

Outrigger Canoe Club Urgently In Need Of Many More Members

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choice property at Waikiki beach. It was due to the kindness of William Lishman of the Seaside hotel that this lease was secured, the hotel waiving its rights that the Outrigger Canoe Club might secure the lease and the property which it now holds.

"Later in July, 1908, the largest crowd ever assembled at the beach gathered to witness the Outrigger Canoe Club's regatta, given for the edification of the round-the-world fleet. Never since the days of Kamehameha has so large a fleet of Hawaiian canoes appeared at Waikiki.

ONLY ONE OF KIND

"One of the first projects put forth by the club was that here the dying water sports of Hawaii should be revived and kept alive that the children of Oahu might not remain entirely ignorant of old Hawaii and its ways, and that they might gain health and strength in the surf. That residents of all ages should benefit and customs be perpetuated that had no counterpart elsewhere in the world.

"The Outrigger Canoe Club was conceived as an unselfish plan, not only to give all an equal opportunity to enjoy Hawaiian water sports, but also to provide a spot where at all times the stranger might enjoy the sight of a bit of old Hawaii, and the sport of surfing, the fame of which has gone round the world, and become one of our chief assets."

FORD THE SPONSOR

Who was responsible for the torch of enthusiasm, and the power of inception and promotion behind the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1908? Who was it who worked so unselfishly and doggedly to give to the future generations in Honolulu this wonderful playground on the beach at Waikiki. None other than our own Alexander Home Ford, who has done so much for Hawaii without thought of personal gain or remuneration. The germ of the Outrigger Canoe Club originated in the mind and imagination of this fine servant of the Territory.

"Here then, on the historic landing place of Kamehameha the Great, and for many years the home grounds of the Kamehamehas, stands the Outrigger Canoe Club, which has as its object the perpetuation of Hawaiian water sports.

It has not been easy for this club to finance itself since its organization. It has had a hard struggle from the beginning to get sufficient funds to maintain itself because of its low annual dues and initiation fees.

Saturday, the Outrigger Canoe Club is holding a fair at its grounds to which the public is invited, with the hope that many who have never been there will find a new sense of enjoyment in the club and become members.

REAL KAUKAU

A delicious luncheon will be served from 11:30 a. m. to 2 p. m., and supper from 5 until 7 p. m. The food will be served cafeteria style. Admission to the grounds will be free and tourists and kamaeaina will have the opportunity of purchasing delicious home-made foods and pastries of every description. The club's outrigger canoes will be ready at all times, manned by skilled, careful crews to take the visitors surf riding for a nominal sum. Surf boards also will be procurable. Everyone in the family is invited, the children especially, because "it is here that the youngsters get their early training in swimming and the healthy stimulation for active, out-door life.

In the spring of 1908, immediately after the signing of the lease that gave the club an acre and a half fronting on Waikiki beach, work was begun clearing the little

wilderness and getting into operation the plan of putting the historic landing place in shape for a clubhouse and grandstand.

MANY CHANGES

Look at the old photograph at the top of this page. That was the club fourteen years ago. It hardly seems possible it could be the same piece of beach. Yet it is, and it has been through the untiring effort and dogged determination of its members that it has progressed and built itself up to occupy its unique position as the only club of its kind in the entire world.

Nowhere else is there a club totaling a membership of nearly 800 with such low dues and initiation fees. But these expenses have been kept down so that everyone of moderate financial means could be a member and have access to the beach, with all the privileges of the club. It is indeed a high standard to set and has been hard to maintain. Expenses have mounted higher and higher each year, with no material increase in funds, initiation fees or dues.

Today the club needs money to pay its yearly expenses, as it does not receive sufficient remuneration from its dues and initiation fees to pay its bare operating expenses, to say nothing of needed repairs. When you stop to consider that there is a club occupying considerable frontage on one of the most famous beaches in the world and the only place where surfing and outrigger canoeing can be enjoyed, and when you further consider that the initiation fee is only \$10 for senior members and nothing for junior members, and the dues are only \$12 a year for senior members and \$6 a year for junior members, you can understand how difficult it is to make both ends meet financially.

