

to receive visitors because of the severe strain of the illness on her.

Those attending the dinner were: **Shige, Rose Higa, Dr. Roy Iritani, Dr. Toshi Mimura, Sally Mimura, Marge Graham, Richard, Dorothy Murashige, George, Myrtle Nakasato, Ron, Michi Oba, Fred, Yoshino Okada, Yoshio, Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Michio, Shinako Takata, Kiyoshi Takeuchi, Tommy, May Tamagawa, Joe, Sharon Tanaka, Bill, Cupie Tanaka, Paul, Clara Yamashita, and Frances Yorita.**

In Memorial

Regretfully, we report that **Sadako Honda**, wife of **Robert**, succumbed after a brief illness. We'll miss her beautiful singing at our past reunions. See more about Sadako in the Hilo news below. We also send our condolences to the families of: **Mitsuru Kawamoto, George Katsumi Konagamitsu and Yoshio Kure** as reported above in the Los Angeles news.

GREETINGS FROM HILO

by **Wataru Kohashi**

Those from Hilo who participated in the Co. F tour to Australia and New Zealand recently returned on April 23 with wonderful memories of a very enjoyable trip. Thanks to **Joe Tanaka**, the tour coordinator, and **Al Resch**, the tour director, **Yuki and Elaine Okutsu** her sister, **Samie Goya** and daughter, **Janice Masaki, Kimi Miyashito**, friend, **Kay Yamamoto, Wataru and Kikuye Kohashi** enjoyed the beautiful and interesting sights, as well as the cleanliness of the countries, the friendliness of the people and the sense of feeling safe. The variety of foods tasted were delicious, including lamb at many meals. A few folks even came home with some winnings from the casinos.

A former medic with Co. F, **Doc James Toshi Mimura** and daughter **Sally** of Michigan who had been vacationing at their Kaneohe condo, visited Hilo on May 7-8. Of course, this called for a gathering of the Hilo Co. F group. Those who attended the dinner at Don's Grill were **Harry, Florence Matsuo, Yuki, Elaine Okutsu, Sadao, Bessie Nishida, Robert Honda, Herbert Akana, Tomoe Nagata and Wataru, Kikuye Kohashi.**

More conversation and hot and cold beverages continued at the **Kohashi's** residence.

On the following day, **Sadao Nishida** hosted a lunch for seven people at Restaurant Satsuki before the **Mimuras** left Hilo. They were to return to Michigan on May 11. The absence of **Trudy** was truly felt.

In Memory

Sadako Honda, wife of **Robert Honda**, died at home on March 9, after a short period of illness and hospitalization. They both had planned on going with the group to Australia and New Zealand until Sadako became ill. Her funeral service was held at the Hilo Honpa Hongwanji with another brief service and luncheon the following day. Sadako was cheerful and active; a lover of flowers and plants and creative in crafts and sewing, as well as a singer who enjoyed singing Japanese songs. We miss her.



by **Harold Fukunaga**

Las Vegas Mini Reunion: Through the coordination of **Fred Ida**, we were able to have a G Co. dinner reunion at Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas on March 15. There were 80 in attendance, with people coming from all parts of the country, from Hawaii to New York and Georgia and other parts in between.

There were all sorts of greetings, as each person came into the banquet room at the Fremont on the second floor and recognizing their friends. It was good to see the many faces after an absence of a year or more, in some cases. This gathering was not confined to former G Co guys and their spouses. It included some sons and daughters, as well as grandchildren and friends of G Co.

Fred arranged the seating so that all of the Hawaii guys and their wives were scattered among

all of the different tables, so that they could meet more Mainlanders during the evening. Otherwise, all of the Hawaii guys would tend to sit together and destroy any chance to get to know our Mainlander friends better.

The dinner was served from the Rib House and it included barbecue ribs or chicken. We were glad the servings were just right and not so huge as last year's when most of the people left about 1/2 of the servings on the plate. Fred arranged to have pictures of the men and the women taken separately, because of the large number of people attending. He later brought photos to our chapter meeting a week later and they were very nice, especially the blown up pictures.

