

OCC Volleyball Teams Win 2 Silvers and 1 Bronze in USVBA Championships

By Patrick Daily

The Outrigger Canoe Club sent three teams to the U.S. Volleyball Association national championships, May 14-20 in Raleigh, N.C. Representing the Club in the tournament were the Senior (30-34 years), Masters (35 & over) and Golden Masters (45 & over).

In the Senior Division, our nine players went undefeated in pool play and were seeded going into double elimination. There they marched through the brackets and into the finals where they lost in a double final match, to the Silverados of California, finishing a respectable second.

Members of the team were Ralph Smith, Mark Rigg, Marc Haine, Jon Andersen, Kainoa Downing, Kimo Brown, John Zabriskie, Tim Walston and Peter Ehrman. Selected to the All-America first team were Marc Haine and Mark Rigg. Ralph Smith and Jon Andersen were named to the second team.

OCC's Masters team started the tournament without key player Chris Crabb who joined-up with the team in the second day. The team went undefeated in the first three rounds and was seeded going into the double elimination.

They suffered their first loss in the quarterfinals of the winner's bracket to a tough team from Denver. OCC then won five games in a row to get to the finals where they met the same Denver team. Denver won and OCC finished second.

Members of the team were Chris Crabb, Randy Shaw, Jon Stanley, Charlie Jenkins, Bill Lawson, Ilmar Tarikas, Wayne Kekina and Buster Chapman.

Selected to the All-America first team were Crabb and Jenkins. Stanley was named to the second team.

The Golden Masters team finished third in their division after losing only one match in each of pool play, double elimination and the finals. The loss of outstanding player Tom Haine in the second day to an injury, had a telling effect.

The Golden Masters lost in the finals of the losers bracket to DHL of Texas, the eventual winner, whom they had beaten in the finals last year.

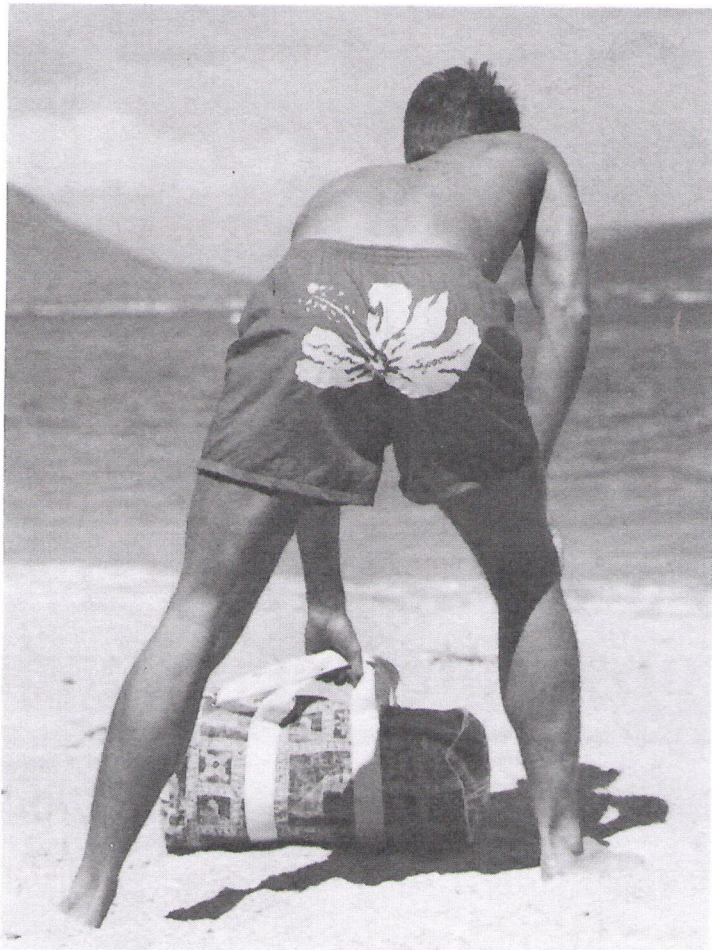
Members of the team were Dennis Berg, Fred Chuckovich, Tom Haine, Richard

Conroy, Fred Hiapo, Tony Crabb, Rich Riffero, Dick Templeman, Bob Kashare and Bill Baird.

Selected as first team All-Americans

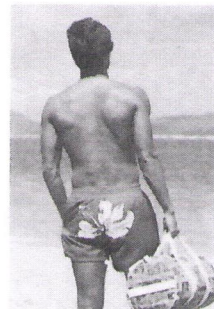
were Berg and Templeman. Riffero was named to the third team.

All in all, OCC's play was excellent and the players should be congratulated.



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