

# Calling all Tennis Players

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Dig that tennis racquet out of the closet, the trunk of the car, or the back of the garage. The world of tennis is about to take on a new meaning at the Outrigger Canoe Club and we want you to help make it happen.

Gradually over the past few years, Outrigger tennis has become associated with only a small group of women. Those women have indeed been a dedicated group. As the Club's tennis representatives, they arose at unnatural hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the past tennis seasons and competed against other local teams in the USTA and Honolulu tennis leagues.

Each year, their game improved and their enthusiasm doubled. The dedication and energy of these Outrigger women paid off in 1993, because they moved up the ranks to number one and only barely lost to another tough team in the semi-finals.

Naturally Outrigger's fearless group is ready to hit the courts again and win in 1994. More importantly, they are eager to spread their enthusiasm for this often forgotten sport and just play more tennis with more Outrigger members.

To achieve this goal, the Tennis Committee would like to organize a Club tennis ladder, Club championship, inter-club competitions, form a men's team and more women's teams and more.

It can happen, but we need your support. Simply sign up on one of the rosters posted in the locker rooms, Front Desk and Tunnel, or call Tracey Wiltgen (377-5282) or Ann Martin (955-3404).

With your help, Outrigger tennis will no longer refer only to a select group of gals with sassy matching skirts who bat balls against formidable foes in the wee hours of the morning. Oh no, not any more.

From now on, Outrigger tennis will refer to everyone, including the

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weekend warriors, the occasional hackers, the ace servers, the wicked back -handers, all men, women and children with a desire to play. Whatever your ability, let your desire to play be known and “Let’s play tennis!” 🎾