

OCC Wins Silver Medal in World Masters Games

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The Outrigger Canoe Club Masters Volleyball team, which has won the USVBA National Championship for the past four years in the 35 and 40 age divisions, finished second at the 3rd World Masters Games in Brisbane, Australia, September 28-October 2.

Participating in the 40 and older division, the OCC Masters advanced to the grand finals after five days of competition, sweeping Brazil, Australia, Alaska, Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland by the same match scores of 3 games to 0.

The Ukraine team, made up of four former Soviet national team players, were much too big (starters averaged 6'5") and powerful for the Outrigger Masters, winning the gold medal with game scores of 15-6, 15-8 and 15-12.

Playing for the Outrigger were Dennis Berg, Mike Cote, Chris Crabb, Charlie Jenkins, Tom Madison, Randy Shaw, Jon Stanley and Ilmar Tarikas. They were coached by Kimo Brown.

All of the Outrigger players have been a teammate of the late Tom Haine at one time or another in past years. In his memory, the team wore black patches with "Daddy" embroidered on them. "Daddy" was also acknowledged in the volleyball program at the Games. Ø