

Hawaiian Hibiscus Found

A NATIVE HAWAIIAN plant that had not been seen for years has been rediscovered and hopes are high for its survival.

This is "Oahu yellow", whose scientific name is *Hibiscus brackenridgei* var. *Mokuleiana*, now blossoming at the Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Waimea Falls Park.

It is a native hibiscus, the last part of its name indicating that it is found only in the Waianae Mountains above Mokuleia.

Keith Woolliams, the arboretum director, describes it as "a magnificent plant" that grows well in cultivation.

He's started sending its seeds to scientific installations in Hawaii and around the world and hopes it can be propagated eventually for planting in local school yards.

He said it flowers on and off for about eight months. It grows to a tree 10 to 15 feet high, with bright yellow blossoms.

There's a story about its rediscovery. Woolliams put out a request for

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information on "Oahu yellow" in 1975, at which time there were no plants in cultivation and Woolliams wasn't sure there were any plants left in the wild.

MR. AND MRS. Jimmy Pang of Kaneohe, veteran hikers whose hobby is plant exploration, heard about Woolliams' efforts and started scouring the trails above Mokuleia.

After almost two years of searching, they located several two-inch seedlings in an obscure forest area and brought them to Woolliams for planting in the Hawaiian flora collection at the arboretum.

At first Woolliams wasn't sure if the seedlings were Oahu yellow, but their identity was confirmed by the first blooming. Now about a dozen plants are thriving in the Waimea Falls Park.

The original plant from which the seedlings came has died but a recent check by Pang and foresters turned up three seedlings near the original site which are the only known plants alive in the wild.

The arboretum and state Forestry



Harry Whitten

Division hope to start other specimens of the plant in the wild.

This native hibiscus is so rare that Woolliams hopes it can be placed on the official endangered species list of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Only five Hawaiian plants are now on the list but about 800 are being considered for listing.

The process for listing is so slow that Woolliams fears some of the rare plants will be extinct before they ever get listed.

The arboretum has the only plant left in the world of *Kokia* *cookei*, one of the island plants on the official list. Last year it bloomed for the first time and botanists had hopes for seeds to assure its survival. The seeds, however, were empty.

Woolliams says experiments are continuing to save *Kokia* *cookei*, and he thinks the lone plant will flower again this year.

Farm Bureau

THE HAWAII Farm Bureau Federation has issued a statement in support of an ordinance now being considered by the Honolulu City Council to provide stronger safeguards for Oahu's farm lands.

The ordinance, which would change zoning regulations for agricultural districts in an attempt to discourage spread of urban-type uses, was formulated by an agricultural task force headed by Councilman George Akahane.

The task force sent the proposed ordinance out for a public hearing, which will be held at 2 p.m. April 30 in the Council chambers.

The Farm Bureau said the proposed ordinance would make it possible for Waimanalo to be designated Agricultural District III, which means the minimum lot size would be two acres.

At its recent convention the Farm Bureau adopted a land policy that, among other things, said: "We believe that the extensive prime plantation or pasture lands should be in units of at least 20 acres."

"Intensive cultivation of truck crops, greenhouse and nursery plants, etc., can be profitable on smaller areas because of the very high value of the crop per acre, but in no case should land in agricultural districts be subdivided into areas smaller than two acres."

The policy statement also said that land having the best soil quality should be set aside permanently for crop production, that pasture lands should be preserved, and that locations be provided for cattle feed lots, swine and poultry raising.

It also said that land for specialized crops must be preserved and that housing areas must be provided

but that housing should not encroach on lands for agricultural use.

It said that lands used for farming should be assessed for taxation on the basis of their "value in such use" and not on the basis of "highest and best use."

Notes

THE HAWAIIAN Trail and Mountain Club, oldest and for years the only hiking club on Oahu, will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a series of events Saturday, including much reminiscing and looking at old pictures.

The club was founded by the late Alexander Hume Ford, who also founded the Outrigger Canoe Club. Ford was fascinated by Hawaiian history and wanted to reopen the old mountain routes followed by the Hawaiians.

Over the years the club has introduced the Hawaiian outdoors to thousands of Islanders, visitors and military personnel.

