Dinosaurs VB Tournament, February 27-28

The best two-man sand volleyball teams in the world will assemble at the Outrigger Canoe Club for the Dinosaurs Volleyball Tournament on February 27-28, announced tournament director Marc Haine.

The Dinosaurs Volleyball Tournament was founded more than a decade ago and coordinated by David Chakin from Kona, Hawaii. Originally played at Keauhou Beach on the Big Island in a double elimination format, the tournament switched to the Outrigger Canoe Club in 2009 after the Keauhou courts became inaccessible due to a natural disaster.

Teams will compete in two-man teams. For the 2010 tournament, a women's competition with 24 teams will also be held simultaneously.

Competing teams will include U.S. Olympic and Professional Volleyball players Stein Metzger and Kevin Wong, as well as former University of Hawaii and National team players, and other well-known competitors

from Hawaii, California, and other beach volleyball hotspots.

Unlike a typical tournament, this tournament has some unique rules. For example, the ages of both team members when combined have to be a minimum of 80 years of age. For every four years that one team's combined age is older than the other team's, they are awarded one point for every four year difference (maximum points allowed is five).

For example, if one team's combined age is 100 and they're playing a team whose combined age is 80 (which is a 20 year difference), then the first team starts the game with a five point head start. This is a great equalizer for all entered.

The preliminary matches will be played on the sand courts at the Club as well as at the sand courts at Kuhio Beach. The finals will be played at OCC.

Check the Tunnel for the full schedule. If you want to compete, contact Marc.