



by **MARY SAKAI, CAROL SAKAI-FEITEIRA,**
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Member Updates

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA had a chance to babysit one Saturday night. Nephew RUSSEL HONMA and wife IRENE's baby is now 1 month old. Baby MAILE was a 4 pounder with long fingers and LIZO's nose. DR. BRAD WONG, surgeon who operated on YVONNE's heart took YVONNE and LIZO for a luncheon date so they were unavailable to babysit that weekend. YVONNE is due for another check-up soon. What a way to be examined! Lunch! Wow!

WALLY and YORI KAGAWA: MAYOR FASI started the community garden to serve senior citizens as well as people who are interested in gardening. The county provides water, soil, fertilizer. The seniors or interested parties are assigned a plot. If interested, call the Office of Information by contacting Foster Garden - NATHAN WONG (coordinator). YORI was the key person to contact here in Kaneohe but she is no longer in charge of the project. YORI says, "It was a very enjoyable experience. It's good to dig." They do have rules and regulations. Once a week, you must water your plants.

MATSUO and ALICE KAMINISHI: ALICE continues to take care of her mother in Waialua. MATSUO still chauffeurs ALICE daily from Wahiawa to ALICE's mother's place. MATSUO's garden is full of vegetables despite the fact that he vacations 3 times a year in Vegas. HARRY OKOUCHI takes a group nearly every month. MATSUO sees JITS KUNICHIKA (a monthly visitor). MATSUO saw a friend named MAEDA for the first time in 40 years. They were both drafted from Wahiawa. HENRY YONAMINE is also a frequent traveler to Vegas. MATSUO's friend won a Cadillac on his first trip. ALICE is

hoping she will be lucky, too. So they keep trying to win by going as often as they can.

RUGGED and KATHERINE MIYAKAWA: Other travelers, RUGGED and KATHERINE went to Japan in February. Grandchild MICHAEL LOUIS's first birthday party was on April 27, 1994. STANLEY LOUIS, MICHAEL's daddy is coming back to Pearl Harbor for a seminar. Later, DIANE is coming home with little baby MICHAEL. MICHAEL is bringing the parents home for a vacation to visit and stay with Grandpa RUGGED and Grandma KATHERINE. All of KATHERINE's other grandchildren are taller than KATHERINE. 15-year old LINNA is wearing size 8 shoes. MARA is now 13 years old and BRADFORD, 14 years old.

HOTSAUCE and THELMA MIZUSAWA: THELMA is a busy person who goes to the Senior Citizen Group to take Arts and Crafts and Ukelele classes. IRENE SASAKI also goes together with THELMA, says CHILLY. Now, HOTSAUCE must be busy gardening, too.

ADOLPH and JEANNE NAKAMURA: Did you all know that AL had a major operation awhile ago? So, now frequent flyer ADOLPH feels good and goes to Vegas on a spur of a moment. "ADOLPH gets a lot of freedom," says JEANNE. JEANNE stays home because a brother lives with them. JEANNE is the maid: cooking, cleaning, gardening, sewing. JEANNE says, "I have nothing to contribute. My life is stale. I help my sister and keep her company as often as I can."

MARY SAKAI: What do all of these people have in common? Gardening, traveling, or babysitting...I fit most in the last category. My youngest grandchild, KARI will be going to St. Ann's preschool in September. So, I may get into gardening or traveling soon.

MARY volunteers time to read in kindergarten classes. Recently she was a Secret Reader for CHAD's kindergarten class. In addition to reading "The Crafty Chameleon" MARY had a live Jackson chameleon in tow with 3-year old granddaughter, KARI. After the children petted the Jackson chameleon and watched it change colors on the grass, time ran out. MARY had a live turtle with a book about them plus large home-

made drawings of animals to give to the children after reading a large book about them but those will be saved for next time. Great teachers overplan.

MARGARET KAGUNI and JANET TOKASHIKI were spotted walking in the morning at Windward Mall. Good for them! To catch them, you have to get there early!

CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI: CHILLY and IRENE have landscaped their beautiful scenic backyard. They put a new concrete sidewalk and made a lovely garden to enjoy. IRENE volunteers at Pali Momi Hospital on Wednesdays and helps the Senior Citizens at the Salvation Army on Fridays. Terrific job, IRENE!

HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI: Son CRAIG and VEDA RISA, Mrs. GOTO and JANET are going to California. First stop is San Francisco then on to Los Angeles and Las Vegas. They will meet MARY SAKAI's niece, ROSEMARY and husband VAUGHN TOKASHIKI and their two children, VINCE and ELYSE. ROSEMARY's brother, BOBBY YOSHINO and AUSTIN will fly directly to Las Vegas to meet the relatives. They will all go to the National Park. Both ROSEMARY and VAUGHN are elementary teachers and will hit as many National Parks as they can for the one month they will be there. They are going down the Rapids as well as other exciting fun things. Sure envy you all! Have fun!

CAMEL YOSHIMASU: CAMEL's daughter was here in March. We tried to get more details but he was either out gardening or golfing. We'll try again for the next newsletter.

MITSUO AKIYAMA: Big Island reporter MITSUO corresponds with L.A. AT Chapter President HENRY IKEMOTO. HENRY's wife, MILDRED, is from Honolulu but her brother, GEORGE SHIBATA lives in Kapaau, Kohala. MITS plans to meet GEORGE's son and daughter-in-law, RUSSELL and MARISSA SHIBATA who live in Hilo.

MITS added another connection. Tech. Sgt. LEFTY KAWAMURA of Texas died a few years ago in a freak accident when he fell in a ditch taking his dog for a walk. His wife who died recently is sister of SHIGEMI HONMA, AT Co.

member, who retired as a Professor of Horticulture at U. of Michigan. SHIGEMI is originally from Honokaa. What a small world!

MITSUO included a side vote to hear HARRY TOKASHIKI and his humming harmonica at the Makaha Sheraton Hotel for the 50th Anniversary of the Invasion of Southern France. HARRY gets my vote, too! (Actually, MITS included a side "note" not "vote" but we ad-lib sometimes.)

Our condolences to the family and friends of MIEKOTAKEMURA who died on April 8. MIEKO was born in Pahoia and was a homemaker and member of the Hilo Higashi Hongwanji Senior Fujinkai and the Ainako Kumiai. She was the wife of ROBERT "POP" TAKEMURA. BOBBY was an original member of AT Co and a faithful member of AT group on the Big Island. She is also survived by daughters DIANNE HIRAYAMA and LEATRICE TAKEMURA; brothers, TOSHIHIKO ASAKAWA; sister, MISUKO SHIKUMA of Honolulu and three grandchildren. TAK HATTORI: TAK reports HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO visited with their friend HERB SASAKI who is recovering from aneurysm in Hattiesburg. HERB and his wife took them to Camp Shelby and Biloxi. HERB is well known and respected in Hattiesburg and Mississippi and played a big part in getting the 100/442 monument in Camp Shelby.

KUNE HISATOMI was in Las Vegas recently and met NEIL E. BERNIKOW, commander of VFW Post #9774. He was with the 517 Parachute Infantry Regiment. KUNE said they invited all the 442nd Anti-Tankers to a party on March 31. The same outfit had their annual reunion on April 18-20. They invited the Anti-Tankers. What a chance meeting!

The March meeting was attended by HENRY IKEMOTO, DAVE KAWAGOYE, FRANK SETO, KUNE HISATOMI, RICHARD TAKAHASHI, MINORU KISHABA and TAK HATTORI. Items discussed were the Memorial Hall clean up, golf, Pilgrimage to Manzanar, Memorial Day Services at Evergreen Cemetery, 100/442 monument at Camp Shelby, 100/442/MIS memorial report, Reverse Raffle, St. James Oil Corporation's interest in oil rights under the Memorial

Hall, and 1995 Installation at the Holiday Inn on January 21, 1995. Anti-Tank Dinner Meeting was set for Sept. 8th.

L.A. reporter TAK, demonstrates how articulate he is writing his articles but he also shows hidden talent with the following poem:

RETIREMENT 1984

By T. Hattori

I think that I could never foresee
How enjoyable my retirement would be.
No more items I had to get,
No more schedules that had to be met.
Now, my work commitments are free.

Twenty-eight years with this company I stayed.
Twenty-eight years my salary they paid.
I enjoyed the work, I was very rewarded.
The work was secret and very guarded.
TRW was my company, many friends were made.

Now is the time to enjoy my life,
Cash in on the years of strife.
Do the things I want to do,
And maybe do some traveling too.
(Of course, that would include my wife.)

My dream is to travel to faraway lands,
See the pyramids and the desert sands.
See the USA and it's beauty galore,
Yellowstone and Alaska and Canada and more.
Rushmore and Yosemite and Canyons Grand.

