

# Outrigger in B League Competition

By Genie Kincaid

It sure seemed simple enough. All anyone needed to do was just ask. That's exactly what Tennis Committee Chairperson Tina Berg did.

She put out the word last fall for people to sign up for the upcoming B League competition and now there are 22 Lady Riggers signed up for the 1987 spring league.

What is B League and where does it fit in the tennis scheme of things? Well, in a nutshell, it all began when the City & County responded to the demand for public tennis courts in our park facilities.

As more people participated in tennis, avid players became interested in the concept of team tennis competition with a built-in rating system.

Under the sponsorship of the City & County and the Hawaii Tennis Association (HTA), teams organized and were rated according to their level of skill.

Teams of like ratings competed against one another in their own skill

divisions. And the team which ended up with the best win-loss record in each skill division was crowned champion of that division.

City league tennis started with three skill divisions: A, B and C, with A being the top caliber division. Within each division, players were further ranked 1, 2, or 3, with 1 indicating a higher level of skill. The league has grown so rapidly in the last few years that another skill division, novice, has been added.

League play begins in January and runs through April. Another round of league play begins after summer. The purpose of the league is to foster interest in tennis as a sport and to also encourage healthy competition.

This year, Outrigger has fielded a strong B level team with good depth. And having 22 active players on the roster is an added plus considering the attrition that is likely to occur over the months of match play.

Outrigger is not only well represent-

ed this year in league play but is also well led. There's no substitute for experience and this year's captain, Gertrude Berger, had loads of it.

Says Berger, "This year, there is so much interest which is just great. We want to give all players the chance to play, not deprive anyone of playing, and at the same time, do the Club proud."

With Berger's leadership and organization and help from a strong supporting cast, Outrigger is destined for its most successful season in tennis. ☺

## 1987 B LEAGUE ROSTER

Gay Austin	Chula Harrison
Tina Berg	Ronny Kilpatrick
Gertrude Berger	Genie Kincaid
Pat Buckman	Leslie Mattice
Shelly Bukes	Kathy Muller
Leslie Chabin	Keanuenue Rochlen
Wendy Crabb	Susan Rose
Sara Dudgeon	Patsy Sheehan
Karen Ehrman	Laurie Siegfried
Mary Fern	Candy Taylor
Marilyn Haine	Cindy White