



CLUB 100

PUKA-PUKA

PARADE

FEBRUARY 1990

FROM THE EDITOR'S PUKA: Ray & Aki Nosaka

COUNT DOWN: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 -- BLAST OFF TO THE YEAR OF 1990! This is the year of the HORSE. According to Takeshi Teshima (Japan-Baker Chapter), the Horse year people are very popular because of their skill in paying compliments. They are good with money and have a knack for finance. The Horse year people are fashionable and showy in dress and manner. They anger easily, are terribly independent, and do not listen to advice. There are three phases to the lives of Horse people: the first two phases they will encounter much trouble, but will have a good life during the third phase. If you were born in the year of 1906, 1918, or 1930, you should be in that third phase now, and should be enjoying the good life. (We certainly hope so.)

Regardless of whether you are a Horse year person or not, let us all be cooperative and supportive of our new club president, George Hagiwara (Charlie Chapter), and be ready to serve if asked -- say "yes" with a smile. The older we get, the more we should value what time is left for us to do what we can for our club and for each other.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Thomas D. Murphy (Honorary Club 100 member) who passed away on December 21, 1989. He was the author of the first book written about the 100th Infantry Battalion, "Ambassadors in Arms", and it was his suggestion that we follow the motto, "For Continuing Service."

The Puka Puka Parade staff would like to thank the following reporters for their news contributions during 1989: Tom Fujise (A), Yasuo Takata (B), George Hagiwara (C), Helen Nikaido (D), Ken Suehiro (HQ), Hakaru Taoka and Kenneth Higa (F), Tom Nagata (Maui), Ben Morimoto (Kauai), James Maeda and Walter Kadota (Hawaii), Tad Hashimoto (So. California), Warren Yamamoto (Bonsai), Tom Nosse (Golf), Walter Iwasa (Rurual), and Warren Fencl (Mid-West). Your continued contributions will be appreciated.

We would like to recognize the following people for coming out to help with the Puka Puka Parade in December: Ellen Kunihiro, Gladys Kawakami, Jane Matsunami, Irene Kawashima, Susumu Kunishige, Kunio Fujimoto, Isao Nadamoto, Kay Harada, Richard Miyashiro, Itsuto Okamoto, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Kazuto Shimizu, Margaret Morikawa, Isamu Inouye, Yutaka & Sally Inouye, Kaoru & Sadako Yonezawa, Ralph & Ethel Fukunaga, Bernard Akamine, Yoshiichi Okazawa, Lefty Tanigawa, Richard & Ruth Tsutsui, Seie & Evelyn Oshiro, and Aki Nosaka.

A Healthy and Happy New Year to all from the Puka Puka Staff!

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Fujise

Happy New Year - Shinnen Omedeto Gozaimasu.

All the New Year mochi that you Able Chapter members consumed must have had a relaxing effect since no one has contributed any news item for the Able column. Anyway, there is an old saying, "No news is good news." Maybe so, but somebody has to keep the dust from settling on the typewriter. Any small news will be greatly appreciated.

Getting back to the last Christmas party, mention must be made of two of our hard working gals who cordially took time off to help Able Chapter stage a successful Christmas party. Mrs. Evelyn Oshiro, whose decorating

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS: continued

skill and Christmas decor which helped brighten the holiday mood of the clubhouse, and Louise Morikawa, whose knowledge of the younger set made Santa's job a merry one for all the grandchildren who were there.

With 1989 vanishing into the past, 1990 will see a brand new president taking over the helm of Able Chapter and as First Vice President of the board: Robert Sato. So, let's all get behind Bob and give him all the support the Able Chapter can muster. One way is by turning out for our monthly meetings, giving your opinions, and supporting his stand on matters before the board. Secondly, the yard work each month will get done faster and easier with many hands. Please help by attending the monthly meetings and enjoy a hearty breakfast plus have fun with a healthy physical workout at the same time.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS: Yasuo Takata

Happy New Year and a Healthy New Year to you. Most of us will in the 70's, so take care. Our members are beginning to dwindle.

We have lost another in Baker Chapter. Masaichi (Tony) Taone died on December 24, 1989. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Taone family.

"Tony", as we knew him, was told by his doctor that he had terminal cancer. It had spread through his body about a month before his death. With his courage and determination to live his life fully, Tony continued to work in his yard until he collapsed one day and died.

Masaichi Taone was born on October 18, 1918 in Waiakea, Hawaii. During his younger years, his family moved to Honolulu. He attended Central Junior High School. After graduation, he worked in the construction industry. It was hard work and jobs were not easy to come by. However, he did find time for pleasure. He met and married Sally in early 1941. From this marriage was born a daughter, Jinny.