After all is said and done
Time is short, the setting sun,
I can say I did what I had to do,
I lived my life and enjoyed it too.
And along the way I had some fun.

GEORGE and MALY TAMURA: (This reporter was going to preface this news with the setting but I think you'll enjoy the whole gist of this as I did.) Written by MALY TAMURA, 2/30/94.

Thanks to the Anti-Tankers here in Seattle, we are presently sitting in a totally immaculate house.

The silverware is polished, the mirrors are sparkling, the pictures are straightened, the table linen is pressed, and yes, even the refrigerator is scrubbed.

"WOT??" You're probably wondering, "Did the members do all that work for you, guys?" Don't be silly...of course not.

Let me back-track.

The Anti-Tankers planned to have their New Year get-together at a restaurant in Chinatown. Following the dinner, they were invited to our house for dessert.

Mac did all the phone-calling; we did all the housecleaning.

R-r-r-ing. "This is Mac. There will be nine attending."

R-r-r-ing. "This is Mac, Add 3 more to the list: Penne (daughter), Steve (son-in-law), and Ry (grandson) will be coming.

And this was only the beginning of a curious scenario that followed.

R-r-r-ing. "This is Mac. Matsuko Saimo has bronchitis and can't make it."

Maly's mental calculations: 12 minus one equals 11.

R-r-r-ing. "This is Mac. Gee, I can't make it either. I gotta wait for Penne's call."

Maly: "Huh?" Was that 8 minus 1 equals 7 or was that 7 minus 1 equals 6? (We're talking higher mathematics, here).

R-r-r-ing. Maly: "Don't answer it. It might be Mac (heh, heh). At this rate, we COULD end up with zero attendance.

Meanwhile as the work projects took us into the second week, George's head came out of the refrigerator and inquired somewhat incredulously, "and they're only coming for dessert?" My reply came back very swiftly: "Yes...and be sure you scrub in the corners!"

During dinner, we reminded everyone about coming to the house for dessert. Mac suddenly looked alert and remembered: "Oh...Mabel has a cold and can't come."

Toshiko, to her husband Kuse: "I had only two hours of sleep and I have to work tomorrow."

Ich Nagasawa: "I came with those two. I go where they go."

Mac: "I have to hurry home and wait for Penne's call."

Hi Saimo: "Hey...I forgot how to get to your house."

So.....who finally made it to our house for dessert? NAMELY...THE HOST AND HOSTESS.....THAT'S WHO!

As we stepped into the spotlessly clean house, I turned to George and remarked, "Well...at least the house is ready for the NEXT BUNCH OF NO-SHOW GUESTS!"

Prexy Wally Kagawa's Report

After several days of rain, the morning of Saturday, March 27 turned out to be a glorious, sunny, blue-skied day, fitting for the 51st 442nd Memorial Service at Punchbowl National Cemetery. Anti-Tankers who attended were: MITSUO and SHIZUE AKIYAMA, MASATO DOI, SACHI FUKUNAGA, WALLY KAGAWA, THOMAS OMINE, and SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO.

The keynote speaker was Dr. KENNETH MORTIMER, President of the University of Hawaii. The 442nd Choral Club presented several stirring numbers. The brief but well planned and executed ceremony was an impressive tribute to our deceased comrades.

Thirty Anti-Tank Chapter members and wives attended the 51st Annual 442nd Banquet held at the Pacific Ballroom of the Ilikai Hotel at 6:30 p.m., March 26th. Preceding the banquet, the Sons and Daughters Chapter presented an exhibit of ALAN YOSHITOMI's award-winning 442 RCT/WWII Exhibit, plus archival and oral history of the 442nd. The theme of the evening was "Talk to Me, Dad—", reflecting the S & D noble quest to perpetuate the legacy of the 442 veterans. Eloquent speeches by four S & D members were well received.

Among the past presidents of the 442nd V C who were honored at the banquet were the following from the AT Chapter: MASATO DOI, the late AKIRA FUKUNAGA, and the late EDWARD SAKAI.

Those present were: From the Big Island: MITSUO and SHIZUE AKIYAMA, YAYOKO and

GORO INABA, and JOHN KELIAA; and from Oahu: JERRY and ALICE AYABE, MASATO DOI, SACHI FUKUNAGA, KO and JANETHATA, HALO and KIYOMI HIROSE, WALLACE and YORI KAGAWA, JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI, RICHARD and KATHERINE MIYAKAWA, YUKI and NORA NAKAHIRA, THOMAS OMINE, CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI, HARRY TOKASHIKI, SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO.

