Ayau* crew: Jayson Whitman, Art Mallet, Connor Grune, Sage Capone, Mike Fine, Twain Newhart, Jon Everest. Missing John Akana and Wilson Lau.

In addition to the three open crews representing OCC this year in the Molokai Hoe on October 9, we also had a junior crew, made up of 16-year-olds who were all doing their maiden crossing of the Kaiwi Channel. Plus a 50s Masters crew (coached by Jimmy Kincaid) and a 55s Masters crew (which consisted of six OCC paddlers in combination with six paddlers from the strong Mooloolaba Masters from Australia).

The trades were blowing all week leading into the 2016 Molokai Hoe and all our crews were excited as conditions looked like they would suit our strong surfing combinations.

Unfortunately, as has been the case now for several years, the wind did not cooperate on race day. The lack of trades combined with a changing tide midway through the race made for a very hot, tough channel with very little assistance from the ocean.

In any case, all 95 crews that started the race had to deal with whatever cards Mother Nature dealt on race day.

The Molokai Hoe is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. sharp - but for whatever reason it started five minutes early and some crews were not on the line. There was no bringing the early starters back and the frantic push to La'au Point was on. The mighty Shell Vaa 1 and 2 and EDT led the way immediately from Primo, Red Bull and Hui Nalu.

Many crews headed on a more southerly route but we had decided to stay a more northerly course and take advantage of the lee of Oahu later in the day to avoid the outgoing tide.

I was coaching the *Manu Ulu* crew and they battled early with Kailua and Kauai plus two Australian crews and later with Keahiakahoe (who had recruited several Tahitians to bolster their lineup). The *Manu Ulu* crew was strong all the way and all nine guys gave it everything they had. Changes were

generally good and all nine did the little things well (bailing, getting into and out of the canoe, zipping & unzipping, etc.).

The more northerly line paid off for us and when approaching Black Point we could see the strong Puna crew (second at States in 2016) coming up from the south. When the two crews came together on the same line the Puna crew had about a 200 yard lead and it was going to be a battle all the way to the finish line.

Karel Tresnak Jr., who had been sharing the steering duties with Heinere Itchner during the previous five hours, was in the *Manu Ulu* driver's seat at the time. Karel knows the waters around Diamond Head as well as anyone and being as competitive as he is Karel elected to take a line inside Puna and right on the edge of the surf.

Karel then dropped into several waves and then stayed inside the surf line until shooting out from the reef right outside OCC. *Manu Ulu* had taken the lead from Puna!

The boys paddled hard and increased the lead through to the finish line, finishing in ninth place, just in front of a valiant Puna combination who crossed in 10th place. Both crews had given their all and it was a great way for the OCC boys to finish what was a tough crossing of the Kaiwi Channel.

Our crew in the *Leilani* placed first in the Koa division and maintained OCC's strangle hold on that trophy for the last four years straight. Congratulations guys.

Our crew in the *Henry Keawe Ayau* were predominantly Novice paddlers mixed with a few more experienced guys. They were all enthusiastic and aggressive all the way across the channel and acquitted themselves very well in the tough conditions. They stuck to the game plan and performed well above what was generally expected of them. Congratulations on a job well done.

Masters 55 Finish Second in Division

By Marc Haine

The Masters 55 was a two club combined effort with six men from our reciprocal club Mooloolaba Surf Lifesaving Club of Australia and six men from Outrigger. Strong competition from Kailua and Hawaiian Canoe Club made for a close race the entire time. In the end, Hawaiian won by one minute at six hours with OCC/Mooloolaba at 6:01 and Kailua was third at 6:04. Of the six Outrigger entries, the old guys were the second OCC canoe to finish. We had a great time and hope to do it again next year.

MANU ULA

Finish: 9th Overall

Time: 5:28:31

HENRY KEAWE AYAU

Finish: 46th Overall

Time: 6:15:32

LEILANI

Finish: 48th Overall, 1st Koa

Time: 6:17:04

Crew: Neal Hafner, Byron Ho, Deke Kilpatrick, Indar Lange, Charles Meyer, Cory Nakamura, Franz Solmssen, Max Solmssen, Ryan Woodward.

KAPUA

Finish: 87th Overall, 5th Masters 50

Time: 7:19:53

LOLI'I

Finish: 34th Overall, 2nd Masters 55

Time: 6:01:33

MAMALA

Finish: 83rd Overall, 8th Junior Division

Time: 7:15:23



The Kapua Masters 50 crew: Matt Esecson, Vik Watumull, John Claucherty, David Wadsworth, Leighton Miyachi, Rick Hobson, Matt Eliashof, Jeff Davis, Darryll Wong.



The Loli'i Masters 55 crew: front: Warren "Wazai" Cuffe, Steven Fox, Todd Bradley*, Chris Kincaid*. Back: Karl Heyer IV*, Ron Grabbe, Phil Thistlewood, Rob Dorrough, Marc Haine*, Bruce Black*, Geoff Graf*, Tony Harding. *OCC member.

ON THE COVER: Outrigger Canoe Club entered six crews in the 2016 Molokai Hoe long distance canoe race. See story and photos on pages 2-4. Photo by Twain Newhart.



