

# Boys Sand Volleyball Teams Place 3rd and 5th



Coach Alike Williams, Kanai Akana, Jake Chouljian, Wil Stanley, Todd Gruebner, Noa Kerner, Alex Wallen.

For the first time ever, on July 12-13 the Club helped send three junior boy's sand volleyball teams to the AAU Junior National Tournament in Hermosa Beach, California. The teams were Kanai Akana/Jake Chouljian in the 14 and under division and Todd Grubner/Wil Stanley and Noa Kerner/Alex Wallen in the 16 and under division.

The boys were coached by Alike Williams and made a great showing at a very strong tournament as the competition in Southern California is always fierce.

Kanai and Jake placed third, bringing home bronze medals, Todd and Wil placed fifth, and Noa and Alex battled in pool play on Saturday but did not advance to Sunday.

All in all it was a great experience for the boys to compete on the world famous "strand" right at the pier in Hermosa, the hotbed for sand volleyball. To go up and play in the difficult conditions (deep sand and steady wind) and against some of the best teams in the country was special. The boys hope to do it again next year!

Mahalo to the Volleyball Committee co-chairs Rick Humphreys and Alan Lau, Sue Chouljian and Kat Wallen (team moms), and OCC members Hermosa Beach residents Pat Ayau, Lee LeGrande, and Ed McCall who helped with logistics.