



by Margaret Oshita

Took a long enough hiatus between news from Kauai, so here we are to say, "hi"! to you all and to have to catch up on some news—some old by now, but nevertheless, being reported for the first time. This Club has been meeting quarterly with a meal, usually pot-luck. You would be envious when you see our tables because we have terrific cooks and bakers—both men and women. However, reverting to what we used to do some time ago, at our most recent meeting on May 11, **Mench Doi** (the first one to volunteer for the 442nd RCT from Kauai) cooked up a terrific chicken hekka for the whole group of 36. And **Whitey Kurasaki** smoked char siu port and cooked a big pot of freshly-caught crab (among other things)! Oh, so ono! Other families brought rice, all kinds of salads and dessert, all so onolicious! And for the second time, it was held at the Menehune Fish Pond. The meetings progressed smoothly and the meals were so enjoyable as we communed with nature outdoors. At this latest meeting, there were seven guests—siblings, children, grandchildren, and a friend of members. It was so enjoyable that for the next quarter, it will be back to the same site.

Though the year is half gone, you need to know who are leading this Club in 1996—guess what, they're all repeats of 1995, namely **Turk Tokita**, President **Whitey Kurasaki**, Vice-President **Margaret Oshita**, Secretary **Paul Akama, Jr.**, Treasurer **Barton Nagata** and **Charlie Saiki**, Director **Tsuka Murakami**, Immediate Past President, and **Mino Takashima** Representative to Kauai Veterans Council.

On September 2, five of our members were able to participate in the activities of the End of World War II Event in Honolulu. Our President Tokita was unable to participate. However, **Mench Mitsuru Doi**, **George Kawakami**, **Whitey Kurasaki**, **Tsuka Murakami**, and **George Oshita** did and come home with a feeling of great satisfaction for

having been part of an emotional event.

The annual Kauai's Veterans Day Parade was held on November 4 last year, and out of 28 participants, five were Sons and Daughters — **Lane/Tammie Tokita** (**Turk & Emi**), **Randall Doi** (**Albert**), **Clayton and Marvin/Valerie Oshita** (**George & Margaret**), and **Kaike Akama** (grandson of **Paul & Betsy**). The members and spouses who were still able to march the few blocks in their 442nd shirts and caps without much physical distress were **Paul & Betty Akama**, **Albert Doi**, **Bill & Frances Kanekiyo**, **Norman & Yaeko Kimura**, **Whitey Kurasaki**, **Tsuka & Yukie Murakami**, **Barton Nagata**, **Mitsugi Nambu**, **Elsie Okada**, **Paul Okamura**, **Tadashi Okino**, **George & Margaret Osha**, **Charlie Saiki**, **Mino Takashima**, **Yuri Tasaka**, and **Ted Yamate**. When the mind is willing, the body conforms.

November 8-10 saw the Salute to AJA Veterans and World War II and the dedication of the monument to all AJA Veterans, living and dead in Los Angeles, among other activities. **Albert Doi** of H Co. was able to be there, accompanied by his son, **Randall**. In spirit, the two represented all of us members and our Sons and Daughters.

On December 17, Kauai Veterans Center made it possible for a tree-planting ceremony on the grounds of the Center, of two olive trees, commemorating the Veterans of World War II of the the 100th Bn and 44nd RCT. These trees are symbolic of the olive groves of Italy and France where so much combat took place, and a branch of it signifies peace and goodwill. As President Tokita was unable to attend, **Tsuka Murakami** read his message which was very well received by the audience. Besides **Tsuka**, those who could participate were **Paul & Betsy Akama**, **Whitey Kurasaki**, **Alice Maeda**, **George Oyasato**, **Kazuo Senda**, and **Mino Takashima**. Would more have attended if it were not held on a Sunday morning when church-going is important to many?

