

OCC Boys Compete in USA Volleyball Junior Olympics

During the first week in July, the Outrigger Canoe Club was strongly represented by four Junior Boys teams in the USA Volleyball Junior Olympics, in Austin, Texas. As has been tradition with the OCC, our boys were well prepared and represented the Club in a positive manner both through sportsmanship and outstanding play at the highest level.

All four teams faced tough competition from elite teams from all over the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Our boys 13s team was coached by Tony Crabb, who was assisted by his brother, Chris Crabb and Richard Budar. Wendy Crabb was the Team Representative and Gordon Hammond the team Chaperone.

The team members were Ricky Budar, Henry Cassiday, Nick Christman, Kaiwi Crabb, Taylor Crabb, Matt Feldman, Kainoa Gaddis, Noah Hammond, Thurston Kino, Madison McKibbin and Shaw Richardson.

The boys 13's team played well, excited the crowd with outstanding play in some really close matches with teams from Puerto Rico, California and the Midwest, and battled their way to a 5th place finish.

Our boys 14s team was coached by Tony McInerney, who was assisted by Gunner Schull. Kevin Matsukado was the Team Chaperone. The team members were Trevor Crabb, Mahi Crabb, Tyler Greenhill, Blake Hixson, Koby Matsukado, Patrick Muller and Matthew Schull.

The boys 14's team played well throughout the tournament, falling to Surf City VBC of Huntington Beach, CA in a tough match on the final day of competition. The boys finished the tournament in 5th place in the Gold Division.

Our boys 16's team was coached by Chris McLachlin, who was assisted by Dave Shoji, Charlie Jenkins, Peter Ehrman and Mary Shoji.

The team members were Matt Brown, Elias David, Will Ehrman, Kealii Frank, Mana Guerreiro, Jordan Inafuku, Jacob Jenkins, Kory Matsukado, Riley McKibbin, Spencer McLachlin, Erik Shoji and Kawika Shoji.

The boys 16's team competed in the 16's Open Division and played extremely well throughout the competition. On the final day of the tournament, the boys battled and defeated Borinquen Coqui of Puerto Rico in a close quarterfinal match and then defeated Balboa Bay VBC in the semifinal match to reach the finals of the Gold Division.

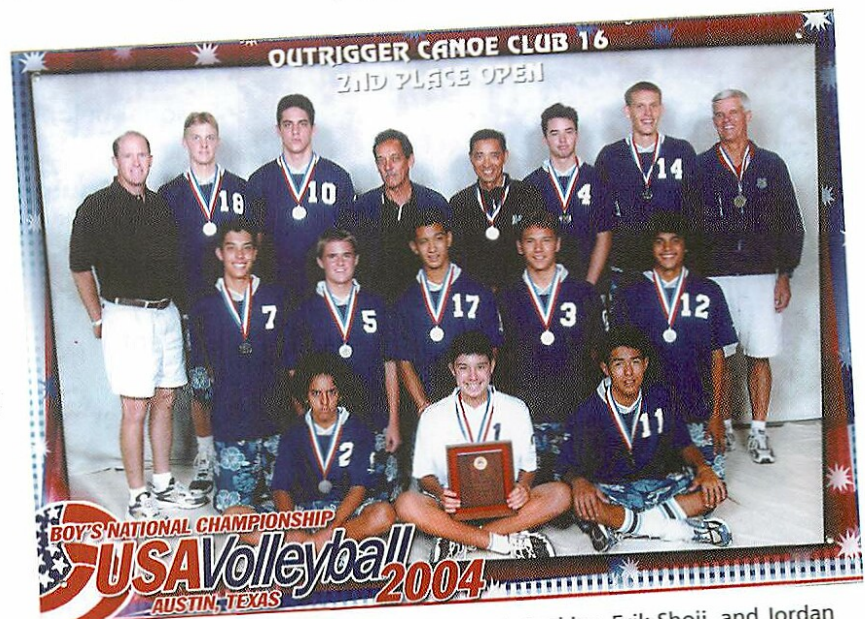
After playing their hearts out, the boys fell to Synergy of Los Angeles in the Championship match, making them the Silver medalists. Riley McKibbin, Kawika Shoji and Spencer McLachlin received All Tournament Team honors.

Our Boys 18's team was coached by Lyman Lacro, who was assisted by Jon Haraguchi. Darryll Wong was the Team Chaperone and Michael China was the Team Representative.

The team's members were Ka'ohu Berg-Hee, Casey Brede, Sean Carney, Mikey China, Mikey Cote, Kurt Fujitani, Michael Howell, Kealaka'i Hussey, Gabe Jenkins, Eric Liebert, Chris Tumaneng, Bryce Walsh, Tyler Wong and TJ Zabriskie.

The boys 18's team competed in the Club Division which consisted of 52 teams. The boys played exciting volleyball and won many matches before falling to Team AVA on the final day of competition. They finished 5th overall in the Gold Division. Team members Sean Carney and Eric Liebert received All Tournament Team honors.

As has been the case for decades now, each of our boys' teams was coached and mentored by men and women who have repeatedly given of themselves to the Club, both as players and coaches. Their hours of donated time and dedication to the sport and to our junior members should be applauded by all of us. They are truly the people who keep the sport of volleyball alive and strong, and the Outrigger Canoe Club well represented both in and outside of our community.



The OCC Boys 16 team included, front: Jacob Jenkins, Erik Shoji, and Jordan Inafuku. Middle: Kawika Shoji, Will Ehrman, Elias David, Kory Matsukado and Mana Guerreiro. Standing: Coach Peter Ehrman, Matt Brown, Kealii Frank, Coach Charlie Jenkins, Coach Dave Shoji, Riley McKibbin, Spencer McLachlin and Coach Chris McLachlin.