

# Beaven Often Called Rickard of Honolulu

Credited with doing more than any other man in advancing Honolulu sports to the position they now hold, responsible for the revival of organized baseball in Hawaii and the founder of the Honolulu stadium. He is John Ashman Beaven, better known among Hawaii sports fans as Bev, who is today observing his 70th birthday.

In the early 1920s Bev had one thing in mind. That was to erect for Honolulu a stadium which would be the center of all sports.

When critics heard of his plans they called him a dreamer. But he was one dreamer who saw his dream come true.

May 22, 1927, the Honolulu stadium was completed on a tract of land that occupied 14 acres and which for over 10 years has served Honolulu as a sports center.

The completion of the Stadium did not end Beaven's activities. No matter what went on in the Stadium he is always on hand to greet the customers.

Bev is particularly popular with children. He realized the young boys of today would be the stars of tomorrow. Often the gates were thrown open to children for athletic contests. However, he required the kids to have clean hands, faces and feet and to be dressed neatly.

**His Policy**  
Beaven's policy is to keep prices down as low as possible so more people could attend stadium sponsored athletics. He said sports should be presented for as many people as possible.

Bev claimed his athletic abilities started October 31, 1869, when he entered the world as yell leader of the Beaven family in New York.

While till a youth Beaven did much traveling. Before he was 21 he had been in England, parts of Europe, India, Africa and Egypt.

For eight years Beaven was in the newspaper business. In 1890 he was given a position on the New York Evening Telegram. He also wrote for the New York Recorder and the New York American.

He later became owner and editor of the Milford Citizen, a paper that covered the territory around Milford, Conn.

Small in stature the only sport in which Beaven participated well was track. His specialty was the five mile, which he ran under 29 minutes.

### Came Here 1910

Bev first arrived in Honolulu in 1910. He was immediately called on

## Beaven Will Be Honored Tonight At 70th Birthday

J. Ashman Beaven, father of Honolulu stadium, is today observing his 70th birthday.

As a testimonial of Bev's enthusiastic work and his contribution to sports here about 100 persons will honor the veteran promoter at a banquet at 6:30 tonight at the Kewalo Inn.

Franchise owners of the Hawaii Baseball league, the senior football circuit and staff members of the stadium are participating in the affair.

Others desiring to join the party may do so by communicating with Theodore (Pump) Searle, in charge at the stadium; Larry Rawlins, veteran member of the stadium staff; Miss Alice Kitamura or Otto Meyer.

to help straighten out the affairs of the local AAU, an important job at that time due to the world records that were being broken by 'Duke Kahanamoku.

From 1912 to 1917 he held the position of secretary of the Outrigger Canoe club.

During the World war Beaven became interested in the Honolulu baseball situation, which at that time was quite a mixup. In 1918 he leased Moiliili field. Under "Bev's" direction a new interest in baseball as well as other sports appeared in Hawaii.

### Foundation of Stadium

In 1921 this sporting interest had grown to such an extent that inter-island competition was inaugurated. His Moiliili field activities were the background for the founding of the Honolulu stadium.

Beaven has often been referred to as the Tex Rickard of Hawaii. The only difference was that Bev was always smiling and had baseball as his chief interest.



J. A. Beaven

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