The following people attended from Hawaii: Al & Helen Amii, Richard Ajifu, Eddie & Grace Ochiai, Robert & Edna Tanna, Hiromi Suehiro, Ralph Yempuku, Mel Tom, Harold & Jane Fukunaga, Takeshi Onuma, Fred Ida, Shigemi & Betty Ishizaki and Kichio & Rose Ebisuya—from the Mainland: Tets & Dot Asato, Jimmy & Alice Doi, Bones & Shiz Fujimoto, Lewis & Kiyoko Fukui, Jun & Doreen Fukuzawa, Roy Greene, George & Chiye Hayashi Mas & Betty Kawabe, Kingo & Midy Kotake, Hisashi & Terry Kumagai, Jim & Masayo Makino, Minoru & Lily Miyasaki, Noboru & Mary Morio, Tom & Greg Nakamoto, Bill & Esther Oda, Yets & Marie Otsuka, Kay Sekino, Ted Takenaka, George & Mrs. Hachiya, George & Mary Karatsu, Jon Rodarme, Art & Grace Nishimoto, Bill & Margaret Yokochi, Masaru Ikeda, Frank & Hisa Konno, Miyo Eguchi, Speed Tanna's grandson Curtis Araki and his friend, Annie McKillap and Taki Handa and his grandson.

As a side light of the trip, some of the guys were lucky on the machines. Al Amii played the dollar machines and collected about 5 Grand and his wife Helen also picked up a Grand or two. Don't worry, Al was given an IRS form 1099 to report his winnings.

Ralph Yempuku, Hiromi Suehiro and Mel Tom (Ralph's friend) extended their stay, so that they could visit some scenic sights in the neighboring areas and states. Ralph said that he asked Mel Tom, who was a former NFL player, to join them and drive them to these distant places, because Ralph and Hiromi admitted they were too old to

drive long distances. Hope they took some nice pictures.

Jon Rodarme, nephew of Jack Rodarme, our company commander after Bruyeres, came to the reunion, to see and hear from G Co. guys who knew his uncle. We hope that he enjoyed the chance to socialize with us. He later wrote and said that we will pass whatever information he heard, to Jack's last surviving brother in Missouri. Incidentally, Jack Rodarme was killed in Korea, where he served with the US Army.

Jim Doi, who hails from Georgia, is proud of the fact that the next summer's Olympics will be held in Atlanta, near his hometown. He kiddingly told us that if we were planning to attend the Olympics to let him know so that he can help us with some arrangements. Don't worry, Jim. We're too old to attend such massive events.

It was good to see our good friend from New York, Roy Greene. It was unfortunate that his wife, Virginia died last year from complications after surgery.

Thanks to Fred Ida, our untiring coordinator, has made tentative arrangements for next year's get together for Wednesday, March 12, 1997. He is also trying to arrange for a hospitality room for 2 or 3 days. Let's hope he succeeds.

Annual 442 Veterans Banquet

Our 442nd Veterans Club Anniversary Banquet was held on March 30, 1996 at the Pacific Beach Hotel. As usual, it was a gala affair, with approximately 700 attendees. This year's banquet was unique, because the Club invited other AJA Club members to attend; therefore there were members from Club 100, MIS and 1399 Engineers present.

The program was highlighted by having Wendy Hanamura give an inspiring talk about how she wanted to hear more about her father's and other 442 Veterans talk about their experience during World War II. As a result, she produced this video tape of their father's and other Love Co. guys' experiences. Her father was in Love Co of 442. The tape was shown at the banquet and the audience was impressed enough, to give her a standing ovation after the showing was complete.

We had 26 participants from George Chapter

and they were: **Al & Helen Amii, Harold & Jane Fukunaga, Ray & Pat Handa, Fred & Dolores Ida, Grace Ishii, Bobby & Yoshiko Ito, Taketo & Judy Kawabata, Eddie & Grace Ochiai, Takeshi Onuma, Ralph Yempuku, George & JoAnn Furukawa and Kichiyo Ebisuya's daughter and her husband.** Kichio & Rose Ebisuya had signed up for the banquet, but couldn't attend because Kichio was ill and had to go to the hospital.

