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The Surfing World

Spree Opens Competition

By WALT PHILLIPS

The third annual Haleiwa Sea Spree—first contest in 1969 surfing competition—is scheduled for the weekends of Feb. 15-16 and 22-23.

It's open to all surfers and is sanctioned by the Hawaiian Surfing Assn.

Anyone wishing to receive a rating should get his HSA card as soon as possible and we should note here that surfers who are not members of one of the HSA clubs can still obtain a competition card.

Just drop in at your near-

est friendly surf shop and you'll get full details.

The Sea Spree contest has four divisions—junior, 17 and under; men, 18 to 34; senior, 35 and over, and women's open. Deadline for entries is Feb. 8.

There will be television coverage of the event which is sponsored by the Waialua Community Assn. and the North Shore Jaycees.

The first two Sprees were held in very good surf with resultant fine performances.

While we're talking about contests, we note that the Hawaiian team for the Peru-

vian championships has been selected.

The team, selected by Peru's Eduardo Arena from a list supplied by George Downing, Wally Froiseth and Fred Van Dyke, will be manned by Butch Van Artsdalen, Fred Hemmings, Ben Aipa, Joey Cabell, Clyde Aikau, Reno Abiellero and Downing.

A \$1,000 purse will be at stake. Seems that Kim McVay's gesture in the Duke meet here has set a sterling example for other sponsors.

The Peru meet is scheduled for Feb. 22-28 and is primarily an invitational affair.

"But anyone who wants to pay his own expenses is welcome to enter," said Downing. The Outrigger Club's Mike Holmes has indicated he will make the trip.

Where are the waves hiding this winter in Hawaii? There have been a few good days but it has mostly been a frustrating effort to find them. Curt Wade of Rick's Surf Shop believes it's a "polar flip" which is as good a theory as any.

Congratulations to surfing great Jimmy Lucas who recently married Michelle Bar-

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Winged O For Ober, Hemmings

The Outrigger Canoe Club's highest award—the Winged O—went to both Jerry Ober and world surfing champion Fred Hemmings Jr. last night.

Presentation was made at the second annual athletic awards banquet, honoring 150 athletes.

Ober received his award for honorary service to the club and its youth.

Hemmings and Ober are the 9th and 10th Outrigger members to ever achieve the Winged O. Among the others was the late Duke Kahanamoku.

The major 1968 athletic achievements by Outrigger were winning both the Hawaiian and U.S. AAU volleyball titles; winning the 23-mile Lanikai-Waikiki canoe race, plus two summer regattas.

Four Outrigger volleyball players were on the U.S. team which competed in the Mexico City Olympic Games—Pete Velasco, Tom Haine, Jon Alstrom and John Stanley.

In addition to Hemmings' surfing wins, Joey Cabell won the Makaha International Championships for the second straight time, and Keone Downing won the junior title.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Kahuku beat Castle 89 to 60 last night to gain a tie for third place in Oahu Interscholastic Association basketball action. Kahuku and Castle are now tied behind Radford and Kailua.

Kali Watson of Kamehameha slipped past Tony Souza of Kaimuki last week to lead in individual basketball scoring in the Interscholastic League of Honolulu. Watson has 114 points in eight games for a 14.3 average. Souza has 111 points in the same number of games for a 13.9 average. Iolani leads the ILH in scoring with 453 points, but Punahou has the best scoring average of 61.1 points a game.

Punahou will face Kamehameha in the feature game Saturday

at the HIC Arena. And Kaimuki will play McKinley in the ILH's 7 p.m. opener. Punahou is unbeaten so far in the season.

USS Ilse Royal won over the USS Enterprise last night 79 to 78 in the Hawaiian Area All-Navy basketball tourney—but not until Bob Stare sunk a jumper at the final buzzer. The winners play Sub-Pac tonight. In other basketball action yesterday, Project Shad beat Cinc-Pac 60 to 52, Navy Com Station defeated Nav-Air Hawaii 82 to 72.

The Outrigger Canoe Club presented its highest award—the Winged "O"—last night to Jerry Ober and world surfing champion Fred Hemmings, Jr. Ober got the award for honorary service to the club and its youth. Hemmings and Ober are the ninth and tenth Outrigger members to receive the Winged "O". The late Duke Kahanamoku was another.

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Top OCC award goes to Hemmings, Ober

The Outrigger Canoe Club honored over 150 of its athletes last evening during the second annual athletic awards banquet.

