

# Outrigger Spikers Shine at Nationals

By Alan Lau

The Outrigger Canoe Club confirmed its standing as the elite volleyball club in the nation during competition at the USVBA National Tournament which took place May 24-31, in Kansas City, Missouri. The Outrigger sent five teams to the tournament in different age categories. Each of the teams played very well and no team finished lower than ninth in the tournament against the best teams in the United States and foreign countries.

In the Open Division, the Outrigger placed ninth in the largest field ever assembled in that division with 41 teams. The Open team fought hard against extremely tough competition but lost to the eventual first and second place teams in the Gold Division. The tournament was a great opportunity for the Club to show off Stein Metzger and Mike Lambert, two of the top players in the country. In addition, the tour-

nament provided invaluable experience for Clayton Stanley who played very well against the elite competition. Other members of the team included Sean Scott, Brant Chillingworth, Adam Lockwood, Tony McInerney, Lee LeGrand, Wayne Seligson, Stevie Li, and Kanoa Ostrem. Mike Lambert was named to the All-Rookie Team.

In the Masters 30's Division, the Outrigger placed second, losing in a double final to L.A. Film Company/Roof Sportswear, which featured two 6'7" middle blockers. The 30's were led by Adam Lockwood and John McDermott who were honored as First Team All Americans. Also contributing to the fine effort were Matt Rigg, Brian Poppinga, Tom Harrer, Marc Haine, Christian Siegfried, Doug Rigg and Tim Walston.

The Masters 35's team placed second to Trans Brazil Airlines from Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 35's battled their way to the finals beating a very good all-star team from California and a scrappy New England team before succumbing to the Brazilian team which included several members of the 1984 Olympic Silver Medal team. It

should be noted that the 35's have not finished lower than any other team in the United States for the past seven years. This is so despite the fact that mainland teams annually stack their line ups with all stars and ex-Olympians in an effort to beat the 35's. The only two times in the past seven years that the 35's have placed second in the national tournament were to Brazil this year and in 1995.

Marc Haine and Jon Andersen led the 35's and were named as First Team All Americans. Tim Walston played well and was named as a Second Team All American. The showing by the 35's reflected a total team effort, including significant contributions by Kimo Brown, Ralph Smith, James Kalaukoa, Tom Harrer and Alan Lau.

Unfortunately, the team's emotional leader, Scott Rigg, hurt his foot prior to the tournament and was unable to make the trip.

The Masters 40's Team made a courageous showing in placing fifth in their division. The team was beset by injuries including Jay Anderson, who pulled a muscle prior to the tournament, and Charlie Jenkins, who pulled a calf

muscle during the tournament. In addition, Randy Shaw injured his knee during the tournament but courageously continued to play and add his valuable experience to the team. Despite this adversity, the 40's played well enough to challenge for a medal in a very strong division.

The healthy members of the team were Jon Andersen, Jon Stanley, T.C. Gray, Ralph Smith and Bill Lawson.

Finally, in the Masters 45's Division, the Outrigger placed third behind two all-star teams. Chris Crabb was named as a First Team All American. Randy Shaw and Jon Stanley were named to the Second Team. Other members of the team included Tony Crabb, Buster Chapman, Charlie Jenkins, T.C. Gray, Jim Bukes and Tom Madison.

The fine showing by all Outrigger teams at the national tournament only adds to the Club's national and international reputation. This success of the teams can be attributed not only to the hard work and dedication of the players, but also to the strong and substantial support of all Club members and the Board of Directors. ☐

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## Summer Volleyball Heats Up

By Stevie Li

The first big beach volleyball tournament of the summer was held on June 21 and 22 at Queen's Beach and dominated by OCC members.

In the Men's Open Division, OCC members Alika Williams and Stevie Li were victorious beating Pono Ma'a and Keoki Shupe in the finals. Tom Harrer and Jason Ring finished a close third, and Danny Alvarez and Mel Mulligan placed fourth.

Punahou senior to be, Dominic Griffin, was the surprise player of the tournament as he finished in fifth place with partner Kanoa Ostrem.

In the Women's Open Division, Janice Harrer and Chastity Nobriga dominated the tournament finishing in first place. Lia Young and her partner Stephanie Chun finished fourth.

### Pro Tour

After conducting a great beach clinic for adults, Janice Harrer is now concentrating her efforts on the Women's Pro Beach tour on the Mainland. Other Outrigger members on the pro beach tour this summer are Lee LeGrand, Wayne Seligson, Kevin Wong, Stein Metzger, Mike Lambert, Karrie Poppinga and Sean Scott.

Brian Poppinga and Stevie Li were once again invited to play on the four-person USA Beach Team which will be competing in a FIVB sanctioned event in Hong Kong in August.

### August Tournaments

Be sure to sign up for the Duke Kahanamoku 2-Man Championships on August 16-17 and the Daddy Haine 4-Person Tournament on August 30-31 on the Club Courts. ☐