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Junior 'Riggers Crew 8th in Molokai Hoe Division

By Chris Laird



The *Mamala* crew: front: Riley Martinez, Colt Correa, Emma Humphreys (helper), Coach Jacquie Laird. Back: Coach Chris Laird, Avi Laird, Lars Von Sydow, Mike Nakaoka, Kamuela Wallace-Silberstein, Wyatt Yee, Kavika Beck, Zoran Cullinan.

This year Outrigger Canoe Club entered a boy's junior crew in the 2016 Molokai Hoe. These young men have been paddling and training together throughout both regatta and distance season forming a tight, unified team.

They were focused on learning watermen skills such as paddling, canoe surfing, swimming, and water safety (they all did the Junior North Shore Lifeguard Program at Ehukai over the summer). These boys had a fun season with several visits to the podium and a first place at the 4th of July Macfarlane race!

It was the boy's decision to paddle distance – they made a decision that school and their respective high school sports would come first. We held long practices on Sunday afternoons out of the Club.

During the season, they got to race in the Waimanalo to Chinamen's Hat race with the men. Plus, more experience was gained in the Henry Ayau race. The Molokai Hoe was an excellent rite of passage for these boys into young manhood.

Their eyes and hearts were opened up to the bigger picture of paddling. As Mike Nakaoka told me, "The race was long and brutal but the feeling of accomplishment as you step onto the beach in Waikiki is amazing because you know that you and eight other guys your age have successfully crossed one of the world's most famous channels under your own power!"

In addition, the steersmen for this race was Lars Von Sydow who over the summer won the 19 and under title in the Open Bic Sailing World Championship held in Quiberon, France. Also, a new trend for all of us older paddlers to get use to - two of the boys, Kavika Beck and Avi Laird were both third generation members of their families to participate in the Molokai Hoe.

The juniors finished 8th in the Junior Division and never faltered or stopped during the crossing and maintained a great fun-loving attitude the whole way. Jacquie and I were honored to coach them and look forward to them growing up to be good men.

The boys wish to thank the following for all of the support and help throughout the entire season: Leighton Miyachi, Tom McTigue, Jim Beaton, Guy Wilding, Art Mallet, Jen Kilpatrick, and all of the great guys in the men's program for always making them feel part of the team.

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OCC Announces New General Manager: David Robinson



David Robinson

After an extensive and thorough search, the Board of Directors has selected our new General Manager and Chief Operating Officer. He is David Robinson, who comes to us from the mainland where he has served for the last eight years as General Manager at Balboa Yacht Club, in Newport Beach, California.

Prior to BYC, he was the Assistant General Manager at the St. Francis Yacht Club and has been in private club management throughout his entire career. David also holds accreditation as a Certified Club Manager from the Club Managers Association of America.

David hails from the Midwest. He was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan and grew up around clubs. His family belonged to the Detroit Yacht Club, where they were avid boaters for decades.

The last fifteen years of his career have been on the water managing yacht clubs and he is looking forward to continuing that experience at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

David enjoys boating and golfing in his free time and is looking forward to relocating to Honolulu and getting to know the members and staff of the OCC in early January.

Club President Fred Noa Jr. states: "I would like to thank the members of the search committee for their dedication and diligence in the selection process. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation for the work done by Controller Joyce Nobriga, Food & Beverage Director David Brown, Executive Chef Dan Bower, Maintenance Director Robert Greer and all the OCC staff during this period of transition. We look forward to David Robinson joining the OCC Ohana in January."

The search committee, consisting of Noa as the chair, Anthony Hunt, Dustin Sellers, Joyce Timpson, Tim Guard, Bill Meheula, Art Tokin, and Jeff Dinsmore worked closely with Kurt Kuebler from the firm of Kopplin, Kuebler & Wallace to select the most appropriate candidate to replace outgoing General Manager/COO Gary Oliveira.



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Bylaw Changes Being Proposed for Approval at the Annual Meeting

By Jon Steiner, Chair, Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee

When you receive your annual ballot for 2017, there will be some background on some significant amendments to the Club's Bylaws. These proposed changes have been studied by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee, and recommended for approval by the Board of Directors.

Amendment of the Bylaws requires a majority vote which will take place at the Annual Meeting on Monday, February 13.

The first amendment being recommended, in Section 6 of the Bylaws, changes the length of the term for an elected Board Member from a two-year term to a three-year term. Under the proposed change, a Board Member would be eligible to serve up to two three-year terms. Currently, the eligibility is for three two-year terms.

This change is being recommended because it allows for more continuity and better planning at the Board level. It is in line with recognized best practices in clubs similar to the Outrigger Canoe Club throughout the nation. The proposed amendment also provides for a temporary transition period where the Board has discretion over the number of Board Members elected and the length of terms in order to achieve that transition.

Finally, the amendment clarifies that where a Board member vacates the position mid-term, his or her replacement appointee serves out the remainder of that term, and then is

eligible to serve two more terms thereafter.

The second amendment being proposed, in Section 47, gives the Board more flexibility as to when the Annual Meeting is held. Currently, the Bylaws provide that the Annual Meeting is held in February. The amendment would allow the Annual Meeting to be held anytime during the first 60 days of the year.

