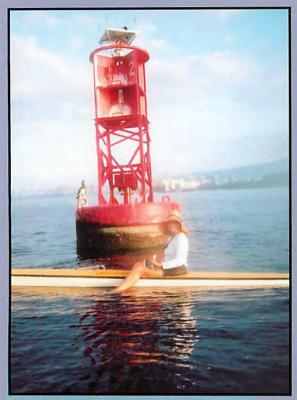


CLOSE ENCOUNTERS of the Ocean Kind

By Kehau Kali Photos by Kathy Quinn



Kathy Quinn off the Diamond Head buoy.





ABOVE: Members take an underwater dip during a kayak/swimming outing.

LEFT: A large pod of dolphins swim below the surface.

Like many members who love the ocean, I look forward to taking my one-man canoe out for a great workout off of the Club on a weekly basis. Sometimes I paddle to the Diamond Head buoy and back, and other times to Magic Island. Each time I'm out, I am both amazed and thrilled when I see kohola (humpback whales), naia (spinner dolphins) and honu (turtles). You can hear the buzz around the Club whenever anyone sights them, and everyone has their favorite 'whale tale.'

Last year on New Year's Day, I went on an early morning paddle to Diamond Head buoy, eagerly anticipating the beautiful sunrise and New Year, watching all the spear fishermen in the waters, when suddenly I saw a flume of water just past the buoy. I thought it was strange to see a water spout, when suddenly I realized that it was from a whale!

Soon I saw three. . . four. . . five more water spouts, all from the same area, and excitedly realized that there was a whole pod of whales up ahead! As they were playing, breaching and jumping, I thought, "This is going to be a great year!"

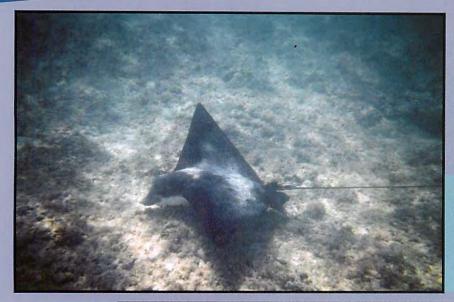
I'm not the only one who's been simultaneously amazed and terrified while out in the ocean. Kathy Quinn has seen many whales, dolphins, turtles and sea life while out kayaking and swimming, to the point that I think she's a good luck charm and I want to go out paddling with her!

One time she came back into the Club after spending most of the morning off of the Diamond Head buoy with a baby calf and mother whale! She spotted the baby whale and paddled towards it, keeping a safe distance, when she wondered where its mama was?

Then she realized that the mama whale was under her kayak! The water was so clear that she took some fabulous photos and the curious baby kept coming closer to her kayak to investigate. Kathy was just happy that she didn't huli and got some fabulous photos!

Kathy always has an inexpensive waterproof camera with her when she paddles. She says she just sticks the camera under the water and clicks, never knowing what she'll get. "It's always a surprise to see what's swimming below me," she says.

Just after the big Halloween storms of 2007 when the ocean had been all muddy from the storms, Brady Jencks was paddling off of Diamond Head and had a nasty encounter with a shark! He had been trailing a fishing line behind his canoe and caught a big fish. Before he could pull it in, his canoe was 'bumped' by a





LEFT: A manta ray scurries along the bottom.

ABOVE: Spinner dolphins leap near the paddlers.

Early morning on the South Shore.



hungry shark that took a big taste out of the back of his canoe! What a surprise!

Later that day I saw the damage to his canoe. Yep, there was a nasty nibble hole out of the back end of his canoe; yes, he was relieved to get back home in one piece, and more astonishing, he told me that when he arrived safely back at the Club, he was surprised to find the missing fishing line with the fish still on his hook tangled around his skeg! He wasn't even aware that he'd been trolling his whole way back. I was impressed. Not only did he have an awesome shark encounter story to tell, but he ended up with the fish and not the shark!

Rob Brown who works at the Beach Desk told me about a baby white tip shark that was hanging out in the reef in front of Kaimana Beach for a few days. He snorkeled up near it and said it was the first time he had seen a shark that close up other than in an aquarium.

Mike Mason and a friend paddled a two-man canoe to Magic Island and had a large pod of spinner dolphins accompany them the whole way back to the Club. He said they were amazed at how curious they were as they kept circling them all the way home.