Joe Neilson, a former president whose membership dates back to pre-World War II days, will fly over from Molokai to cook the 70th anniversary dinner.

Leighton Taylor, Waikiki Aquarium director, will discuss "Hawaiian Fishes" in the natural history lecture series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the aquarium.

There is no admission charge but a \$1 donation is suggested.

The Garden Club of Honolulu will hold beginning horticulture classes, starting Thursday and ending May 15 at the Lyon Arboretum.

Information on registering may be obtained by phoning 737-1439 or the Garden Club office, 988-7533, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday.

Tree

THIS WEEK's exceptional tree is the tamarind, *Tamarindus indica*, in the ewa courtyard of the state Judicial Building.

Its age is estimated at 100 years. The tree is a native of tropical Asia and Africa. In India its seeds and flowers are eaten and a pleasant syrup is made from the brown pulp.



Tamarind tree. — Photo by Robert Mizuno, city Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Rainbow men capture Haili volleyball

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In AJA Finals

It will be an all-Honolulu title game Wednesday night when Sheridan meets McCully in the Oahu AJA championship game at Ala Wai Field, at 6:30.

Sheridan advanced through the loser's bracket and into Wednesday's title game with two victories yesterday at Ala Wai Field.

Sheridan gained the final of the double-elimination tournament by eliminating the lone Rural AJA survivor, Aiea, 9-8, in 10 innings. Sheridan then turned back championship-bracket winner McCully, 7-2. A Sheridan loss in the second game would have clinched the title for McCully.

Alan Odo had a homer and two runs-batted-in for Sheridan in its win over Aiea, while Riley Mende checked McCully on seven hits.

UH Men Triumph

HILO—The University of Hawaii men's team ended Outrigger Canoe Club's long domination in the Haili Invitational Volleyball Tournament by winning the title here Saturday night, 15-10, 2-15, 15-13. UH earlier OCC, 13-11, 15-9, to put the defending champions in the losers' bracket.

Sven Anderson of Hawaii was named the tournament's most valuable player. He was joined on the

all-tournament team by teammate Tim Wetzel, Jim Evans (Hilo Rap Center), Jim Iams and Charlie Jenkins (OCC) and Pedro and Powell Velasco of Lokahi I.

Coca Cola beat Na Hoaloa, 15-12, in sudden death for the wahine crown after losing, 15-4, 15-11, in the semifinals.

The women's all-tourney team was led by Joy Downing (Coca Cola), Rocky Elias and Nalani Spencer (Hale Koa); Angie Andrade (Na Hoaloa) and Mary Corales, Mary Ann Singleton and Diana McInerney (Coke).

Top Prep Surfers

Peter Curry of Punahou and Joyce Fujioka of Kalani placed first in their respective boys and girls competitions during yesterday's American Surfing Association Pacific Conference Oahu High School Surfing Championships yesterday at Kaneohe Marine Corps Station's North Beach.

In waves of two to four feet, Curry and Fujioka took top honors among the 50 competitors.

Hawaii, Chile in Tie

The Hawaii All-Stars played Chile to a 4-4 tie in yesterday's featured polo match at Mokuleia.

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PLAY BALL! Was it the Candlestick Park-esque wind that howled through Aloha Stadium that made it a chickenskin experience? Or was it the shadows of palm trees spreading across left field as the sun slipped toward Pearl Harbor and seeing the Stars and Stripes at my first baseball game in Hawaii? It could have been both. But what really made going to an Islanders game a chickenskin experience was seeing Little Leaguers in uniform, cheering not far from an attorney who defended a porno theater in an obscenity case. Baseball, like America, is big enough for everyone. . . . Went snorkeling and almost saw a shark. But then every time I go in the ocean, I almost see a shark. . . . Public service message: The theory was forwarded at the Press Club Gridiron Show (also known as the Press Club Prom) that you can drink twice as much as normal if you're wearing a tuxedo. □ □

SO IT GOES: Global Construction, one of Maui's biggest building firms, has cut its regular crew from 50 to 20 persons, preparing to fold in four months. Reason, said owner Bill Wilmore: "There is no work and there are no new projects starting until the summer of '81." . . . The Outrigger's golf tournament — limited to 60 participants — will be held at the very selective Hickam AFB on April 25. Which makes one wonder if the Outrigger has its own air force. . . . Larry Cook wonders if it's correct to refer to sexy census workers as "censual." . . . Jason Brandt Lewis' favorite all-time bumper sticker: "Disco is to music what Etch-a-Sketch is to art." □ □

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Sasaki HGEA Golf King

Jon Sasaki carded a two-day total 62-61—123 to win the overall championship of the 19th annual HGEA State Golf tournament at the Palii course last weekend.