This allows the Board, if it deems it prudent, to hold the Annual Meeting in January. Moving up the Annual Meeting could allow the Board and the various Committees in the Club to be assigned and functional earlier in the year, thus creating greater efficiencies.

Finally, some amendments are proposed to bring the Bylaws in line with current practices or to correct some typographical and grammatical inconsistencies. For example, the amendment proposes to eliminate the position of Second Vice President, as this position is unnecessary and duplicative.

The text of the proposed amendments, in the form of a redline of the current Bylaws illustrating the proposed changes, is available both on the Club's website, and at the Front Desk. In addition, the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 6 p.m. in the Koa Lanai area, at which time the proposed revisions will be explained, and any members' comments or concerns addressed.

Best Times for Outrigger Marathoners

The Honolulu Marathon will be held on Sunday, December 11 and Outrigger members will be competing as they have since the first marathon in 1973 when OCC member Jack Scaff was the first member to run the 26.2 mile course. Scaff ran in every marathon until 2000.

Outrigger entered its first running team in the Honolulu Marathon in 1974 where Scaff led finishers with a time of 3:22.22. Running hit its peak in 1977 when 61 Club members competed.

The OCC running team meets in the Club Lobby at 3 a.m. on race day for a photo and a ride to the starting line. If you're a runner and would like to join them, sign up at the Front Desk.

The OCC Historical Committee has worked with the Honolulu Marathon Association to verify member participation and finishing times over the past four decades. If we've missed you, we're sorry. Send us a copy of your finish certificate and we'll add you to our list. All times below have been officially verified. To see a complete list of Outrigger's Honolulu Marathon finishers, go to <http://www.outriggercanoecлубsports.com/land-sports/running/honolulu-marathon/>

The top OCC times for the Honolulu Marathon are:

MEN	Gil Hicks	Rachel Ross
Hugh Murray	2:57:35	3:12:20
2:48:56	1979	2007
1980		
	Kent Davenport	Rachel Ross
Henry Richmond	2:59:08	3:12:59
2:54:23	1976	2005
1976		
	WOMEN	Gay Balding
Gil Hicks	Rachel Ross	3:13:13
2:54:49	3:08:20	1986
1980	2011	
		Katy Bourne
David Stackhouse	Katherine Nichols	3:13:32
2:57:34	3:10:42	1993
2008	1997	



By Ron Haworth



Winner Nat Young, right, shakes hands with runner-up Felipe Pomar as Jimmy Blears (far left) and Ryan Dotson (right), who finished third and fourth respectively, look on.

From the Acorn Grows the Oak

When Larry Lindberg, independent television producer, met in December 1968 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village with twenty of the world's top surfers during a lull in the Duke Kahanamoku Classic, it is doubtful any could have predicted the 1970 Smirnoff World Pro-Am spawned from that gathering.

But from sown seedling do tilled ambitions grow to market commodities.

Lindberg was not a novice to the sport, having filmed (16mm), beginning with CBS and then ABC, all the Duke contests. In '68 he was assisted by two of the best surfing photographers in the business, Greg MacGillivray and Jim Freeman. He was also first to televise surfing from a helicopter. But his vision for the sport's TV survival was not solely focused from behind the camera lens.

Kimo McVay introduced the Duke Classic as an amateur event in 1965 with Fred Van Dyke running the contests with the aid of Outrigger's Fred Hemmings Jr. selecting the contestants.

"It was Lindberg who suggested Kimo award winner-take-all \$1,000 prize money in '68, won by Californian Mike Doyle," Hemmings recalled.

Hemmings claims professional surfing in its early years produced more network TV coverage for Hawaii than any other sport.

Lindberg envisioned a professional surfing organization, one which held members to high standards of conduct and would help them gain endorsements from potential sponsors. That, in itself, was a challenge. Right or wrong the general public did not have a high opinion of the stereotyped vagabond long haired Joe Surfer.

The International Professional Surfers Association was

The IPSA Is Born

formed in name only at that meeting and Van Dyke was elected president.

Surfers who signed letters of intent at that historic gathering read like a Surfing Hall of Fame: Eddie Aikau, Ben Aipa, Jimmy Blears, Corky Carroll, Ryan Dotson, Midget Farrelly, Charlie Galanto, Ricky Grigg, Jeff Hackman, Billy Hamilton, Fred Hemmings, Mark Martinson, Rusty Miller, Walt Phillips, Felipe Pomar, Paul Strauch, Mike Tarkington, and Nat Young.

IPSA Growing Pains

The idea briefly languished for lack of an entrepreneur's hand at the helm.

Several months after IPSA inception, OCC's Ron Sorrell (who was not in Hilton attendance) telephoned Van Dyke and offered a series of ideas to enhance the IPSA appeal to prospective sponsors. As is often the case with visionary concepts, it takes a willingness to pick up the gauntlet and bring ideas to reality. Van Dyke was quick to seize upon the merit and zeal in Sorrell's presentation and appointed him IPSA commissioner.

"One of the first challenges I faced" said Sorrell, "was to draft a charter. I spent tedious hours at the public library researching professional sport charters until I finally decided to model the IPSA Charter after professional golf (PGA) because it was relatively young and golf was still in its TV infancy as compared to other sports."