On November 15, 1941, he was drafted. Twenty-two days later, WWII started on Sunday, December 7, 1941. Their rifles and bayonets were taken away which caused confusion among the draftees. They did not know whether they were to be imprisoned or not. Finally, the Army decided to keep them and transferred Tony to Company E, 298th Infantry Regiment and he was stationed at Kaaloa. There he could fish at the Kaaloa fish pond and catch all the fish they needed.

In June 1942, all the soldiers in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments, who had Japanese blood, were assembled at Schofield Barracks later to be formed the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). At Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, he was in the communications section of Company B. He served with the 100th from Salerno, Rome, then Anzio Beachhead southern France. For heroism in battle against the enemy, he received the Bronze Star and a Distinguished Unit Badge.

After he was discharged in 1945, he returned to the construction industry and became a master plasterer. Tony enjoyed fishing so much that he always had his casting pole ready and was willing to wait patiently for his big catch. When they were living in Waianae, he and his family spent many weekends camping at Makua Beach.

Tony retired as a member of his trade in 1982 and now has been placed to rest at the National Memorial cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Our sincerest and best wishes for a continued recovery and good health to Sakae Takahashi. Unbeknownst to most of us, Sakae had heart bypass surgery in December.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS: George Hagiwara

Kazuto Shimizu, prexy elect for Charlie Chapter for 1990, promises an exciting year with more socials open to all former Charlie Company members to join us in their retirement. Other officers elected for the year are Hideshi Niimi vice president), Kiyoshi Uyeno (secretary), and Warren Iwai (treasurer).

*** * * SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL CLUB 100 MEMBERS, WIVES, & WIDOWS * * ***

INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION OF 1990 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

You are invited to attend the installation ceremony of the 1990 officers of Club 100. A short, informal program is planned following the ceremony.

✓ Date: Saturday, February 10, 1990 ✓

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Turner Hall

Menu: Continental Breakfast - coffee, juice, tea, milk, and assorted pastries

Cost: Free

Parking: On-street and at Ala Wai School on a first-come, first-served basis.

The new officers of the club need and would certainly appreciate your support. Please come out and show them that you're behind them. Like the Coffee Hour last year, no reservations are required. However, the chapters responsible for hosting the event would like to have an estimate of how many plan to attend. That way, they will have a rough idea of how many chairs to set up and can better plan for the refreshments. If you plan to attend the Installation Ceremony, please call James Inafuku (595-2663) or Ted Hamasu (455-3341) or Yasuo Takata (988-2819).

CLUB 100's BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1990:

- President George Hagiwara (Charlie Chapter)
- 1st Vice President Robert Sato (Able Chapter)
- 2nd Vice President Jun Enomoto (Medics Chapter)
- Secretary/Treasurer Stanley Kimura (Charlie Chapter)

- Able Chapter ?
- Baker Chapter Yasuo Takata
- Charlie Chapter Kazuto Shimizu
- Dog Chapter Yoshiichi Okazawa
- Headquarters Chapter Hideo Kajikawa
- Medics Chapter Henry Nakasone
- Rural Chapter Walter Iwasa
- Kauai Chapter Makoto Takiguchi
- Maui Chapter William Nakahara
- Hawaii Chapter George Taketa
- Southern Cal. Chapter Eric Abe

CHAPTER MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

- ABLE Saturday ... February 24 Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
- ~~BAKER~~ Friday ~~" 16~~ Lounge Area ✓
- CHARLIE Monday " 19 Back Room
- DOG Saturday ... " 17 Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
- HEADQUARTERS Thursday ... " 15 Back Room
- RURAL No meeting scheduled
- KAUAI Sunday February 11 Green Garden Rest. (12 noon)
- MAUI Meeting schedule not received
- HAWAII Thursday ... February 22 AJA Hall (11:00 a.m.)
- SO. CAL. Meeting schedule not received

GROUP-COMMITTEE MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

- BIFFA'S GROUP Wednesday February 7 Lounge Area
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday " 8 Board Room (7:00 p.m.)
- BONSAI Thursday " 22 Board Room
- CLUB 100 GOLF Monday " 5 Lounge
- D.A.V. HANELE Thursday " 22 Lounge Area
- GREEN THUMBS Monday " 5 Hall (7:15 p.m.)
- KARAOKE Friday " 9 Hall (6:30 p.m.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 12, 1990 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. The board listened to a proposal to buy the air rights to Club 100. However, since the club membership had voted to join the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH), the board could not take any action on the proposal. A discussion ensued regarding the club's obligation to follow through with the JCCH project and the legal consequences, if any, which may arise should the club renege on the JCCH project. The directors agreed that legal advise should be sought on this matter.
2. George Hagiwara (C) was elected by the board, in accordance with the club's by-laws, to be the club president for 1990. The vote was 8-yes, 1-no, & 1-abstain. The other officers had been elected at the December meeting.
3. Dick Oguro (B) wrote a letter to the board pointing out that the informal name change, "100th Infantry Veterans", did not denote the 100th as a battalion. The directors agreed and revised the club's informal name to "100th INF. BN. Veterans".