Gunji Matsuoka, John Murakami, Raymond Medeiros, Kunio Fujisaki and Cris Moku of Maui retained its division title with a net score of 729. Aki Serizawa, meanwhile, took A-Flight honors with a 135; Sadao Kaneshiro took the B-Flight division with a 133 and Aulani Morton's 144 won the women's title.

UH Volleyball Team Wins

LOS ANGELES—The University of Hawaii men's volleyball team defeated Loyola-Marymount here, 15-13, 15-8, 15-11, to open a five-day California road trip.

The Rainbows, who won the 22nd annual Haili Invitational Tournament in Hilo over the weekend ending Outrigger Canoe Club's long domination, faces the ranked UC-Santa Barbara tonight, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo tomorrow and Pepperdine Thursday.

Oahu Sugar Unbeaten in ILWU

Oahu Sugar remained undefeated in the Oahu ILWU Softball league with a 6-0 record by stomping Dole Can Plant, 14-3, at Keeli Lagoon last weekend.

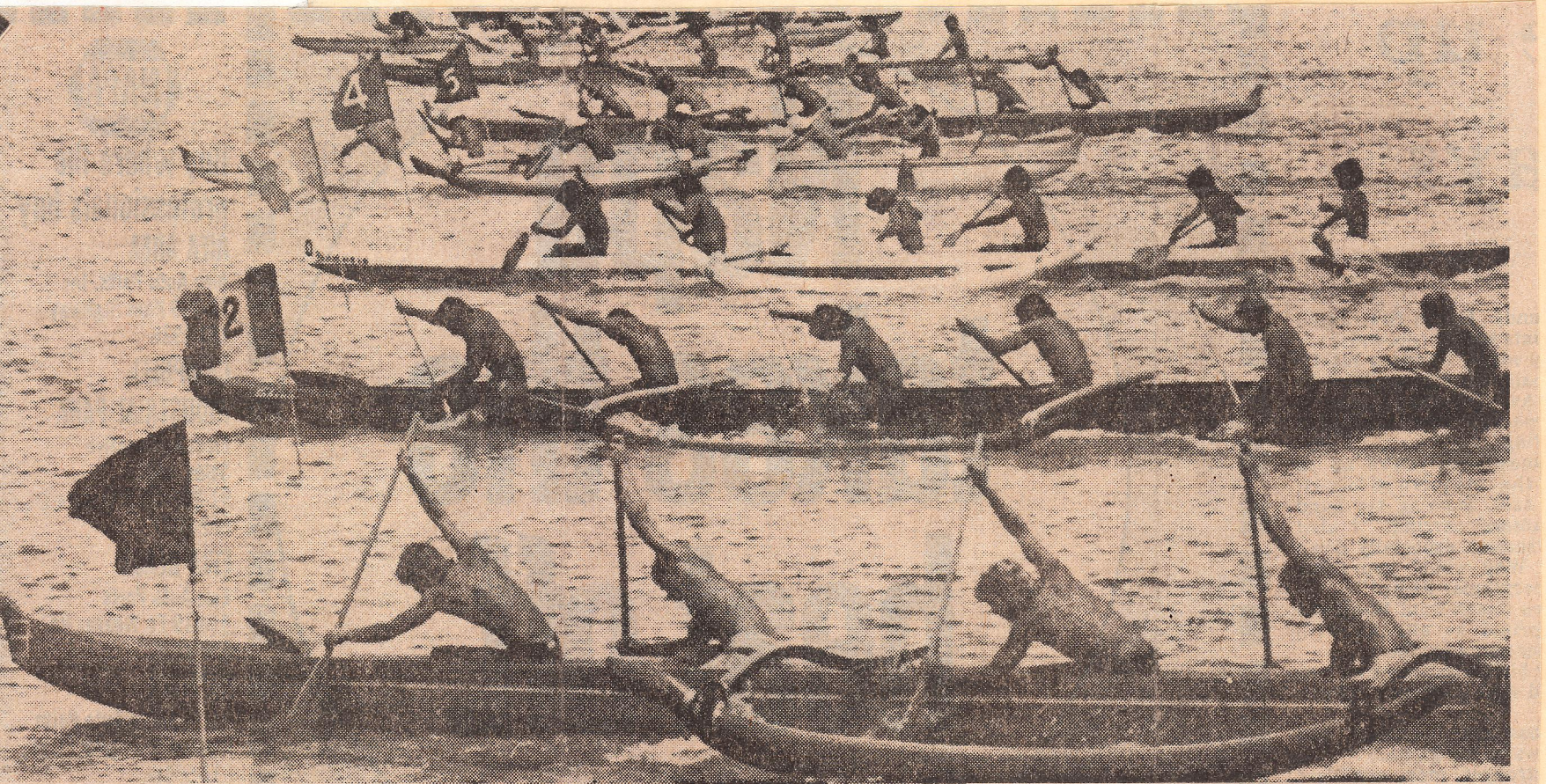
In other games, Universal Motors beat Love's Bakery, 10-6; Waiialua Sugar defeated Dole Wahawa, 10-2 and Longshoremen edged Love's Bakery, 5-2.

