

OCC Golfers Have Busy Year

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Club Golf Champions S.E. Lee and Jarriel Tuinei.



Enjoying the party were Jarriel Tuinei, Harry Kersten, Jordan Chouljian, Scott Meitry, CJ Day, Ryan Looks, Mark Thomas.

Our annual OCC Golf Christmas banquet was held December 8 in the Koa Lanai. It's a chance for our golf members to reflect and reminisce on our year of golf, both individually and as a group.

With high handicappers with a 30+ index, playing with single digit handicappers, we as a group enjoy the company of each other and competition on the golf courses that we are fortunate to play each month. It is also a chance to meet the spouses of the players who do not play golf and interact with one another as fellow OCC members.

Golf, along with just sports in general, brings people together that would normally not happen on an initiative basis. I've seen several members in passing at the Club that I've never met before, but now are good acquaintances because of the golf group.

We find out through our interaction that our kids go to the same schools, grew in the same communities, traveled to the same destinations around the world and have similar interests and hobbies outside of golf. Some experiences are just the total opposite of what we've experienced personally and yet we are open to exchange the values and appreciations of those experiences.

All this happens in the two and half hours we spend together, once a year and look forward to next year's banquet.

Our agenda is the same every year; cocktail hour with the beautiful sunset backdrop, light pupu, addressing golf business for the past year and next, our entertaining slideshow and of course our trophy presentations.

Our slideshow is basically all the pics gathered together from each respective monthly tournament throughout the year. It's always fun seeing our players in their candid golf swings or in our social group pics.

We wrapped it up with our Club championship presentation to our men's and women's champions. Jarriel "JT" Tuinei took it for the men and S.E. Lee won it for the women.

We also recognized our Aikane Cup players for bringing the Aikane Cup back to the OCC. We had a couple of our team players share their experiences of the Cup, since it was hard-fought to win it back for the Club.

Overall, another successful event and our member players are looking forward to an exciting 2018 of more golf and camaraderie with their fellow OCC members!

Club Championship

Our annual Club Championship Tournament was held on November 21 at Navy Marine Golf Course. It's actually our last stop on our golf calendar, where it consists of three tournaments in one. It consists of our regular monthly tournament which is open to all participants, an Ace of Aces tournament open only to those first place monthly winners during the year, and then of course the club championship for those point leaders that qualified in the top ten earning points throughout the year.

Our golf rules award points for player participation throughout the year and/or placing in monthly tournaments via net handicap scoring. We had a decent size group of players, with some last minute cancellations. Weather held up, as there was a sprinkle when we first teed off.

Navy Marine is a pretty friendly course, being that it plays a little shorter than the other courses we played during the year, which gives an opportunity for both low and high handicappers to go after the coveted Club trophy. The maintenance guys out there do a great job of keeping up the course, with the greens really

well-kept and were actually rolling faster than usual.

Some of our better putters in the group struggled a little due to the unusual quickness of the greens. Qualifying and competing for the Club championships, were five women and five men, so pretty balanced.

The women's scores were pretty close, but in the end S.E. Lee pulled it off with a net score of 71. As for the men's, it was a runaway with JT scoring a net of 63.

All of the men played pretty close to their handicaps, but JT just had a spectacular day of golf, scoring no worse than a double on 17, with three birdies on his card. Very out of the ordinary for him, scoring a gross of 79, his second lowest round ever.

Sean Ginella took the Ace of Aces prize with a net score of 70. Other regular prizes such as closest to pins and the long drive hole for men, were almost swept by CJ Day, winning four of those five prizes. Mel Hicks won the long drive for our women.

We then followed our round with the usual awards ceremony of prizes and presentation of the Club champs. We had good pupus and drinks and even a nice custom made birthday cake for a couple of players celebrating their birthdays the day of. All-in-all, it was another beautiful day of golf for our group and an awesome and successful tournament to wrap up our year of golf for our OCC members!

If you're a golfer and would like to join the fun, contact JT Tuinei or watch the bulletin board and enews for dates of upcoming tournaments. Sign up for activities in the Golf Folder at the Front Desk.