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SURFING THRILLS--Final competition for the 16th Annual International Surfing Championships at Makaha Beach will be held Tuesday, December 31, pending surf conditions. The tremendous Makaha surf assures that only the best of recognized championship calibre

surfers vie for laurels at what has been called the world's greatest surfing championship. Competition begins at 8 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

--Photo by Scoop Tsuzuki

Champions Dare Makaha Surf In Stiff Competition of Matches

Competition for the 16th Annual International Surfing Championships is scheduled to end Tuesday, December 31, at Makaha Beach on the Leeward shore. The final day of the grand daddy of surfing contests will start at 8 a.m. pending surf conditions.

Visitors are welcome to spend the day at the event.

The final entry list this year has been trimmed down considerably from the vast number of surfers who have signed up for the competition in years past.

Officials accredit this to the tremendous Makaha surf. Many contestants in the past found the surf too difficult and scratched at the call of their heat because of inability to handle the surf conditions.

This year's participants are all recognized champion calibre surfers and the public can expect to see some of the best talent ever entered in what has been called the world's greatest surfing championship.

Joey Cabell of the Outrigger Canoe Club will be defending his 1967 senior men's championship title at the Waikiki Surf Club sponsored meet.

Big names in the field of men and women include top-flight visitors such as Keith Paull, current Australian Champion, and Peter Drouyn, former Aussie titlist; Rodney Sumpter of Ireland and Felipe Pomar of Peru.

Defending champion Fred Hemmings and Paul Strauch will carry the colors of the Outrigger Canoe Club, as will Cabell, Aka and Butch Hemmings.

Former International Surfing Championship winners George Downing, Buffalo Keaulana and Rabbit Kekai will represent the host Waikiki Surf Club.

Also with Waikiki will be Nappy Napoleon, Leroy Ah Choy, Andy Miller and Richard Henning, to name a few.

Four have entered from the Lord Blears family -- Lord Blears in Seniors; son James in championship; daughter Laura in the women's division, and son Clinton in the junior men.

Former champion Jamaa Kekai, now stationed

with the military in Alaska, may receive permission from his commanding officer to compete at Makaha, according to meet officials.

Among other well known surfers entered are Mike Doyle, Windansea Surf Club, California; Jeff Hakman of Maui; Rusty Miller, Windansea; Randy Parick, surfing unattached; Butch Van Artsdalen and Dewey Weber of California and Sharron Weber, the trim Honolulu competitor, are among the fine field of women's surfers scheduled to test the waves.

Competitions will be in senior men, junior and women's divisions, plus the tandem event.

Teams entered -- Laguna Surf Club, Armed Forces Surf; Diamond

Head Surf; Makaha Surfing Association, Freedom Riders, Ewa Beach Surf Club; Maui Sons, Kauai Surfing Association, Surf Riders Association, Kuli O Hawaii, Outrigger Canoe Club, Windansea, Manly Pacific Surf Club (Australia), Greg Noll's Surfcenter.



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SENIOR MEN'S CHAMP--Joey Cabell, Outrigger Canoe Club and '67 Senior Men's champ retained his title in action last week at Makaha. The wold famous meet draws name surfers from all over as well as spectators who crowd the beach to watch the daredevils in action.

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California Girl Wins At Makaha

HONOLULU (AP)—Finals in three events run on waves of two to four feet was the completion of the 16th annual Makaha international surfing championships Sunday.

Taking top honors in the women's event was Margo Godfrey, of California's Windansea Surf Club, who is holder of the Women's World championship she won in Puerto Rico in November.

Defending champion, Martha Sunn, of the Makaha Surfing Association, finished second followed by Sharron Weber, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii.

In the junior men's event Kainoa Downing, of the Outrigger Canoe Club, Hawaii, took top honors followed by Tomi Winkler, of the Kuli-O-Hawaii surf team, in second. Third in that event was Stanley Saragosa, of the Makaha Surfing Association.

The Hawaii team of Leroy Achoy and Blanche Benson turned in a graceful acrobatic performance to win the tandem event.

Californians Steve Boehne and Barrie Algaw, of the Windansea Surf Club, took second. Third place went to Bob Moore and Patty Young, unattached from California.

The senior men's defending champion, Joey Cabell, of the Outrigger Canoe Club, retained his title Friday in the eight to ten foot waves.