

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL

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This summer has produced some exciting sand volleyball tournaments under the direction of **Paul MacLaughlin**. The opening event of the summer session was the Kane-Wahine tourney. This is always a popular event and we had a good turn out of teams. The old pros, **Tom and Marilyn Haine**, again were the victors.

The next tournament was a Men's Open, and provided some outstanding volleyball. There were some fine performances by quite a few players, and the finals proved to be a truly great match. **Jon Stanley and Randy Shaw** came through the losers' bracket and found **Tom Haine and Paul MacLaughlin** in the finals. It was very close all the way and finally saw the team of Stanley and Shaw the victors.

Then it was time for a few of the more experienced men of the Club to get in on the action, as the 75 Year and Older Tournament was held. In this tourney, the combined ages of both players must be 75 years or better. We also had an unusual rule that a "throw or carry" was allowed. This proved very popular with the membership, and we had a large turnout of teams. It was the old masters of the "throw" game, **Tom Haine and Bill "Baldy" Baird**, who were victorious over **Chris Crabb and Dr. Bill Parker** in a very interesting match.

Now we come to the Outrigger Canoe Club's Open Men's Tourney for members, and this had some fine volleyball played also. The finals were played with **Tom Haine and Paul MacLaughlin** vs. **Chris Crabb and Mike Lemes**. Haine and MacLaughlin were the victors but not without a terrific battle from Crabb and Lemes. Two members, who live on the mainland but were able to play in this tourney, placed third. They were **Dan McFadden and Jackie Hinds**.

This brings us to the premier event of the summer season, and that is the State Open Doubles for Men. We had a truly outstanding field of sixteen teams. Each match provided some very fine play and great excitement. In the finals of the tournament, it was **Paul MacLaughlin and Tom Haine** against **Chris Crabb and Craig Thompson**. Haine and MacLaughlin were really on top of this game and played nearly errorless ball as they won, but Crabb and Thompson gave their all and possibly because of tiredness just couldn't handle Haine's and MacLaughlin's excellent spikes and serves. The team of **Jackie Hinds and Mike McMahon** placed third and played some fine volleyball themselves. It was a tournament enjoyed by all.

We still have a couple of tournaments left and we hope all members will either participate or come on up to the courts and share the fun and excitement.