Mike also told me an unbelievable story that had me saying, "Not, really?!" He shared that during a Kanaka

Ikaika race Mike Judd was paddling between Portlock and Diamond Head when he was surprised to have a humpback whale come up right underneath him so his canoe was out of the water! After recovering from his initial shock, Mike stood up, moved his canoe off the whale and onto the water, and kept paddling. Talk about a whale of a tale. . .

Most everyone who spends time in the ocean, whether paddling, swimming, surfing, sailing or playing, has their own story about encountering curious monk seals, fish, turtles, sharks, dolphins and whales. If you have a good story, email us at OCCMag@aol.com about your experience and any photos you have and we'd love to include them in the magazine.

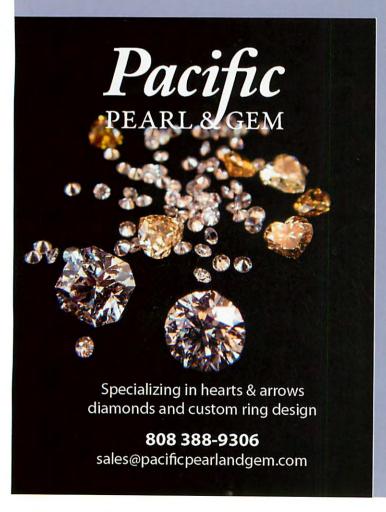
Each time I am in the ocean, I remember the basic rules of common sense that my Dad taught us when growing up: never turn our backs on the ocean; always remember to respect the sea life that lives there; go out when the weather is good; beware of sharks after storms when the water is unclear; and most importantly, after returning home from an ocean adventure, share your exciting stories about close encounters of the ocean kind.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS continued



A honu explores the reef.

A mother and baby whale swim below the kayaks and canoes.







Dolphins frolic near the Club.

Please Vote in Election for Board of Directors

Voting members (Life, Senior, Regular or Intermediate members) will be receiving their 2009 election packet in February. The packet includes the Notice of the Annual Meeting and the ballot for the 2009 Board of Directors election. Please exercise your voting privilege. The ballot is time dated so please don't ignore it, throw it in the "read later" mail pile or think it is your bill and put it off.

The guidelines for nominating and electing directors are described in the Club's Bylaws. The Board of Directors consists of 13 members elected from the four classes of membership eligible to vote. Members of the Board are elected for two-year terms. No member may be elected to more than three consecutive terms, but may serve more than three terms that are not successive.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Barbara Stehouwer and including Sue Tetmeyer, Vik Watumull, Mark Johnson, Jaren Hancock and Alan Lau, has nominated the following candidates for election to the Board of Directors: incumbents David Buck, Greg Moss, Stephany Sofos and Steve Torkildson, and candidates Jeff Dinsmore, Jeff Kissel, Serge Krivatsy and Brad Totherow.

When your ballot arrives, it will have voting instructions on it, but these will be repeated here for you as a reminder. The final day to vote is Sunday, February 22 at 6 p.m., but don't wait until then. Vote as soon as you get your ballot.

Mark your ballot, place your ballot in the ballot envelope, place the ballot envelope in the return envelope and sign the return envelope. Ballots without signatures on the return ballot are discarded. Your signature tells the Judges of Election that the ballot inside is your ballot and was not completed by someone else. If you are delinquent in paying your bill, your ballot is invalid.

There are seven openings to be filled so you may vote for no more than seven candidates. You may vote for less than seven. The seven candidates with the highest number of votes are elected.

Election results, committee reports and Life membership voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on Monday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Koa Lanai. The meeting will be followed by complimentary pupu.

Mark your calendars for this important date and don't forget to vote!

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As the Terrace Turns

Crystal Thornburg is featured in the new surf film *Sliding Liberia* which follows three young surfers who go to West Africa. The film was shown recently at the Doris Duke Theater.

Eric von Platen received the National Association of Fund Raising Professionals Small Business Award for his many charitable activities on the Big Island.

Contributions to this column are welcome. Please submit items to the Front Desk or email to occmag@aol.com. Items received by February 25 will appear in the April magazine. Items received after February 25 will appear in May. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.



