

KAILUA RACQUET CLUB

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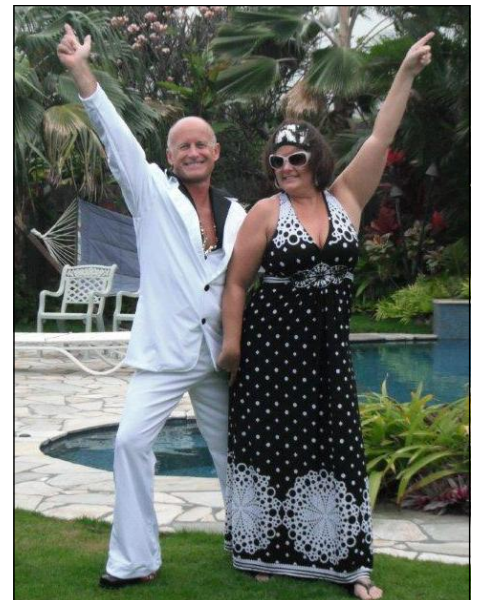
Suzanne Ball and Jared Carstenn **FINALISTS**
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Spring Fling "Disco Fever!"

A huge mahalo to Margaret Peebles and her army of volunteers for coordinating this delightfully fun event April 9-16. Special mahalo to Cathy and Brian Fukada, Chickadee Moniz, Leonard Gollob, Bo Alexander, Roxanne Vogelgesang, and Lei Respicio. Also "mahalo!" to Brook Gramann of Lanikai Bath and Body for donating hundreds of dollars of wonderful prizes. It was a blast! It began and ended with a party and in between was plenty of fun, competitive tennis.



Debbie Story, Mark Yasuhara, Sandy Bayliss, Dave and Dona Miller, Nana Allerstorfer and Peg Tatum with world class smiles at the opening Disco Party!



Dave and Dona Miller show just one of their many disco "moves"

Summer Tennis Lessons

Our Junior Programs have grown by leaps and bounds, and this summer will be exceptionally fun. Beginning June 6, we have six, 2-week sessions with classes Monday - Thursday, or Saturdays only for 8 weeks. Classes are formed according to age and ability and we have a very positive and enthusiastic pro staff. Please join us!

Lanai Reserved ~ Saturday, May 14,

6:30pm

A "heads up" for Saturday afternoon players! Saturday, May 14, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, the lanai will be reserved for a KRC member's private party. Thank you for your understanding!

Spring Fling "Disco Fever" continues.....

Here are the teams and the winners!

A Division Teams

Leimomi Respicio and Matt Bittick
Carolyn Thibault and Kris Gourlay
Amy Sarrat and Mark Yasuhara
Jeanine Umetsu and Greg Thibault **CHAMPIONS**
Margaret Peebles and Tim Kelley
Sue Ashford and Kevin Peebles
Suzanne Ball and Jared Carstenn **FINALISTS**
Jan Bodinus and Ez Marks

B Division Teams

Deena Walters and Sonny Kang **CHAMPIONS**
Summer Wood and Jeff Grimmer **CHAMPIONS**
Noriko Tamamoto and Brett Walters **FINALISTS**
Patti Bittick and Bob McGuire **FINALISTS**
Traci Smith and Steve Funke
Roxanne Vogelgesang and Dennis Jang
Shirley Marks and Charlie McKenzie
Debbie Story and Leonard Gollob
Connie Lopez and David Miller
Nana Allerstorfer and Brian Fukada
Elizabeth Mayo and Andy Lopez
Peg Tatum and Wayne Sasaki
Liz Asteriadis and Rufus Venters
Sandy Bayliss and Bo Alexander
Sue Gourlay and Bruce Nagel
Cathy Fukada and Allan Lum



Disco Queen and King are Deena and Brett Walters



Charlie McKenzie, Elizabeth Mayo, Andy Lopez and Summer Wood



"Final match players" Noriko Tamamoto, Brett Walters (champions)
Traci Smith and Dennis Jang



Who??? Our one and only.... Bruce Nagel !!

KRC Dues and Aloha

By now you should have received a letter from your Board of Directors informing you of a \$5 dues increase to go into effect in July.

National average dues for a club our size is over \$200/month, and an average of 80% of clubs have special assessments. Past members Debbie and Scott O'Brien are visiting from California and Scott told me "You have it soooo good! The least expensive club that we can join has a \$17,000 initiation and \$250/month in dues plus a \$100 food mini-charge! And that club has nowhere near the ambiance."