Kichio passed away on April 5, 1996 after a short stay at the hospital. His funeral services were held on April 11th at the Hosoi Mortuary. His ashes were interred at the Punchbowl National Cemetery the next day. Many of the Chapter members and wives attended the funeral service. Fred Ida gave the eulogy at the service. We all gave Rose our condolences and hope that she continues participating in future George Chapter activities.

Award of Silver Star: When we attended Kichio Ebisuya's funeral service, it was stated that he was awarded a Silver Star while in combat in Italy. Many of us were ignorant of that feat by Kichio. As a result, the writer researched the archives maintained by the Sons & Daughters Chapter and found the citation that described the feat. The following is a verbatim account: Kichio Ebisuya, for gallantry in action, on April 14, 1945 in Italy. A platoon was subjected to intense rifle and automatic weapons fire from higher ground during the initial phase of a company attack. Several attempts to close in on enemy positions by fire and movement were repulsed by extremely heavy and effective enemy fire. A well concealed machine gun stopped an attempted flanking move by the support squad and pinned down the men. Private First Class Ebisuya, a rifleman from another squad, on his own initiative, crawled within fifty yards of the foe, despite concussion grenades which were falling around him, and killed the enemy gunner with his M-1 rifle and forced others to retreat. This action enabled other squads to continue their assault. Private First Class Ebisuya's courageous gallantry reflects credit on the United States Army

Belated Recognition

Rocky Matayoshi was finally presented with the Distinguished Service Cross for action on April 6, 1945. This presentation was made on May 23, 1996 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the graduation of **Major Andy Cox**, from the

Army's School of Advanced Military Science. Major Cox is married the Rocky's niece, **Geri Ching**. Because Rocky was the recipient of many decorations, he had more points than most of the guys in G Co. and therefore left the organization early for separation. His discharge papers did not list his DSC; however, the books "Americans" and "Go For Broke" listed his DSC Award.

Consequently, Major Cox attempted to reward Rocky with his DSC when he graduated. Therefore, he called the 442nd Veterans Club to get more information to verify the DSC. The Sons & Daughters Archives were researched to locate that citation, but none was found, so Major Cox was told to check with **Sen. Dan Inouye's** office to see if they could locate it in the National Archives. After much research, Major Cox was able to get confirmation from the Army that Rocky's DSC was verified. He called the 442 Office and informed them that everything was confirmed and that Rocky would be presented the medal by a General. A newspaper article in the Honolulu Star Bulletin came out with the story on May 23rd. We're all happy for Rocky with the belated recognition and for the persistence and admiration shown by Major Cox for Rocky.

Notes From Mary Karatsu of Los Angeles

Mary has been very informative to us, writing notes about the G Co. guys on the mainland and their activities. I've extracted some notes from her writeup, because she had written much about Mini-reunion in Las Vegas.

Dr. George Hachiya from the University of Nebraska was in attendance with his wife **Chiyo**. Dr. Hachiya would like to honor his good friend and fellow Nebraskan Lt. **Kei Tanahashi** (G Co.) who was killed in Italy during the Hill 40 Battle. Preliminary plans being made are for possible ROTC scholarships in Lt. Tanahashi's name. Dr. Hachiya would like further information or facts about Lt. Tanahashi from anyone who knew of him from his childhood or UCLA days.

Had a good laugh when **Kingo Kotake** told us he was trying to get into room 715 at the Fremont and the door wouldn't open. **George Nakatsu** happened to be in the room next door and he tried to help Kingo with the card key—only to discover after a few minutes that he was staying at the Golden Nugget instead. Here, to him that Kingo

wasn't registered there—it's tough to get old! Of course, there were a lot of other "senile" stories circulating—guess we all have a few to tell.

Speaking of lucky (or is it unlucky), **Nibs Morio** won \$500 by not picking a single number in keno (0 out of 20!) Why is it that when I play that game—It is the only time 6 or 7 numbers come up? Way to go, Nibs!