GREEN THUMBS NOTICE: The 1990 dues of \$7.50 is due now and payable. Make check payable to - Club 100 Green Thumbs Club - and bring it to the next meeting on Monday, February 5 or mail it to Warren Iwai, 1337-A Highview Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816.

CHARLIE CHAPTER MEMBERS: The 1990 dues of \$5.00 is now due and payable. Make check payable to - Co. "C", Club 100 - and bring it to our next meeting on Monday, February 19 or mail it to Warren Iwai, 1337-A Highview Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816.

The VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE is scheduled for Saturday, February 17 from 7:00-10:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The CENTURY GOLF CLUB'S AWARDS BANQUET will be held on Saturday, February 24 at the clubhouse. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School on a first-come, first-served basis.

PUKA PUKA PARADE DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles for the March issue of the Puka Puka Parade is Thursday, February 15, 1990.

MARCH MONTHLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting news or announcements for the March Monthly Bulletin is Friday, February 16, 1990.

CLUB 100 DUES for 1990 are as follows:

- \$18.00 - Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog, Headquarters, & Medics Chapters
- \$10.00 - Rural Chapter
- \$5.00 - Residents of the Neighbor Islands & U.S. Mainland, regardless of original chapter.

To better facilitate the processing of your membership card, the following is requested:

For those planning to STOP BY THE OFFICE or PAY BY CASH: Please have the EXACT AMOUNT handy as I do not have sufficient change.

For those planning to MAIL-IN their dues payment or PAY BY CHECK: Please write the name of your chapter in the memo section of your check, not on the "Payable To" line, as it may complicate depositing the check. Please make the check payable to: CLUB 100. Reminder: please date your check (1990) and sign it.

According to the club's by-laws, the annual membership dues are due not later than March 31. Any member who has not paid his dues by that date will not receive the monthly bulletins or Puka Puka Parades until his dues are received.

To save on the time and expense of mailing individual dues notices, reminders will not be sent. Instead, a dot system will be used. a RED DOT indicates that the office has not received your dues. Since the Board of Directors waived the back dues requirement, members who have been arrears in their dues need only pay the current year's dues to reactivate their membership. Since the bulletin was typed on Wednesday, February 24, dues received after that date may not be credited to your dues payment account, thus resulting in a red dot. If you feel that a red dot has been mistakenly placed on your white computerized mailing label, please call Paul at the office (946-0272).

DIS & DAT: Ray Nosaka

After my heart attack, I spent much time reading and wondering where I went wrong to succumb to this disease. I thought that I was in the best of health because I did my exercises regularly and tried to watch my food intake. Even my doctor could not give me a definite cause saying that it could have been due partly to this or that. I have now become a very careful shopper, taking time to read each label on the cans and packages of every product I pick up at the market. If the label mentions Monosodium Glutamate or Palm Oil, among other "no no" items, back it goes on the shelf. For many years since my retirement, I would cook and eat one or two packages of dried instant saimin every day. Since I don't know how to cook, at least I could boil water and make the saimin which was my lunch every day while my wife was working. Last year, it was pointed out to me by a dietician that dried saimin was high in palm oil which was definitely a "no no" as well as being one of the worst saturated oils. Now, I can't help but wonder... and wish that I had been more aware of these things. The warning were there, but I wasn't listening.

Another risk factor is STRESS. We can not remove stress or tension from our lives, but we can control how it affects us. We must identify the areas of stress and know what causes the stress. We can then make changes in the situation or respond in a different way. Signs and symptoms of stress can include changes in sleeping habits, general irritability, pounding of the heart, headaches, loss of appetite, tiredness for no apparent reason.

To change the subject, I found the following information quite interesting since my household appliances all seem to be conking out one by one. Did you know that the life expectancy of these common household appliances is: clothes dryer - 13 years, color T.V. - 8 years, kitchen stove - 14-19 years, microwave oven - 11 years, refrigerator - 17 years, house vacuum cleaner - 16 years, washing machine - 13 years, and water heater - 1-14 years.

For those of you who are trying to give up smoking: Never forget that this is a positive thing that you are doing. You are not "giving up" anything.

It is never too late to change your lifestyle.

