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News

The KCC Board held their April Board Meeting on **Sunday, April 13**. Club membership is now 677.

Guest Paddling is Now a Pilot Program

In May, the Board approved the return of Guest paddling with a pilot guest paddling program. The pilot program description is on the Keauhou website.

Guests must be family and/or friends of a KCC member who will paddle with them. The Hosting member fills out the appropriate paperwork and must contact the Beach Coordinator to get approval for a paddle.

Guest paddling is possible because you told us you wanted it in the survey, our Beach Coordinators are willing to manage it, and our Paddlesport Insurance Company supports it, as long as we don't accept payment.

Keauhou Events

Monthly Pau Hana - Friday, June 6, 4:30 PM

The Pau Hana is HAPPENING!

Please join us for conversation and fun!!

The board's monthly Pau Hana is a casual event where people in the club can hang out, talk story and get to know one another, and get to know their board.

We hope to see you at our Pau Hana this Friday. We provide water & juice. Bring a pupu to share.

Last Friday Potluck Brunch, CANCELLED for May

Our wonderful Events team helped us host the Keauhou Long Distance Race on May 24. We'll have another brunch on **June 13**, as we schedule around holidays and vacations.

New Member Orientation, Saturday, May 31, 9:30 AM

Join us on this coming Saturday (and the last Saturday of each month) for our New Member Orientation. To attend, sign up on the website. Come and learn about paddling!

Journal Club — Tuesday, June 3, 9:15 AM

The Journal club reads and discusses articles. Email Kris at krisishii@aol.com to get a copy of this month's article.

Topic: Research on Outrigger Paddling and Racing.

Historical Cultural Paddle — Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 AM

Hosted by Bill Armer. There will be a designated double hull available for this special paddle and signup opens the week before. Email Bill at billandcindyarmer@gmail.com.

Brunch Potluck, Friday, June 13, 8:30 AM — We're scheduling the brunch potluck around various vacations this month. Please come and join us to meet the winners of Keauhou scholarships this year, and other entertainment.

Huli Drill — Sunday, June 29, 9:00 AM

We're asking all our Recreational Paddlers to participate in a Huli Drill experience. *Come and join us!*

Steering Clinic— Saturday, July 26, 9:00 AM Come to the steering clinic if you want to learn how to steer. Email Cindy Armer at cindyarmer@gmail.com to sign up for either the huli drill or the steering clinic.

Racing News

Keauhou Canoe Club Long Distance Race: Saturday, May 24:

Keauhou hosted our hosting a long distance race at the pier and you were wonderful! This newsletter contains some pictures from that race. Mahalo again!

Congratulations to Keiki, Nā 'ōpio, Wahine, Men, and Kupuna racers and their coaches.

Competitive Paddling

Competitive Paddling practices are happening daily!

Wahine

Wahine team has close to 52 signups

Coach Dave holds practices on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, at 4:30 PM and a little later

Youth and Keiki

44 youth paddlers 12-18 and still growing (+4)

29 keiki paddlers and still growing. (+6)

Wins in our recent Long Distance race include:

12-13 mix 1st, 14-15 Girls 6th, 14-15 boys 3rd, 16-18 Mix 1st

Practice is 3:15 PM on Tuesday/Thursday

Email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com to join.

Men and Kupuna Men

The men's team and Kupuna men practice

Tuesday/Thursday at 4:30 PM



Recreational Paddling

Recreational paddling times stay the same all year long.

Join us for recreational paddling on:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

Hey New Members!

How much do you know about paddling? Parts of the canoe? Or better yet – how to paddle hard and not hurt yourself?

Our New Member Orientation tells you about our club, paddling and gives you a lot of useful wisdom that you can use every time you paddle. Join us!

Our next New Member Orientation is Saturday, May 31, at 9:30 AM.

Sign up on the website, just like paddling.

Introducing the Journal Club

The late Mary MacCheyne's Blobbing group is starting a new club at KCC! The Journal Club was created to share valuable and interesting knowledge from peer-reviewed journals. Next meeting is June 3, at the Halau at 9:15 AM.

The Journal Club will discuss *A Systematic Review of Research on Outrigger Canoe Paddling and Racing*, by DV Canyon & R. Seale. Email Kris Orosco at krisishii@aol.com to get a copy of the article.



Long Distance Race

The Board wants to thank all members of Keauhou Canoe Club who helped make our Long Distance Race a success on Saturday, May 24. Both racers and many of our recreational paddling members did an amazing job.

We applaud the leadership and direction provided by our race directors, coaches, beach coordinators, co-committee chairs, board members, and club volunteers. Many of our members went over and beyond in the work that they did, including Dave Yamagata, Vern Bieraugel, Meredith Ozbil, Janene and Pat Lasswell, Tim Collins, and Gary Leveque.

Thank you for stepping forward to provide a great race for other MOKU member clubs and our own paddlers. You handled this race with class, style, hard work, team work and the commitment to meet the challenge. The Board sincerely appreciates all you did—and how you did it.

People loved the medals (including keiki medals), the decorations and bathrooms, the food (breakfast and lunch!), the bake sale, and the Aloha. And our guests were happy that the smooth running and early finish let them attend high school graduations. We can now add another line to the mantra "It takes a village to raise a child. It takes **an entire canoe club to host a long distance race.**" Thank all of you again.

Bill Armer and the Keauhou Canoe Club Board

President's Message

Reader's Digest once had a monthly feature called "The most unforgettable person I ever knew" and that person for many of us is Franz Weber.

Franz Weber, volunteer extraordinaire in Kailua-Kona, died on April 17 from a cycling accident at 71 years old. Franz has been a local role model for many years. Franz brought his expertise and volunteering powers to local cycling organizations, the island's athletic competitions, tango dancers, and both youth and seniors. He frequently reached into his own pocket to pay it forward. The hole in our hearts becomes quickly filled with smiles, laughter, and tears as we tell the "Franz" stories when sharing our collective experiences. Many cycling organizations, People for Active Transportation Hawaii (PATH), the West Hawaii Mediation Center Peacebuilder of the Year Award, Paying it Forward (his personal charity) are but a few examples of his range that will continue far beyond our memories. We have been blessed with his excellence and will reap those blessings well into the future.

As we see so many fine examples of achievement and volunteerism from members of our club, I think of Franz. May you climb the heights in both.

Aloha
Bill