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New Life Member: Peter Balding

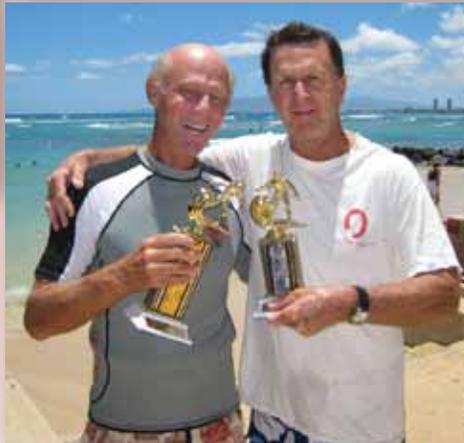
By Barbara Del Piano



Peter Balding served as OCC President in 1974 and in 1989.



Peter and May at 1981 Athletic Awards Banquet where they were honored as Club Mixed Doubles Tennis Champions.



Ricky Grigg and Peter Balding compare trophies at OCC Surfing Contest.



In 1989 on the 25th Anniversary of the Club at Diamond Head, Ward Russell, the Rev. Abraham Akaka and Peter Balding reenact the canoe arrival ceremony from the old Club to the new. Ward was President in 1964 and Peter the President in 1989.

You name it, he's done it. Ever since he joined the Outrigger in 1946, at the age of 12, Peter Balding has been actively involved in some phase of the Club's activities. First it was sports.

In fact, his reason for joining the Club was to participate in water sports, and in his first year as a member, paddled on the 12 and under canoe paddling crew. He continued to paddle, progressing from one age group to the next, up to Junior 4, many of them winning crews.

Surfing was also another of his favorite pastimes, and Peter represented Outrigger in Australia as a member of the Hawaii Surf Lifesaving Association Team which placed third in the 1956 International Surf Championships.

In 1970, he competed in the International Surfing Championships in Peru, and on the local scene, was a Club entrant in the Makaha International Championship. He won the Makule Division at least four times in the Outrigger's surfing championship. To this day, he is an avid surfer and swimmer, but presently stays mostly in the area fronting the Club.

Then of course, there was volleyball. Peter was a member of one Open and nine Masters volleyball teams which competed in the USVBA Nationals, and was named All-American Honorable Mention in the Masters 35 division in 1974. His Masters 45 team won the National Championship in 1985. Peter also

played on many OCC championship mountain ball and tennis teams.

In addition to participating in sports, Peter served as Club Captain from 1968 to 1970, a demanding job that includes overseeing all sports teams sponsored by the Outrigger. His contributions to the Club's various programs also earned him the prestigious honor of being selected as a member of the Winged "O," the top honor that can be achieved by an outstanding athlete.

But his activities were not limited to sports. Peter served on various committees, making valuable contributions to each one. His outstanding performance at that level soon earned him a place on the Board of Directors, to which he was elected in 1970. After serving in various capacities, he was selected to the ultimate position of President first in 1974 and again in 1989.

So when Peter casually ran into Tay Perry, Chairman of the Historical Committee, one day late last year, and Tay relayed the news that Peter had been nominated for Life Membership, he could rightfully have said, "Well, it's about time!" But instead, his reaction was one of complete surprise. "I was blown away," he said, expressing the delight and tremendous honor he experienced.

From the day he joined the Outrigger at age 12, Peter felt



Peter with his son Peter Jr. and grandson, Trey (Peter III) at OCC paddleboard race.



Peter and May Balding recently celebrated 57 years of marriage.



Peter, second from left, front, and his teammates on their way to the AAU and USVBA Volleyball Championships in 1960. Pictured with him were, front, Bill Baird, Peter Balding, Art Lange, Tom Haine, Jim Beardmore, Mark Auerbach. Back: Bobby Daniels, Pat Wyman, Bill Cross, Pete Velasco, Ron Sorrell, Bill Heilbron.

a special bonding with the Club and the ocean it borders. As a youngster, he pedaled his bike to the Club from his home on Noela Drive.

Often when he found it difficult to leave, he called his mother to tell her he was spending the night with a friend. The friend would then call his mother to say he was spending the night with Peter. Instead, the boys spent the night on the beach, climbing under the canvas that covered the upside down canoes.