EXCERPT FROM EULOGY FOR DONALD "BLUE" NAGASAKI: James Maeda

This afternoon we are gathered here in this sanctuary to pay tribute and express our thanks to Donald Nagasaki. Blue Nagasaki, on November 16, at the age of 70 years, laid down his tools upon this earth to accept the call of his Maker. To those of you sitting in the front pews, Donald touched your lives as a brother, uncle, and as a kin. He leaves many cherished memories with you. He touched others as a friend, a fellow comrade of the 100th Infantry Battalion, a member of the Club 100, a fellow worker, a fellow member of the morning senior beach boys at Ala Moana Park, and etc. We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the privilege of knowing and associating with Donald Nagasaki.

Blue was born in Honolulu, October 6, 1919. He attended the local schools and graduated from McKinley High School in 1938. Before the start of World War II, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with the 298th Infantry (HNG). After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he served with the 100th Infantry Battalion. Donald was seriously wounded in Italy and later was discharged as a disabled veteran. Blue spent many months in army hospitals recovering from his war injuries. After World War II, Donald returned and went to work for the family business and later was employed by SERVCO in their parts department. He retired in 1981 at the age of 62 years.

Donald was a good brother to his sisters and brother. While his mother was living until about three years ago, he was a devoted son taking good care of her. Blue enjoyed people and was always willing to share things with his friends. I believe the morning retired beach boys of Ala Moana Beach will miss Donald. His love for his fellow men has left a lasting mark. Blue's first love was the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club or the Club 100. Donald served on many committees as chairman and as member. About a year ago, when the club did not have any person to be

BLUE NAGASAKI: continued

the editor of the Puka Puka Parade, Donald volunteered to do the work. He saw to it that the members and friends of the club from Hanalei, Kauai to Kau on the Big Island, and the members of California received news and information regarding the club. Donald had a strong conviction that communication was very important for the veterans of the Club 100.

Blue enjoyed music. He was a strong participant of the Club 100 Karaoke Kai. He invested in equipment to make music enjoyable. His other hobbies were bowling and raising orchids. I was informed that not long ago, Donald volunteered to drive senior citizens home from Makiki Church after their Wednesday and Friday activities.

We thank God for sending Donald Nagasaki to us and the privilege of his friendship and association. We salute Donald Nagasaki - a man and a courageous soldier.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS: Jimmy Maeda

Charles Nishimura, 1989 president, is happy to announce that George Taketa has accepted the nomination to become president of Hawaii Chapter for the year 1990. Other officers elected and installed on Saturday night, January 20, at the Fuji Restaurant were Motoyoshi Tanaka (vice president), Eugene Eguchi (secretary), Roger Kawasaki (treasurer), Tarushi Yamamoto (auditor), and Charles Nishimura (past president).

George Taketa, incoming president, also serves as an area representative of the National Disabled American Veterans.

Outgoing president Charles Nishimura extends his heartfelt thanks to the other officers, committee members, and membership who helped in making year 1989 a successful one. Charlie also served as the chairman of the AJA Veterans Council during the past year.

Our prayers and condolences to the family members and relatives of the late KATSUO "KATS" KUTSUNAI. Kats was formerly from Lanai and resided in Hilo after World War II. He served with Company C, 100th Infantry Battalion. Kats died on November 30, 1989 at Hilo Hospital at the age of 72 years. Our comrade was employed by C. Brewer Macnut Farm prior to his retirement.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Nagata

A total of 71 members, wives, and guests attended a gala Christmas-Installation dinner party on December 20 at the Maui Palms Hotel Restaurant. Hardworking Jack Gushiken was in charge and, as usual, he had the party running smoothly and everybody had a grand time. Secretary Edward Hishihara passed out cocktail tickets to incoming diners as they registered at the entrance while Jack was busy accepting donations for the door prizes. After cocktails, master of ceremonies Satoji "Butch" Arisumi called on Wataru Kaneshina to offer grace before the Japanese buffet dinner began.

Following a delicious dinner, Butch called on Tom Yamada to install into office for 1990 the following members: William Nakahara (president), Masao Sato (vice president), Edward Nishihara (secretary), Tom Nagata (treasurer), Kiyoshi Ikeda (auditor), and Goichi Shimanuki (director).

Next, outgoing president Miles Shiroma gave his annual report. He did a terrific job representing Club 100 at three members' funerals, one member's parent's funeral, visiting five members and two wives at the hospital, and other functions of the Maui Chapter, plus Maui County Veterans Council activities. Incoming president William Nakahara asked for the support of all the members for the coming year's activities.

With the official part of the program concluded, music master Johnny Miyagawa led the group in singing Christmas carols and succeeded in getting members and wives to come forward to join him in singing some favorite melodies. The rest of the evening was devoted to calling out door prize winners by Jack Gushiken and bingo games run by Masao Sato and Akira "Jockey" Ishikawa.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS: continued

Our get-well wishes go to Kunio Ogawa who was hospitalized recently.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of member Hakaru Ogawa. Hakaru passed away on December 12, 1989. His ashes were buried at Makawao Veterans Cemetery.

