

Outrigger Bids Farewell to Tom "Daddy" Haine

If Duke Kahanamoku is Hawaii's legendary king of surfing, then Tom "Daddy" Haine is undoubtedly Hawaii's king of the volleyball courts.

On September 14, family and friends gathered at the Outrigger to "Celebrate the Life and Spirit of Tommy Haine" who was the Club's secretary at the time of his death from a heart attack on September 10.

Tom had served the Club twice as president, in 1972 and 1987. He was on the Board of Directors for a total of 15 years beginning in 1968. He served as Club vice-president three times (1970, 1971 and 1986), secretary in 1994, treasurer in 1969, 1984 and 1985, and Coordinating Director of Athletics (1968) and Long Range Planning (1973, 1988, 1989 and 1993).

In addition, he served on the Canoe Surfing Committee in 1985 and on the Long Range Planning Committee in 1984 and 1990.

Although his business skills helped keep the Club running smoothly, it was on the volleyball court that he may have made his greatest contribution as both a player and unofficial coach to many of the Club's young volleyball players.

Tom started playing volleyball at the old Club in 1950. He was state doubles champion 12 times, most recently in 1968, 1970 and 1971 with Paul MacLaughlin. He was also Club doubles champion many times, most recently with Jon Stanley in 1974.

He captained the 1968 U.S. Olympic Team which had the distinction of being the first U.S. Olympic team to beat the Soviets in international competition. He received a silver medal in 1963 and a gold medal in 1967 in the Pan American Games.

Playing for the OCC, he was named an All-American 35 times, including both open and senior divisions. He was also named Golden Masters Player of the Year in 1982 and received the USVBA All-Time Great Player award in 1990. In 1991, he was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Tom was one of the group of

original Club athletes elected to the Outrigger's Winged "O" in 1968.

In addition to volleyball, he also paddled for Outrigger. In 1952 he was a member of the winning state championship Junior Men's crew.

A memorial service was held at the Club on September 14. A flotilla of canoes, kayaks and surfboards helped scatter his ashes near Old Man's, his favorite surfing spot while the Hawaii National Guard flew overhead, a rainbow appeared, iwa birds hovered over the canoes and turtles swam through the leis.

Following the service, more than 100 friends gathered on the volleyball courts for a tournament in honor of "Daddy" as he was known to many.

Donations in his name may be made to the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, c/o the Outrigger Canoe Club.

"We will always be thankful for the support and confidence Tommy gave to all of us," said OCC president Walter Guild. "We will miss Tommy deeply. His impact on the OCC has been too great for us to ever forget him." 🌀



Tom Haine



Photo by Gerri Pedesky

Under a sign that read "Daddy's Court" family and friends gather on the OCC volleyball courts for a tournament in memory of Daddy Haine.