After Fred Ida presented some nice appreciation gifts and raffled beautiful Noritake mugs donated by George Nakatsu, most of us went outside to see the fabulous Fremont Street laser show. It was a beautiful evening outside so many of us just stood around and talked some more—and took in 2 or 3 more free shows (saved us a bundle!).

Thank you for your notes, Mary and keep us posted in the future.....

Wartime Experiences of Taki Handa

Taki Handa was with the 2nd squad of the 1st platoon and his squad leader was **Hayato Kusaka**. He remembers the 1st day of combat very well, because their squad was separated from the rest of the company. They found themselves by the 2nd Battalion Headquarters. They were caught in a shelling of the 2nd Bn. Hqs., where some of the Hq. guys were wounded. None of the guys in Taki's squad was wounded. They left the Hq. and wandered around looking for the rest of the company and ended in a ravine, where they were shelled for several hours. Couple of boys got wounded in the ravine. One of the guys was **Masato Fujita**. They finally rejoined the rest of the company later that night. Taki wondered why no one was sent from the company to look for them. I guess, it was one of the snafus made by the company.

Taki remembers an incident the next morning, when a guy named **Ouchi** got hit by a bullet from his own gun. He was cleaning his gun and the gun went off the bullet hit his leg and had to be evacuated.

He remembers the incident in a small village, where the German jeeps came into the village, not realizing that it was occupied by G Co. Taki's squad was taking it easy and eating their rations when they heard gunfire. G Co. captured 3 German jeeps and some German soldiers, who surrendered when they realized that they had run into an

American company.

He remembers the battle of Hill 140 very vividly, because of the intense battle. He remembers that 1st platoon was in reserve the 1st day, with the 2nd and 3rd platoons attacking. After the 1st day, the 1st platoon was in the attacking group and got pinned down on the exposed slope, with the mortar and artillery shells raining down. The Germans were pretty close, because he recalls that the Germans were throwing the concussion grenades at them. One of the grenades fell near Taki and he told the sergeant "Let's get the hell out of here." So they went back about 25 yards, to get out of range of the grenades. He also remembers that 1st Sgt. **Bill Oda** led an attack a couple of days later. It was a running attack, which caught some of the Germans by surprise, because Taki saw Bill Oda fire away at some Germans in fox holes and killed them.

Taki had a misfortune later and injured his ankle, so he was sent back to the Battalion Aid Station which in turn, sent him back to the hospital for a week. When he rejoined the company, his platoon had just returned from the Pisa patrol.

Taki recalls the next assignment when the company went near Florence to replace the British 8th Army troops. The only thing he remembers about that area was that his friend **Clem Miyaya** of the 2nd platoon was wounded near a church building.

After the Florence assignment, the outfit was pulled back to Naples to regroup and receive more replacements. Then it was sent to Marseilles and eventually to Vosges Mountains, near a village called Bruyeres. His first recollection of Bruyeres was that of digging fox holes. Because of the blackness of the night in the heavily forested area, Taki's squad was disoriented. They were unable to see beyond a foot, so they spent many anxious moments looking for all the guys in the squad and the rest of the platoon. He remembers the attack made just outside of Bruyeres. They were met by machine gun fire, so they stopped in the open area and were pinned down for the whole day, because every time anyone moved, the machine guns would open up. Taki was near a tree fortunately, so he wasn't as exposed as the others. A German soldier in a house near him was throwing grenades at him. Taki fired back at the house, but he

couldn't get the German. At that time, the 1st squad, which was just behind 2nd squad, decided to attack the flank, which were the row of houses on the fringe of the town. They went house to house to clean out the Germans, if they were in any of them. Luckily, they captured 4 or 5 Germans from the 1st house. Apparently, one of the Germans was throwing the grenade at Taki. After the capture of the Germans, there was no more grenades thrown at Taki. He said that he later went into the house and recovered a German 32 cal. pistol. He assumed it was one of the guns left by the Germans.

