

Extra Innings

1st Annual Awards BBQ is a Big Hit

The 1997 Outrigger Softball Team capped off its championship season with its first awards banquet at the home of Assistant Coach Bill Kilcoyne. A tremendous turnout of nearly the entire team and their families enjoyed an exceptional BBQ and loads of fun.

Everyone brought a special treat to go along with the steak, chicken, salads, rice and soft drinks provided by the team. The appetizer table was something to behold with all the incredible dips and spring rolls.

Special guest, OCC General Manager John Rader, brought wild boar in a black bean corn sauce. Another guest, Mark Brillhante, brought his homemade pumpkin crunch dessert.

Enjoying the Kilcoyne swimming pool were Kahiwa Letman, Courtney and Kainoa Gaddis, Deven Hoernig, Declan McAluney and Jon Kiner's grandson, Jeremiah.

Head Coach Jim Gaddis announced the 1997 player awards, the 1998 team captain and the 1998 Softball Committee, prior to Mike Buck's blessing.

The team voted pitcher Keith Letman as the 1997 Most Valuable Player. Keith edged out last year's MVP Cavanah and four-time MVP Kilcoyne by a narrow margin. Other players receiving votes were Jon Whittington, Clay Chee and Brian Hoernig.

Letman has shared pitching duties for the team for nearly 10 years. With Gaddis out with an injury, Letman started and finished every game in the Fall League. His defensive play insured a number of OCC wins. Keith also led the team in triples. His son, Kahiwa, rarely missed a game, enjoyed his 'bat boy' duties and often helped with the score book.

Keith heads the weekly post game BBQ with regulars Kilcoyne, Kiner,

Whittington, Hoernig, McAluney and Gaddis. Keith served as 'executive chef' at the awards BBQ and did a masterful job on the steaks and chicken.

Keith Letman's name will go on a new koa bat trophy honoring softball MVP's from 1987 to the present.

The most improved player was Mike Miranda. Mike made a total commitment to OCC softball in 1997 and solidified the second base job with sparkling glove work and a consistent bat which launched him into the clutch clean-up spot in the lineup.

Assistant Coach Kilcoyne was the most inspirational player. His non-stop encouragement and leadership both on and off the field helped keep the team focused on their goal. Outfielder Jim McAluney succeeds Paki Vaughan's three year stint as Team Captain. Perhaps the most versatile player on the team, McAluney's keen knowledge, common sense and high energy will be a positive force for the team's future success.

As mentioned last month, the 1998 softball committee includes chairman and Head Coach Jim Gaddis, Bill 'Killer' Kilcoyne, Jon Whittington and Brian Hoernig. The four met for hours after the BBQ to discuss long term plans for 1998 and 1999. Whittington and Hoernig are working on plans to compete in neighbor island tournaments.

Perhaps the highlight of the party was the world heavyweight title fight on the television. The Kilcoyne living room was non-stop laughs and comments from the 'peanut gallery' cheering for whom they wanted to win and when (what round) they wanted it to happen.

The entire OCC team gives a big mahalo to Bill and Maureen Kilcoyne for their generous hospitality, not to mention all the hard work they did in preparing food all day Saturday and cleaning up the mess afterward.

By the way, coaches Gaddis and Kilcoyne shopped for all the food in a record breaking 10 minutes and came within \$13 of their budget without the use of a calculator. How's that for no nonsense shopping?

The new 1998 committee is working hard to expand the horizons for OCC softball. Check the bulletin board to find out when the Leahi Spring League starts up and support your team. Thank you. ☺

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1997 OCC Softball Statistics

	AVE	AB	R	H	RBI
Jim Joy	.690	9	3	6	2
Jim Gaddis	.611	11	3	6	5
Bill Kilcoyne	.570	28	11	6	11
Jon Kiner	.490	9	0	4	0
Jon Whittington	.460	26	7	12	3
Rick Piper	.440	16	4	7	1
Ralph DeWitt	.430	7	2	3	2
Kirk Christman	.430	7	2	3	3
Henry Ayau	.420	26	6	11	7
Jim Cavanah	.410	34	8	14	5
Chris Siegfried	.380	8	6	3	1
Clay Chee	.360	22	6	8	6
Brian Hoernig	.350	31	8	11	8
Mike Miranda	.350	26	7	9	8
Paki Vaughan	.333	6	0	2	0
Keith Letman	.333	30	4	10	5
Jim McAluney	.300	15	5	5	2
Stew Kawakami	.250	4	1	1	0

Homeruns: Miranda 2, Kilcoyne 2, Joy 1, Chee 1, McAluney 1, Christman 1