

# 1984 OCC Tennis Championship

*By John Michalski*

This year the tennis championships took place on the brand-new tennis courts of the Liliuokalani Gardens, a deluxe condominium in Waikiki. Among the entrants were Mark Buckman, Jimmy Dean, Margie Howe, Tracy Smith, Shelley Bukes, Jim Bukes, Ed Crumpacker and Gail Wayne.

The most grueling mid-day match featured the semifinal men's singles match between Rajan Watumull and Peter Balding, which was won by Peter. The finals of the men's singles featured the hard-nosed challenger Peter Balding against the many-times champion, and nationally ranked, Rick Fried. Fried's repertoire of serves and carefully placed shots earned him another championship.

The women's singles finals featured two off-the-court friends Tyler Herich and Leslie Crow. Though rumor has it that Tyler can beat Leslie on a good day, this time it was Leslie's steady game that earned her the women's singles title.

The men's doubles finals featured the seasoned team of Emil Offer and Cub Jussel against the tough team of Don Fowler and Doug Prior. Don Fowler's shots were so powerful that at least one tennis ball ended up high over the fences into the streets of Waikiki. The doubles title was won by Offer and Jussel.

The mixed doubles finals featured former champions Peter and Mae Bald-

ing against the young and strong team of John Moore and Leslie Crow. With a little bit of help from John Moore, Leslie Crow succeeded in gaining her second championship title in one day.

John Michalski served as tournament director, with Tracy Smith as his assistant and some help from Margie Howe

of the Tennis Committee. The committee, which also includes Gulab Watumull, Jeannie Lum and Billie Baird, would like to hear from OCC tennis players as we try to expand our programs and events. If you are not on our tennis roster please call 373-3231 and we will be happy to add your name.

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## The Iron Man From a Bystander's Point of View

*By Rici Guild Roberts*

Saturday, October 6, Kailua Kona: At 7 a.m., the Iron Man Triathlon got underway. 2.4 miles of open ocean swim, 112 miles of sweltering biking and then an exhausting 26.2 mile run. It is enough to put away most athletes that are in shape! Who in their right mind would want to do such a thing?

Apparently—Quite a few! As many as 1,035 and probably more if there were not a cutoff point. These athletes came from all over the world to compete for the self-glory (because it can't be anything else!) of finishing the race and fulfilling a goal.

From the sidelines however, you feel a different kind of emotion. Anyone lucky enough to be in Kona that week-

end, not only felt the energy and excitement from the event itself, but also the strong emotional drive of every athlete who swam, biked or ran by. Certainly it made most of us aware of the intense dedication it took to even begin training for such an event. All who worked an aid station or watched from the sidelines came away with great admiration for the athletes. And for those of us who barely survived the race between the Kona Inn and the home stretch to the finish line (toting refreshments, of course).

Well, we'll be back again next year to help cheer and inspire the athletes who either haven't learned their lesson or don't know any better.