

# Outrigger Golf Team Battles the Pacific Club in the Inaugural Aikane Cup

By Jordan Chouljian

On July 29, 12 members of the Outrigger Golf Club renewed an old tradition by battling 12 formidable opponents from the Pacific Club Golf Group. At stake was the inaugural awarding of the Aikane Cup.

The name Aikane was chosen to represent the spirit of friendship and camaraderie that exists between our two fine clubs. Our team was captained by Hargon Holland while Russell Lo lead the Pacific Club. With our club's proximity to the ocean, we strategically choose the sea-side golf course known as Kaneohe Klipper, thinking it would benefit our players.

The captain's agreed upon format included a mix of Best Ball, Singles, and Alternate Shot matches. The General Managers of both clubs also participated in the event, though the outcome of their head-to-head match would have no effect on the official point total.

Under sunny skies and against stiff breezes, the Outrigger team battled hard, keeping most matches close with victory well within our grasp. In the end, though, we fell short of our goal of bringing home the Cup totaling only 2 1/2 points against the Pacific Club's total of 5 1/2 points.

Earning points for the Outrigger team were Jon Andersen, Eric Tema, Gunner Schull and Sean Ginella. Mike Ako, our General Manager, also recorded a win against Gary Oliveira, the General Manager at Pacific Club. In defeat, Captain Holland remained positive telling his team "the loss will only make us hungrier for a prize we know we are capable of winning". The next Aikane Cup will be contested in July of next year, the course yet to be determined.



The 2009 Outrigger Aikane Cup team pictured above are: Front: Hargon Holland, Mike Ako, Jordan Chouljian, Sean Ginella, Phil Sevier, Bob Nemechek, Roger Lyons, Rodger Hoffman. Back: Gunner Schull, Jon Andersen, Eric Tema, Ralph DeWitt, Tom Madison.

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On the 12th tee box at Klipper are Jordan Chouljian and Rodger Hoffman.