If the moon was full, they went surfing; they were often the last ones out and the first ones in the water at dawn. He remembers his favorite meal at the Club which consisted of a scoop of rice with gravy that cost 15 cents.

Peter's life has revolved around the Outrigger in so many ways. His first job was in the old Club's parking lot when it was located at the site of the now former International Marketplace. He relieved Henry Takemasu and helped out during the busy lunch hour. (As a bonus he got a free employee lunch.) He also worked with Sunshine in the evenings when there were special parties.

He met his wife, May, at the Club one summer when he was working as a volunteer life guard and she was selling catamaran tickets. They met in the month of May, were engaged in June, married in December, and recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Their two children, Peter Junior

and Gay, also spent their childhood at the Outrigger.

Peter fondly refers to the Outrigger as "his one and only Club" and happily reminisces about "the good old days" and the special feeling of ohana that existed when the membership was half its present size. He chuckles at memories of people walking through the grounds, dodging volley balls, as they made their way to the dining room, and of volleyballs occasionally crashing into the Snack Shop where Richard and Clara held court. He has vivid memories of his paddling coaches and steersmen, Charlie Martin and Chuck Schroeder.

Unlike many old time members, Peter and his family didn't resist the move from Waikiki to Diamond Head. He attributes the excellent leadership of Wilford Godbold, Cline Mann and Ward Russell to the relatively smooth transition, and the fact that his children were young enough not to have become established at the old Club. "When we moved," he said, "they got established here. It was an excellent move."

Indeed, Peter's life has revolved around the Outrigger, and he and May still come down about five mornings each week. He continues to render service to the Club, having served on the Judges of Election Committee for the past seven years. So it is truly an honor for the Club to elect Peter to Life Membership at the Annual Meeting. He is a worthy and deserving recipient.



By Ron Haworth



The Wichman clock can be seen in its original location on Fort Street in downtown Honolulu.



The clock was moved to OCC in 1916.



The clock faced the ocean and was visible to surfers and swimmers.

A Ticking Time Capsule

Outrigger Canoe Club members have grown from keiki and in some case, to great-grandparents in time cadence with the clock now over the outdoor showers and tunnel leading to the Logo Shop and locker rooms.

It has been known to run on Hawaiian Time, a tick or two slow, as have we all, but it has been running for over a century and can be excused if its hands occasionally lag the digital Johnny-Come-Lately Smartphone; and not unlike the marathon runner in need of a knee replacement, it sometimes disappears for minor surgery.

It was previously displayed on the wall between the Beach Attendant's Office and the Snack Shop where a plaque now reads:

"Beneath this clock rests a time capsule dedicated on Club Day May 6, 1989"

Ironically, the clock is in itself a 99 year Outrigger Canoe Club Time Capsule, but it doesn't share the date its hands first moved.

It has been a feature at Outrigger since 1916 when it was gifted by H. F. Wichman & Company, Ltd. It was to usher the Roaring Twenties to Waikiki atop an approximately nine foot high wooden pedestal by the old pavilion; in 1941 it moved to our (then) new Clubhouse and took root on the beach just adjacent to the Royal Hawaiian.

In its prior life it was a Fort Street landmark above Wichman Jewelers (est. 1887) and pedestrians could read the dial from a block away; a Honolulu era when people moved at a less hectic pace and black Model T Fords lined parking-meter-free curbs and nattily attired policemen in pith-helmet, blue jacket and white trousers, rhythmically conducted Henry's traffic with white gloved hands.

World War I's trench war was raging but America had not

yet entered "the war to end all wars". Twenty-five years later it greeted the innocent sunrise December 7, 1941 and a "Day of Infamy" and then stood guard over the barbed wire consequence.

It has looked down and ticked over world dignitaries, renowned writers, and Hollywood stars too numerous to mention; perhaps, none more revered than Shirley Temple.

A Gift More Valuable Than Diamonds

An article in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of April 1916 didn't explain Wichman's generosity, but Club June Board minutes expressed gratitude and credited Outrigger member Mr. Merle M. Johnson instrumentality in its acquisition. Wichman's generosity, however, wasn't extinguished. They also installed the clock on a concert base furnished by Outrigger and agreed to service it.

The newspaper story went on to point out members surfing 100 yards off the beach would be able to read the time. The article claimed so large was its face ship's passengers with field glasses would also be able to see the time from the promenade deck.