Genie and Chris Kincaid, Kisi Haine, Malia Kamisugi and Paula Crabb enjoyed the Christmas holiday together.

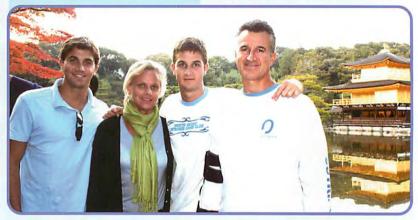
Whitney Dolman and Liz Perry both like giraffes so much, they showed up at a holiday fete sporting the same dress. And they both looked fabulous.



Matt and Diane Esecson, visited sons Austin and Kyle in Kyoto, Japan during their Semester at Sea voyage.



OCC women paddlers put away their paddles and gathered for holiday cheer. Kneeling: Lisa Stringer. First row: Paula Crabb, Malia Kamisugi, Kanesa Duncan, Kisi Haine. Back row: Debi Ing, Megan Jones, Traci Phillips, Mary Smolenski, Genie Kincaid, Jenni Horner, Nicole Pedersen. Photo by Colin Stringer.



Lindsay Wessberg married Kris Hawbaker on December 20. Her crewmates celebrated their new life together. From left: Lindsay Chang, Julia Fiedler, Mia Town, Genie Kincaid, Mary Ann Kawakami, Anela Borges, Keala Kilcoyne, Renee Osborne, Mary Smolenski, Paula Crabb and Cathi Goldsmith.





Jim Triplett, Charlie Henderson and Stefanie Smart visited the Henderson home in Colorado for the holidays.



Jeannine Cowles and Richard Berry arrive in Vladivostok on the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express. The Diamond Head neighbors were surprised to meet in Moscow when the tour group convened.

The OCC Bridge Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and bridge game at the Club. Among those attending were, front: Busaba Williams, Dolores Judd and Gay Sevier. Standing: Bonnie Andrew, Polly Steiner, Priscilla Glander, Billie Baird, Cecilia Blackfield, Garrett Saikley, Shirley Connors, Shirley Mckown and Kay Albrecht. Not pictured: Marilyn Haine, May Borthwick and Gloria Griffin. Photo by Stephen Riede.



Bumping into each other in Mazatlan, Mexico in December were Ron and Dee Haworth and Des and Pauline Brooks. Both were on Mexican Riviera cruises. The Haworth family (all 10 of them) was on Sapphire Princess for a family reunion and Des and Pauline were on Vision of the Seas.



The Novice A paddlers joined Stephany Sofos for a Christmas party at the Club. From left: Mia Town, Stephany, Julia Fiedler, Lindsay Chang, Renee Osborne, Anela Borges and Catherine Goldsmith.



luncheon at the Club in December. Seated: Jaren Hancock, Bob Anderson, Mary Philpotts-McGrath, Thad Ekstrand, Barbara Stehouwer, Ben Cassiday and John Goss. Standing: Alan Lau, Ron Sorrell, Bob Moore, Chuck Swanson, Hal Henderson, Peter Balding, Glenn Perry, Walter Guild, Karl Heyer IV, Tom McTigue, Vik Watumull, Mark Buck, Jimmy McMahon, Wendell Brooks. Photo by Stephen Riede.

Past Presidents of the Club held their annual Christmas



Vaimana Conner, an F-15C pilot at Eglin AFB, Florida, recently returned from a deployment to Southwest Asia.



Dave Rochlen entertained his daughter's friends Erin Ching and Autumn Larronde-Kearney who were visiting in Honolulu from a six month trip around the world aboard the University at Sea. Photo by Nora Mejide Gentry.

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Joanne Klinke in the Jungfrau Marathon.

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Running the Jungfrau

By Joanne Klinke

If the Jungfrau Marathon is just another marathon you've never heard of, I for one vote this race one of the toughest and one of the most beautiful marathons you can run. While not quite an "ultra" by distance, it makes up for it by its incredible steepness and exposure.

Starting in the lovely resort town of Interlaken, Switzerland at 2,000 feet, it winds itself through the beautiful Lauterbrunnen Valley along picturesque waterfalls and alpine glaciers. The finish line is at 7,500 feet in front of the Eiger, famous for its many mountaineering tragedies and Clint Eastwood's Eiger Sanction movie.