After the liberation of Bruyeres, Taki recalls the battles near the railroad embankment. He remembers that **Richard Ajifu** was badly wounded in that area. He thought that **Sgt. James Adachi** was wounded there too. Shortly afterwards, Taki had a back problem, so he went back to the hospital for treatment and rest. When he returned to the company, he was supposed to be on limited assignment. He was sent to Regimental Hq., where he was assigned to mail sorting. After a couple of weeks, he asked to be returned to the company, so he rejoined the company and platoon. After about 4 days on the line, the regiment was relieved.

Taki remembers the Sospel area, the next assignment for the regiment. G Co. was assigned to the outposts on the mountain range. 1st platoon was assigned to an area, next to 4th platoon on the right and F Co. on the left. The only thing about the left side was F Co. was in a valley about one or two miles from us. Since the 1st platoon was on a mountain peak, the chances of the enemy attacking us were very slim. Taki recalls how high the mountains were whenever he had to go back to the Co. CP for a pass and return to the outpost after the pass. Those two mountains were very steep and slippery, with snow and ice on the trails. Some of the mules, which were used to transport the rations and ammunition sometimes slipped and fell hundreds of feet before coming to a stop. It's a wonder that most of the mules that fell were able to be brought back alive.

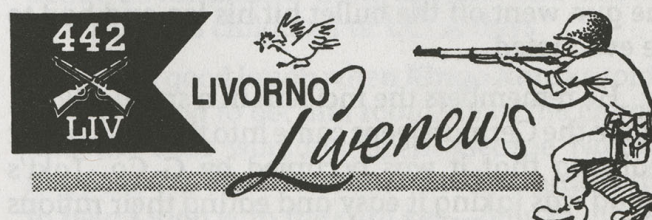
Taki remembers an incident, where **Richard Itanaga** caught pneumonia and had to be carried back on litter. Volunteer litter bearers were promised 3 day pass to Nice, so Taki volunteered and got his pass. He also remembers the time that "Fuzzy"

Oshiro got grenade shrapnel wounds in his back from an accident, and Taki was one of those who carried "Fuzzy" on the litter all the way back to the Co. CP in Castillon.

Taki recalls the last offensive in Italy, climbing up the steep mountains in Italy again. The first mountain climbed was so steep that each rifleman was assigned to help carry mortar shells or bazooka rounds, because the normal bearers of these types of ammunition couldn't cope with it if they had to carry them by themselves. Taki remembers that **Mike Imamoto**, our platoon medic was killed by sniper fire as the platoon was attacking down this hill. During the attack, Taki recalls that they saw some Germans were having their meals, so the entire platoon spread out in skirmish line and opened fire. None was killed but Taki says one German was captured. After that attack, Taki remembers the next objective was to capture a fort, where they estimated that 400 or 500 Germans were holding out. That was the last attack Taki remembers, because he was wounded by hand grenade fragments. He was sent to the hospital for recuperation.

He rejoined the Co. after the war was over. The Co. was located near Cuneo near the Franco-Italian border. He remembers the assignment to Livorno, where the Co. was assigned to guard German prisoners and supply depots.

When he returned to the United States he took his discharge in Chicago where **Ann**, his girlfriend was waiting for him. They got married soon thereafter, in 1945. They lived in Chicago for about a year and moved to California when a friend called to offer him a job. They have lived in the Los Angeles area ever since. They have 2 daughters. One is working for Mattel and other is a Medical Technician in Redding.



by Henry Kuniyuki

The Livorno Chapter Reporter is pleased to write about a promotional trip to Nippon on May 6th to the 15th, courtesy of patrons and supporters of **Bishop Ryokan Ara** of Tendai Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Ara had published a book on Hawaii's Japanese American Soldiers, involving personal interviews with twenty-four representative veterans of 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), and Military Intelligence Service. The book was printed by the prestigious Heibonsha Publishing Company in Tokyo in Japanese Language to publicize the problems faced by Niseis during World War II, and "For What Did We Fight", the primary reason for our combat participation.