Recently, some Kauai High School students for a project, wanted oral histories of the 442nd RCT experiences, so **Barton Nagata**, **Paul Okamura**, **Dr. Henry Shibata**, **Mino Takashima**, and **Turk Tokita** responded by being interviewed and videotaped. We congratulate those students for having done a great job by capturing first place in their competition with other high schools.



Some financial contributions that the Club gladly made were to the Peace & Freedom Trail of Bruyeres, France and to The 442nd Regimental Combat Team Foundation.

In recent months those of whom we were aware of hospitalization, the following came through with flying colors: Mench Doi, George Oyasato, **Esther Shigeta** and Turk Tokita.

Since our last report, the following have left our ranks forever: **Kenneth Higuchi** Associate, **Sadao Kawamoto** 100th Bn. and **Robert Oda**, Associate. **Kay Kikue Doi** (wife of **Albert Doi**), and **Hazel Kurasaki** (wife of **Whitey Kurasaki**). We have expressed deep condolences to their families.

Those we keep in our prayers for healing and comfort (as far as we know) are: **Albert Doi**, **Koichi Furutani**, **Niki Iwai**, **Violet Okamura**, **Kay Takashima**, **Toki Toyama**, and **Henry Uchiyama**.



by Bruno Yamada

#### Waialua Golf Course (3/26/96)

1. Yoshi Higa (K) 63
2. Tom Tanaka (Ser) 65
3. Jensen Takasaki Kauai) 67
5. Kats Ibara (K) 67
6. Bill Tanaka (F) 67
7. Wilfred Kimura (Kauai) 68
8. Jim Denson (Kauai) 68
9. Tad Takiguchi (Kauai) 69
10. Herb Isonaga (2ndHq) 70

#### Princeville Golf Course (3/27/96)

(Scores not available)

1. Fred Matsumura (I)
2. Teiji Uehara (522 B)
3. Harry Tokushige (522 A)
4. Ken Higa (I)

5. Jim Denson (Kauai)
6. Bill Tanaka (F)
7. Art Tamashiro (100)
8. Tad Kunishige (H)
9. Herb Isonaga (2nd Hq)
10. William Kimura (Kauai)
11. Stan Yamamoto (I)
12. Tony Miyamoto (I)
13. Richard Hamada (I)

#### 53rd Anniversary Golf Tournament

Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickamfield (3/29/96)

1. George Muramaru (522 B) 65
2. Kats Ibara (K) 65
3. Carol Ing (Guest) 66
4. Fred Matsumura (I) 66
5. Tom Nosse (100) 66
6. Tony Miyamoto (I) 68
7. Tom Tanaka (Ser) 68
8. Bill Tanaka (F) 68
9. Tom Ibaraki (100) 68
10. Katsugo Miho (522 B) 68
11. Art Tamashiro (100) 69
12. Chosei Tamashiro (Kauai) 69
13. Kobe Shoji (L) 70
14. Dick Uyemura (M) 70
15. Roy Iritani (F) 70
16. Joe Tanaka (F) 70
17. Seiichi Sakaida (K) 70
18. Mas Tamayei (F) 70
19. Paul Nishimura (522 B) 70
20. Tad Kunishige (H) 70

#### Kauai Golf

More than fifty golfers from Oahu joined sixteen golfers from Kauai and California for two fun tournaments on March 26 and 27 at the Waialua Municipal Golf Course and the Princeville Makai Golf Course.

**Yoshio Higa** of K Co. with a 63 emerged with a two shot victory over **Tom Tanaka** who shot a 65 while **Jensen Takasaki** was a close third with 66.

**Fred Matsumura** an I Co. golfer who now resides in Los Angeles was the winner at Princeville



with a five under 67. Followed closely by two artillery men, **Teiji Uehara** and **Harry Tokushige** who had identical 69.

### Anniversary Golf

The 53rd Anniversary Golf Tournament at the Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam Field ended with a tie between **George Muramaru** of 522-B and **Kats Ibara** of K Co. Both ended with net 65's and had to split President **Paul Takiguchi's** second place award.