Meija Makule Softball

Saburo Ige smacked a couple of two-run homers and drove in six runs to lead Club Haru to a 10-4 victory over Kimura Florist in Honolulu Meija Makule Softball league action at Kawanakoa field last Sunday.

In other contests, Kiyoo's Transmission beat Hawaii Travel Bureau, 6-3 and Kasuga Restaurant slipped past Hawaiian Auto Parts, 14-7.

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Hawaii's canoe clubs are off to the races this season with a bigger and stronger cast than ever

Canoe clubs expecting strongest crews

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If the early races are any indication, local canoe clubs will be fielding stronger crews this season, but the traditional strongholds may still be indomitable.

With the regular regatta season around the corner, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association are gearing up — getting the kinks out of muscles and the canoes back in the water.

"The indications are we're going to have a terrific season," said Hui Wa'a president Terry Reed. He said paddlers could expect even stronger competition this season, based on what he saw at Hui Wa'a's April 26 race — the first event of the season.

Waikiki Beach Boys swept the two long-distance events, a five-mile race for women and nine miles for men.

"The Waikiki Beach Boys are going to give very tough competition," Reed said. "Loa'a has always been strong," and even a new club — Lokahi — was impressive, he said.

The two associations, Hui Wa'a and HCRA, compete separately through the regular regatta season

— Hui Wa'a in fiberglass and HCRA in wooden-hulled canoes. There is a combined championship in early August and then the paddlers begin training for the long-distance events, culminating with the Molokai-to-Oahu race. This year, the men's Molokai race is scheduled Sept. 27, and the women's, only their second, will be Oct. 12.

The Oahu section of HCRA held its first event of the season last weekend — a double-hulled race from Magic Island to Waikiki and back.

"It was a good race," said HCRA race director Mel Kalahiki. "Hui Nalu and Outrigger (Canoe Club) battled to a dead heat."

Ultimately, it was Hui Nalu that won the six-mile event, a good indication that Outrigger, which won the combined state championship last August, will have a run for its money from Hui Nalu again this year.

Hui Nalu came up short when the points were totaled at the state championship last August, but it proved its strength by winning the last four events of the race, both the men's and women's junior and senior races. So it should be no surprise that Hui Nalu is back with formidable crews in the higher divisions.

Kalahiki said three events have

been added to the HCRA regattas: for girls in the age 13 bracket; senior women's masters for women over 40 and a mixed boys' and girls' event in the 12 bracket.

Hui Wa'a has added masters events for paddlers 39 years and over, and there have been some changes in the distances of certain events.

