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PALAMA FINISHES HIGH IN BCA COMPETITIONS

Palama Settlement's young all-round athletes carried the Winged "P" banner into third and sixth positions in the 1940 Boys' Clubs of America Swimming Pool and Indoor Athletic Competitions, it has been learned from B.C.A. headquarters in New York. The local boys' club finished with 11,463.06 points in the swimming competition, behind Rockford Boys' Club and the Boys' Club of Pittsburgh, and tallied 14,768.1 digits in the Indoor Athletic Pentathlon.

The Pals registered the scintillating achievements against 116 boys' clubs, strung from Maine to California, with a total participation of 11,846 individual boys. Brightest star on the Palama team was Eddie Lum, 110# ace, who came through with a national championship in the Indoor Athletic Competition. Lum scored 3379.5 points to gain the distinction of being the finest B.C.A. athlete at his weight in the United States.

Other Settlement boys who were given national recognition in the Indoor Competition were Thomas Lee, 125# runner-up with 3299.2 points, and Robert Kapena, 80# fourth place winner with 3156.1 markers. Georges Gilbert and Buster Lee starred for Palama in the Swimming Pool contest with runner-up honors in the 12-13 and 14-15 Year Classes respectively. Gilbert chalked up 2937.3 points while Lee scored 3030.6 digits, only 6.1 points behind national champion John Krajcovic of the Boys' Club of Pittsburgh.

Palama made a clean sweep of both events in the Western Division of the national competition and placed all of its champions in the individual ratings. Gilbert and Lee were first in their respective classes in Swimming, with Mitsuto Tarutani pacing them in the 13-20 Year Class with 2933.6 points and Yoshihiko Oshiro gaining second place in the 16-17 Year bracket with 2437.6 points. All of Palama's champions, except Paul Garcia in the Unlimited class, won titles in the Western Division of the Indoor Athletic Competition. Besides Eddie Lum and Thomas Lee in their respective groups, Raymond Wong annexed the 95# title with a 3154.7 score, while Kapena led the 80 pounders. Garcia tallied 2872.6 points for runner-up spot in the Unlimited Class.

All Palama champions were awarded beautifully designed silver medals for their efforts.

AERIAL CIRCUS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26 & 27

Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, will be red letter days in the lives of Westside youngsters, when Palama Settlement's boy and girl acrobats stage their annual Aerial Circus in the Palama gym. The Circus, which is a culmination of a year's activity in the gymnastic and weight-lifting classes conducted by Louis Mendonca, will feature strictly Palama-trained talent in a spectacular series of daring stunts. The curtain will rise over the first act at 7:30 p.m.

All the color and ballyhoo of a three-ringed circus will be present when the Palama youngsters begin strutting their wares before proud parents and friends. Top billing on the Aerial Circus program is being given to Louis Mendonca's weight-lifting class which will be starred in a silver statuette pageantry depicting the body beautiful, after the fashion made famous by Springfield College's physical education students. Settlement lassies will be featured in breath-taking stunts on trick ladders and on the flying trapeze. Vivian and Thelma Young are slated to perform in a flying fish act, while Helen Lum will attempt a difficult back-flip from the gymnasium floor on to a flying trapeze. Gravity-defying feats on the flying rings, parallel bars, and springboard, and snappy exercises in tumbling, hand-balancing, and pyramid-building are also part of the program. Acrobatic clowns, adagio dancers, and flying tots will add to the entertainment.

The Pals have been training for months under Louis Mendonca in preparing for the annual Settlement project and are in fine condition to stage a great performance. Admission to the Circus on both nights will be twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children. Proceeds realized will be used to purchase much needed gymnastic equipment. The public is cordially invited to see Palama Settlement's young acrobats in eye-filling action.

* AERIAL CIRCUS *
* FRIDAY, JULY 26 - SATURDAY, JULY 27 *
* 7:30 P.M. - PALAMA GYM *

Activities

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COCOANUT-CRAFTERS SWAMP ART SOFTBALLERS

Palama Settlement's Summer Fun Softball League opened its schedule Monday, July 22, at Castle field when Nelson Kawakami's Cocoanut-Craft outfit blasted Raymond Choo's Art Class 19-1 behind a barrage of home-runs. The Artists proved no match for Captain Kim's hard-hitting Cocoanut-Crafters as Rodrigues and Victoria stopped them cold.

Action is scheduled over two rounds, with the winner of each series meeting for the league championship. A gallon of ice cream will go to the champions.

Today's big game will bring together Airplane-Modeling and the Workshop crew at 1:00 p.m.

POOL TABLES INSTALLED IN NEW CLUBHOUSE

Two re-conditioned pool tables were installed yesterday in the new senior clubhouse and baptized by the older boys. The tables are in beautiful shape and to insure their remaining that way, the members will be assessed one cent for each game and requested to abide by game-room rules beginning next week.

Ping-pong tables will be ready in a few days. Game-room activities will be supervised by a qualified worker who will assume his duties within a few weeks.

The Superintendent of an insane asylum noticed an inmate pushing a wheelbarrow upside down.

"Why do you have it upside down?" asked the Superintendent.

"You don't think I'm crazy, do you?" was the reply. "I pushed it right side up yesterday and they kept filling it with gravel."

WINGED "P" CLUB DRAFTS CONSTITUTION

The newly-organized Winged "P" club drafted its constitution and by-laws at a meeting held last Wednesday, June 17, in the new Men's Clubhouse. The Winged "P" organization, composed of members of Palama Settlement's senior track team, inaugurated the new structure, being the first club at the Settlement to hold a regular meeting there.

Seven members of the club were present at the meeting, which was presided over by Elwood Van Geisan in the absence of President Charles Ornellas. Those present voted on staging an intra-club ping-pong tournament at their next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The club expressed eagerness to participate in the Settlement's inter-club social and athletic activities.

RICHMOND MEHEULA WINS HULA-SONG CONTEST

Poly-roly Richmond Meheula won first prize in the big Song & Hula Contest at the Friday Morning Assembly held July 19, in the Palama auditorium. An enthusiastic crowd of youngsters watched young Meheula walk off with the beautiful white belt offered by Ray Choo.

A presentation by the Palama Dramatic Class is tentatively scheduled for this Friday's Assembly at 11:00 a.m. in the Settlement auditorium.

BASKETBALL CLINIC OPEN TO PALAMA MEMBERS

Members of Palama Settlement interested in learning basketball theory, fundamentals, technique, and team play are urged to register for the Basketball Clinic at the gym. Clinic days have been set at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week for the duration of the Boys' Summer Program.

The Clinic is designed to help the younger boys at the Settlement to improve their games and learn the finer points of basketball. Stars of Palama's senior cage team will serve as members of the Clinic's faculty. Need for such a clinic at the Settlement is urgent, what with Palama fast losing its prestige as the home of Honolulu's basketball stars.