

Golfers Enjoy Recent Outings

By Reid Perry

Paradise, competition and good friends. That's what the Outrigger Canoe Club Golf Club is all about. We have been meeting seven to eight times a year at the best golf courses Oahu has to offer, enjoying the thrill of competition and enjoying the camaraderie that comes with it. All in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

The Golf Committee invites you to join us at our golf tournaments. All skill levels are welcome. We adhere to USGA rules and require member participants to maintain a GHIN Handicap in order to be eligible for the Club sponsored awards. However, all participants, members without GHIN handicaps and guests can win longest drive or closest to the pin prizes.

Our Club Championship returns at the end of the year as well as an awards banquet that both ends the golf year and kicks off the next.

Our mission is to provide golf outings that both challenge and excite. Our golf course selections aim to allow golfers to play both public and private courses, leveraging our members' affiliations with other clubs.

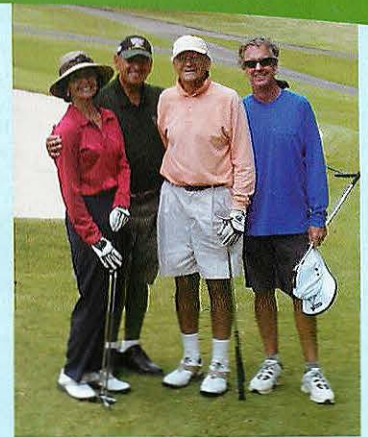


Bill Lawson, Amy Lawson, Sydnee Kekina, and Matt Gilbertson after finishing at Oahu CC.

So far this year we have played Hawaii Kai GC, Kapolei GC, Pearl CC and the Palmer Course at Turtle Bay Resort. We will end the first half of the year at the Klipper Course at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base.

The Aikane Cup continues this year with a spirited competition with the Pacific Club's best golfers in July.

After a summer break, the second half of the year has us (tentatively) challenging Oahu CC, Waialae CC, Leilehua GC and MidPacific CC and finishing with our Club Championship in December at Navy Marine Golf Course followed by the annual awards banquet at the Club.



Pam Nemechek, Agenhart Ellis, Bob Nemechek, and Don Mailer.

OCC Youth Golf

New this year is our OCC youth golf program. It focuses on encouraging participation and establishing in our interested young OCC players a solid foundation in the core elements of the game and a love of the sport of golf that can last a lifetime.

Initial plans are to associate with established local junior golf program(s) such as the PGA's "First Tee" program and the HSJGA "Golf Day" where local pro's offer skills development in a fun and interactive format at local courses around the island.

From this base our committee hopes to provide "enhancement" programs and other support that further our OCC kids to grow, achieve and potentially become junior competitors in the local golf scene.

If you are interested in joining us, interested in helping out with the Golf Committee and are not in the OCC golf directory, or are already affiliated with the OCC golf club and have input on future golf venues or tournament formats, contact the Golf Committee Chairman, Reid Perry at mperry@hawaii.edu or call 808-348-2338.

ON THE COVER

Outrigger Canoe Club will host the 60th Annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta on the 4th of July at Waikiki Beach. A 4th of July party at the Club will follow in the evening with food, music and dancing. For ticket information see page 12.

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