

OCC Successfully Defends 2 USVBA Championships

By Kimo Brown

Three Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball teams traveled to the "Biggest Little City in the World" to compete in the 1992 United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) National Championships in Reno, Nevada, from May 23-30.

This year, the tournament consisted of a record 275 teams from all over the country. OCC was represented in three divisions: the Open Men, Men's 35 and Men's 40 Masters.

We'll start with the Open Men's team. The players on this team were considered the strongest entry since 1987. For the second year in a row, they attained the Gold Medal division where they came in third place overall.

They lost to Raymond Construction from Long Beach, California in the loser bracket finals. It was an incredible team effort mainly due to the caliber of players that were fielded this year.

The Open team All-Americans were Matt Rigg, Doug Rigg and Leon Devaney. The rest of the team consisted of Trevor Schirman, Arne Lamberg, John McDermott, Kevin Shepard, Tony McInerny and Mike Lambert.

The team coaches were Jim Kalaukoa and Randy Shaw.

The Men's Masters team consisted of a nucleus of eight players: Jon Stanley, Randy Shaw, Buster Chapman, Chris Crabb, Tom Madison, Charlie Jenkins, Ilmar Tarikas and Mike Cote, in addition to their coach, Kimo Brown.

In the 35s division, they added Ralph Smith, Jon Andersen and Jay Anderson. In the 40s division, they added Jim Bukes and Dennis Berg.

Thirty teams competed in the 35s



The 1992 USVBA 35s champions are, front, Chris Crabb, Ralph Smith, Mike Cote, Charlie Jenkins, Jon Andersen; Back, Buster Chapman, Randy Shaw, Jon Stanley, Jim Bukes, Ilmar Tarikas, Jay Anderson and Coach Kimo Brown.

division which ran during the first half of the week. For the second year in a row, the team went through pool play and the gold medal double elimination bracket undefeated!

They beat North Coast Volleyball/Allen County from Villa Hills, Kentucky in three games (7-15, 15-7, 15-13) to capture their second consecutive national championship in the Men's 35s Masters division.

Receiving national recognition were Jon Stanley and Jay Anderson, first team All-American; Ralph Smith, third team All-American;

and for the second consecutive year, Jon Andersen was selected the tournament MVP.

This year, the Men's 40s Masters team also repeated their 1991 performance by going undefeated through pool play and double elimination in the gold medal division. They beat Silverado 40 from Laguna Nigel, California in three games (15-3, 12-15, 15-5) to win their second consecutive national championship in the men's 40s masters division.

Receiving national recognition were Mike Cote, Randy Shaw and Tom Madison, first team All-American; Ilmar Tarikas, second team All-American; and for the second consecutive year and at age 48, Jon Stanley won the tournament MVP.

As a tribute to the OCC's masters' teams success, this year's tournament was highly competitive, but our players proved to be unstoppable. There were a lot of teams competing in both of these divisions, who on paper, has just as much talent as our team.

However, by the middle of the week, they were in no condition to play at the same level as the OCC masters' teams. So after a total of eight days and 38 games during 18 matches, the OCC teams showed the true champions that they are by retaining their titles as the USVBA National Champions in the Men's 35 and 40 masters divisions.

In addition to the three OCC teams, other OCC members competed in the national championships.

The Golden Masters division included a group of OCC members playing for Riggers Hawaii. This team reached the finals, finishing a strong second place to the Legends of Long Beach, California.

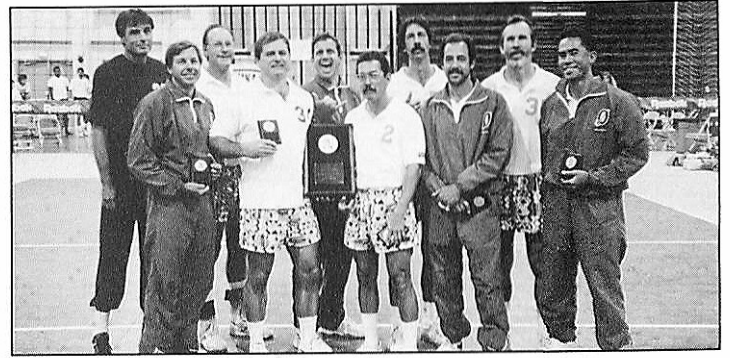
Riggers Hawaii members were Bill Baird, Fred Hiapo, Linzy Hotz, Tom Haine, Bob Kashare, David Porteus and Frank Kingery. Tom Haine and Fred Hiapo were selected as first team All-Americans.

In the Men's 45s Masters Division, Tom Madison and Dennis Berg played for the OGS from Hermosa Beach, California, which captured third place. Both Tom and Dennis were selected as second team All-Americans.

Overall, it was a very incredible and rewarding week for all of the players from the OCC. We now look forward to the 1993 USVBA

National Championships in Memphis, Tennessee.

In closing, the Volleyball Committee and teams would like to extend a special thanks to Club Captain Liz Perry-Dugan for handling all our requests and questions. Again, mahalo. 🙏



Playing on the winning 40s USVBA team were Jon Stanley, Buster Chapman, Dennis Berg, Randy Shaw, Tom Madison, Charlie Jenkins, Mike Cote, Jim Bukes, Ilmar Tarikas and Coach Kimo Brown.

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