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The official publication of the Outrigger Canoe Club is titled Ama to honor the Club's lineage. The outrigger of a canoe is called an Ama in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language). It was a nautical innovation that allowed the Polynesians to efficiently navigate the rough waters of the Pacific. The Ama is also the port hull of a double-hulled canoe, which is the vehicle that brought the Hawaiians to these beautiful islands.

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There's nothing like a clear summer day at the Club.

Photos by Tommy Shih

From the President's Desk

ALOHA KĀKOU. In 2020, to be pono is to be palekana (safe) for our families and those we come in contact with. Personal freedom does not include the right to unreasonably expose others to the virus.



I am pleased to report that management and the board are committed to make the Club the safest it can be for our members and, equally important, for our staff. When I first became a member, I liked that our keiki were taught to respect staff and to treat them no differently than members. Since June, our staff has been temperature checked when arriving to work every day. In August, we began temperature checking our members and obtaining contact-tracing information. Ninety-five percent of our members have accepted and for the most part welcomed this policy.

Our staff has been asked to achieve the balance of following and enforcing social distancing rules while serving us with aloha. They are doing an outstanding job of maintaining that balance and we thank them.

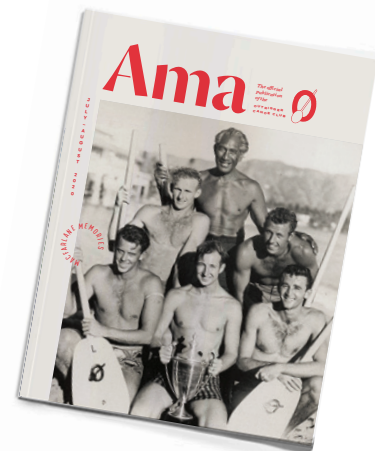
This pandemic will take many months to resolve, and we want the club to be a safe haven for our members and staff. The board thanks the members for accepting these challenging conditions.

Mālama pono.

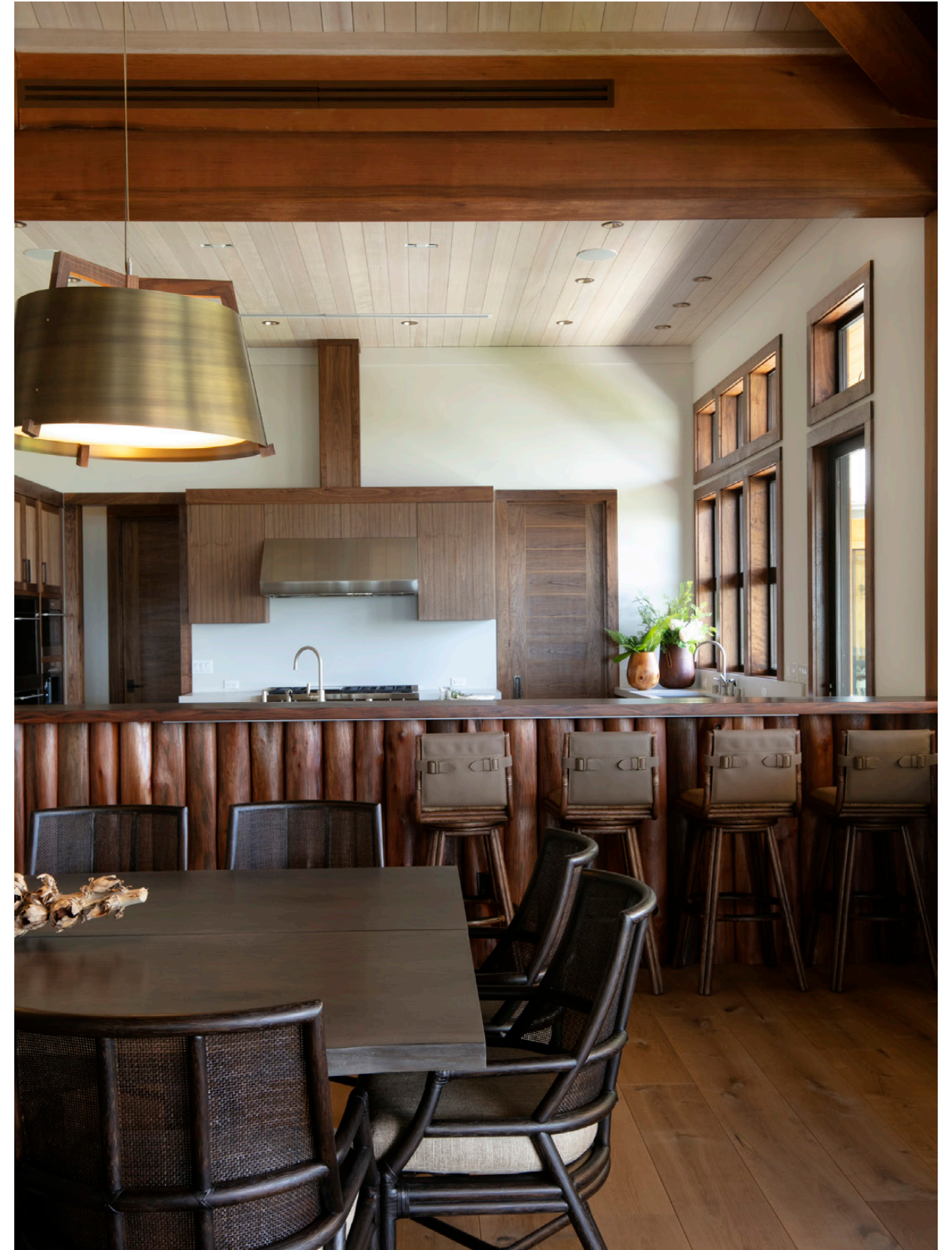
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The Stories of O— Share Yours

➡ The Outrigger Canoe Club is a cache of amazing stories that bring to life its long history as well as that of Hawai'i. And OCC members are the only ones who can tell them. Help *Ama* continue the Club's storytelling tradition by sending us your memories and experiences. Send a short paragraph—who, what, why, where and when—and photos if available to ama@outriggercanoeclub.com. Share your voice.