Incidentally, we welcome JOHN KELIAA, who joined AT Co. in Italy after most of us had left for home. He is a McKinley HS graduate who recently retired after 30 years service with the Kona Police Department. However, JOHN could be mistaken for a member of the Sons and Daughter's chapter because of his youthful appearance and stature.

Chapter Meetings

The Spring meeting of the AT chapter was held at 9:30 a.m., April 20th at the Wisteria Restaurant. Because of the inclement weather, several who had signed up had to cancel-out, but the following were present: MASATO DOI, KO and JANET HATA, WALLY and YORI KAGAWA, JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI, CHILLY SASAKI, SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO.

After a hearty "Hawaiian" breakfast, a meeting was held to discuss the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Invasion of Southern France which took place on August 15, 1944.

It was decided that the members and wives will register at the Makaha Sheraton Hotel so that a golf tournament, picnic, banquet and a breakfast on the following morning can be held. The date will be advanced to July 28 to take advantage of availability of facilities and preseason rates. Details of the program, accommodations and costs will be forthcoming.



by **BRUNO YAMADA**

Anniversary Tournament

BERT NISHIMURA birdied two holes on the front nine at Kalakaua during the 442nd Anniversary Tournament, firing a 62 net, nosing out GEORGE MURAMARU by one stroke. Two strokes back with a 64 was Item's JOE HANAZAWA followed by 522's JOE USUI and ED IMAMURA of Service with 65s.

Sixty-two golfers took part in this affair on May 13 which was postponed from March 24 due to violent weather. Tournament assistants STAN YAMAMOTO, HIRAM DOI, and HAROLD WATASE did a bang-up job. Mahalo!

Results:

	Net:
1. BERT NISHIMURA (2 HQ)	62
2. GEORGE MURAMARU (522-B)	63
3. JOE HANZAWA (I)	64
4. JOE USUI (522-B)	65
5. ED IMAMURA (Service)	65
6. MINO TAMASHIRO (3 HQ)	66
7. WALLY KAWAMURA (L)	66
8. GENRO KASHIWA (L)	67
9. JOE OBAYASHI (522-B)	67
10. BILL TANAKA (F)	67
11. COREY MIYASHIRO (Service)	67
12. BOB SASAKI (L)	68
13. KATS IBARA (K)	68
14. TAD KUNISHIGE (H)	68
15. DOC KAWAMOTO (232)	68
16. YUTAKA KAJIWARA (Service)	68

Kauai Invitational

The Kauai 442 invitational was all pau last year after twenty-eight memorable years of eating, drinking, shooting the bull, and some golfing. this year's invitation was extended only by word of mouth for a mini-get together on the Garden Island with no "formal" functions and two rounds

of golf. Well, over fifty golfers showed up, and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality set up by YUKI, SAB, WILLIE and all the rest of the Kauaians.

No complete result was available but the winner at Wailua was San Jose's FRANK SHIMADA and LARRY AMAZAKI of Club 100 had the winner's card in Lagoon.

BRA GOKAN wants me to thank WARREN WATAYA and LARRY MARUSHIGE of Longs Drug for their generous contributions during our stay on Kauai.

ARC Tournament

TSUKA MURAKAMI and the Association for Retarded Citizens of Kauai invites all of the 442 veterans to their 10th Annual Golf Tournament at three of Kauai's top courses on September 16, 17, and 18 of this year.

Contact BOB SASAKI (949-7997) or BRUNO YAMADA (487-3909) for more details. Room and car packages will be available for the Kauai Resort Hotel.



by **EDDIE TAMANAHA**

On March 3, 1994, 27 members showed up at Makalena Golf Course. the weather was beautiful - clear and sunny. The fairways were hard and the balls had lot of roll. The greens were dry, firm and a little bumpy. It was perfect and very much to MAUI OKAMURA'S liking as he posted a terrific net 59 to walk away with the top honor. Six strokes back with a respectable 65 for second was HERBERT YANAMURA. Two shots back were TADASHI KUNISHIGE, AKABO TAKASAKI and STAN YAMAMOTO tied for 3rd place with 67's. Closest to the pin on the par 3's were: hole #4 YOSHI HIGA; #6 GEORGE IKINAGA; #11 EDDIE TAMANAHA; and #17 STAN YAMAMOTO.