DUES VERY LOW

A club of a similar nature, on any other world-renowned beach, would charge at least ten times those dues and initiation fees; but the founders of this club were determined that the dues and initiation fees should never become prohibitive to those of moderate financial means.

It is an old but true saying that a prophet is without honor in his own country. Very often things closest to us are hardest to see in their true light and perspective. The magazines, newspapers and publications, both in Europe and America, have carried many wonderful writeups and stories about this club which has revived and kept alive the national water sports of Hawaii. It is generally admitted, that were it not for the Outrigger Canoe Club the sports of surf board riding and outrigger canoeing would have vanished from Hawaii. It also goes without saying that this club has fostered swimming as a national sport of the Islands, and that it is due to its position on the beach and the enthusiasm and effort and training of its members that so many of Hawaii's swimmers have developed into world champions. Possibly no organization in the Territory has done so much to give the boys and girls of Honolulu a clean, wholesome, healthy setting, where they can develop mentally and physically.

800 MEMBERS

Today the club has nearly 800 senior and junior members. The club's bare running expenses are about \$8000 a year, which includes rental, salaries, taxes, electricity, gas, water, telephones, etc. The money derived from dues and initiation fees does not provide sufficient funds to meet these bare operating expenses. In addition to these absolutely necessary expenses of the club, there are repairs, such as keeping the walks in condition; maintaining the plumbing, keeping the canoes in good shape and the roof in repair. There is no surplus for the up-keep of the buildings and bath houses, which need frequent painting.

More chairs are used on the pavilion and lanai and the metal lockers need proper care. The lagoon should be filled at once. This is a splendid site for one or more volleyball courts and a playground for children which should have playground apparatus.

It is estimated the cost of filling the lagoon would total around \$4000, but where is the club to get \$4000 for such improvements? Formerly, the rent to the Queen Emma estate for the club grounds was \$100 a year. Now it is \$150 a month and the lease expires in 1936. It was only through the interest of the trustees and the efforts and hard work of the club's directors that this lease was allowed to continue ten years longer as such a moderate sum as \$150 a month.

MEMBERS NEEDED

The directors feel that if the total membership can be brought up to a thousand, the funds derived from the increased membership will just about allow them to break even for the year. But it does not provide for a surplus fund to be used for the upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

The Outrigger Canoe Club has become an institution and an important one. It is worthy of the help and consideration of the best and ablest men and women in the community. It is up to the Outrigger Club to preserve for other generations these Hawaiian water sports that are the unique and proud possession of these islands in the mid-Pacific. It is only through the Outrigger Canoe Club that the younger generation has an access to the beach where it can learn to swim and surf. If this club should go under there is absolutely no other place along the beach where surfing and canoeing could be maintained and preserved and where the men and women as well as children could have their club and be allowed to develop healthfully and wholesomely.

MUST NOT PERISH

It is of the utmost importance to Honolulu that this club continue. Swimming, surfing and canoeing is the outstanding and natural sport and exercise of these islands, and it is done practically solely to the Outrigger Canoe Club that they have been maintained and offered so economically to the visitors and members.

To those persons in Honolulu who are interested in swimming and in the ideals and hopes of the club, a most sincere and earnest invitation is extended to come to its grounds Saturday and get acquainted and see for themselves what the club is doing.

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Time of holding a general competitive and classified examination at the McKinley High School, corner of Kapiolani and Victoria streets, Honolulu, will be held on Thursday, May 22, 1924, at 7 o'clock p. m. instead of May 15, 1924, as previously advertised.

D. KALA'UOKALANI,
Secretary, Honolulu Civil Service Commission.
(May 14, 15, 16, 17.)



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