Our sympathy also goes out to Haruo Ikeuchi, whose mother passed away on December 22, 1989.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS: Tad T. Hashimoto

The Japanese American National Museum (J.A.N.M.) held their special event on Saturday, November 4, 1989 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel (Los Angeles) in the California Ballroom. This year's theme was "America's Strawberry: Fruit of Our Labor". The fifth annual dinner was a benefit for the J.A.N.M.

George Takei was the Master of Ceremonies. 100th Chapter members helping in the registration and reception area were Nora Kim, Buddy & Lilly Mamiya, Ben & Jean Tagami, Young O. Kim, Lloyd Toda, and Sam Fujikawa. Also attending the \$150.00 per person fundraiser were Hank & Fumi Sakato, Ken & Yoshiko Muranaga, Douglas Tanaka, Michi Toda, and Teri Fujikawa.

The festive evening honoring the strawberry growers industry of California was enjoyed by over 1,100 enthusiastic friends of the museum.

On November 5, 1989 at 1:00 p.m., the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council (N.V.C.C.) sponsored a Veterans Day program honoring the veterans who made the supreme sacrifice. The program was held at the Nikkei Veterans Monument (dedicated November 9, 1986), located at the Yaohan Plaza, 3rd on Alameda Street, L.A. This monument is an arm and a hand holding a burning torch on a pedestal. 100/442nd color guards participated in the program by posting the colors. The guards were Hiro Takusagawa and Nob Ikuta of the 442nd, Sam Fujikawa, Ben Tagami, Monte Fujita, Sat Nakamura, and Henry Sakato of the 100th Chapter. Ben Tagami, president of the 100/442nd Veterans Association of Southern California read the names of the departed comrades as did representatives of the other veterans organizations. Besides the above, Teri Fujikawa and her sister, May Fujita, attended the program. This Veterans Day program is held every year for November 11th Veterans Day usually on a Sunday. In 1990, November 11 falls on a Sunday, so please make plans to attend.

Ben Tagami, 1989 president of the 100/442nd Veterans Association of Southern California, has accepted the presidency for 1990 and has agreed to serve another term.

100th Chapter donated \$25.00 as a Christmas gift to Mrs. Dervie Howard. Mrs. Howard conscientiously takes care of the 100/442nd Memorial Hall.

100th officers for 1990: Eric Abe (president), Sam Fujikawa (vice president), Douglas Tanaka (secretary), Harry Fusukawa (treasurer).

100th Chapter Tentative Schedule for 1990:

January 27 (Sat): 100/442nd Installation Banquet, Almansor Court, 6:00 p.m., \$25.00 per person? February 10 (Sat): Valentine's Day & 100th Installation of 1990 officers. April (?) (Sat): 100th Chapter Family Nite, 6:00 p.m., 442nd Hall. May 19 (Sat): Reverse Raffle (\$100.00); "L" Company and 100th at 442nd Hall; Armed Forces Day Parade, Torrance, CA, parade starts around 2:00 p.m. May 28 (Mon): Memorial Day, N.V.C.C. Evergreen Cemetery, L.A., 11:00 a.m. June 27-28-29-July 1: 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion, Kailua-Kona, HI. July (?) : M.I.S. Cookout (Maryknoll ?) September 15 (Sat): 100/442nd General Meeting & Dinner, 100th as cooks. September 23 (Sun): Keiro home, 100th as chefs. October (?) : 100th Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada. November (?) : Japanese American National Museum Fundraiser. November 11 (Sun): Veterans Day Service, N.V.C.C. Yaohan Plaza Square, 3rd & Alameda Street, L.A.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS: Ben Morimoto

On December 17, 1989, our club held its annual Christmas Party at J.J. Broiler's Anchor Cove at Nawiliwili. The gathering of club members, wives, and widows numbered, as in past years, over 50. It was a luncheon and, prior to the date, each individual's order was taken by Lillian so tags could be made for individual orders for the waiters and waitresses to pick up. The menu choices were broiled chicken and steak, broiled fish and steak, or broiled fish and chicken. Four door prizes were donated by Mrs. Morimoto. The lucky winners were Mrs. Teshima, Mrs. Zaima, Mrs. Nishio, and Mrs. Iwai. The ladies also shared the grab bag gifts of not less than \$5.00. Wally Takemoto had all the intentions of attending the party, but the date and time coincided with the Minnesota Vikings and Cleveland Browns football game. Wally, being an die hard Vikings fan, stayed home. The Vikings lost in overtime but, nevertheless, made the play-offs and lost to the Forty-Niners.