Guest **Carol Ing**, **Fred Matsumura** (I) and **Tom Nosse** (100) were the other top winners with 66.

Mahalo to **Stan Yamamoto**, **Hiram Doi**, **Tad Kunishige** and **Tony Miyamoto** for all the help and to President **Takiguchi**, **Carey Miyashiro** of the Teacher's FCU and to **Karen Harimoto** of Travel Adventures for their contributions towards the tournament.

### FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

The 15th Annual U.S. Army Museum Benefit Golf Classic will be held again at the Leilehua Golf Course on Friday June 21, 1996. **Senator Daniel K. Inouye** is a Honorary Trustee while past 442 President **Henry Kuniyuki** is a Trustee and Committee Member.

**Tsuka Murakami** and the Association for Retarded Citizens of Kauai will hold a golf tournament on the island of Kauai on September 13, 14 and 15, 1996 at Kauai's Princeville Makai, Kauai Lagoon and Waialua Golf Courses. Room and car packages will be available. Contact **Bruno Yamada** or **Bob Sasaki** for more information.

The annual AJA Council Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday August 15, 1996. At they Navy-Marine Golf Course. **Stanley Akita** of Club 100 will be General Chairman.



by **Eddie Tamanaha**

March 7, 1996: 13 members met at Olomano

Golf Course on a clear day. However, the fairways were muddy so we played winter rules-clean ball and place on a dry spot, no nearer to hole. **Ed Tamanaha** was the winner this day as he nosed out **Mino Tamashiro** by one stroke with a net 65. **Mino Tamashiro** also nosed out **Dick Uyemura** by one stroke for second with a net 66. **Dick Uyemura** was third with a 67. Tied for fourth place were **Tadashi Kunishige** and **George Muramaru** with 69s. Closest to the hole were: #2 **Akebo Takasaki**, #8 **Dick Uyemura**, #11 **Tadashi Kunishige**, #17 **Bruno Yamada**. As usual, the 19th hole was enjoyed with lots of refreshments and fellowship at the golf course restaurant. March 21, 1996: 21 golfers gathered at the Pali Golf Course on a cool overcast day, very pleasant day for golf-no rain. **Mits Honda**, was hot and came in with a spectacular net 63 to take top honors by three strokes from his nearest competitor. **Tom Mayeda** shot a good 66 for Pali Course but had to be satisfied with second. **Dick Uyemura** was third with a 71 for third. One stroke back with 72s were **Mino Tamashiro** and **Harry Tokushige** to tie for fourth place. Closest to the pin were: #4 no one on the green, #7 **Dick Uyemura**, #12 **Ed Tamanaha**, #15 **Teiji Uehara**. The 19th hole was celebrated at the new Pali Golf Course. April 4, 1996: 17 members assembled at Makalena Golf Course on an overcast day, no rain but muddy spots so played winter rules. **Akebo Takasaki** liked the condition as he took top spot with a net 61 leaving a threesome four shot back tied for second. The three with 65s were **Larry Nakahara**, **Yoshi Higa** and **Rocky Tanna**. Closest to the hole were: #4 **Larry Nakahara**, #6 **Akebo Takasaki**, #11 **Kats Ibara**, #14 **Rocky Tanna** and #17 **Masami Doi**. The 19th hole was enjoyed by all at the golf course restaurant. April 18, 1996: 20 golfers gathered early in the morning at Ft. Shafter Golf Course. It showered off and on but was a pleasant day with the fairways and greens dry. **Ed Tamanaha** turned in the best score of net 63 to take first place. Two strokes back was **Tadashi Kunishige** with a 65 for second. Tied for third with 68s were: **Herb Isonaga**, **Bull Namba** and **Lefty Sugihara**. Closest to the pin were: #1 **Lefty Sugihara**, #5 **Akebo Takasaki**, #8 no one on the green, #10 **Lefty Sugihara**, #14 **Maui Okamura**, #17 **Yoshi Higa**. The 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant. May 6, 1996: 21 players met at the Honolulu Country Club on a very nice cool breezy day. **Ken**



**Kawata** and **Rocky Tanna** battled to a draw with net 65s for first place. Two shot back for third was **Masami Doi** with a 67. Another two strokes back was **Mino Tamashiro** for fourth. Closest to the hole were: #4 **Ron Oba**, #8 **Maui Okamura**, #13 **Mino Tamashiro**, #17 **Lefty Sugihara**. The 19th hold was enjoyed at the **Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant**.