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BIG ISLAND UPCOUNTRY MEMORABLE CHARM

ALOHA OCC OHANA. While we will always strive to make your experience at the Club a welcoming and hospitable one, our priority through the past few months has evolved to include more emphasis on creating an environment that is safe for you to enjoy. Because so many of the safety precautions happen behind the scenes, I'd like to highlight some of the measures that we have put in place to keep you and your family safe while you are at your home away from home.



Employee Responsibilities:

Every employee is asked to self-screen for any symptoms of Covid-19 before coming to work. Once at the Club, every employee is temperature checked, and anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees is asked to leave and seek medical attention. Keeping our employees safe and healthy is the first line of defense to keep our membership healthy. While on property, all staff follow CDC guidelines, wearing masks, wearing gloves when required, washing hands frequently and practicing social distancing. In addition, Plexiglas guards have been placed where needed for further protection.

New Safety Team: A small army of staff have been pulled together to create the new Safety Team, specializing in keeping the Clubhouse sanitized, frequently cleaning high-touch common areas and sanitizing all tables and chairs between use. This team also has lead captains that help enforce the City & County mandated mask policy for members and assist members with maintaining social distancing. This team also has access to the electrostatic cleaning system that is used to thoroughly deep-clean the Locker Rooms and Fitness Center daily.

Socially Distanced, Outdoor Seating and Kupuna Hour: Outdoor dining is highly recommended as the safest environment for eating out, and we are fortunate to have our spectacular dining areas open to the ocean.

Tables have been removed to allow for a minimum distance of six feet, and party sizes are limited to a maximum of 5, by City & County orders. Unfortunately, while seeing your fellow members is one of the highlights at the Club, mingling between tables is currently prohibited, for everyone's safety. Tables on the Koa Lanai are reserved for our kupuna, members 60 years old and better, from 4 to 5pm.

Member Safety: All of these policies and practices add up to creating a Clubhouse where you can feel safe and comfortable to visit, and we thank you for doing your part, too. Members are required to wear masks while on Club property, as required by City & County orders, as well as maintain a six-foot distance between other members not in your family or group. Touchless temperature checks at the parking garage or at the Front Desk are currently in place, and we appreciate everyone who has graciously participated in this effort. We also thank you for observing the State's self-quarantine policy for anyone traveling outside the islands, and for self-screening for Covid-19 symptoms before coming to the Club.

Together, we have worked to create a Club that is as warm and welcoming as it is safe; and we hope you come see the efforts for yourself if you haven't already.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club!

Tyler Roukema,
General Manager



Photo by Simone Komine featuring Annika Bauer & Jenna Bleu

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This Way In

CLUB HAPPENINGS,
CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS



Hit Us with Your Best Shot

Photo by John York
Central Park Beauty

➔ **The annual OCC Photo Contest** opens Thursday, October 1 and runs through Saturday, October 31. The contest is open to Club members and their immediate families.

Digital and print submissions will again be accepted. Visit outriggercanooclub.com and click the link on the home page to enter and upload your digital images. Paper entries will be available at the Front Desk for 8-by-10-inch prints. Participants may enter up to two photos in

each of the following categories: OCC Clubscape, Ocean, Sports & Activities, Travel, Nature: Flora, and Nature: Fauna.

Contest rules and entry information will be online and at the Front Desk beginning October 1. Winning photographs will be featured in a 2021 issue of *Ama*, on the OCC website and in the Lobby display case. The grand prize and first place winners for each category will also receive OCC gift cards. Get out there and get that shot!

Happenings | **The Lobby**

Girls Beach Volleyball: Unphased by the pause

➔ **The girls beach volleyball** program resumed successfully on July 3. Players have three training sessions a week, while implementing new safety protocols. The girls love being back on the sand and are thankful to the Board and the Volleyball Committee for giving them the opportunity to return to training.

Just nine days later, on July 12, AVP America held its first post-Covid-19 local junior tournament and the Outrigger Canoe Club teams swept the podium for the girls 18s and several others medaled in other age groups. We earned a silver in the U12 Division (Abby Simmons and Opal Caldiero), bronze in the U14 Division (Natalie Fukumoto and Kahea Moriwaki, and Rella Binney and Lia Eveleth), and gold in the U16 Division (Logan Deuchar and Ella Deuchar). In the 18s Division, the Club earned gold (Phoenix Clarke and Zoe Slaughter), silver (Jaelyn Matias and Emi Erickson) and bronze (Ella Connor and Alyssa Muraoka). ■

—Michelle Luxton



Left: Abby Simmons and Opal Caldiero took silver in the 12s. Above (from left): The 18s machine—Phoenix Clarke, Zoe Slaughter, Jaelyn Matias and Emi Erickson nabbed gold and silver.



PHOTO COURTESY: AVP & ROBERT BECK

Road to Tokyo: Bourne & Crabb Win in Long Beach

➔ **In August, Trevor Crabb wrote** on an Instagram post that he guaranteed a win at the AVP Beach Volleyball Porsche Cup in Long Beach, Calif. Five days later he and partner Tri Bourne hoisted trophies as champs of the tournament—their first win together.

They first had a fraternal battle against the number-two seeds Taylor Crabb and Jake Gibb, coming back

from a set down in the semifinals, then held off Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena in the finals.

