

OCC Wins Aikane Cup Again

The Aikane Cup friendship golf match returned again this year as Outrigger Golf team took on the Pacific Club golf team at the beautiful Mamala Bay Golf Course on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on July 27.

The OCC team turned in an exceptional performance again this year.

Needing a tie to retain the cup, the team left little doubt who had the better team this year with a 5 1/2 points to 2 1/2 points victory, keeping the Cup in the OCC trophy case for another year.

Our team consisted of four rookies in Uli Frowein, Judy Jordan, Larry Wennick and Matt Gilbertson (Co-Captain), eight seasoned veterans including Jon Andersen, Erick Ellgren, Bob Nemechek, Mark Bratton, Hargon Holland, Eric Tema, Jordan Chouljian and Ralph Dewitt and two alternates Pam Nemechek and Reid Perry waiting in the wings should there need be.

The match started with Four Ball teammates Hargon Holland and Eric Tema confidently teeing it up and halving a tough match, and closed out with solid victories by both Ralph Dewitt and Jordan Chouljian in their respective singles matches.

In between, Matt Gilbertson and Judy Jordan made a statement by beating the Pacific Club ringer, Preston Lentz and his partner Janell Blackmon; Erick Ellgren and Jon Andersen toyed with their opponents, Charles Au and John Horak before applying the coups de gras on the 16th hole and Mark Bratton never trailed while soundly beating his opponent, Gary Kirby.

Teammates Bob Nemechek and Larry Wennick, although losing their match, gave a valiant effort against worthy opponents, Ed Low and Paul Marx in the most unselfish, "leave your ego at the door" of formats, alternate shot. And lastly, newcomer Uli Frowein gained valuable match experience for next year with a tough loss to an incredibly consistent Herb Hong.

Similar to previous years, the fellowship and camaraderie between the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Pacific Club and among club teammates was enjoyed and cherished with

everyone looking forward to next year. The Cup itself was again awash in top shelf champagne after the match as every winning team member took a drink culminating the victory. The team party then moved to the Boathouse and continued into the night.

Match results:

Four ball: Holland/Tema (OCC) halved Fuller/Megorden (PC).

Four ball: Jordan/Gilbertson (OCC) def Lentz/Blackmon (Pacific Club).

Alt Shot: Low/Marx (PC) def Nemechek/Wennick (OCC).

Four ball: Andersen/Ellgren (OCC) def Au/Horak (PC).

Singles: Mark Bratton (OCC) def Gary Kirby (PC).

Singles: Herb Hong (PC) def Uli Frowein (OCC).

Singles: Ralph Dewitt (OCC) def Doug Moore (PC).

Singles: Jordan Chouljian (OCC) def Brian Moore (PC).

Other OCC Golf news:

Our season continues at Kaneohe Klipper GC on September 20, the recently renovated Leilehua GC on October 18, Waialae CC on November 5 and our Club championship at a course to be determined in December.

We will also kick off our 2013 golf match play tournament in December, which will continue until the following December when we will crown OCC match play champs in several categories and flights. Our match play format and sample bracket will have been forwarded to all OCC golf club members by the time of this magazine printing.

We would also like to solicit input for next year's venues, dates and times so as to make our tournaments accessible and "attendable" to the maximum extent possible. So please forward any requests/inputs via email to Reid Perry at mperry@hawaii.edu or call 348-2338.



Proudly displaying the Aikane Cup trophy are Jordan Chouljian, Phil Sevier, Hargon Holland and Reid Perry.