

Daddy Would Be Proud!



The Daddy winners: Danny McInerny, Nick Andrews, Davis Lau, Joby Ramos, and Clint Collins.

The 22nd Annual Daddy Haine Four Man Volleyball Tournament took place under glorious skies on September 3, 2017. The long running tournament is the annual celebration of the life of Thomas "Daddy" Haine, the patriarch of Outrigger volleyball who passed away too early in 1995.

Players of all generations and abilities participate to honor Daddy and all of his contributions to volleyball at the Club, in Hawaii, nationally and internationally. Daddy's family was well represented as his son Marc and grandsons Clay, Reese, Noa and Riley all competed in the tournament. Cheering each and every play were wife Marilyn, daughter Kisi and granddaughters Natasha and Aria.

The festivities started off with the annual draw party held at Marc Haine's beautiful Portlock residence on Saturday night prior to the tournament. Kim Haine was a most gracious hostess. Outrigger volleyball legends Dennis Berg, Tony Crabb, Tom Madi-

son and Randy Shaw attended the party and provided historical perspective and stories of the old days. Master of Ceremonies was Bill Pratt who artfully auctioned off the teams as they were drawn. Over embellishment of a player's ability was the standard to encourage the highest bids. Bidding was fast and furious as individuals or hui attempted to determine which mix of players would turn out to be a successful team.

Sunday brought great weather and great fan turnout. Current Board member Michelle Luxton was honored with the annual Ambassador of Aloha award for her tireless work in support of volleyball at the Club. All participants and spectators joined in a circle and prayer for Daddy with the promise to play like Daddy would with integrity and inclusion.

After that, the circle broke and play began. From the start, the competition was fast, furious and ferocious with booming spikes and incredible digs happening everywhere. Subplots appeared in every match - parent versus child, Haine versus Haine, nooner versus nooner - there was drama and friendly banter at every turn. Tempers flared in the heat of the competition but were later replaced by laughter and handshakes. Daddy would have it no other way.

In the end, the team of Danny McInerny, Clint Collins, Nick Andrews, Davis Lau and Joby Ramos came out on top defeating the team of Rick Humphreys, Ryan Wilcox, Marc Haine, Noa Haine and Alakai Todd for the title.

As fate would have it, Davis Lau was a winner of the Daddy exactly 20 years after his father, Past President Alan Lau, won the same tournament. In doing so, the Lau family joined the Crabb and McKibbin families as those with multiple members winning the tournament. The marvelous tradition of the Daddy continued yet another year.

The competition, sportsmanship and camaraderie of all participants and spectators would certainly make Daddy proud of the legacy he left at the Club.