Soichi Hiwa (D), member of of Kauai Chapter who moved to Ewa Beach to live with his daughter, passed away on January 2, 1990. Services were held and arrangements made through Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary.

Our first general meeting will be held sometime in February but, as of now, the date, time, and place has not been announced.

CLUB 100 GOLF CLUB - CENTURY GOLF CLUB NEWS: Tom Nosse

1989 was the year of the "makules" (old men) for making Hole-in-Ones. The first Hole-in-One of the year was registered by Ken Muroshige (Baker Chapter) on March 8. Ken is our oldest member of the golf club at age 75. It was his first Hole-in-One and cost each member \$5.00 to celebrate his happy occasion. We enjoyed the dinner prepared by Arthur Tamashiro (Hq Chapter).

The second Hole-in-One was registered by Yutaka Inouye (Able Chapter). It was during the first day of our 4th Annual Big Island Safari at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course. He was the first golfer ever to accomplish that feat on the 177 yards 10th hole. Sorry, Ike, there was no party because the tournament was not an official club function. "No big deal", Ike is a younger member of the club at age 72.

The final Hole-in-One of the year was made by Takashi Kitaoka (1st Sergeant, Baker Company and retired judge). He is the grand-daddy of our club at age 77. He wanted to donate all the \$5.00 collections to the club, but Stanley Takahashi talked him into having a party. Thank you, Judge, for sharing all the joy and happiness with the boys of the 100th.

The Century Golf Club January ACE and ACE of ACES was played at the Pali Golf Course on January 10, 1990. Stu Yoshioka (Baker Chapter) was four strokes better than the nearest competitor. His score was 83-16-67. Four players were tied at net 71. Stu was the winner of the January ACE and ACE of ACES. He received the usual nine balls for the lowest net score and will receive more prizes to come for the ACE of ACES. Congratulations to all of you! The Century Golf Club ACE and ACE of ACES was played on January 17 at the Pearl Country Club.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am enclosing a letter from Takeshi Teshima. I am amazed at his down to earth philosophy and bigheartedness and wish to share them with other club members. I am sure that Takeshi's many friends in B Company have received a copy of the letter, but the rest of the 100th may not have had an opportunity to read it (it is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse). All these years, I have received his wonderful letters. Last year, when I met him at one of his parties, I asked him if he wrote the letters himself. He said' "Yes!" Sometimes his son contributes some tidbits, but most of it were Takeshi's thoughts.

*Yasuo Takata
Baker Chapter*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: continued

Takeshi Teshima
6-8, Shimo Oichi Higashi-Machi
Nishinomiya-Shi, Hyogo-Ken
Japan, 663

December 1989

Dear Friends,

It is time to dust off our Santa Claus, Jingle Bells and Christmas lights. And I am back again to break the stillness of the Holiday Season with the ritualistic chit chat.

The year actually started off with Hiroko and I travelling to Manzanillo, Mexico, via San Francisco. We joined two couples there - very dear friends from the States and Italy - and spent wonderful days at an exquisite resort with the most beautiful beaches east of Waikiki. From there we had planned to call on our friends in the Los Angeles area, but my persistent cough got the best of me, and we had to high-tail home without informing a single friend there. Wasn't this cruel?

When the "Massacre in Tiananmen Square" was still afresh in everyone's mind, I was in Tianjin, China over July and August to visit our joint venture business there. Hardships continued for five years, but the venture is moving along smoothly now, Grazie! It is operating overtime to keep up with orders from Japan, and the future looks bright. But Sino-Japanese relations are still at the low ebb since the Tiananmin incident, and China will surely go Kaputt unless developed countries resume their loans soon.

I guess you too are awestruck by the sweeping political changes taking place beyond the Iron Curtain: the biggest surprise of all being the opening of the Berlin Wall. Japan Inc. is certainly watching the situation closely, while readying itself for 1992, when the European Community is to become a single entity. It is getting hard to keep up with terms like 'peristroika', 'glasnost', and now the 'Malta Summit'. Japan's economic expansion continues to exceed the speed limit, showing no signs of slowing down. Although I am no expert, I feel discretion and good taste must be practiced in future investments abroad.

The year of the SNAKE, 1989, is quietly about to slither away, and we welcome the Year of the HORSE. As you know, the Oriental Zodiacal system has a cycle of twelve years, each with its own animal symbol. One's fortune, strengths and weaknesses may be told, based on his or her animal symbol. The following are the years of the HORSE: 1894, 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978 & 1990. HORSE year people are very skillful in paying compliments and (therefore?) very popular. They are good with money and have a knack for finance. HORSE year people are fashionable, and showy in dress and manner. On the other hand, they anger easily and, by doing so, lose whatever confidence others may have had in them. They are terribly independent, will not listen to advice, and as soon as they are able, will go off on their own, breaking away from family influence. There are three phases to the lives of HORSE year people. The first two phases during which they will encounter much trouble. But they will have a good life during the third phase. Gengis Khan, Abdal Nassir, Vladimir Lenin, Soichiro Honda of Honda cars and Konosuke Matsushita of Panasonic are a few of the notable HORSE year people.

