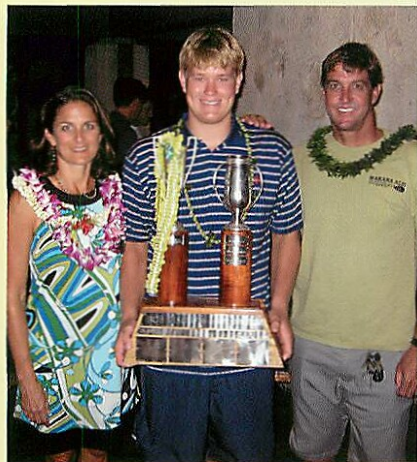


Jimmy Field Winner of Bob Fischer Award



Canoe Racing Chair Jen Bossert and Coach Jim Beaton present the Bob Fischer Memorial Trophy to Jimmy Field. Photo by Bill Johnson.

OCC paddlers gathered in the Koa Lanai on July 29 to celebrate the 2008 regatta season and honor the Club's paddlers. Following dinner, they moved to the dance floor for a fun night.

For the second year in a row, Jimmy Field was named the winner of the Bob Fischer Memorial Trophy for outstanding achievement by a youth paddler.

Jimmy received the award for going above and beyond the expectations of Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers. Jimmy is a member of the Boys 16 crew coached by Jim Beaton and has been paddling for the Outrigger since he was on the Boys 12 and under crew.

During practices and regattas, Jimmy is consistently acting for the greater good of the Club and doing whatever he can to contribute to the paddling program; he helps rig boats, holds canoes at regattas, loads equipment, leads the cheering section, and takes initiative and steps in to help whenever possible.

Congratulations Jimmy.

OUTEY awards were presented to the following:

The Kailua Spa Girls

Kailua was like nothing we've ever seen before. It was like visiting the sands of the Sahara during a sandstorm and Alice Lunt, Sandra Simons and Kelly McMahon looked the part. They were crusted with sand everywhere! It was all over their eyelashes, in their eyes, and their hair was almost white with that light sand. It was like dermabrasion or a day at the spa, only much, much different!

Revenge of the Groin

Kent Giles sat alone in the six man canoe waiting for his crew to get in. He was right off the beach during a very high tide and large surges. One surge took his canoe onto the groin and as the water receded there he was sitting on top of the groin in the six man! The next large surge picked up the canoe and took it off the groin and back to deep water. That was quite an accomplishment! The moral of this story kids is that it takes two paddlers to control a canoe in the super high tide large swell conditions!! Do what you're told, not what you see!

The Little Paddler That Could!

Last year Claire Feeley was always sitting on the beach when her crew raced, and this year has been much the same. She didn't give up and even though she wasn't able to race a lot, she had a winning attitude. She always cheered on her crew mates, stroked one special race and steered another. Her coaches say it was a privilege coaching her. Claire was recognized for never quitting and for being a paddler any coach would be proud of coaching!

Training Them to be Like Kisi

Coaches Genie and Chris Kincaid rewarded their hard-working 14 Girls crew with open ocean practices and trained them right! Young steerswoman Devan Kaye lined up deep in the channel just like she'd been taught, took off with perfect form, and then ran into a slight road bump... aah, if only the canoe ahead of her was a little more to the left. Can't wait to see her in the surf in 10 years... but coach Genie? Next time, can you at least lend the kid a steering paddle first?

Annual Huli Award

It was a close race for the Annual Huli Award between the Novice B men who learned a hard lesson about "leaning left" on the beach, literally, at the Club versus the Kailua Mixed crew racing at the end of a gale force wind day. At least their steersman crossed the finish line before taking everyone for a swim. The award goes to Jared Watumull.

Dr. Bob's Repair Clinic

Prominent orthopedic surgeon Bob Atkinson took time out of his busy paddling schedule to tend to OCC's walking wounded Liz Perry and Jen Lyons. We hope the beeper doesn't interfere with that next glass of wine... and oh Bob, these accidents never happened before you started paddling, right? Hmmmm.

Big Wednesday

First swell of the season and it's big. Coach Lizzie Perry stays inside to teach the Novice B's steering, and sends the others out to sea. Bad idea. Coming home, Michele St. John sent Tracy Bradley first so she could watch her safely traverse the channel. That failed and Tracy and company swamped. Next, Michele started in the channel, when suddenly Lisa Livingston screamed 'Bail, it's a huge set'. Novices Julia and Anela looked around and saw they were the last two left in the boat and bailed just before the wave hit. The canoe hulled ama over, snapping both iako before it hit the swamped canoe in front of them. Whose idea was it to go out that day?