Having lived and worked in a Swiss hospital for two years, it was here that I met my husband Uli recovering from a 500-foot fall while ice climbing. Needless to say, I got hooked on climbing and attended several rock and ice climbing courses at the International School of Mountaineering in Leysin, Switzerland. Uli went on to climb Mt. Cho-Oyu and Mt. Gasherbrum II in the Himalayas and returned to Switzerland to traverse the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau mountains.

Only in its 16th year of running, the Jungfrau Marathon is immensely popular in Europe. You need to apply early as the total field is limited to 4,500 runners. However, preference is given to females as the marathon is named after a Jungfrau (German for maiden). Most of the runners are Europeans who have the advantage of training on the many Swiss, Austrian and Bavarian alpine trails and are highly competitive in all age groups.

The Kenyans who have dominated most of the international marathons have yet to win a Jungfrau. To change that, a 2:07 African marathoner promised to go out fast and build a big lead so nobody could catch him on the high slopes and fast he was, all the way up to 35 kms where a volunteer found him laying in the grass, chalk white and out of gas. He recovered though and after eating four bananas and with some encouragement from the crowds, he finished 33rd.

The second part of the marathon is run entirely on alpine trails and it is here that the race gets serious. People drop the small talk and start breathing hard. Lungs and legs are at their limit as the trail gets steeper as it goes higher. The last part of the trail is so narrow that passing is impossible, causing people to stop, wait and then walk at the pace of the person in front.

This was so frustrating and at times I would sneak through an opening to the obvious annoyance of the person I passed. Time gained by this effort was negligible so that everybody who tried gave up and fell back in line.

Cheering you up for all of this were the local Swiss rattling their huge cowbells and shouting your name (indicated on your bib). Once you made it to the top elevation at 41 kms it's all downhill to the finish line which most runners sprint with a smile on their faces.

Top male finisher was 3:03 by a Tyrolean runner and 3:40 by a Hungarian girl. Having been stuck on the trails in two 10 minute human traffic jams, I crossed the finish line in 5:40 to a huge supporting crowd of Swiss flags and alpine horn blowers with volunteers handing out all the Swiss chocolate you could eat.

Will I do another one? In a heartbeat!

Special Events at the Club...

February

Lobster Night



Live Maine Lobster returns Thursday, February 5th. Make your reservations early to enjoy this very special treat. Reservations 921-1444.

Koa Lanai, 5:30 PM, February 5. (Market Price)

Valentine's Day Dinner

Enjoy a romantic dinner with your favorite sweetie and savor the best sunset on the island. The Chef will be preparing some very special items to enhance the romance. Live Music, Champagne specials and special four course dinner. Reservations 921-1444.

Koa Lanai, 5:30 PM, Saturday, February 14. \$45++





24 Mardi Gras Family Buffet

Celebrate Fat Tuesday in style at the OCC Mardi Gras Family Buffet. Live music, beads, favors, drink specials, and of course, terrific food with a Cajun and Creole Flair.. Koa Lanai, 5:30 PM, Tuesday, February 24. \$21.50++

28 Tea Dance and High Tea

Like to Dance? Here's your chance to practice your steps and learn new ones. Warm up lessons start at 12:30 PM. Dances include Fox Trot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha Cha, & Swing. High Tea with a variety of finger sandwiches and tea will be served. Reservations 921-1444

Koa Lanai 1 PM - 3:30 PM, Saturday, February 28. \$15.95++

March



17 St. Patrick's Day Family Buffet

Everybody's a little bit Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Join the fun and enjoy delicious food with an Irish flair. We'll have live music with the Police Pipe Band and drink specials on Guinness Stout, Bailey's Irish Cream and more.

Koa Lanai, 6 PM Monday, March 17. \$21.50++

Sunday Brunch Buffet

Enjoy great food and the gorgeous ocean view at the Club's Sunday Brunch Buffet. There's no better way to spend a relaxing Sunday morning and it's a great value at only \$18.95++.