Therefore, one can boast Outrigger's clock greeted returning kama'aina and malihini 10 years before the Aloha Tower clocks were installed in May 1926

Even more poignant, both our clock and the four-faced Aloha Tower clocks were manufactured by premier Boston clockmaker Howard Clock Company (est. 1813) to H. F. Wichman & Co. specifications. Weighing seven tons, Aloha Tower's clock's accuracy was guaranteed to 30 seconds per month.

Hawaiian Time, indeed.

In November 1927 it offered passengers on Matson's SS Malolo San Francisco to Honolulu maiden voyage their first look at Hawaiian Time. Our clock stood sentinel as the Royal Hawaiian Hotel was constructed and heralded the grand opening February 1, 1927 as 1,200 black tie and ballroom gowned guests partied. On a more sober and somber note it



A close up of the clock.



Dad Center and his crew paddled out with the clock in the background.



When the Club was rebuilt the clock was still prominent.



The clock moved to the new Club at Diamond Head in 1964 but this is all that is left of the once grand clock. It's now mounted over the beach stairs to the locker rooms.

chronicled the 1930 demolition of the Moana Hotel Pier.

In July 1935 Outrigger's time capsule's hands paused... fleetingly... the minute and hour Hawaii's lyrics aired over shortwave radio and Webley Edwards' words and microphone mesmerized "Hawaii Calls" listeners from the Moana Banyan Court... "The sound of waves on the beach at Waikiki"... a pied piper who seduced and beckoned millions of visitors to our islands until the concluding broadcast 40 years later.

Oh... the nostalgia... and our clock watched over it all.

Once Upon A Time

First evidence of a permanent clock on Island soil appears in a list of goods received by King Kamehameha I at Lahaina in 1812 in exchange for a shipload of sandalwood. Buried in the manifest of everyday common items of that period was... "1 large clock for house."

Tower clocks have long been symbols of prestige and power. The huge clock over Anne Boleyn's Gate at Hampton Court, England, was commissioned by Henry VIII in 1540, (four years after poor Anne was beheaded), and Big Ben in London, the largest four-faced clock in the world, has ruled supreme counting the hours over River Thames since 1858.

But only Outrigger's siblings brought a tear to the eye with ALOHA on Boat Day.

Father Time Disrobes

The Wichman clock's cross town relocation from Fort Street to Outrigger had seen it shed most embellishments which had made it so eye catching when suspended over the Fort Street sidewalk where it perched on the back of a friendly faced animal with stubby wings; and was crowned with what could be envisioned as an Aladdin lamp.

Not by any means your everyday street timepiece.

But when it arrived on the sands of Waikiki those garish decorations had vanished and it was down to beach boy basics

with only a skull cap of the bronze crown remaining. And even that was to be replaced with a wooden bonnet reading Outrigger Canoe Club in bold letters.

Today, with its present 'diet' profile it has nothing more to lose but Hawaiian time.

When you next rinse Outrigger century glass sands from the feet...pause...admire our clock. It is truly family and one of our oldest possession, keeping Hawaiian Time for members and visitors through growing times, doubtful times, moving times, war times, Dad and Duke times, and... faithfully... 99 years of good times.

If it could only "talk story as well as "tell" time.

This is the sixth in a series of The Koa Log. The Historical Committee sincerely hopes readers are enjoying the content, as well as any memories they might evoke. Member comments are encouraged and ideas for future columns are welcome and should be emailed to: occkoaolog@gmail.com

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As the Terrace Turns

Gerry DeBenedetti has returned from Midway Atoll where she was part of a volunteer group counting albatross for the National Fish & Wildlife Service. This is an annual count, and Gerry was part of a similar group 11 years ago. Her daughter **Cassie Senner** was part of another team last year.

This was a BIG year for birds, over 666,000 nesting birds counted. This means bird on nest with egg. There are birds walking, birds flying, birds out to sea, birds on empty nests, eggs in and out of nests without a bird, BUT, you count only the birds with an egg in the nest. Gerry says divided by the team members, this means she personally counted about 33,000.

This was a special way to celebrate Christmas and New Year's, on a small atoll without street lights, no cars, only you and your bicycle, your fellow counters and albatross (also terns, boobies, noddies, frigate birds, not to mention monk seals and green sea turtles).

Members are invited to submit items for this column. Items may be left at the Front Desk or emailed to occmag@aol.com. Items received by March 25 will appear in the May magazine. Items received after March 25 will appear in June. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.