Embodied in the charter were the aims of the IPSA:

- To elevate the standard of the profession.
- To promote interest in surfing.
- To protect the mutual interest of members.
- To promote contests.

The standing committees were Admissions, Disciplinary, Judging, and Management.

Counseling Sorrell in the dollars-and-cents world of commercial television was OCC fellow member Bob Wilson, past president and vice-president of California Broadcasting Association and Corinthian Broadcasting, respectively.

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Ironically, IPSA's foray into surfing came when television was abandoning, not adopting, the sport. The casualties included the once prominent International Surfing Championships at Makaha and the United States Surfboard Championships at Huntington Beach, CA. Only the Duke Classic survived. Further handicapping IPSA goals was the fact Smirnoff '70 could not be televised due to advertising hard liquor on TV was taboo.

The consequences for future contests not involving liquor sponsors were thoroughly examined by Sorrell and Wilson.

Wilson opined, "Surfing has as much excitement and action than any sport now on the tube; wipeout danger in big surf rides tandem on every wave. Furthermore, it has more visual beauty because surfing is on call in the world's most glamorous locations."

Sorrell believed excitement was needed to educate and catapult the TV couch viewer and beach spectator. "The

snowed-in, bored viewer in Wichita needs to become a part of the action, to root for a personal favorite.”

Analysis of the status quo unearthed one fatal audience flaw. The viewer, whether novice or sophisticated, was not kept in the loop through heat scoring into finals; only judges knew the points accumulated. What other sport kept the score a secret? The PA narrative was prudent enough to blend adjectives but not explanations.

The IPSA wisely adapted a ride-by-ride scoring system, thereby cultivating viewer interest; the viewer gained performance knowledge and was quick to second guess a bad score.

“Don’t forget, everybody wants to be an umpire,” said Sorrell.

Smirnoff had in ‘69 sponsored a non-televised pro meet in Santa Cruz, CA. It proved to be seriously flawed with contestants still competing after nightfall and surfer identification was a casualty; non-competitors would not clear the water. The sponsor could ill afford a repeat performance.

Smirnoff ‘69 was not IPSA sanctioned.

Sorrell Drum Beating

The selling of the IPSA concept to potential sponsors and media fell solely to Sorrell. Letters touting IPSA goals and benefits solicited major corporations like Dole, Pan America World Airway, General Motors, Tanya Hawaii and others.

“You have our attention,” feedback was near unanimous.

One five- day California junket for Heublein, Inc.

(Smirnoff) had Sorrell visiting six cities, meeting with press and radio/TV people. In Los Angeles Sorrell shared a panel with Maxie Baughn (LA Rams), football coaches John McKay (USC) and Tommy Prothro (UCLA), and Los Angeles Lakers general manager Fred Schaus.

Talk about bringing a knife to a gun fight!

The ultimate goal of the IPSA was to hold thirteen global contests annually. Sports Headliners, Inc. showed definite interest in contracting with a world champion.

Van Dyke was quoted in Honolulu *Star-Bulletin’s* Surf Spray he and the committee chose the Duke Kahanamoku contestants 90 percent on ability and 10 percent on character. IPSA took this percentage to the extreme. Before the Smirnoff Pro-Am surfers were approved, Sorrell had them vetted by OCC’s Tom Conner who was then with HPD. Spreadsheets came back to Sorrell listing any criminal behavior.

On To Makaha

The 1970 Smirnoff was a pioneering mobile contest demanding a Winnebago be used as command post. Pro meet director Hemmings and amateur contest beach captain Paul Strauch had authority to call the location after pre-dawn checks from North Shore spotters.

Smirnoff’s success that day blended a memorable history. The surfers came away with a sense of having been associated with what most considered a true professional contest. The

new IPSA scoring was hailed by Aussie winner Nat Young (a gentleman quick to critique judging).

Young and Peruvian Felipe Pomar and four other finalists had the crowd breathless but still cheering their back and forth rooster tail daring in 15-foot plus surf for the \$2,000 winner’s share of the \$4,500 purse. Spectators’ eyes flitted between surfer and wave and the changing scoreboard. Elation and dejection was evident as personal favorites’ fortunes rose and fell. Judges had to go to the eleventh wave between Young and Pomar before declaring the winner.

Pomar, ever the good sport, shook hands with Young before he was seen leaving Makaha with the consolation prize-Miss Smirnoff.

The Bottom Line

Following Smirnoff Gregg Reynolds, Western Director of Publicity for Heublein gave IPSA the following coverage summary beginning three months prior to the contest.

- Newspaper sport page: 35 million circulations with 100 million readership.
- Television/radio: 30 cities, 21 states, 40 million homes.
- Magazines: *Sports Illustrated*, *Sunset*, and *Continental Airlines “Flighttime”*.
- Voice of America carried it worldwide.
- Heublein spent in excess of \$50,000, excluding prize money, promoting Smirnoff Pro-Am and figured the money well spent. They estimated equivalent time and space in another venue would have run as much as \$200,000.