“Thank you AVP for...giving us something to work towards during these insane times,” Trevor wrote on Instagram. Fellow Outrigger volleyball bro Micah Christenson watched all three weekends of the tournament. ■

School of Fish

➔ Junior members got to dive into ocean education August 11 to 13 in the series Our OCC Ocean—Discovery, Conservation and Safety. Presented by the Family Subcommittee of the Entertainment Committee, the series was coordinated by Candes Gentry as a lead-up to the OCC Fishing Tournament and Junior Anglers Clinics hosted by the Fishing and Boating Committee.

Candes says she was inspired by the Fishing Committee's efforts to include junior members. "Creating a fun opportunity for our keiki to learn more about the ocean that fronts the Club, that we all love and enjoy, seemed like a natural fit leading up to the Fishing Tournament," she explains. "We were able to put together a program quickly, thanks to Sustainable Coastlines, the Waikiki Aquarium and our own Beach Captain, Sam Clemens."

The small group size of nine kids followed the City & County guidelines for limited size gatherings. The series focused on educating our youngest stewards about the importance of sustainability, ocean safety and awareness and our surrounding Waikiki Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD). It was so successful, with all spots booked immediately after it was announced, that the Family Committee is looking at holding future programs this fall. ■



Above: The Waikiki Aquarium's behind-the-scenes tour included feeding sea urchins. Left: OCC Beach Captain Sam Clemens filled children in on ocean safety, local surf spots and knot-tying.

Members' Notes

Dr. Diana Wiley Publishes New Book

➔ Non-resident member Dr. Diana Wiley saw the publication of her book *Love in the Time of Corona: Advice from a Sex Therapist for Couples in Quarantine* in June. Spurred by issues her clients were facing, the Seattle-based therapist and her husband were looking for a way to help people during this difficult time, and the result is this book. Wiley shares clients' stories, exercises, and practical advice in a friendly, accessible way to aid

readers in strengthening their relationships during times of forced togetherness.

Wiley joined the Outrigger 'ohana as the wife of the late Charlie Pietsch, and continues to visit annually, celebrating birthdays and reunions at the Club. "I just love Hawai'i," she says. "I'm so glad I've maintained my member-

ship—I have such a good feeling about the Club and the people."

One of the friends she meets with is fellow member Brad Coates, who was a regular guest on her long-running Honolulu radio talk shows *Wiley and Sage—Wise and Witty Journeys* and *Fifty-Plus and Fabulous—A Show about Successful Aging*. In fact, Coates, the author of *Divorce with Decency*, offers book jacket praise for *Love in the Time of Corona*. Over the last ten years he has joined Wiley many times on her current show on the Progressive Radio Network (prn.fm).



My OCC Volleyball Journey

➔ I have been enthralled with volleyball the 25 or more years that I have played at the Club. At first, I was stoked to surf the days that I wasn't on the court, but eventually diving for a volleyball took precedent. Initially I played with Kisi and Kaili until they moved on, then Marcy, Diana, Laurie, Kilia, Linda, Kristin, etc. Playing Monday, Wednesday, and Friday meant I needed more available players, so then came Jyoti, Terry, Yvelise, Gina, Jacque, etc.

As they got stronger, I stumbled onto Kevin Crabb. He didn't know me, but I knew he was an excellent player and asked if he'd play at 7am. Kevin was shy, so I was jubilant when he agreed to this early hour in January 2019, when I was 75. He has played with me since, and I feel blessed to have his charm, humor, and skills three times a week. Such a prince, such a gift!

—Chula Harrison

Pictured above, left to right: Kristin Crabb, Kevin Crabb, Chula Harrison and Gina Loose.

Club Launches Online Logo Shop



➔ Ordering your favorite OCC T-shirt, hat or other gear has never been easier! The Logo Shop is now online at outriggercanoecub.com. Purchases will be added to your account, and orders can be picked up at the Club or shipped to any address. Jump online and get a head start on your holiday shopping list! ■



Do you have interesting news to share with your fellow members?

Send your story and accompanying images to ama@outriggercanoecub.com.

ALIKA WILLIAMS MAKES THE MAJOR LEAGUE

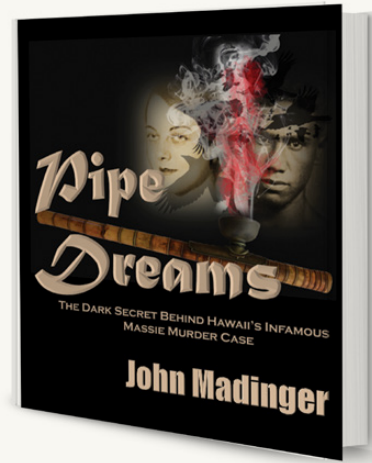
The website Baseball America, which tracks rising stars, rated Alika as the best collegiate defensive infielder in this year's draft.



➔ **Members Rianna and Willie Williams** report that their grandson, Alika Williams, was the 37th overall Major League Baseball draft pick in June. The Arizona State University senior, who has a career .300 average, joined the Tampa Bay Rays for training this summer. Opening day was July 23, and he is playing while doing his coursework online.

The website Baseball America, which tracks rising stars, rated Alika as the best collegiate defensive infielder in this year's draft. And in interviews, Alika has said he aims to be a top all-around player in the majors.

In September, the Rays square off against the Boston Red Sox, Washington Nationals, Baltimore Orioles, New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies. Alika's father, member David Williams (pictured above with Alika), along with his grandparents, couldn't be prouder. ■



Stew & Rice at Home

➔ **The Historical Committee's** Stew & Rice program has gone virtual via Zoom Webinar technology. In June, the Nature Conservancy Hawaii transported viewers to Palmyra Atoll with a polished presentation and in August Nanette Napoleon talked about Oahu Cemetery, with members sharing stories of family buried there.