Gary Ostrem holds his granddaughter Alana at the OCC during the holidays.



Outrigger big wave surfers Paul Strauch, Joey Cabell and Fred Hemmings Jr. were recently in Freshwater, Australia to help celebrate the centennial of Duke Kahanamoku surfing there.



Gerry DeBenedetti, far right in red shirt, counts albatross at Midway Atoll.



Tim Guard, Fred Hemmings Jr. and John Finney were on hand for the unveiling of the statue honoring Denver Bronco's owner and longtime OCC member Pat Bowlen. The event took place on October 19 at the Bronco's/Sports Authority Stadium in Denver.



During a recent visit to Hawaii Raymond Tsao cycled around the perimeter of Oahu, including a five mile hike around Ka'ena Point.



Our 2014 Employee of the Month winners were treated to lunch by OCC management on January 22. Seated: Rocky Agustin, Controller Joyce Nobriga, Judy Nikaido, Peta Bell. Standing: General Manager Gary Oliveira, Maintenance Director Robert Greer, Jason Ancheta, Mike Soares, Harris Ichiyama, DeRoy Lupica, James Kent, Alex Kozlowski, Dante Aguinaldo, and Executive Chef Dan Bower.



Marilyn Haine celebrated her 80th birthday at a party at son Marc's house. From left, Marc, Marilyn, Kisi and Natasha.

At the OCC



Ocean Enrichment Classes

by Don Isaacs, Beach Services Manager

This year's focus for the Beach Services education program will be on ocean safety, rescue, & response skills, with the goal of improving these skills for our membership should they be needed in an ocean related

emergency. These skills also help our members engaged in ocean activities to make smart choices in dealing with potential hazards.

The classes include ocean risk management planning, CPR/ First Aid, lifesaving, boating skills training with the OCC Whalers, canoe/boat towing, response to canoe emergencies, OC-1 & Kayak clinics, and more.

Last month, we had an OC-1 clinic and an Ocean Safety Technician Training class and plan on having more NASBLA certified classes throughout the year. Coming up this month is a class on boat rescue skills including canoe/boat towing, rescues, docking and mooring.

Our new OCC Sailing Canoe will be another focal point of the programs this year. Besides giving Saturday rides, we will be offering canoe sailing instruction (good for those who can already steer a canoe).

Some of the programs we have planned include:

- March 21st – **Boat Rescue Skills** (including canoe rescue/towing).
- April – **Hawaiian Waters Safe Boating Class** (NASBLA certification required by DLNR) - dates TBA
- May – **Kayak Clinics, Ocean Risk Management** class with **CPR & First Aid** – dates TBA
- June – 1 -5 & 8 -12; Aug 10 – 14: **Youth Surf Camps**
- July 27 - 31; August 3 – 7: **Youth Ko Kainalu Programs**

Watch for more details on these classes in the E News, the members' website, the bulletin boards, and next month's *Outrigger* magazine.



Cribbage Tournament

Join the fun at the 2015

OCC Cribbage Tournament in the Koa Lanai. You may bring a partner or be paired with someone at the tournament. The event is free and refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the Front Desk or contact Margie Howe at 924-1815. **Saturday, March 21, 2015. Sign in 11 AM.**



Paddling Registration

Members wishing to register for paddling this season may pick up a registration packet at the front desk or go online and register electronically.

Register before March 14 and save \$25 on the registration fee. The web link for electronic registration is on the OCC members' website.

Live Music in the Ka Mo'i Boathouse

March 11 – Zanuck Lindsey

March 18 – Kualoa

March 25 – Lego House

6:30 – 8:30 PM, Ka Mo'i Boathouse

Calendar

March 14 – Last day to register for Canoe Racing at the \$100 fee level.

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A Shark Saving Adventure



FAR LEFT: Making the trip to Indonesia were, front, Aurora Sassone and Paul Friese. Back: Debra Deshais, Kim Darling, Mary Quinn, Rici Guild.

LEFT: The shark on the beach was illegally caught and is getting ready to be de-finned.

One hundred million sharks are fished out of the ocean every year; at this rate most shark species will go extinct in the next 10 years

In April 2014, OCC member Kim Darling and her daughter-in-law Aurora Sassone, hatched a plot to document a shark saving adventure to Bali.