For lighter appetites, we also offer a complete Breakfast menu. Buffet 8:30 AM - 1 PM Breakfast 8:30 AM - 2 PM

Sunday Dinner Buffet

Juicy Prime Rib highlights the Sunday Dinner Buffet. With new entrées offered every week, there is always something delicious for everyone. A huge assortment of appetizers, salads and desserts complete the selection. \$35++ Reservations 921-1444

Happy Hour

(New Winter Hours) Enjoy the famous Outrigger sunset view while sipping on your favorite beverage and savoring delicious pupu items at a special price. We are offering a 50% discount on select pupu, all beer and standard well drinks. Ka Mo'i Boathouse Tuesday-Friday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

BBQ

Grill your favorite Steak or perhaps a Pesto Chicken Breast, Mahimahi or other juicy entrée at the monthly BBQ. Hau Terrace, 5:30 PM on the last Saturday of the month. February 28, March 28, April 25

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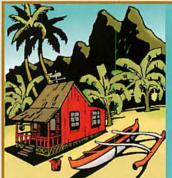
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55 Years Ago 1954

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The Waikiki Surf Club sent their star surfer, George Downing, to Peru for an international surfing competition where he won three surfing events and was crowned the best surfer. Following his return from Peru, George joined the Outrigger Canoe Club Beach Services.

Tom Reiner and Woody Brown's *Manukai* catamaran is back with new sails of greater size and increased speed. The old suit of sails sped the cat up to 30 miles an hour.

Waikiki was introduced to a new competing catamaran owned by Louis Abrams. The *Lio Kai* (Sea Horse), built on the lines of the *Manukai*, is a chartreuse colored boat with multicolor sails.

Cecily Cunha, who starred in swimming, surfing and canoeing years ago at the Club, was back for a visit. Cecily was known as a great long distance swimmer in Southern California.

15 Years Ago 1994 Charles A. Swanson, President

The OCC Board of Directors revised the Dining Room dress code for lunch only to permit gentlemen to wear dress or walking type shorts. This was in keeping with the current policy to maintain an informal Hawaiian style dress code for the Club.

Cobey Black presented fashions from her Seraglio Shop at a fashion show at the Club. The fashions included everything from casual muumuu to very elegant evening gowns–everything from beachwear to fancy party attire. Many of the items were one of a kind and featured the latest trends using lovely light fabrics.

On January 1, the restricted fishing ban was lifted from waters fronting the Club. OCC anglers and spearsmen immediately hit the ocean. Greg Moss and Karl Heyer IV tested the deep water and Jim Gaddis hauled in a large papio just off the water's edge while trolling in a canoe.

The OCC golfers' first stroke-play tournament was held at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. John Beaumont and Joie Gopez won the low gross. Pam Dillingham was the ladies low net winner and Jim Gaddis was the men's low net winner.

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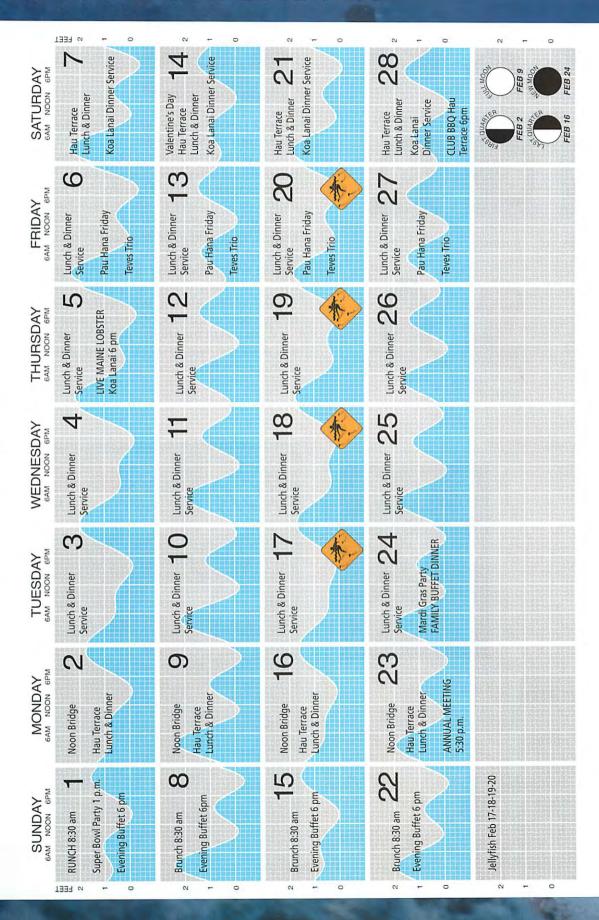
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Ryan Renfro

By Stephen Riede

Koa Lanai Server Ryan Renfro is the Employee of the Month for November.