It seems the most unimaginable things happen whenever I plan long trips. Hiroko and I had planned on visiting Europe for three weeks over September and October to cover places we did not see on our first trip there. Two days before our departure, she was informed by her doctors that there was a suspicion of cancer in her mouth and was advised to cancel the trip. Five days later, we were told it was a benign tumor. Well, no trip this time, but thank God it was a false alarm.

I will soon turn 70 years old, and my steadily increasing golf score attests to that; sort of a barometer of the passing years. But both Hiroko and I are grateful to be of sound health - which we consider the greatest asset - and hope to travel as much as possible in our remaining years.

In closing this year's small talk, may I say that the most memorable pleasure in my life are those associated with dear friends like you, from such distant places in the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: continued

We wish you as much health as we have, and then some in 1990, and thank you deeply for being such an important part of us. HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!

Sincerely,

Takeshi Teshima & Family

P.S. A few of the interesting phenomena occurring in Japan today:

Traditionally, financial institutions have been over-sheltered here by government. As you may know, there is not a single bank here that goes bankrupt. Likewise, manufacturers here have been given preferential treatment for the last hundred years, or since beginning of Japan's industrialization. As a result, the majority of engineering graduates from top schools had gone to work for manufacturers, whereas in the last or two, they are shying away from manufacturing and are instead entering the service industries like banks, securities, tourism, and land development.

The shortage of labor has become acute, causing four to five times the number of business failures compared to last year among labor intensive small to medium sized businesses.

Prices of real estate and golf course memberships continue to skyrocket. An area about the size of this stationery (7½" x 10½") costs upwards of \$20,000 for prime metropolitan Tokyo real estate, while golf course memberships in the \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 range are not unusual these days. A round of golf at an expensive club can easily cost over \$300 for non-members, and over \$150 for members! After all, there are over 12 million golfers in this country, which is 85% mountainous.

(EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S NOTE: I wish to apologize to Helen Nikaido of Dog Chapter. Normally, she is the first Puka Puka Parade writer to submit her news for the upcoming issue. When I was typing the Parade, I noticed that the Dog Chapter News was missing. I called Helen to ask her if she submitted anything. She said that she had mailed it in during the first week of January. I checked through the five piles of stuff on my desk to see if I had accidentally "filed" it. Alas, it was not there. However, I did find a cookie that someone had given me. Fortunately, Helen had saved her notes, retyped her article, and personally hand delivered it to the office. Thank you, Helen, for your patience. Next time, I'd better tack your article to my bulletin board so it doesn't get lost. - Paul P.S. Helen, I see that you cleaned the 'a' on your typewriter. Now you only have to do the 'g', 'n', and 'o'!)

DOG CHAPTER NEWS: Helen Nikaido

Happy New Year! Hope you all spent a joyous New Year eating the low cholesterol foods and drinking non-alcoholic beverages. This is the year of the "Horse" in which many of you were born (1918). Make the most of it and please take care of your health.

Dog Chapter's Christmas Party was held on December 17 at the clubhouse. Chaired by Conrad Tsukayama and Sadashi Matsunami, we had catered food from Shiro's plus lots of pupus and desserts donated by the ladies. Unfortunately, "General" Matsunami was down and out with the flu, so Conrad was busy-as-a-bee hoping that nothing was overlooked. He was ably assisted by his wife, Yoshi, and Jane Matusnami. Annette Harada had many games and prizes for the children. Santa Claus (alias Michael Harada) had gifts for the children also. We had two goodlooking, young bartenders relieving Ken Suehiro (guess he got tired standing up after a while). The fellas were Harry and Paul Nakayama, sons of Stella and "Ka" Nakayama. We appreciate the participation of the sons and daughters in helping out us old has-beens. A warm and sincere thanks from Conrad to everyone for their most generous donations in making our Christmas party a success; especially to the ladies for their handmade items. Mahalo to the following people for their donations: Ken Suehiro - 1 dozen Fitzgerald caps, opihi, namako, and tangerines; Yoshiichi Okazawa - 1½ cases of 7-Up; Takemotos - 1 case beer; Leo Sato - wine; Goro Sumida - 1 bottle