Taking advantage of an employee engagement program at her company, Aurora submitted a proposal for an Edelman Escape grant that would provide her supplemental funding and a week of paid time off to execute the project; she got the grant. It sounded like such a good cause and such a grand adventure that, on the project's approval, other OCC members: Deb Deshais, Rici Guild and Mary Quinn joined in.

The group flew to Bali meeting up with yet another OCC member, Paul Friese, who ran Bali Sharks, an organization he founded to raise awareness of the plight of sharks in Indonesia. Through a "swim with the sharks" program Paul helps fund conservation efforts.

Paul collects young sharks picked up by cooperative fishermen, and raises them until they can be safely released. While still young, the sharks pose little threat to visitors who are allowed in the netted enclosures to swim with white tips, black tips and cat sharks.

Why is this important? And why did we choose this venue? Sharks represent the top of the ocean food chain, keeping other marine life in healthy balance which helps regulate fish populations and keeps our oceans healthy.

Despite the growing realization of the importance of sharks to the health of the oceans and fisheries, more than 100 million sharks are killed annually, a 400 percent increase in the last two decades. This destruction has decimated the world's shark population by 90 percent. Experts estimate that if we continue this slaughter most shark species will go extinct in the next 10 years.

Why the catastrophe? It's all for the fins. Shark fins are the most valuable seafood products on the market. One fin can go for \$200-\$300. The demand for shark fins is being driven mainly by the increasing popularity of Shark Fin Soup in

places like China and Singapore, where ordering and serving it is seen as a sign of wealth.

These sharks are caught, finned and then the carcass is often thrown away. Often times the sharks are finned on the boat and just thrown back into the water, still breathing, to bob and slowly die.

More sharks are killed in Indonesia than anywhere else in the world. The selling of shark fins has become an economic boon to many poor fishermen in Bali and greater Indonesia. The demand from Asia seems virtually unstoppable. It is a quandary that will not be easily addressed.

Under Paul's direction, our group began its documentation by visiting several fish markets, filming large caches of shark fins for sale at the local market, and the offloading of several very large sharks in the commercial market.

Next we visited Paul's shark nursery to both swim with the sharks, and to learn about the process of saving these creatures. Paul has helped educate several local fishermen, who are also spreading the word about his work.

When a shark, usually a baby, is caught in a fisherman's nets, these men bring the shark to Paul. He rehabilitates them in his netted enclosures and once healthy enough to be released, Paul and his crew pack them in large plastic water bags, keep them cool in Styrofoam coolers and ferry them to the Gili Islands; a dive and eco sanctuary two hours by ferry from Bali, that is perfect for their release.

As the final part of the adventure, our group followed Paul to the Gili Islands, participated in and filmed the release of two sharks; a black tip and a cat shark. It was a successful release. Both sharks survived the transfer and swam away immediately. We also brought seven Cat Shark egg sacks. We then, with more practiced divers, helped to attach the shark eggs to an artificial reef where they will be checked on daily.

Our group was also fortunate, through Paul, to meet Mark Thorpe, an Emmy winning underwater cinematographer



Paul Friese releases a black tip shark into the water off of the Gili Islands.



Illegally taken shark fins dry on a roof.



This sack contains seven eggs that were laid by Cat Sharks that Paul had rescued. The sack was tied to an artificial reef where they will be monitored until they hatch and are big enough to swim away.

who is currently filming and producing a documentary on shark fining in Indonesia, aptly named Findonesia, which is set to be released in the second half of 2015. His stories and experiences added much to our understanding of the plight of these magnificent creatures.

We had an adventure of a lifetime and learned how much work and education is needed in trying to save a species. The economical, educational and cultural needs of the popula-

tion must be addressed before a change will be made. It is an uphill battle.

Paul has personally saved 100 sharks. It's a good start but it doesn't make a dent in the annual slaughter. We all have to be aware and raise awareness of the vital role sharks play at the top of the food chain by maintaining balance in the oceans. Destroying shark populations adds to the destruction of our oceans and our life support system.