Forty-six years later in February 2016 John John Florence won \$75,000 in The Eddie-but it can be claimed the template of sound management, fundamentals, and reality of today’s professional surfing on the world’s waves grew from the Lindberg meeting and IPSA acorn with some insightful guidance and hard work by some members of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Koa Log Shavings

The IPSA story could not be complete without mentioning that Sorrell, Wilson (TV & Radio Media), Fred Hemmings (Contests) and this writer handling public and press relations did not receive a penny in compensation, nor was Sorrell’s mainland trip promoting IPSA reimbursed.

But the pride of accomplishment will never diminish for those directly involved. Yes, surfing has come light years from when our Club founder, Alexander Hume Ford, for the first time “saw men and boys standing upright on waves.”

Is it not appropriate Outrigger DNA (where the sports of old Hawaii shall always have a home) rode the crest of professional surfing?

Members previously acknowledged were also joined by Smirnoff judges Johnny McMahon and Neil Ifversen (representing Peru). Even our iconic bartender Anzai was in the mix with his concoction, Smirnoff Surfer.

Don’t leave OCC without one. But-only one.

Jean Rolles Helps Save African Cats

By Mariann Tesauro



Jean Rolles works on a cat in Namibia.

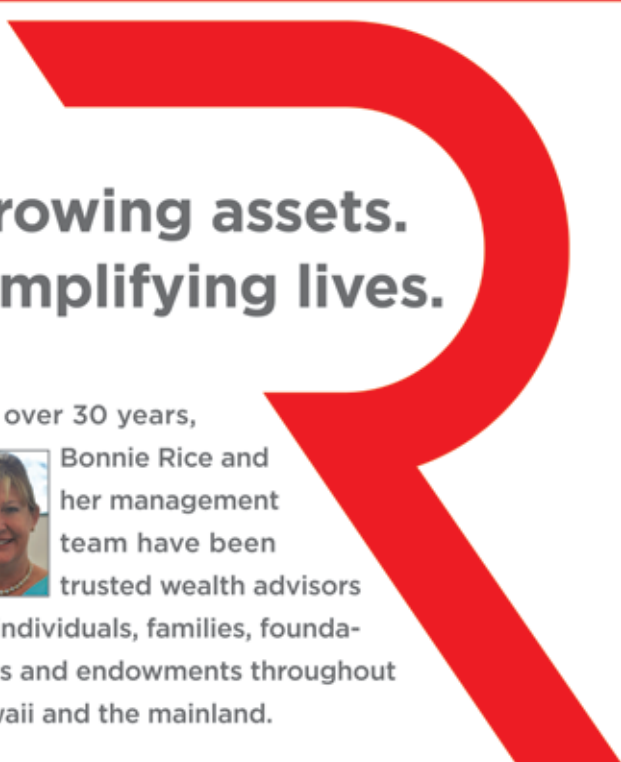
OCC member Jean Rolles enjoys taking some of the most unusual trips in the world, such as riding elephants in search of tigers in India, trekking for gorillas in Rwanda and Uganda, white water rafting in Chile, riding horses through Mongolia, zip lining across the Zambezi river in Botswana, exploring the South Pacific ocean off remote islands on a dive boat, and touring the Arctic and Antarctic, to name a few.

So when a call came to her office asking if she'd be willing to assist with the annual vet check in South Africa, her reply was, "how fast can I get there?" This journey took her to Namibia, a hauntingly beautiful country with forty-five percent of its land under conservation.

Her expedition began at Africat, the world's largest big-cat rehabilitation project, where she assisted an international team of veterinarians. The team tracked cheetahs, leopards, and lions, to be weighed measured and vaccinated.


Jeannie became quite adept at grooming the cats, riding them of hundreds of burrs and flies, and administering continuous rectal thermometer checks to insure that their temperatures remained constant while under anesthesia.

While on the operating table, the cats' belly was shaved, and a camera tube with a red light was inserted down the throat into the stomach for an internal inspection. When the




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OCC Book Club

By Gerry DeBenedetti

procedure was completed the cat was placed in a wooden box with a small viewing hole to monitor the recovery process. After the cat awoke, it was lured into an enclosed field by mule meat, and then released back into the wilderness.

Once the cats were on their way, Jeannie moved on to the Desert Rhino Camp, where they tracked a black rhino that had been lost for three months. After ten hours of tracking, the rhino that they feared had been hacked by poachers was finally found. It quickly became apparent that all was well when the rhino charged the team, with his intact horn clearly visible, only a few feet away!

Finally, Jeannie joined Dr. Flip Stander, the world's leading authority on the elusive desert lion. For the next three days they tracked five desert lions in jeopardy of being shot by villagers. They were eventually successful in diverting the lions away from the village by setting off loud explosions, which signaled danger to the lions, and sent them on a path in the opposite direction.

Participating in Namibia's wildlife conservation efforts left Jeannie with many treasured memories of its magnificent majesty and mystery. What's next on this adventurer's agenda? Stay tuned.

The Friday, January 6 OCC Book Club meeting will feature three murder mysteries set in Honolulu in the 1930s. The author is Victoria Kneubuhl who will attend the meeting to discuss her new series. While three books seems daunting, read whatever you can, because the main characters are the same in the series. The three titles are *Murder Casts a Shadow*, *Murder Leaves Its Mark*, and *Murder Frames the Scene*. All are published by UH Press, and all are available in the library.

