

VBers Honor Charlie Jenkins



Charlie Jenkins



Winners of the Charlie Tournament were Hana Lishman, Kupono Fey, Davis Lau, Joby Ramos.



Also competing were Noah Marasco-Ayau, Coach Jon Andersen, Lars Andersen, Joseph Hoddick, and Coach Milan Zarkovic. Photo by Nora Meijide Gentry.

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A celebration of Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball took place on Saturday, May 19 with the Cancer Smash Tournament (or better known as the “Uncle Charlie Tournament”) honoring volleyball legend and Winged “O” member Charlie Jenkins.

Charlie led the Club through its Golden Age of volleyball in the ‘70’s, ‘80’s and 90’s as the fiery leader of teams that won countless championships and dominated adult volleyball on the National level. As the setter of those teams, Charlie won numerous Most Valuable Player and All American awards.

Once his playing career ended, Charlie became one of the top technical and strategic coaches in junior volleyball. Teams he coached won an incredible six national championships in a row and produced players who dominated college volleyball and are now competing at high international levels.

Always humble, Charlie gave back tirelessly to junior volleyball on both the boys and girls levels. Always a giving person, Charlie wanted no more than a few Budweisers in return for the sharing of his incredible knowledge of the sport.

The Uncle Charlie Tournament was a benefit for Charlie who has been battling health issues of late. Former teammates of Charlie and players he coached, both male and female, came out in force to participate and honor this great man.

Photos of old Outrigger teams Charlie played on led to much reminiscing and remembrances of what an incredible player Charlie was. Teammates recounted stories of the great times spent traveling and competing with Charlie. It was a wonderful celebration of someone who gives so much to the sport he loves and to the Outrigger Canoe Club.

We love you Charlie!