The eight guests of Bishop Ara at this book-promotional affair included: **Governor George Ariyoshi**(MIS), **Hideto Kono** (442/100), **Henry Kuniyuki** (442), **Sakae Takahashi** (100/442), **John Tsukano** (442/100), **Ted Tsukiyama** (442/MIS), **Arthur Nishimoto** (442), and **Kizaki George Kotaro**, a resident of Tokyo. **Colonel Arthur Nishimoto**, a former member of George Co., now resides in Las Vegas after his retirement from active service. **Col. Nishimoto's son, Castle**, a Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent, is currently serving as Acting Legal Attache at the United States Embassy. Castle made all the necessary arrangements for the U.S. Armed Forces participation at the gala affair on May 8th at the Hotel Okura. **George Kotaro**, a long-time resident of Japan, has been assisting 442nd members working thereat.

Bishop Ara's patrons spared no expense in taking care of our transportation and accommodation—the roundtrip to and from Nippon was upgraded business class seats, and the rack-rate at Okura was \$400 per night. Upon our arrival in Nippon, although we had a sumptuous luncheon and evening snack on board the Japan Airline our hosts insisted on all of us partaking at a welcome "teppan-yaki" dinner at Okura Hotel. I understand the dinner cost was \$250 per guests, not including the cost of cocktails. By the time we were overwhelmed by the delicious dinner it was two o'clock Honolulu time. At that meeting we were surprised to learn that we AJA Veterans were to be first honored at the gathering, to be formally escorted on to the stage by U.S. Marine Guards.

The cocktail party began promptly at 6:00 pm with music provided by the U.S. Army Band. After the usual opening ceremony which included posting of the colors and the playing of both National Anthems we were formally introduced to the 300 audience by **Hideto Kono**. After congratulatory remarks, lauding our World War II exploits by the U.S. Embassy official and others we were presented expensive beautiful bouquets of flowers each by youngsters of the patrons. Governor **Ariyoshi** responded on our behalf in Japanese. The numerous guests were given a chance to partake in the \$200 per person buffet before Bishop Ara was honored. The U.S. Marines from Yokosuka Naval Base performed a silent drill to entertain the guests during the dinner hour. **Hideto Kono** read **Senator Daniel Inouye's** congratulatory message to Bishop Ara, and also mentioned that a similar message had been received from **Mayor Jeremy Harris**, accompanied by a gift from the City & County of Honolulu.

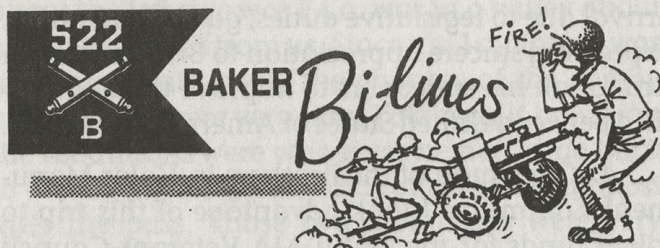
After a rousing speech by a Tendai Church's female minister, Bishop Ara responded with the keynote address. In his remarks he stated the reasons for publishing his book—to make the Japanese citizens aware of the World War II exploits of Japanese American soldiers. Bishop Ara is planning another similar publication, this issue to be in English. He has negotiated with the University Press to print the second edition to be made available to the general public by end of this year. The Foreign Minister of Japan, who was delayed in arrival due to legislative duties, gave his remarks, expressing sincere appreciation to Bishop Ryokan Ara for all his endeavors to improve the relationship between United States of America and Japan.

As Chairman of the Brothers-in-Valor Monument Committee I took advantage of this trip to solicit funds for the Oahu AJA Veterans Council project. Letters of solicitation were prepared in Japanese, courtesy of **President-Elect Bob Katayama**. The letters in return envelopes were presented to select representatives of Japanese organizations. **Ted Tsukiyama**, our Historian, joined my wife and I at the Wellington dining room of the New Sanno U.S. Armed Forces Center to honor the President of the Unabara Foundation, **Mr. Takeshi Maeda**, and his Business Executive, **Mr. Ishii**. The Unabara-Kai has 8,000 Japanese Navy veteran members world wide. **Mr. Maeda**

said that he will discuss our request for Monument funding support at his Board of Directors meeting. Brochures of our 442nd RCT Foundation were also presented to his organization. I also invited a prominent construction firm president and his family to a Mother's Day brunch at the New Sanno for similar fund-raising objectives. **Mr. Kiyoshi Yamagishi**, President of the Tosshin conglomerate is an old-time Rotarian in Japan so he will contact his fellow Rotarians and members of the construction association for financial support.

