



Paddlers Honored at Annual Banquet

John Figueira, known as "Figair Bear" was awarded the Bob Fischer Junior Paddler Award at the Annual Paddler Banquet on July 20. Coaches Jim Beaton and Casey Kahikina presented the award to him. Emcee Kawika Grant said that John was dedicated to his crew and made it to almost every practice, despite the fact he had to drive all the way from Kapolei. He had a positive attitude and was always there when help was needed. Although he got to paddle in only one race, he was at every regatta, helping in a thousand ways by setting up, hauling canoes, rigging, unrigging, stepping in when a hand was needed - and, most importantly - he was always there cheering on his teammates. OCC could use a dozen more Figair-Bears. Photo by Renee Osborne.