

# Masonry in Hawaii

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## CRAFT BEER NIGHT

The Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii sponsored a get together night on April 16 at Natsunoya Tea House. **Lisa Kim** was able to get “REAL a gastropub” to provide six different exotic beers from around the world. The beers tasted were from: Quenast, Belgium; Tadcaster, England; Waimea, Hawaii; Chico, California; Ipswich, Massachusetts; and, Regency Park, Australia. There were 75 MCAH, architects, general contractors and engineers who attended the event. The attendees enjoyed the wonderful sushi, barbecue chicken, sashimi and tempura served by the team at Natsunoya Tea House. The purpose of the event was to foster better relationships between the masonry contractors, engineers, architects and general contractors in a non-business setting. Entertainment was provided by pianist **Ron Miyashiro**.

The MCAH is in the process of planning a “Wine Tasting” event for September/October, 2014.



CRAFT Beer Night at Natsunoya Tea House



A crowded room at Natsunoya Tea House



Six types of beer enjoyed by Engineers & Architects

## MASONRY DESIGN SEMINAR

Another well attended seminar presented by the Masonry Institute of Hawaii was held at Pearl Country Club on May 2, 2014. **Mr. Ed Huston**, a principal in the firm of Smith and Huston, Inc. in Seattle, Washington, conducted the one day seminar to 60 engineers and architects. The purpose of the seminar was to compare hand designed calculations versus software programs for masonry structures in an eight hour session. The first half of the day was devoted to the basics of masonry design with emphasis for those engineers who were not offered masonry design in college.

There were eight students from the University of Hawaii who attended the seminar. Ed demonstrated that results from hand calculations may not agree with results from certain computer software programs.

As a result of the successful seminar, MIH is ordering design handbooks at a 25% discounted rate. Please contact Rod Haraga at [rharaga.mih@gmail.com](mailto:rharaga.mih@gmail.com) if interested in ordering design handbooks.



**Ed Huston, Rod Haraga and Glenn Miyasato**



**Ed Huston** presents design of masonry structures in an 8 hour seminar.

## ROCKIN' SEMINAR

Before the start of the MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournament, the MIH hosted a 1-1/2 hour seminar on ROCKS, June 24, 2014 at Pearl Country Club. The seminar focused on manufactured rocks, construction of rock walls and the engineering aspects of rocks. **Brian Joy**, President of Big Rock Industries, provided manufactured rock samples from the Aulani Hotel and Ulupalakua, Maui. **Karl Kamada**, Affiliated Construction, provided insights of the construction aspects of natural and manufactured rocks. The emphasis on writing current and appropriate specifications in the construction documents were highlighted with Karl giving examples of what to do and what not to do. Comments from the seminar attendees indicate that the specification writers need to scrutinize the appropriateness of how the specifications are written and not boilerplate old, antiquated specs. The technical aspects of rock construction were provided by **Ron Prescott**, President Tokunaga Masonry. MIH was able to host this “free admission” seminar because of the generous contributions from the previous MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournaments.



**Ron Prescott** presents Technical Information

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Karl Kamada on construction of rock structures

## MCAH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at Pearl Country Club on June 24, 2014. There were fifty two – 3 member teams entered in the “Shambles” style tournament. Two teams walked away with \$300 for the “low net” putts on the Pordagee Horseshoe holes.

The traditional first place team was selected by a roll of the dice. **Dennis Sakamoto**, President, Tileco Inc. rolled the dice Las Vegas style to select the winning team from the top 12 low net teams.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team was victorious and each member was presented with a Samsung iPad by Dennis. The Sakamoto award commemorates **Richard T. Sakamoto**, founder of Tileco, Inc. and is presented each year to the winning team. The winning team members are: **Jeff Julian, Kevin Tsutomi and Gavin Shiraki**.

The Gold Sponsors for the tournament are:  
**Ameron Hawaii, Hawaii LECET, Hawaiian Cement-Concrete Division, Island Ready Mix, LiUna! Union 368, Mitsunaga Construction, Quality General Inc., Servco Insurance Services and Tileco, Inc.**

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**Jeff Julian, Kevin Tsutomi, Dennis Sakamoto and Gavin Shiraki –Richard T. Sakamoto Award**



Hot Dogs and Craft Beer at the turn.

MCAH elected to provide “Craft Beer” and insulated cups for the golf participants.

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There were four different types of craft beers located around the course.



The pause that refreshes. ....



**Sharmaine Sibayan, Hazel Andrada, Chandler Pascual, Sean Lee (Colby Yamamoto not shown)**

## 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Doug Sarte with the scholarship winners and parents**

This year's \$2,000 scholarship winners were presented their checks at the awards dinner. This year's competition of scholarships included 17 applications. Five of the applications were selected for the scholarship awards. They include: **Hazel Andrada, Sean Lee, Chandler Pascual, Sharmaine Sibayan, and Colby Yamamoto.** A special thanks to the **MCAH Golf Club** for donating \$2,000 to add a fifth scholarship winner.



**Amber Takeuchi, MCAH President Doug Sarte, and Alexandra Unpingco**

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## GOLFERS AT WORK



**Darren Lee and Dennis Enomoto - SHAKA**



**Lauren Taga tosses the washer, Pordagee horseshoe**



**Julie Miyagi drives with style**



**Stan Wada and Kim Iinuma – MCAH Cups**



**Leonard Oki, Ernie Daligcon and Paul Morimoto**



**Paula Deligcon, Scott Vernon, Dayne Wada, and Jason Wada**

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## GOLFERS AT WORK (cont.)



Russell Arakaki and a 30 foot putt



Master of Ceremony Ron Awa



Doug Sarte – a 300 yard drive



Gold Sponsor – KAI Hawaii's table



Chong Prescott pleased with her drive



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