I am happy to report that the fund-raising mission looks promising as we await the response from individuals of the various organizations. I received a donation of \$1,000 in cash from a personal physician friend of mine while in Tokyo. Letters of solicitation in English were given to **George Kotaro** and **Arthur Nishimoto** for distribution at their respective areas of residence.

The AJA veteran delegation is planning a dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Ryokan Ara upon his return from China. We are indeed grateful for his personal interest in assuring the legacy of our AJA military units be perpetuated for time immemorial. Bishop Ara's devotion to further the cause of Nisei citizens brings to my mind the quotation by Prime Minister Winston Churchill who once said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Arrivederci!



by Jerry Ishimoto

Some old news for those who were in Vegas, ocean cruise, or other Helen gone places: Chapt. Mtg. 21 Fed 96: 22 Present with **Dan Tada** present and accounted for. At this count, 6 tables spoken for—for the Annual Banquet. Post-banquet count showed 61 present with **Sugar Fujimoto** sitting at another table of an adjacent Chapter. 522 Baker nominee for the Kansha award is **Judy**

Weightman. **Harold Ueoka** is volunteered for guidon bearer for the Punchbowl Ceremony. Placement of flags at the gravesites of deceased Bakers prior to the ceremony was by **Rocky Tanna**, **Harold Ueoka**, **Ann & Hiromi Fujiwara**, **Fred Hirayama**, **Irish Ohara**, **Dan Tada**, **Sam Hironaka**, **Don Shimazu** and **Y.T.** After this detail, all except **Y.T.** enjoyed a repast at Burger King on the Chapter's tab.

Chapt. Mtg. 15 May 96: Eh? wha hopen in Mar. and Apr.? Nenmine. Who's the familiar looking guy among those present? My aching back! It's none other that **Robert Yutaka** who is looking young and trim after an absence of about 10 years. Yutaka attributes his well-being to-not discovering a fountain of youth but by taking natural health care products of which he is an independent distributor of—you guessed it, Natural Health Care Products. Free plug! You're welcome. The reason for the free plug being that one of his products can help you. 'Deterioration acquired person' (PC for seniors) with your aches and pains. No doubt the first question will be-will it help my sex problem? Followed by cholestrol and prostate. Yutaka says he has, and it will. See him at 3537 Kumuwai Place, Honolulu, HI. **Sam 'The Man' Hironaka** has been busy gathering and disseminating infos on veteran's rights at the last few meetings. Subject matter includes estate settlement and veteran's entitlements. He has spent many hours and trips to the VA Office obtaining application forms and to the Senate Office for a copy of the bill that will facilitate settlement of estates. Anyone care to read the inch-thick copy? No one?

Etcetera: **Stan Kaneshiro's** tooling around town on a new set of wheels. As **Hilda** explains, this Camry can't be a Lexus but it beats riding in the back of the old pickup truck with the fishes. **Flint Yonashiro** is back playing golf with the Bakers after a long absence from a sore shoulder. Chasing broads instead of the white ball cured him. Now he says he is disgustingly healthy and cannot engage in conversations where ailments are discussed. **Kenneth Kawate** donated \$50.00 to the golf club but he failed to show up on the last tournament so had to dig in for 5 bucks penalty which goes to the golf course. Next time, don't forget your tournament dates. He is the third one so penalized for

lapse of memory and you can bet there'll be others.

