Tennis Talk: The Leis & Our Own Racquet

By Phil Whitney

On August 7th, the OCC Tennis Committee hosted a second World Team Tennis party at the Club. Cocktails and heavy pupus were served to 40 enthusiasts who continue to acclaim the prowess of our OCC chef. Following the party the group dashed off to McKinley gym to see the firedup Hawaii Leis play brilliantly to best the Chicago Aces 26-20. Valerie Ziegenfuss. Ann Kivomura and Mike Machete were "on", giving the edge needed for the victory—the fourth in a last spurt for our team. To the Leis our Mahalo for bringing top team tennis to Hawaii. We look forward to next season and some winning Leis.

Midway through the Honolulu Tennis League "C" Group season, our OCC team continues to show great spirit and enthusiasm. Under the leadership of Co-captains Dede Openshaw and John Michalski the team has enjoyed the support of ten regular players and another half dozen alternates. Colin Chock has been the leading OCC winner during the first five matches-played against the toughest teams in the league. Hopefully, OCC will finish in the middle by the end of the season. Incidentally, "C" League can be translated into B play by our OCC standards. The competition is tough! As an added help for play next year, John Michalski has completed revision of the Honolulu Tennis League constitution.

On Sept. 29th (Sunday), we will have a match with the Honolulu Interservice Tennis Assoc. (HITA) at Hickam. Doubles and Mixed Doubles are planned and lunch will be served. This is our first match with the service people, who are from Hickam, Pearl Harbor and Ft. Shafter. Please sign up early on the Athletic Bulletin Board—A - C players needed.

As it appears now, OCC tennis players will be dependent on other private clubs for future matches. The City tennis authorities no longer will allow us to hold intramural events on public courts. So—if any of you know where we can find three or four courts for a day, please let us know. Then we can schedule our Club Championships and intramural events. As we understand it, courts at OCC remain a future possibility, but the parking facility must be built first. Of course, parking needs will have to be assessed before there can be any possibility of concurrent sports activity.

For the several hundred of you who enjoy our tennis activities—hang with us. We'll continue the matches and tennis oriented parties, etc. as long as you are interested. New members who want to join us—sign up on the tennis roster so we can inform you of our activities—and read the Tennis Board by the locker rooms.