This fall, look for a program featuring John Madinger, a noted author and former criminal investigator with the U.S. Department of Treasury, presenting his new novel *Pipe Dreams*, pictured above, about Hawaii's most notorious crime, the Massie Case. Myrna Kamae will share the spirit of kanikapila with *Words, Earth and Aloha: The Source of Hawaiian Music*, the award-winning documentary she produced with her late husband Eddie Kamae. The Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum will also be sharing stories from its collection of historical presentations.

The presentations are free for members, but require registration in advance. When you sign up, you'll receive the link for the live Zoom session. Look for details in the weekly Enews on Tuesdays.

What about the dining part of this popular event? You can get a Stew & Rice plate to go from the Hau Terrace menu (or any dish you're craving, actually). Take it home and tune in online for a fascinating presentation from the Historical Committee. ■

Employees of the Month



JULY 2020

► **Chris joined the OCC Beach Services** team in September 2019 and in the past few months, as responsibilities around the Club have changed, he



Chris O'Donnell
Beach Services

has adeptly handled the department's new duties. "Chris really does a great job, showing true character in the tasks he takes on. He's a great part of our team," says his supervisor, Shannon Pelkey. Chris grew up on the Big Island and has been surfing since he was four years old. He competed in Nationals every year until he was 17 and surfing continues to be his favorite hobby. Chris was awarded the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa's Chancellor's Scholarship as a freshman, giving him a full ride for tuition for all four years. He graduated this past June with a B.S. in Atmospheric Science.

► **John Simpson was an early Christmas gift** to the Club, joining us on Christmas Eve, 2018. You probably recognize John from the Hau Terrace.



John Simpson
Safety Officer
and Hau Terrace

Luckily for us, he answered the call to join the new Safety Team and now, you can find him by the Snack Shop helping to keep members safe. John not only reminds members of the mask and social distancing policies, but is also on hand to answer questions and assist members in any way he can. His serious work ethic, combined with a smile that you can see through a mask, are just a few of the great qualities that John brings to the job. ■

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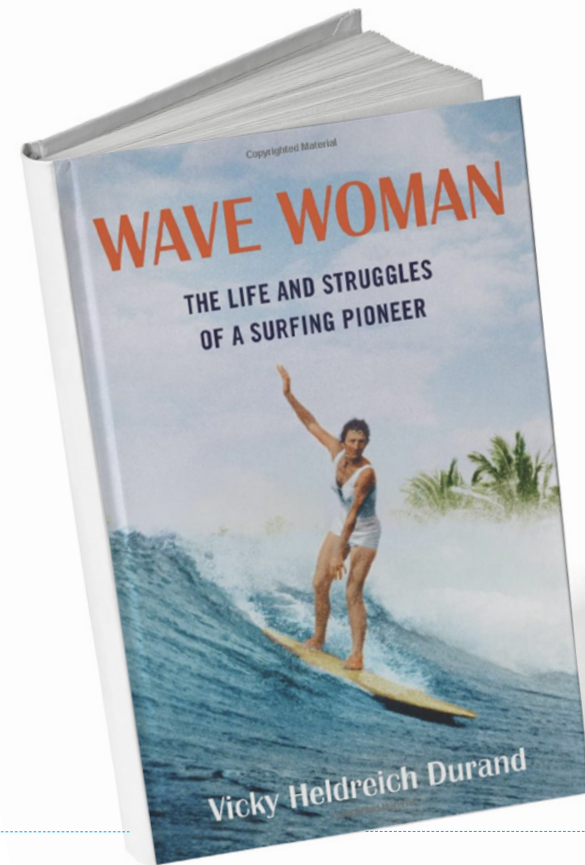
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Reading 'Riggers

By Gerry DeBenedetti

➔➔ **A richer vocabulary**, a deeper understanding of others, and a longer life span are all at your fingertips if you do one simple thing—read a book for at least 30 minutes a day. The habit has also been shown to reduce symptoms of depression, make us feel part of a community, and help stave off dementia. It offers an instant escape, opening doors to faraway worlds and experiences. And, during the current pandemic, you have time to do this. Just 30 minutes.

Although the OCC Book Club has been on “intermission” since April, someday we will meet again, and below are books on which to spend your 30 minutes. Some are still tentative for 2020, others will hopefully be scheduled in 2021, and given the growing selection of books about Hawai‘i, by authors from Hawai‘i, and by authors who are Club members, we will never run out of books to read. Remember—just 30 minutes a day.



With extra time on our hands, book club ringleader Gerry DeBenedetti recommends these three books from James L. Haley’s Bliven Putnam Naval Adventure Series, in this order:

1. *A Darker Sea: Master Commandant Putnam and the War of 1812*

2. *The Shores of Tripoli: Lieutenant Putnam and the Barbary Pirates*

3. *The Devil in Paradise: Captain Putnam in Hawaii*

Shoal of Time: A History of the Hawaiian Islands by Gavin Daws

Captive Paradise: A History of Hawaii by James L. Haley

Deep Water by OCC member Katherine Nichols

Future ideas: What do you think?

The Top 10 Reasons the Rich Go Broke by OCC member John Macgregor

The Happy Isles of Oceania: Paddling the Pacific by OCC member Paul Theroux

Change We Must by Nana Veary

Outrigger Canoe Club: The first one hundred years, 1908-2008 by Barbara Del Piano

Strong Sharks in the Time of Saviors by Kawai Washburn

To provide feedback on any of the above books or authors, to volunteer as a presenter, and to get on the mailing list for updates, contact gerthebear@hawaiiantel.net or 808-734-1189. ■

Corrections: July/Aug 2020

The July/August print edition of *Ama* misidentified the cover image. The winning crew pictured is the Outrigger Canoe Club’s Enlisted Men 6. Top: Duke Kahanamoku. Middle: Jim Fernie, Tom O’Brien. Front: Bob Bush, Mickey Beggs, Gil Carr.