Our selection for February 3 will be by OCC member Rianna Williams, who will also be present to discuss her book, *Queen Lili'uokalani, The Dominis Family, and Washington Place, Their Home*. There are many copies in the library. Rianna is an independent historian who has been involved with Iolani Palace and Washington Place. She is the author of many articles in the *Hawaiian Journal of History* and similar research publications.

All OCC members are invited to join the Book Club. We meet the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Duke Room

The December selection is *The Three Year Swim Club* by Julie Checkoway.

For updates, the OCC email will provide more information, and if you want to be on the Book Club email list and receive even more information contact Gerry DeBenedetti at gerthebear@hawaiiantel.net.

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OCC Invitational Swim



ABOVE: Ward Saunders crosses the finish line.

RIGHT: OCC Swim Committee chair Todd Iacovelli congratulates division winners Linda Kaiser, Candes Meijide-Gentry and Anne Perry. Photos by Nora Meijide Gentry.

For complete results go to <http://www.outriggercanooclub-sports.com/ocean-sports/swimming/occ-invitational-swim/occ-invitational-swim-results/2016-occ-invitational-swim-results/>



OCC Invitational Swim October 8, 2016, 1.2 Miles Results

Overall	Name	Place/Age Group	Time
1	Sandie Easton	1st, W45-49	:48:00.2
2	Linda Kaiser	1st, W65-69	:59:14.8
3	Deb Merwick	2nd, W45-49	1:00:36.3
4	Jason Mitchell	1st, M55-59	1:00:40.9
5	Graci Young	1st, WU15	1:01:00.7
6.	Diane Corn*	1st, W55-59	1:01:10.6
11.	Ward Saunders*	1st, M60-64	1:02:32.0
12.	Candes Gentry*	1st, W35-39	1:02:46.7
18.	Anne Perry*	1st, W60-64	1:10:56.0
24.	Valisa Saunders*	2nd, W60-64	1:19:17.6

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Senior 'Riggers Halloween Mixer a Hoot!

The Koa Lanai was transformed into a haunted house on October 28 for the Senior 'Riggers Halloween Mixer as strains of Monster Mash could be heard in the background.

Attendees dressed in their Halloween finest, and costumes were creative and at times downright scary.

Judges OCC President Fred Noa Jr., Michele St. John and Kent Giles, watched the costume parade across the stage and then selected winners in categories such as scariest, oldest, sexiest, and the grand prize was won by Christian Peterson in her angel costume, complete with wings and halo.

Many thanks to Nora Meijide-Gentry who created the decorations and chaired the Halloween Mixer, with help from her daughter, Candes Gentry. Others on the planning committee were Tammy Montgomery, Bonnie Town, Mitzi Murphy, Busaba Williams, Gerri Pedesky and Marilyn Kali.



The Judges: Fred Noa Jr., Kent Giles and Michele St. John.



Among the winners were Christian Peterson, Gerri Pedesky, Diane Winnick, Patty Barry and Linda Laine.



Enjoying the mixer were Peggy Morgan, Joy Barnhart, Beryl Haxton, Ivanelle Choy, and Carol Remillard.



Dressed for the occasion were Candes Gentry, Linda Barry and Nora Meijide Gentry.



Linda Laine, Pat Lang, Mary Caywood and Alice Krebs.