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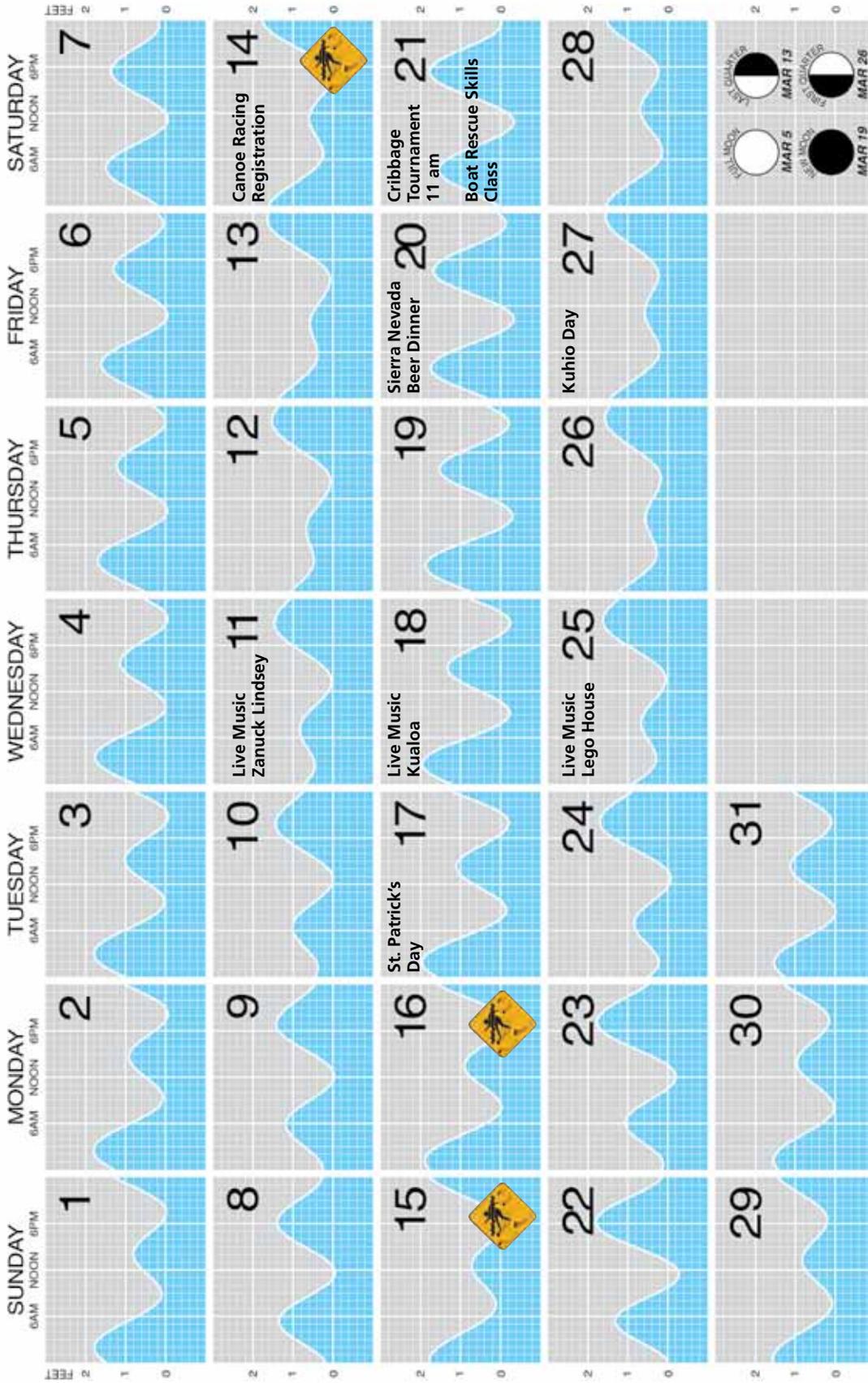
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Boating and Fishing Report

By Brad Thiessen



Brad Thiessen shows off his winning mahi mahi.

During the summer the Boating and Fishing Committee had its first boating and fishing day with the Beach Services. Two beach services captains Alex and Malack took a group of beginner fisherman for a troll down to the Honolulu Harbor and back.

Nothing was biting so some bait lines were set out and sure enough a school of Aha Aha started biting. Two were caught and released. It was a fun half day with perfect weather. Beach services will have another Boating and Fishing day in 2015.

On November 4, 2014 the annual OCC Fishing Tournament took place. Brad Thiessen and Mike Muzynski aboard the *SummerHawk* caught the big fish of the day which was a nice mahi mahi. Chris McKenzie won the tuna category.