Sick Leave: **Richard Kuba** was unable to attend the annual banquet due to his emphysema acting up. Harold and Fred at that table saw to it that his serving did not go to waste by putting it to their waist. **Mits Kunihiro** injured his tailbone when he fell off a ladder while trimming his Lichee tree. He now uses a special cushion to drive his car or golf cart. Didn't help his driving-nor his putting. Contrary to the stories going around, **Ellen** denies shaking the ladder. **Roy Fujii** still with an aching back from the injury he sustained while playing at the HIC golf course. He is now getting even with the course by busting pars and the new rule implemented by the tournament chairman giving 18-inch putts makes it unnecessary for him to bend down to pick up his ball at the bottom of the cup. **Bulldog Nishizawa** had to give up golfing due to his problem with locomotion. At least he got rid of one misery—golf. **Milton Uchigakiuchi** is recovering from the stroke he suffered and the shingles he has now is not helping any. Still, he is able to move about on his own and doing well, thank you. No sooner does **Jane Nagareda** recover from her broken arm than Neil goes on sick leave. While trying to put a ladder at his grandson's home, the ladder slipped resulting in a badly bruised shoulder, and ego. The latter from a lecture about old men shouldn't be doing young men's work. Like Rodney Dangerfield, he got no sympathy. **Peggy Obayashi's** operation on her eyeball is preventing her from tipping a few. It's been some time now and so by now she should have had several tee times. **Jessie Nakakura** can be right in there comparing operations but her carpal tunnel syndrome operation is preventing her from pursuing her favorite pastime of bowling and dancing. **Lester Kato** should be returning to the golf circuit after a bout with prostate problem. **Harold Ueoka** had similar problem but is none the worst now as evidenced by his appetite.

Scorecard by Rocky: 18 Mar 96 HCC. A great day or should it be Payday for Low Net and Ace for **Joe Suetsugu** who was first in line at the pay window with his net 67. The Ace of the Month would have been his too except that he is a previous Ace winner and left it for the two second low-netters of 69 to scramble for it. Y.T. lowered the cannonball on **Kenneth Kawate's** head with the

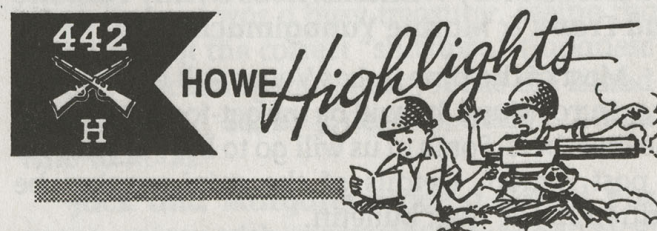
front nine score for the tie breaker. Cashing in with net 71's were **Boyan, Francis, Harold, Don, Y**, followed by **Watler, Kats, Geo, Joe O** with net 72's.

CP's on the Par 3's: #4 **Joe S**, #8 **Roy F**, #13 **Larry**, #17 Club: Mochi and cup cakes came from the winnings of **Joe S**. who was favored by the friendly fairways, greens and handicap. May the fairways and greens-but not the handicap favor you for more mochi's and cup cakes.

29 Apr 96 HCC: A fine day for Individual Low Net and Ace of the Month. **Rocky** claimed both prizes with his net 68 nosing out **Toku** by one stroke. They were followed by **Roy O.**, **Francis, Kats, Geo M.**, **Don Y.**, **Boyan, Stan S.**, **Stan K.**, and **Joe O**. low man on the totem pole which is not good since low man is only good in golf. The golf club saved money on this one since there were only two payoffs on CP's. **Boyan** on #4 and **Y.T.** on #8.

20 May 96 HCC: A fine sunny day without the usual rain for—**Rocky** that is. A repeat winner for low net and Ace of the Month but being a previous winner, **Toku** gets the Ace and **Rocky** pockets the loot. Others who enjoyed a fine day financially were **Larry, Joe O, Stan K., Cannonball, Roy F., Flint, Biggie, Kon Kon** and **Walter**. It rained for the others.

CP's on the Par 3's: #4 **Larry**, #8 **Walter**, #13 **Roy F.**, #17 **Y.T.**



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Howe Chapter is getting back to normal, that is, hardly any news. A regular meeting was held on Sunday May 19th at the clubhouse. The attendance was below par, but as usual, everyone seemed to be enjoying the food and companionship.

A quick business meeting was held (as usual) by **Charles Okazaki**, our President. It's likely that no new slate of officers will be forthcoming again.