March 17, 1994, 26 members gathered early

in the morning at Olomana Golf Course. The weather was overcast and we caught the rain the last few holes. The fairways had some wet spots and some puddles. Some greens were fast and some were slow. However, these conditions never bothered HARRY TOKUSHIGE as he carded a net 66, 4 strokes better than the next competitor, TEIJI UEHARA, who came in second with a 70. ROCKY TANNA, and RON OBA were tied for third with 73's. STAN YAMAMOTO, LEFTY SUGIHARA and ED TAMANAHA tied for fifth with net 75's. Closest to the hold on the par 3's were: #2 hold HERB ISONAGA; #8 TADASHI KUNISHIGE; #11 ED TAMANAHA; and #17 LEFTY SUGIHARA.

March 31, 1994, 26 golfers were present at Shafter Golf course on a beautiful sunny day. The fairways were in good condition but the greens were slow - they were just aerated and sandy. We had some very good scores with HERB YANAMURA coming in with a respectable net 60. One stroke back for second was GEORGE IKINAGA. Another stroke back was KATS IBARA with a 67 for third. One more stroke back was LARRY NAKAHARA for fourth with a 63. Fifth was BOBBY HIRAYAMA with a 64. Closest to the pin were scored by KEN KAWATE #5; STEVE HIROTSU #8; LARRY NAKAHARA #14; and TEIJI UEHARA #17.

April 12, 1994, 25 members assembled at Honolulu Country Club on a clear and sunny day. The fairways were in good shape; the greens were fast. HARRY TOKUSHIGE and ED TAMANAHA were tops this day as they both turned in net 68's to tie for first. Third place was RON OBA, 6 strokes back with a 74. Tied for fourth were a whole bunch of guys with 75s. They were NEKA MATOI, TAD KUNISHIGE, LEFTY SUGIHARA and DOC KAWAMOTO. Closest to the pin were: #4 TAD KUNISHIGE; #8 NEKA MATOI; #13 none; and #17 ED TAMANAHA.

April 21, 1994, only 20 members showed up at Makalena Golf Course. Many members were on mainland trips for various purposes. The weather was clear, fairways were not too bad but the greens were in terrible shape. BULL NAMBA,

JIRO SHIMAMURA, and HICHI MATSUMOTO found them to their liking. They came in with net 65's to tie for first. Two strokes back with a 67 was NEKA MATOI for fourth place. A whole gang tied for fifth with net 68's - BOBBY HIRAYAMA; RUSTY HONDA; LEFTY SUGIHARA; MITS HONDA and MAUI OKAMURA. Closest to the hole were: #4 RUSTY HONDA; #6 MITS HONDA; #11 HARRY TOKUSHIGE and #17 LEFTY SUGIHARA. 10 guys won prizes so 50% of those played won something. Not bad.

May 9, 1994 saw 28 members gathered at Honolulu Country Club. the weather was nice and clear. The fairways were in good condition and greens very fast. BULL NAMBA was ho this day as he shot a net 63 to take first place. TOM MAYEDA was right back of BULL with a 64 to place second. Four shots back was NEKA MATOI for third with a 68. TEIJI CHINNA, RUSTY HONDA, DOC KAWAMOTO and HICHI MATSUMOTO came in with 70s to tie for fifth place. Closest to the pin were: KEN KAWATE #4; TADASHI KUNISHIGE #8; KEN KAWATE #13; and no one got on the green on #17.

May 24, 1994, 24 members showed up at Honolulu Country Club on a clear and warm morning. The fairways were in good shape and the greens fast. NEKA MATOI came in first with a net 65, a comfortable lead of five strokes over second place RUSTY HONDA's and MINORU TAMASHIRO's 70s. Another stroke back were DOC KAWAMOTO and TEIJI UEHARA tied for 4th with 71s. Closest to the hold were: #4 DOC KAWAMOTO; #8 TEIJI CHINNA; #13 TEIJI CHINNA and #17 TAD KUNISHIGE.

We are still getting at the 19th hole for wetting our whistle and fellowship. Lots of tall tales about missed birdies and short putts. Schedule for the next three months: June 2, Olomana 12:30 p.m.; June 13, HCC 9:30 a.m.; June 27, HCC 9:30; July 11, HCC 9:30; July 25, HCC 9:30; August 8, HCC 9:12 (This is a change in date and time); August 22, HCC 9:30. We are extremely grateful to Honolulu Country Club (HCC) for all the tee times they are giving us this year. Pali Golf course clubhouse is being rebuilt