Leilani and the Beach Services did a great job running the tournament board. Weather conditions were poor and the turn out suffered.

The 2015 tournament will include Canoe, SUP and Kayak fishing. The focus will be on member involvement and a fun awards banquet.

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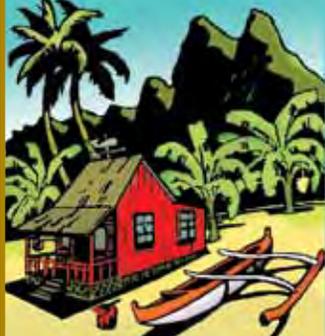
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By Ron Haworth

46 Year Ago 1969 Tommy Thomas, President

During President Nixon's recent visit to Hawaii, his son-in-law and daughter, David and Julie Eisenhower, were guests at the Club and enjoyed an outrigger canoe ride in the surf in front of Tonggs. Doing the honors as steersman and paddlers were Fred Hemmings Jr., Aka Hemmings, Ron Sorrell and a wet secret service man.

Star-Bulletin exclusive (abridged) article:

"Julie wore a blue and white mini dress for her first meeting with the surf. David was attired in slacks and a knit shirt.

"The Outrigger Canoe Club had been alerted beforehand of the Eisenhower's visit and Fred Hemmings and Rabbit Kekai were standing by to steer the two canoes the party would use. Three Secret Service men were along with walkie-talkies and suspicious bulges beneath their shirts. They, too, went canoe surfing.

"After several good rides Julie asked what was on the bottom, and Aka, a fellow you just can't keep out of the water tumbled from the canoe and swam to the bottom. He would show Julie what grew down there: seaweed. And Julie accepted what must have been the strangest bouquet ever offered.

"Secret Service men must be alert to everything around them, but canoe surfing was one situation they didn't study in any service manual. But except that their two-way radios suffered from the spray and wouldn't work after the first wave, they pulled the unfamiliar situation off with aplomb."

For the Record

Biathlon

Magic Island Biathlon

1/11/15

Karin Del Ray and Michael Irwin

44:57.9

Joanne and Uli Klinkle

45:36.9

Brad Coates

49:06.9

OC1/Kayak

Bob's Pizzeria Kanaka Ikaika #1

1/10/15

Long Course 8 miles Makai Pier around Rabbit Island, Mokuluas and Flat Islands to Kailua

Heath Hemmings, OC1, 1:22:01

Amy Lawson-Woodward, OC1, 1:32:20

Mary Smolenski, OC1, 1:33:09

Paula Crabb, OC1, 1:37.22

Anella Borges, OC1, 1:37:55

Short Course 5 miles Waimanalo Beach Park to Kailua Beach Park

Twain Newhart, OC1, 55:59

Kanaka Ikaika #2

1/18/15 Hawaii Kai to Kaimana Beach

Victor Agostini, OC1, 1:05:24

Donna Kahakui, OC1, 1:08:18

Amy Lawson-Woodward, OC1, 1:10:31

Vaimana Conner, OC1, 1:11:39

Mary Smolenski, OC1, 1:11:40

Paula Crabb, OC1, 1:14:20

Anella Borges, OC1, 1:14:36

Twain Newhart, OC1, 1:15:07

Hunter Pflueger, PB, 1:29:44

Christian Bradley, PB, 1:33:16

Peter Balding III, PB, 1:34:11

Kanesa Duncan, PB, 1:38:16

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Employee of the Month

Rocky Agustin

By Stephen Riede

Dining Room Attendant Rocky Agustin was chosen Employee of the Month for December. Rocky started with the Club in October 2011. Food & Beverage Director Dave Brown states: "Rocky defines sense of urgency with his proactive approach to member service. He anticipates situations and works to correct potential problems before they happen. His efforts all year long have been a great asset to the Hau Terrace Team."

Rocky and his wife have operated a lunch wagon recently and also currently run a catering business on the side. Congratulations Rocky and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

In Memoriam

Margaret L. Harnish

Deceased: January 15, 2015
Club Member: 41 Years

William F. Baird

Deceased: January 31, 2015
Club Member: 69 Years



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Athletic To Permanent Membership

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Christoher Deuchar

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Associate

Riggs Silva

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Jr.
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Nathan Puna
Smith
Junior

ON THE COVER: One of the best things about the Outrigger Canoe Club is the sunsets and the anticipation of seeing the green flash. Member Jan Newhart was taking a photo of the sunset in January from the Club beach. Her photos show the before and after of a green flash. Jan says she's taken hundreds of sunset photos over the years and this is the first time she's ever gotten the flash. Thanks for sharing Jan. Come catch a sunset and maybe a green flash before the sun begins setting behind the Waianae range for summer.