Page 9: Pictured is 2016 Macfarlane Regatta Outrigger’s Masters Men 60: Mike Tosa-ki, Murray Hixson, Bill Meheula, Steersman Simeon Ke-Paloma, Barney Robinson, Tom McTigue.

Pages 18 and 19: The Macfarlane is not the oldest race in the history of canoe paddling as mentioned in the quote.

Page 22: The Macfarlane trophies have traditionally been the responsibility of the Historical Committee for upkeep and preservation. The committee greatly appreciates the Macfarlane family’s participation in 2019, and hope to have them participate again in the future. Prior to that, Kawika Grant has polished the trophies for the past 30+ years. In 2020, the trophies were polished by Kawika Grant, along with Jimmy McMahon, Joy Barnhart and Marilyn Kali from the Historical Committee.

Page 32: The July tide calendar was incorrect (July 18 listed twice, no July 31).



Scheduled for 2020

Pending the State and OCC regulations for meetings.

SEPT 4:
The Aloha Shirt: Spirit of the Islands
by Dale Hope

Take your pick of two editions—by Beyond Words in 2000 and Patagonia in 2016. The author, a member, will be there!

OCT 2:
Wave Woman
by Vicky Heldreich Durand

The story of the author’s mother, surfer Betty Pembroke Heldreich Winstedt.

NOV 6:
Kanaka: The Untold Story of Hawaiian pioneers in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest
by Tom Koppel

DEC 4:
Red Sky Over Hawaii
by Sara Ackerman

The author, a member, will be present.

To be scheduled for 2021

Sugar Water
by Carol Wilcox

A riveting story of the sugar plantations, water rights and the transformation of Hawai‘i. The author, an OCC member, will attend.

West of Then: A Mother, a Daughter and a Journey Past Paradise
by Tara Bray Smith

This Hawai‘i memoir includes some Club history.

Seeking the Sacred Raven
by Mark Jerome Walters

Guest presenter will be Megan Laut, wildlife biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Planning ahead:

Future reading

Can, No Can by OCC member Fred Hemmings
A Trip Around the World With a King by William Armstrong
Bliven Putnam Naval Adventure Series by James L. Haley



A PASSION FOR FOOD

Meet new Executive Sous Chef Derek Wong



By **LESA GRIFFITH** / *Photography by* **TOMMY SHIH**

IN MAY, IN THE MIDST OF THE CLUB PREPARING TO REOPEN, Derek Wong came on board as the Executive Sous Chef. He dove straight into a new dining reality. As part of the team that went over strict safety protocols with staff, he ensured everyone worked in a proper way with personal protection equipment and reviewed logistics on how the Club accepts products. In short, he is keeping everything safe.

“Exploring and trying new things. That’s what gets me going.”



Derek Wong's focus is making sure everyone around him has what they need to succeed. He's also helping members through the new Cooking Outside the Box (and Can) micro event (see p. 23).

But because the food and beverage operations were not yet at full steam, Wong says there were advantages to starting his new position during lockdown. “Things were slowed down and I had the time to really meet the entire crew, spend time on the line, learn the Club’s ordering system and administrative processes.”

In addition, when the culinary crew returned, “we had another onboarding with all the cooks, and took the opportunity to have a deep cleaning day to pull everything apart,” says Wong. It’s a good bonding experience. Not that he was a total stranger. As a veteran of member Roy Yamaguchi’s restaurants, Tiki’s Grill & Bar, Morimoto, the Pineapple Room and Michel’s at the Colony Surf, he actually already knew a lot of the Club’s cooks. “It’s not surprising in a lot of ways,” he says, and adds that it makes for quick chemistry on the team. He and Executive Chef Mark Gedeon go back to the 2000s, when they both worked at Roy’s.

With that shared history, it has been easy for Wong to hit the ground running as Gedeon’s number two. Along with serving as a right-hand man, a big part of his job is “doing whatever needs to be done for the guys on the line to succeed. From coaching them on the menu to making sure product is in house.”

The shaping of a chef

Growing up near Tamashiro Market, Wong said his family was food-oriented and his mother in particular was a good cook, and he helped her. “When I was a kid, I’d wake up Saturday mornings and depending on what type of music was playing in the house, I knew what I would be doing that day. Like if I heard Ka’au Crater Boys, I knew it would be a laulau-making day. Or if there was katchi katchi music, I knew we’d be making pasteles.”

Back then, there were still a lot of mom ‘n’ pop stores that sold meat and fish at the end of his block, so Wong didn’t even need to go to Tamashiro’s. Now, as an adult, he finds himself at the seafood emporium at least twice a week.

With that personal and professional background, when it comes to cooking it makes

“... if I heard Ka’au Crater Boys, I knew it would be a laulau-making day. Or if there was katchi katchi music, I knew we’d be making pasteles.”

sense that his culinary strengths skew toward the Pacific Rim movement. But Wong shares that he actually tries to pull away from that, to force himself to explore new things. “I do like French style,” he admits. At the very beginning of his career, he worked at Zippy’s, and from there “my first step up was Michel’s. It was really French style, à la minute cooking in sauté pans. It would take five pans to cook one dish.”

He likes to be creative while keeping things straightforward, avoiding the complicated or contrived. “I lean toward using citrus and fresh herbs to brighten up dishes. I like to sneak in hints of spice and sugar to create balance,” he says.