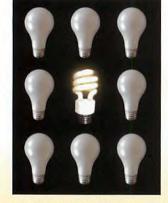
"Ryan started as a bus boy and has become one of the polished servers on the Koa Lanai," notes Dining Room Manager Richard DeLizo. "He has done exceedingly well and we're happy to have him aboard."

Rvan is a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in biology and is on track to becoming a medical student. He was born and raised in Hawaii and graduated from Iolani High School in 2007. Ryan enjoys sports and has played football, basketball, "some" volleyball, and practiced martial arts. He currently coaches Intermediate Boys Basketball at Iolani.

Ryan states that he is "proud to be from the Islands and always strives to work as hard as he can." Congratulations Ryan!

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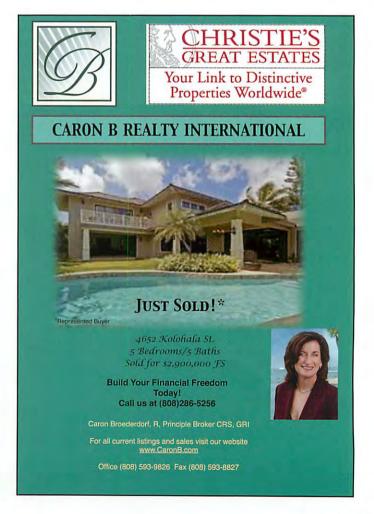
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BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 18, 2008. There was no Executive Committee meeting in December.

Membership Count: The Membership Count was 4,802 as of November 30, 2008.

Finance Committee: The Board approved the Finance committee's recommendation to defer the rebalancing of the Building Fund investment portfolio until there is a clear picture of the financial impacts of the prospective lease of the Kalanianaole Highway property. The Building Fund Investment Policy calls for an investment allocation of 70% equities and 30% fixed income. The current investment allocation is 80% equities and 20% fixed income.

House Committee: The Board approved the House committee's recommendation to establish a reciprocity agreement with the City Club at deRosset in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Public Relations Committee: The Board approved adding Carin Rapson to serve as a member of the Public Relations Committee for the remainder of the committee year.

2009 BOD Election Slate: The Nominating Committee proposed the following candidates for the 2009 Board of Directors' election. The slate includes incumbents David Buck, Greg Moss, Stephany Sofos, Steve Torkildson and candidates Jeff Dinsmore, Jeff Kissel, Serge Krivatsy, Brad Totherow.

Aloha Party: The Aloha Party is scheduled for March 2.

Financial Statement: In November there was net loss of \$844 which is \$10,256 better than budget. YTD, there is a net loss of \$164,534 which is \$153,434 below budget. Year to date, \$498,000 in initiation fees were collected and deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund. Year to date, there is a Building Fund loss of \$3,441,258, including a decline of \$3,696,456 in the market value of our fund investments and a loss on the Kalanianaole Property of \$208,991. Dues were \$20,871 below budget. Logo Shop was \$4,173 below budget with sales of \$9,583 (19.8% below budget). Repairs and Maintenance were \$5,563 better than budget. Utilities were \$4,847 worse than budget and YTD \$103,082 worse than budget.

Food and Beverage Summary: For November, there was combined Food and Beverage income loss with the minicharge of \$29,248 which is \$12,952 better than budget. Sales were \$7,909 better than budget. Cost of sales was 1% worse than budget. Labor was 8.2% better than budget. Other costs were 1.6% worse than budget.

Projects in Progress: Handicap Ramp: The rail material was damaged during the galvanizing process. New material had to be ordered. The date of completion has been pushed back to January 9, 2009.

Unrelated Business Income: Year to date, nonmember income is at 12.8% which is down from 14.3% this time last year. Ad revenues are \$55,836 compared to \$62,425 last year.



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On the Cover: Members enjoy seeing a variety of ocean life while paddling and swimming in the waters in front of the Club. Top left: a baby whale swims close to a kayak. Top right: Honu near the reef. Above: Porpoises swim below the surface. See story and more photos on pages 2-4. Photos by Kathleen Quinn.

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