

Volleyball in Full Swing

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Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball action is in full swing with more teams than ever before. Coach Terri Needles is starting the 12/13 year-old girls in the right direction. Coach Danny McInerny has put together a Girls 14 team, while Coach Rick Budar has the Girls 15s.

Girl's volleyball is somewhat new at OCC especially for the younger ladies. We are hoping to start a prominent program that can compete with the top girls clubs on Oahu. Club volleyball is huge in Hawaii. College coaches focus their attention on the club game far more than high school ball. All of the OCC girls' teams plan to participate at the club level this year. We wish them our best and hope they continue to grow and thrive.

Chris McLachlin (Boys 18) and Dave Shoji (Boys 17) have tremendously talented rosters and hope to continue the great success these teams had at the 2005 Nationals. Most of McLachlin's team knows where they will be playing college volleyball already. There should be some national awards from these programs in 2006 in the trophy case.

The overstuffed roster of Chris Crabb's incredible team from 2005 has split up for 2006. Half of those players moved to the OCC Boys 15 team. Diana McKibbin and Kirk Christman have already started working hard with this team. Members include Shaw Richardson, Max Fujio, David Fink, Ricky Budar, Madison McKibbin, Nick Christman, Kekoa Nuuhiwa, Micha Marter, and Henry Cassidy. There may be more players when you read this section next month.

Chris Crabb will be coaching an exciting Boys 14 team. His roster isn't available yet.

Check next month's magazine for more information on OCC volleyball. Hopefully all of the rosters will be available for printing. Highlights and results from tournaments and practices as well as expectations for summer play will be featured.