Club diners have had a taste of that philosophy in a few specials, such as a whole, deboned fried fish served in a Thai tom yum-style broth with fresh basil, cilantro and mint, as well as a hint of sambal to spice things up. He served it with two separate plates with rice and salad to make it easier to share.

But for now, “first and foremost is our current menu and making sure we deliver on that front,” says Wong. Once the preparations for that are executed like a well-oiled machine, he looks forward to “exploring and trying new things. That’s what gets me going.”

Along with being part of “a new work family” at Outrigger Canoe Club, Wong says he relishes joining and helping further build a culture based on a passion for food and a vibrant work environment. And he enjoys being back in the neighborhood. “It’s awesome. It reminds me of Michel’s days. Every once in a while I go out and take a look at the wall at Michel’s—it reminds me of when I used to light the tiki torches before service.” ■



Leading by example: Executive Sous Chef Derek Wong throws a shaka with his team, from left, Executive Chef Mark Gedeon, Cook Christian Bumanglag, Supervisor Michael Soares, Pastry Chef Vivian Wu and Sushi Chef Eijii Suda.

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Play With Your Food (and flowers)



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Experience the Club's new micro events

BY LESA GRIFFITH
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The pandemic has indefinitely limited dining and social situations across the country, including at the Outrigger Canoe Club. To ensure members can continue to enjoy their Club, the Entertainment Committee got creative. Working with Food & Beverage staff, it has launched an engaging series of chef experiences and micro events.



With all large events cancelled for the remainder of the year, the Entertainment Committee was challenged with creating concepts that can bring members together in small groups and give them a new way to feel connected to the Club. “The concept is a spin-off of our Crafts & Carafes series,” says Rede Eder, F&B Director.

Each experience accommodates nine (socially distanced) people and is an opportunity to get expert instruction from the Club’s all-star chefs. Rather than schedule the events, the Club allows members to get their own groups together and book a time that works for them. Think of them as private boutique offerings.



Chef Suda will share his sushi secrets and can tailor his instruction to make it fun for the whole family.



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—Chef Derek Wong
Executive Sous Chef

Sushi Chef Eiji Suda leads two experiences, one for adults and one that is family-friendly. In Sushi & Saketinis, Chef Suda teaches participants how to make three different kinds of sushi, which are then paired with two hand-crafted saketinis. It’s a chance to learn from a sushi master who came to the Club from Morimoto Waikiki.

On the other end of the food spectrum is the very useful Cooking Outside the Box (and Can) event. During an Entertainment Committee brainstorming session, says Eder, “conversations shifted to college kids going away for school and how to equip them with life skills to help them while they are away from home.”

The committee and F&B staff felt the typical college student could learn to cook simple and tasty dishes at home, as a good alternative to the fast food and vending machines many students resort to. Executive Sous Chef Derek Wong will lead participants in creating deli-

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Hele Mele Botanicals

cious meals from pantry staples like ramen, pasta, and jarred sauces. He sees Cooking Outside the Box (and Can) as an “opportunity to share knowledge with someone that could possibly stick with them forever.”

And Eder says that some of the Club’s young adult members have expressed interest in Cooking Outside the Box (and Can), “as the COVID-19 crisis has led to more people preparing dinner at home.”

If you love Pastry Chef Vivian Wu’s desserts, you know she won’t steer you wrong in her Icing on Top event. She’ll show you how to take your cakes to the next level with piping, succulents, flowers, figurines and vibrant colors using different types of frosting. Participants will decorate six cupcakes to take home (and eat!) and receive a set of tips and recipes.

Member Mary Jones is part of the duo behind Hele Mele Botanicals, a floral design service rooted in Hawaiian tradition and locally grown flowers and woods. At her Flower Bar Party, she’ll guide you through creating beautiful arrangements from a stunning table full of flowers and greens. Make eye-catching centerpieces as Mary offers tips on design and technique. But most important, she says, is “it’s a lot of fun and a great bonding experience.”

With lockdowns ebbing and flowing, know that the Club is open as an outlet for your creative and culinary energy. At these micro events, you can have fun with friends and family, or gather a hui of people you’ve been meaning to get to know better, they are great ways to have a safe good time. ■



From top: Members of the Entertainment Committee previewed Chef Vivian’s cake decorating class. Ariana Hunt and Ella Sultan were quick studies. Poet Gentry, son of Entertainment Committee member Candes Gentry, enjoyed the sweet taste of success.

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Chef Vivian demonstrates the fine art of cake decorating. Left: members signing up for the Knife Skills 101 event will take home a custom OCC cutting board and knife selected by Chef Mark Gedeon.



Due to new guidelines regulating gathering sizes from the Mayor’s office at press time, please check with the Club for the latest policies before booking.



Micro Event Menu

Here are the great experience concepts cooked up so far. More are coming. Book one by calling (808) 921-1412.

Sushi & Saketinis

Sushi Chef Eiji Suda teaches you how to make three types of sushi that are paired with two handcrafted saketinis. \$75++ per person, 21 and older only.

Sushi Lesson with Chef Suda

This is the family-friendly sushi experience. Participants learn all about sushi then and receive a makisu—bamboo rolling mat set—so they can hone their new skills at home. \$55 per person.

Icing on Top: Cake Decorating Basics

Learn the basics of cake decorating with Pastry Chef Vivian Wu. Includes all supplies and a frosting kit to take home. \$45 per person.

Cooking Outside the Box (& Can)

Tailored for college students heading out on their own, this event is also great for kids and even young adults wanting to learn basic skills to make great meals from pantry staples during lockdown. \$45 per person.

Flower Bar Party

Mary Jones of Hele Mele Botanicals (and a Club member) will show you how to create a gorgeous Hawaiian-style floral arrangement, while you sip on a carafe of wine. \$65 per person, 21 and older only, includes all supplies. Also available as an all-ages event without wine for \$50 per person.