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vodka; Yoshiokas - jello mold, four door prizes; Matsunamis - pumpkin mold, four ladies' crochet shawls, box of kitchen towels; Mitsunagas - 1 bottle liquor, \$25.00; Nikaidos - four door prizes, wine cake; Tsutsuis - tsukemono, six plants, three door prizes; Haradas - pupus, plants which were planted by their grandchildren; David Harada - (PRI-Gaspro) gas grill, matches, aprons, mugs, pot holders, coupons for Gas Express, digital clock, umbrella; Urabes - 1 case beer, three door prizes; Mary Hamasaki - two door prizes, one dozen handmade dish rags; Makayamas - 1 case soda, Kathy Nakayama - decorative candy canes; Nishiokas - pupus; Tami Hara - pupus, handmade stocking flowers; Hasegawas - haupia cake; Masakis - 1 bottle C.C., pupus; Kamis - 1 case 7-Up; Okamotos - two desserts, two boxes macadamian nuts; Janice Oshiro - dessert; Ruth Watanabe - cookbook; Richard Hara - 3 bottles Pepsi; Hosakas - four orchid plants; Rupert Ishimaru - 1 quart V.O.; Bob Kondos - three door prizes; Sekiyas - two bouquets. Hope we didn't miss any names. Sorry if we did.

Our dear Doggie Senator Spark Matsunaga suffered a broken arm in a fall at his Maryland home on January 8. We all wish you well, Sparky, and take care.

Reminder: Dog Chapter Reunion - June 22, 23, & 24, 1990 in Honolulu. Robert Yoshioka has reserved some rooms at the Pagoda Hotel.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS: Kenneth Otagaki

The Headquarters Christmas Party was an outstanding success with more than one hundred participants. Members and families of the Medical Chapter were also included in the get-together as in past years. Santa Claus passed out gifts for the many grandchildren with a special photo session with Santa. There were much glee and excitement, especially as the names were called out and gifts presented to the young ones. There were much food, drinks, and pupus to everyone's delight and great satisfaction. Arthur Tamashiro and his group of helpers did a fantastic job. Donations of various goodies were enjoyed by all. Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Teruya made sure that each family present at the Xmas party received a bagful of assorted items from Times Supermarket. Wally and Mrs. Teruya have traditionally donated the grocery bag full of food and household goods for many, many years. After singing Xmas carols, everyone enjoyed the Bingo game with prizes galore. The grand prize of a Seiko watch was donated by the son of Shigeru Inouye. It was a nostalgic once-a-year together for many of the HQ Chapter members with update on their old-age aches and pains, new grandchildren, vacations, and exciting events.

Among the more interesting news announced at the party was the marriage of Elmo Okida to his long-time friend, Akiko Myeung, of Los Angeles. The wedding took place in August of 1989. Elmo is a happy and vigorous groom who enjoys the partnership of Akiko.

Then there was a happy travel story of Frank Nishimura and his grandson who journeyed through the East Coast from Niagra, New York City, Washington D.C., and ending in Orlando, Florida.

Chubby Ishii has had a series of hospitalizations, including by-pass surgery, cataract removal and gall bladder operation. Chubby is taking it easy and well on his way to full recovery.

Carl Shinoda suffered a couple of strokes which affected his speech somewhat; he is also slowed down by emphysema. Beatrice, Carl's wife, is a strong and able aide through the slow down period.

Harold Tabata and his wife also suffered through a number of illnesses but are OK now. Incidentally, Harold's son is a medical doctor at Kapiolani Hospital, specializing in pediatrics, neonatology and anaesthesiology.

Tony Oshita has had his share of illnesses but still show plenty of grit and determination to overcome the physical difficulties.

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Tom Nosse and Mrs. Nosse introduced their grandchildren and their son-in-law, Dr. David Okubo, who recently joined the professional staff at the Hawaii National Volcano Center.

President Mike Takahashi introduced the incoming officers of the chapter for 1990: President: Hideo Kajikawa; Vice President: Ken Suehiro; Secretary: Fred Takahashi; Treasurer: Tom Nosse.

The monthly meetings were changed from a Saturday morning to a Thursday evening affair.

EDITORS' NOTE: The deadline for submitting new articles for the March issue of the Puka Puka Parade is **Thursday, February 15, 1990.**

The collating/preparation for mailing dates printed in the January Parade have been changed. From now on, instead of collating on the fourth Friday of each month, the Parade will be collated on the **fourth (4th) Thursday of each month.** Any changes to this new schedule (due to holidays, paper shortage, typist breakdown, etc.) will be forwarded to the chapter presidents.

The March Parade is scheduled for collating on **Thursday, February 22 at 8:30 a.m.** in Turner Hall. Team 2: Able & Charlie Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower but volunteers from all chapters are welcome.

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