We have done a great job of keeping our costs to a minimum, and we are completely unfamiliar with the term "Special Assessment". National averages for salaries and wages is considerably over 50% of revenues, and we are closer to 40%. Operational expenses are also considerably below national averages. And, we are always looking for ways to reduce expenses. This Board in particular has tightened our budget belt. But some of our bigger expenses just keep growing. Electric and water rates have sky-rocketed.

On top of increasing costs, we are an aging facility and soon we will need to have serious upgrades for the courts, the pool will need retiling, the driveway and parking areas need attention, and we still have shaded seating areas to construct. Having the club in good shape is critical to attracting new members.

The Kailua Racquet Club is a hidden oasis where many friendships have grown and where families can gather in a safe and fun atmosphere. We have a rich tradition as Hawaii's premier tennis club. There are those out there, living right next door to you, who would join the club if only they knew about it!!!

Our greatest resource for new members is you, the members of the Kailua Racquet Club, so if you have a neighbor or a friend who may be interested in joining, bring them down for a Friday dinner or a Sunday breakfast. Let me know if I can help set up a game for them. Part of this year's membership drive is a "trial offer" whereby \$100 gets you a one-month membership, dinner for two at Kaminski's Café and two group lessons at the Bruce Nagel Tennis Academy. This offer is only for those who have never been members at the club. Once they see what the club has to offer hopefully they will come to their senses and join.

Intra-club League

We finished the 2.5 Intra-club league and will begin a new 2.5 season on Thursday evenings in June. We had a fun play-off and pot luck. Congratulations to Carole Petersen who played a PERFECT SEASON winning all 17 sets!!! Also congratulations to all the other participants who played with spirit and heart: Donna Ambrose, Marsha Bertzinger, Cathy Brigham, Stacy Groves, Valerie Lam, Dani McPherson and Michael Steiner.

USTA Leagues on Saturdays

The USTA Adult League has begun! KRC is fielding an impressive eight teams! Matches are scheduled on Saturdays at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm. Courts 6-9 will be reserved. The league runs through July 16. Good luck KRC teams!!!

KRC Membership Drive June-August

Any current One-Year Member who upgrades to Full (life) Membership will receive credit for all initiation fees paid and TWO MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT DUES!!! This also applies to Military Members converting to Full Membership.

Do you know of someone, or a family, who would like **to sample the club for a month?** During June, July or August, for just \$100, this can happen!!! Offer includes two dinners at Kaminski's Café and either two adult exer-tennis workouts or two junior group lessons. Offer is valid only for those who have never been members before.

Life Members who joined after October 1998 (non stock holding members) and resigned before May 1, 2011 may rejoin without paying ANY initiation fees.



KRC's members celebrate the "Birthday Girls"

**** Roxanne Vogelgesang and Dani McCarthy ****

**Connie Chilton, Marilyn Selvitelle, Debbie Story, Lois Crozer,
Sharon Kuchenbecker, Brook Gramann, Roxanne Vogelgesang, Jennifer Clark,
Kathy Esposito-Mason, Dani McCarthy, Barbara Dyer**



**Aloha to KRC's members
Brett, Dillon and Deena Walters.
You all will be missed...**



ZUMBA is FREE in MAY!!



**Please join us on the lanai for fun ZUMBA dance workouts with Venezuelan Fe Bailey,
Thursdays at 11:30am. If you're feeling shy, you have no excuse because the club at 11:30 on weekdays is usually
completely empty. Try it out! Get into the ZUMBA groove!**



Chef's Corner by David Kaminski

**Hours:
Fri: 5:30pm-8:30pm
Sat: 11:00am-4:00pm
Sun: 9:00am-2:00pm**

Thank you to the members who attended the Easter Brunch and I was happy to hear that everyone enjoyed the action stations and food. For the children this year I planned a little something eggstra. Included in the annual Easter egg hunt was a gold egg. The child that found the golden egg received an Easter basket packed with treats. The fun story with this is that club member Jessica Shimoda's grandson really didn't want to participate in the hunt. He was egged on by his parents and grandparents to give it a try, so he got into the hunt for eggs and found the golden one! His mom reminded him that you never know what's going to happen so give something new a try. This is good advice for adults! Pictured is Aidan Fraiola with his sister Brooke and the basket he won, which is almost as big as his adorable self. Another fun event last month was the Spring Fling Tournament thanks to Margaret Peebles who organized it with a Disco Theme. It was a crack-up to see people at the tournament kick off dinner dressed like the 70's and 80's and especially Brett Walter in his Afro wig. No one even knew who he was! And yes, in the day, I wore those lavender wide collared shirts and have those embarrassing pictures to prove it. Spring is here, and working into summer, which is a great time to offer lighter, flavorful meals so check out the KRC weekly update for what is being offered on Friday nights.



Aidan Fraiola and sister Brooke

Till then, happy eating! Chef David