May 30, 1996: 19 golfers arrived at Pali Golf Course at about 9:30 for an 11 am tee off. Those arriving at 10 am wre in the last foursome as we have first arrived, first to tee off. The weather was overcast and it rained pretty hard at times. Eventually the sun came out just before we finished. Umbrellas and or raincoats had to come out at one point. However, the greens and course was playable because of the good drainage at this course. **Rocky Tanna** didn't mind the weather and with his concentration shot the best of the day, a net 66. Two strokes back with net 68s were **Left Sugihara** and **Tom Mayeda** to capture a tie for second. **Masami Doi** came in a shot back with a 68 to take fourth place. Closest to the pin were: #4 **Ken Kawata**, #7 **Dick Uyemura**, #12 No one on the green due to length of the hole 224 yards and no roll down th hill due to the rain, #15 **Ken Kawata** again. 19th hole was held at the golf course restaurant with lots of comradeship, pupus and refreshments.

#### Schedule For The Next Three Months:

June 13th Shafter 8:17 am

June 24th HCC 9:30 am

July 11th Pali 12:54 pm

July 25th Makalena 12:18 pm

Aug 8th Shafter 8:17 am

Aug 22nd Shafter 8:03 am

Double check the dates, times and places. It has happened that some golfers went to the wrong golf courses and some went to the right golf courses but on the wrong day. Also, be sure to notify tournament chairman **Ron Oba** or one of his assistants **Masami Doi**, **Rocky Tanna** or **Herb Yonamura** 2 weeks in advance if you are not playing. Aloha for now.

## OTHER News

### Nisei Veterans Honored in Japan

by **Ted Tsukiyama**

**Bishop Shokan Ara** of the **Tendai Mission** of Hawaii had edited and compiled an anthology of Nisei soldier experiences during World War II entitled "**Hawaii's Japanese-American Soldiers: Why Did They Fight ?**", written in Japanese and published by **Heibonsha Publishers** of Japan. Bishop Ara's objective in publishing his book in Japan was to acquaint the Japanese people of the hardship, suffering and sacrifices endured by Nisei following the Pearl Harbor attack in World War II.

Bishop Ara's book was unveiled and publicized to the Japanese public on the evening of May 8, 1996 at the **Hotel Okura** in Tokyo attended by a crowd of 350 well wishers and greeted by **Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ikeda** and **Vice U.S. Ambassador Deming**. In attendance sharing Bishop Ara's honor were eight Nisei Veterans from Hawaii as guests of the event's sponsors, led by former **Governor George Ariyoshi (MIS)** and including **Hideto Kono (442/MIS)**, **Sakae Takahashi (100th Bn)**, **Henry Kuniyuki (442)**, **John Tsukano (100/442)**, **Arthur Nishimoto (442)**, **Ted Tsukiyama (442/MIS)** and **George Akita (Occupation)**. The eight Veterans were marched in under U.S. Marine escort and individually introduced as to their military service, as a cross-section of the Nisei Soldiers featured in Bishop Ara's book.

Former 442nd Veterans Club President **Henry Kuniyuki** capitalized on the occasion of this Japan trip by spending the week publicizing the proposed "**Brothers In Valor**" monument to be erected at **Fort DeRussy, Waikiki** (to honor the 100th, 442nd, Combat Team, MIS and 1399 Engineers) and soliciting financial support from individuals and organizations in Japan such as the "**Unabara Kai**" (Japan Naval Pilots Association).