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BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 29, 2015.

Membership Count: The Membership Count was 4,807 as of December 31, 2014.

Special Athletic Membership: Special Athletic Memberships for Jane McKee and Sean Kaawa were approved. Their memberships will run from February 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Canoe Racing Coaches: The Board approved coaches for the 2015 season: Guy Wilding (Head Coach and Women's Open), Sean Monahan (Men's Open), Jim Beaton (Assistant Open), and Mark Sandvold (Youth Coach). The Board agreed that coaches are not to be considered OCC employees and any fees or honorariums paid to coaches will be considered as payment to independent contractors.

Reciprocal Club: The Board approved the recommendation from the House Committee to add the Sulgrave Club in Washington D.C. as a reciprocal club with the OCC.

Insurance Advisor: The Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation to approve Insurance Advantage LLC as the Club's new insurance advisor for the property program, replacing Aon in their full capacity.

Judges of Election: The Board approved the following as the 2015 Judges of Election: Gerri Pedesky, Chair; Peter Balding, Gerry DeBenedetti, Kent Giles, Murray Hixson, Jimmy McMahon, Arden Moore, and Gordon Smith.

March Meeting: The Board voted to move the March meeting up one week to March 19 so that it does not conflict with private school spring break.

Financial Report: For 2014 there was net income of \$70,921, which is \$70,670 better than budget. The surplus was due to a number of factors including unspent budgeted athletic funds, lower electricity rates, and a strong month of December for F & B. For 2014 \$330,000 in initiation fees have been collected and deposited in the Operating Fund. \$334,400 in initiation fees are reflected in the Building Fund and the Building Fund had a net loss of \$508,427, which is primarily due to the sale of the Kalani-anaole Property.

Operations: Executive Chef Dan Bower is implementing new procedures in the kitchen for storage, inventory, and staffing. He is also working on engineering a new menu with the goal of implementing it in March in the Hau Terrace. The Snack Shop will be getting some upgraded menu items. New surfboard racks are being fabricated. The goal is to have them installed in April. Christian Chally is the new Chef de Cuisine. Sous Chef Robert Miller will be concentrating on banquets and dessert improvements. Sous Chef Toby Sakoda will be assisting Chef Bower.

Unattended Children: The Board discussed the problem of unattended children on the Club grounds.

Boathouse Photos: The Historical Committee is working with B & G and the ARC committees regarding the new art in the Ka Mo'i Boathouse.

Public OCC Historical Website: The Board approved a public website that records the athletic history of the OCC. It would include the history of the various sports, photos and descriptions of perpetual trophies, news clips and photos. It would also feature OCC Olympians, Winged "O", ODKF, and OCC Club Captains. The site would be in addition to the members' site and the current Historical Committee site and would be intended as a public reference, where the other two sites are for OCC members only. Administration of the site would be done by the Historical Committee.

Club Comparisons: The Board reviewed a report comparing dues, mini-charges, initiation fees, and locker fees for various clubs on Oahu.

Board Succession: The Board discussed the presidential succession as outlined in the Bylaw revision. A vote for the President will be taken after the annual meeting to conform with current Bylaws. Going forward, assuming approval of the Bylaw amendments, the Board will create a "President Elect" position to succeed the current President, subject to conditions of eligibility as proposed by the Board in January 2014. The Board approved Jon Whittington and Fred Noa for these positions, subject to ratification on February 23, after the annual meeting.

Strategic Initiatives: Jon Whittington reviewed the Strategic Initiative Document created by the LRP Committee. The document is meant to act as a "road map" and evolve over time. Some of the primary goals outlined in the document include:

- Retention of the current Club location at the end of the lease.
- Alternatives to the current location should lease negotiations prove unsuccessful.
- Fitness Center relocation.
- The development of alternative paddling practice sites to relieve the pressure on the Club's facilities during Canoe Racing season.
- Regular Bylaw review.
- Perpetuating the OCC culture.

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