

OCC Golfers Tee It Up

By Jennifer Lyons

For the fourth month in a row, the Outrigger Golf Club has been in full swing. Literally. Beginning with the 2008 kickoff event held in January at Turtle Bay's championship links, the OCC monthly golf event has drawn capacity crowds. Golf Co-Chairs, Jordan Chouljian and Erick Ellgren attribute the strong turnout and renewed interest in this great Club activity to the foundation laid by past chairs, Phil Sevier and Frank Kingery.

Member Roger Lyons notes that Ellgren and Chouljian really have a handle on their target audience, having added e-mail, text messaging and electronic invitations (think EVITE) to their marketing efforts. Clearly, members and their guests are responding in droves.

The April 17 event held at Oahu Country Club attracted a sell-out crowd of 44 golfers, who convened on a hazy, windless Thursday morning to enjoy optimal playing conditions.

As an added incentive, our golfers are awarded OCC gift certificates for distinctions such as male/female low gross and low net, high gross, longest drive, and closest to the pin. In April, low gross honors went to Hargon Holland and Ralph Dewitt, who each shot 75.

Low net prizes went to John Cavanah with a 66, and Mina Humphreys with a 72. Closest to the Pin contests were won by Ralph Dewitt, Bob Nemechek, and Don Mailer.

These monthly events afford OCC members and their guests an opportunity to sample a variety of private and resort courses. OCC golfers will also get to test their skills at venues such as Kapolei, Mid-Pacific, Waialae and Kaneohe Klipper this year. There is also discussion of an off-island excursion this season, possibly to one of the Lanai courses or to Maui Country Club in Paia.

Veteran golfers Hargon Holland and Gunner Schull Jr. note that in keeping with Outrigger tradition the monthly golf outings are not without a social component. In addition to 18 holes of golf, each event also features post round pupu and cocktails. And in fact, word around the Terrace has it that members are often known to turn in some of their best performances at the 19th hole, where the friendly competition and camaraderie continue in earnest.

For information on the next tournament contact Jordan Chouljian at jchouljian@speakeasy.net or Erick Ellgren at eellgren@allstate.com, or simply go to the Club's user-friendly website outriggercanooclub.com to learn more or sign up at the Front Desk.



Jon Andersen and Erick Ellgren at the recent tournament.



Matt Delaney, Don Mailer and Mark Bratton.

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