The Summer Sporting Life

July 4 saw the start of what may become a new Club tradition

Left: Members engaged in friendly competition with bragging rights on the line. Jimmy Austin and his crew of Byron Ho, Jon Everest and Karin Hansen Del Rey lead Amy Woodward's crew of Kea Hussey, Mark Pian, and Caroline Turina during one of the heats of the Club Jam Canoe Race.



The coronavirus may have cancelled the Macfarlane Regatta, but the Athletic Committee sprang into action and organized the first 4th of July Club Jam. The day featured a 4-Man Canoe Surfing Race in front of the Club, a Junior Coed 4-Man Volleyball tournament, a virtual one-mile swim, and a Surf Canoe Contest. Of course, to ensure the health and safety of members and staff, safety and sanitization protocols were in place for all.



4th of July OC-4 Canoe Surfing Race:

► **In celebration of the old sports** of Hawai'i, eight teams raced a half-mile course that started at the windsock, turned a buoy at Old Man's surf break, and finished at the inside swim buoy. Surf conditions were small, challenging paddlers' endurance and testing steersmen's surf knowledge. The finals saw Team Travis Grant, Team Amy Woodward and Team Jimmy Austin race head to head in a closely contested battle made interesting by the incoming king tide. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to the team captains for your leadership and mana'o. Finally, mahalo to Billy Pratt for assisting with the planning and to Shannon Pelkey and crew for keeping the canoes sanitized and the crews safe.—*Cory Nakamura*

1ST PLACE: Steersman: Travis Grant, Leighton Miyachi, Pat Shea, Tina Larson, Rick Hobson

2ND PLACE: Steersman: Amy Woodward, Karl Heyer, Kea Hussey, Caroline Turina, Mark Pian

3RD PLACE: Steersman: Jimmy Austin, Karin Hansen Del Rey, Jon Everest, Mary Jones, Byron Ho

Left: Small surf and a king tide meant steersmen needed to pull out all their tricks to gain an edge. Far right, from top: Evan Porter with the hit. Middle: Rick Humphreys, Anella Borges, and Bruce Black celebrate their 3rd place finish in the Canoe Surf Jam. Bottom: This paddler scored major style points.



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4th of July Virtual Swim:

► **The Swim Committee hosted** a one-mile virtual swim—something that has been happening across the country. More than 20 participants took the plunge individually and checked their times in at the Beach Office to receive "swim swag" from the Swim Committee.

PARTICIPANTS: Ayako Ancheta, Lynn Babington, Blake Campbell, Diane Corn, Sandie Easton, Tiare Finney, Laurie Foster, Suzie Hemmings, Vic Hemmy, Byron Ho with daughter Alaea Ho, Tim Irons, Brittany Johnston, Uli Klinke, Adele Lemke, Tim Mobley, Stefan Reinke, Jenna Schrader, Dustin Sellers, Jesse Shield, Laurie Sloan, Bruce Sloan, and Pam Weiant.

4th of July Junior Coed 4-Man Volleyball Tournament:

► **Members of the girls' and boys' programs** teamed up for an awesome day of competition and fellowship. After months off, the kids showed little rust and played the game at a very high level. It was great to see how successfully they worked together in a coed draw format. The future is bright for Outrigger volleyball.

—*Danny Alvarez*

18U WINNERS: Alyssa Muraoka, Noa Haine, Cade Trujillo, Jaclyn Matias.

16U WINNERS: Pono Gacutan, Jackson Spottswood, Kanai Napuelua-Ah Yee, Aidan Tune.

14U WINNERS: Cameron Porter, Elijah Smith, Brody Badham, Kawena Chillingworth, Lia Eveleth.



4th of July Canoe Surf Jam:

► **The last event of the day** was a canoe surf contest that attracted a strong showing of nine crews. The steersmen and paddlers used all the creativity they had left to show their skills in dwindling surf that was being drowned out by the 2.4-foot high tide. And they delivered with head-stands, backwards paddlers and everything in between. At the end of the heats, three teams ranked supreme in their small wave mastery and were crowned with bragging rights. Mahalo to everyone again for their participation, volunteerism and, of course, the management and team at OCC. We wouldn't be able to do it without you all!—*Brendan Bradley*