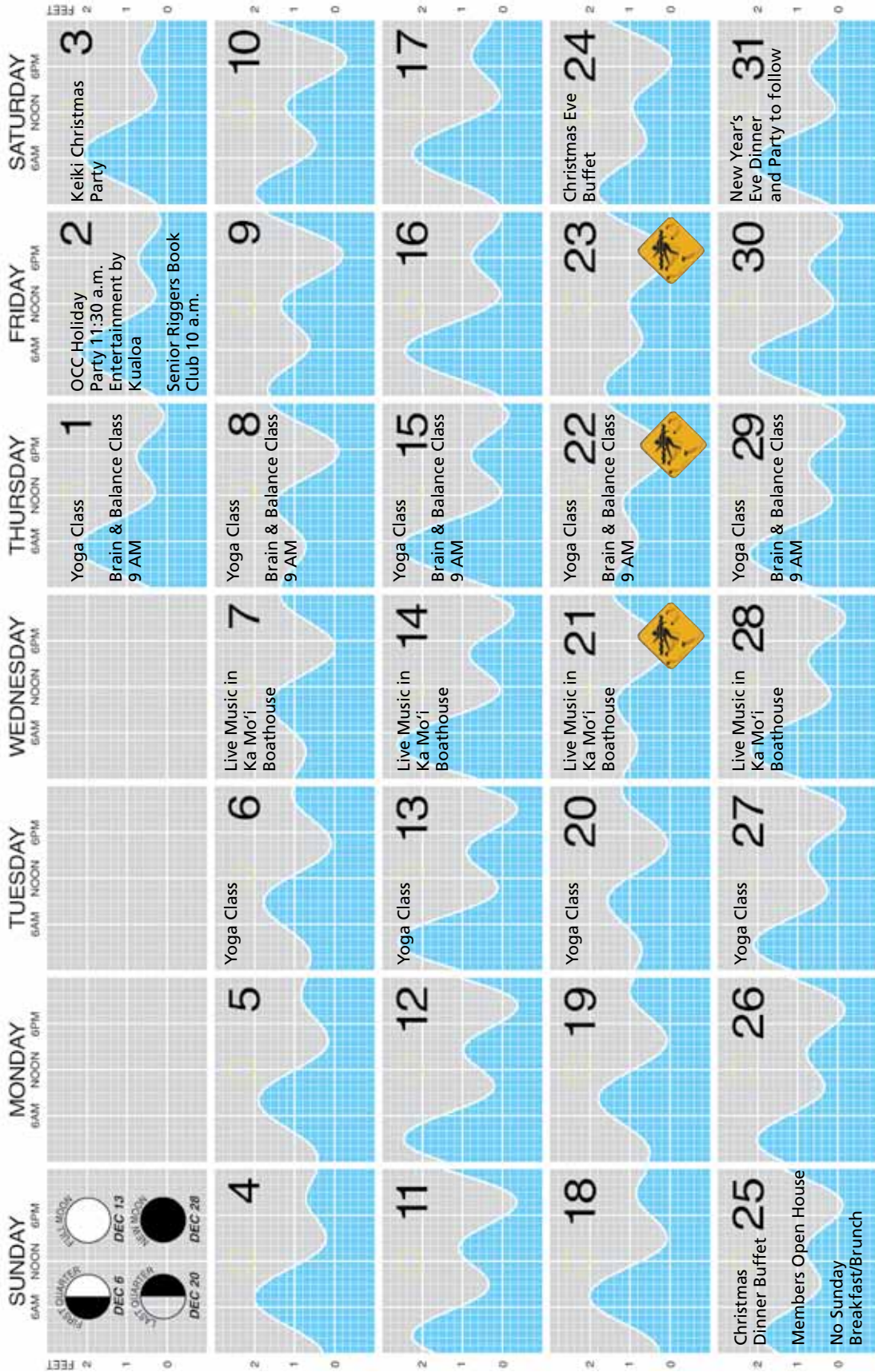
Gail Dolan and Patty Barry.



Mitzi Lee and Hans Krause.

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For the Record



Steve Shropshire, left, and Scott Meichtry, second from right, finished second in a field of 98 teams in the 44th Annual Hana Relays in the Men's Masters Division. Their time: 5:55:27. Each team member runs three separate legs of the 52-mile course. Pictured: Shropshire, Grant Gomes, Chris Benjamin, Andrew Sugg, Meichtry, and Neil Wallack.



Lars Von Sydow won the 2016 Open BIC World Sailing Championships in France in July. He took first in the Under 19 Division and second overall. The event was hosted by the ENVSN National Sailing and Water Sports School at Quiberon, Brittany, France. Lars was one of four sailors representing the Hawaii Kai Boat Club. Lars sailed the 12 regattas, planning his tactics, playing the shifts and keeping his competitors covered at all times. This is his fourth appearance in world competition. In 2015 he took the silver in Melbourne, Australia.

Who Knew?

By Barbara Del Piano

After December 7, 1941, surfers were eventually granted access to the ocean through gates installed in the barbed wire in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club. They were under strict orders from the military to be out of the water by sundown. Occasionally some die-hard surfers would decide to catch just one more wave. Within minutes after the sun set, two 30 caliber machine guns would start to shoot over their heads. Then the 50 caliber would chime in. The surfers got the message and paddled in with heads close to their boards. The gates were left open for them by the G.I.s who were probably laughing at them as they ran from the beach.



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As the Terrace Turns

"This morning while backstroking off the Natatorium I had a new experience," says **Ron Haworth**. "Two White Fairy Terns hovered about ten feet over me for approximately fifteen seconds, perhaps eyeing me as an early morning pupu. Or maybe they were just in awe of my stroke."

Many have wondered what happened to the fairy terns that lived in the plumeria tree near the front door of the Club. It's been a couple of years since we last saw them. Could these have been the babies that hatched in our plumeria tree?

Members are invited to contribute items to this column. Leave items for the Editor at the Front Desk or email to OCCMag@aol.com. Items received by December 25 will appear in the February magazine. Items received after December 25 will appear in March. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.



Ja-ne de Abreu and Moana Tregaskis McGlaughlin visited our reciprocal club, the Jonathan Club, recently.



Eric Finney and Kristen Finney Hocking enjoyed the Emmys. Kristen is an executive at 20th Century Fox.



Enjoying the Bridge Club Halloween Party were Ruth Tschumy, Vicki Sutton, Busaba Williams, Bill Dixon, Pat Dixon, Mary Lou Swope, Dolores Judd, Gay Yamagiwa, Susan Kobayashi, Jannie Feedback (AKA Snow White), Claudia Madalena, Judi Mason (AKA The Donald), Miss USA 1921.


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Employee of the Month

Dwight Ragunton

By Stephen Riede

Men's Locker Room Attendant Dwight Ragunton was chosen as Employee of the Month for September. Dwight started in his present position in July 2015, but has been associated with the Club for much longer. Dwight was our night Security Guard, working for our vendor, Securitas for five years. When the Locker Room position opened up, Dwight "returned to the daylight" as an official OCC employee.