Paddling numbers have grown significantly in past years and from all appearances, the growth has added to the heightened competition. Although some have argued that the sport has grown too much, Reed is among those who welcome the new paddlers.

"The more we can get involved the better for everyone," he said. "We can retain the aloha that's already there." He said paddling is a family sport and more families are joining, "and that's the most ideal thing I can think of."

The schedules:

- HCRA (Regattas begin at 9 a.m.)
- May 24-25—Celebrity races at Honolulu Harbor
- June 8—King Kamehameha Regatta at Kai-lua Beach Park
- June 15—Leeward Kai Regatta at Nanakuli Beach
- June 22—Pop Waialeale Regatta at Waimanalo Beach
- June 29—John Kaupiko Regatta at Waikiki Beach

- July 4—Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach
- July 6—Special race in conjunction with Sports Week at Honolulu Harbor
- July 13—Makaha Regatta at Makaha Beach
- July 27—Oahu championships at Keeli Lagoon
- Aug. 9—HCRA state championships
- Aug. 10—Hawaii combined state championships
- Aug. 24—Duke Kahanamoku race at Magic Island
- Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Queen Liliuokalani race at Kona
- Sept. 14—Dad Center wahines race from Lanikai to OCC
- Sept. 27—Molokai to Oahu race for men
- Oct. 12—Molokai to Oahu race for wahines

- HUI WA'A (Regattas begin at 9 a.m.)
- Saturday (May 10)—Long distance from Magic Island, women begin at 6:30 a.m., men at 10:30 a.m.
- May 24—Long distance race (may be cancelled)
- June 15—Keeli Lagoon
- June 22—Makaha
- June 29—Haleiwa
- July 4—Kahana Bay
- July 13—Kailua Beach
- July 20—Waikiki Beach
- July 27—Waimanalo Beach
- Aug. 2—Hui Wa'a championships at Kaneohe Bay
- Aug. 10—Hawaii combined state championships
- Aug. 16—Long distance race from Honolulu Harbor
- Aug. 23—Long distance race from Heeia
- Sept. 13—Long distance race from Magic Island

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Outrigger tops UH for volley title

The Outrigger Canoe Club rebounded in sudden death to defeat the University of Hawaii in the championship game Saturday, 15-13, and captured the men's open division of the U.S. Volleyball Association's Regional "AA" Tournament at Klum Gym.

In the women's open division final Friday, Chuck's Steak of Portland, Ore., made up of players from the national champion University of Hawaii Wahines, crushed the Polynesian Cultural Center in two sets, 15-7, 15-9.

Outrigger held a 9-0 lead in the championship game, but a Rainbow rally led by Sven Anderson, selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, put Hawaii ahead 12-9. The

game was tied 13-13 before Outrigger scored the game's final two points.

Outrigger, loser of only one set until the final match, took the first set from the Rainbows 11-9. But the loser's bracket champions regrouped to take the second set 11-8, then defeated Outrigger again in deuce to force the sudden death.

Central YMCA defeated the Lokahi Hawaiians for third place in the men's division, 15-8, 15-9. National Master's division champions F&W Mill Works ousted Bobby's Rebels, 11-7, 11-9, to capture third place in the women's division.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS
Men — Sven Anderson (UH), Most Valuable Player; Pedro Velasco (Lokahi); Elini Calles (Central); Scott Rios (OCC); Jerry Kukurua (UH); Jim Iams (OCC).
Women — Diane Sebastian (Chuck's), Most Valuable Player; Kahu Sorrell (F&W); Tom Casey (F&W); Bobbi Perry (F&W); Ann Colson (CC); Emily Yonke (Bobby's).

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Outrigger wins VB openers

PORTLAND, Ore. — Outrigger Canoe Club was among five teams in the 40-team Men's Open division of the U.S. Volleyball Association national tournament to pick up two wins on the first day of play yesterday.

Defending champion Nautlius Pacifica of Long Beach, Calif., Chuck's Steak House of Los Angeles, Olympic Club of San Francisco, Keiderling Masonry of Columbus, Ohio, were the other teams also picking up two wins.