1ST PLACE Steersman: Marc Haine, Karl Heyer, Evan Silberstein

2ND PLACE Steersman: Billy Balding, Sirena Gentry-Balding, Mike Beyer

3RD PLACE Steersman: Bruce Black, Anella Borges, Rick Humphreys

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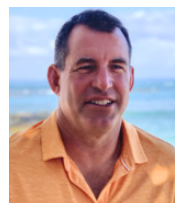
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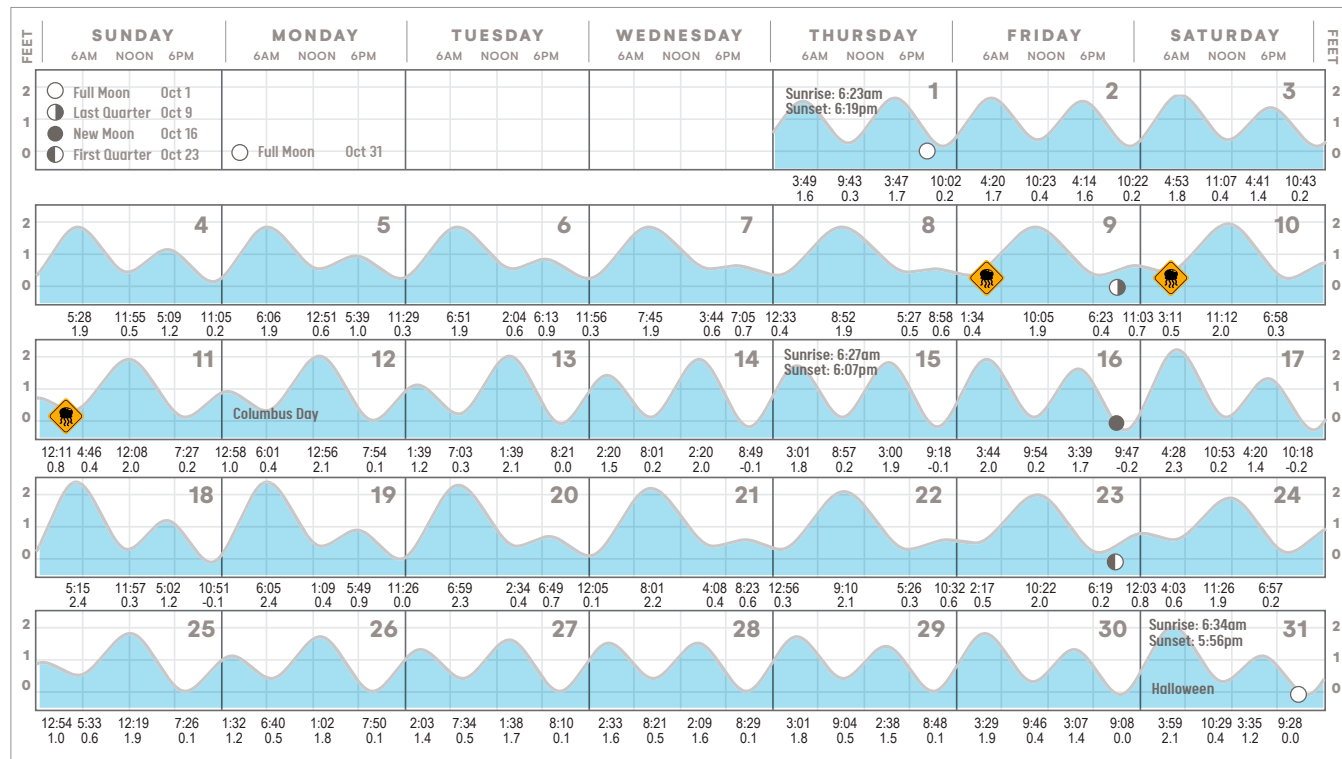
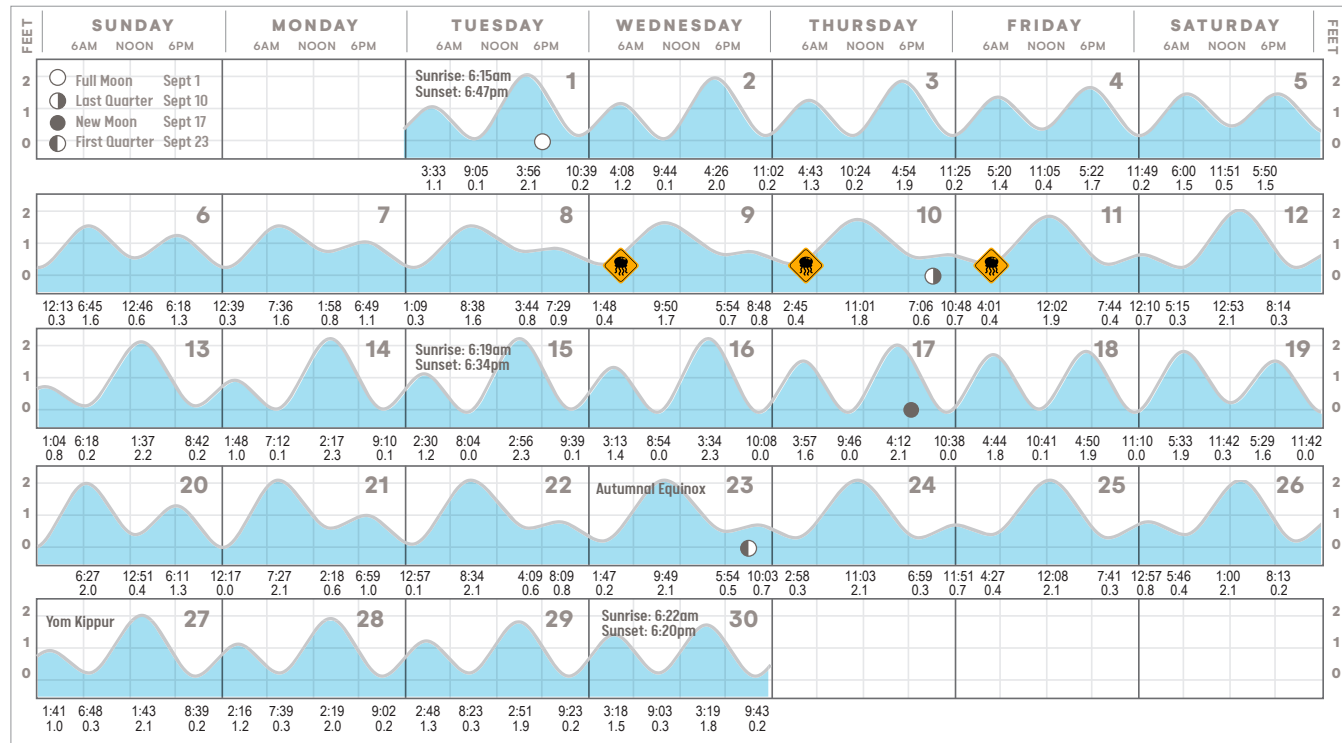
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