The club's highest award,

the Winged O, was presented to surfer Fred Hemmings Jr. and Jerry Ober for service to youth canoeing.

Major Outrigger victories in '68 included winning the AAU volleyball championships at Seattle and the Hawaii State titles. The team also took second place at the Portland Nationals.

FOUR OUTRIGGER players went on to Mexico and represented OCC and America in the '68 Games. They were Pete Velasco, Tom Haine, Jon Alstrom and John Stanley.

Founded in 1908 by Alexander Hume Ford to preserve the sports of canoeing and surfing at Waikiki, Outrigger had a banner year in these sports.

They were the class of the field in the 23-mile Duke Kahanamoku Lanikai-to-Waikiki canoe race and set a

race record in the 42-mile grind between Molokai and Oahu.

Outrigger won two regattas during the summer season and finished first over-all in victories and points. Their 18-year-old crew went the season undefeated.

HEMMINGS and Joey Cabell were helped by young

Keone Downing in bolstering OCC's surfing achievements. Hemmings brought the world championships back from Puerto Rico and Cabell and Downing walked away with

the senior and junior Makaha trophies. Movies of the AAU volleyball and Spectrum IV's Molokai race film concluded the banquet last night.

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Surf Spray

by Ron Haworth



Canoe race film readied

Bill Davis, producer of a film he made of last season's Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race, allowed us a sneak preview and we came away impressed.

Davis is quick to admit that the film is still in the rough, and that it may be May before it has the final polish, but even in its present stage it shows tremendous merit and should find an abundance of eager audiences.

The title, Spectrum IV, is as far out as some of Davis' fine footage. When finished, the film will run 30 minutes and have actual dialogue recorded during the six-hour paddle. The version we saw was minus the soundtrack.

The film evolves mainly around the winning boat of Outrigger (Kakina), but Davis was aiming his camera in other directions as well whenever possible.

We're sure that the Lanikai Canoe Club will give a big "Ahhh" when it views a shot of its boat cresting a mid-channel wave.

"My original concept was to roam throughout the canoe flotilla," Davis said. "But once past the shelter of Molokai it became obvious this would be almost impossible because of high seas."

"As it was, I had to make a long-range gamble at Laau Point. And because Outrigger was well in the lead, I stayed closest to them."

It proved to be a gamble Davis does not regret. Realizing before race time that OCC was favored, Davis had one cameraman on their escort boat. He also had a charter boat for his own use and a rented helicopter.

The whole show

Much of the footage is seen through the lens at water level—an angle that makes this film what it is. Davis, himself, was the man with the fins and camera.

It would seem that this Molokai classic has too long been passed over by cameramen of merit. Its built-in "man against the sea" theme makes it a natural.

It's by far the most appealing part of Aloha Week to many Islanders and could well be spotlighted more than it has been.

And while on the topic of good film, that Duke Classic on ABC was a pip. Only one complaint that might be made—why wasn't the Hilton Hawaiian Village given a few frames? After all, they kicked in with 17 rooms for the surfers.

Also uncovered more surf art of note at the Ilial. The artist's name wasn't legible, but he displayed a talent rarely, if ever, seen.

The art seemed to be a combination of water color and inks and depicted surfers in various positions.

Surf Spray would appreciate any further information leading to the identity of this talented individual.

The Hawaii Surfing Association made a surprise move this week and left this columnist on its mailing list. And it's guaranteed we'll reciprocate by giving that organization some mention in '69.

Like . . . the initial HSA sanctioned contest will be the Haleiwa Sea Spree scheduled over successive weekends beginning Feb. 15 and 16.

Champs to be in Peru

Defending champion, Ben Aipa, will not be here, but off in Peru chasing waves. In fact, the cream of Hawaii's surfers will be off to the Peru Invitational on that weekend.

Deadline for Sea Spree entry is tomorrow midnight. Applications and information available at all surf shops.

Those surfers who wish to compete in HSA events this year are required to sign an affidavit stating whether they are amateurs or professionals.

This is a new ruling of HSA. What the individual did prior to signing is no consequence. The following establish professionalism under HSA interpretation: "Competing for money, coaching for money, competing against ineligible surfers in contests unauthorized by HSA, and failure to account for travel expenses."

Fred Hemmings became the first surfer to earn the Outrigger Winged O. Other honors handed out were Golden Dukes to John McMahon and the Outrigger from Kim McVay.

NEXT WEEK — Paul Strauch talks about the HSA and where it's headed.