Locker Room Supervisor Chery Martinez states: "Dwight is a hard worker, great to work with and is very reliable. He is flexible and will cover other shifts when needed. He makes an extra effort to learn the member's names and is well liked by both the members and staff. Dwight also takes the initiative in looking for potential problems before they occur. We're very happy and fortunate to have him as a part of the team."

When he is not working, Dwight enjoys "fishing and cruising". Thanks for your hard work Dwight and congratulations on being selected Employee of the Month.

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BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on October 27, 2016.

Admissions: The Admissions & Membership Committee has developed an exit questionnaire for members who resign to better understand the reasons for their resignation. This will be sent with their final statement or separately for those members on ACH. The Membership Count was 4,849 as of September 30, 2016. The committee is also discussing possibly revising the Service member category requirements.

Life Membership: The Board approved the nomination from the Historical Committee of Ron Sorrell for Life Membership. The membership will vote to confirm the nomination at the Annual Meeting in February.

Finance: The Board approved the recommendation by the Finance Committee to approve KMH as the auditors for the 2016 audit.

Budget Committee: The Board approved the following charter for the Budget Committee.

Charter of the Budget Committee of the Board of Directors Purpose

The Budget Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Directors of Outrigger Canoe Club ("Board") is a standing committee and has the primary responsibility for working with the management team with oversight in the development and formulation of the Club's annual budget; presenting the budget to the Board for its review, revision and approval. The Committee is responsible for the operating, capital and athletic budgets.

Organization

• Composition

Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the President and will normally be the Club Treasurer, but may be any other member of the Board.

Members. The members of the Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, the Coordinating Directors of the Building and Grounds, House and Finance or Long Range Planning Committees and others as may be appointed by the President. The General Manager and Controller shall be ex-officio members.

• Meetings

The Committee meeting dates and time will be determined by the Chairperson. Meetings are typically scheduled on Monday evenings during the months of September and October as the Chairperson deems necessary.

• Authority and Duties

The Committee shall review the annual operating and capital budgets as presented by the management team. The Committee shall also review budget requests by the various Club Committees. The Budget Committee will present a budget proposal to the Board for approval no later than the Board's November meeting.

2017 Budget: Art Tokin reviewed the proposed budget for 2017. The dues will increase by 2.7%. This will be the same dollar amount increase as 2016. The goal of the Budget Committee is to stay even with or under the inflation rate when proposing dues increases. The Board will vote to approve the budget in the November 2016 Board meeting.

Nominating Committee: Subsequent to the meeting, the full Nominating Committee was approved by email vote. The Nominating Committee consists of: Jon Whittington, Chair; Diana Allen, Brad Totherow, Greg Dickhens, Mark Johnson.

BOD Election Nominations: Subsequent to the meeting, by email vote, the Board approved the following candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Board election: Jenifer Bossert, Lissa Guild, Jeff Harris, Rick Humphreys Jr., Anthony Hunt, Serge Krivatsy, Alice Lunt, Bill Meheula, and Rick Piper (alphabetical order). Seven people

will be elected.

Operations: Anthony Hunt reported on proposed changes to the Annual Meeting. The Club will be reaching out by letter to frequent attendees of the Annual Meeting to inform them of changes to the Annual Meeting format. Questions for the Board will be taken in writing prior to the meeting so that the Board may give more comprehensive answers. The format for the meeting will be streamlined. The Aloha Party is being combined with the Annual Meeting in order to boost attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer: Due to unanticipated payroll reporting problems, the Financial Report was not available for the meeting. It will be reported at the November BOD meeting.

ODKF: ODKF had 20 grant requests totaling \$42,000.

Bylaws: Anthony Hunt reported on some of the proposed Bylaw changes. The most significant proposal is for a change in terms for BOD members from a maximum of three two-year terms to two three-year terms. The change would promote stability and better continuity of experience for the Board. The current system has 50% or more of the Board up for election every year.

Another proposal is to allow the Board to bring the Annual Meeting forward to January to better utilize the calendar year. This would allow more time for committee organization. Most of the balance of the proposed changes are clerical/housekeeping issues.

Operations: Sales were strong in September. The coconut tree trimming is underway. The ramp from the Koa Lanai to the Boathouse is almost complete. A railing has been installed with the balance of the work mainly cosmetic. A new mirror has been installed in the Fitness Center. A photo mural is being worked on for the Fitness Center.

Long Range Planning: FF & E (remodeling): There is now a weekly conference call with all participants. The goal is to have the project done in early 2017. LRP is studying dues distribution in some age categories. The committee is studying different maintenance issues. An operations plan is also being formulated. More details will be available in a future meeting.

Member Relations: Dustin Sellers discussed the 2013 Member Survey and initial goals for the proposed 2017 survey.

Entertainment: The committee is focusing on the New Year's Eve party.

Historical Report: The Senior Riggers programs are doing well. A 1917 swim trophy is for sale on eBay which the committee is interested in obtaining. Fred Noa related that he had advised them they have the right to use their budgeted funds but to be prudent with their expenditures.

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