

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

ROI NAMUR COUNTRY CLUB

Roi-Namur team captain Dino Lakjohn, right, congratulates Kwajalein team captain Jeff Jones on his Atoll Cup win. For more, see page 6.

*Photo by Sheila Gideon*



## Thumbs Up!

... to the Roi Golf Association for putting on an awesome Atoll Cup! The food was good, the course was great and the camaraderie made it the best weekend ever!

... to Roi Community Activities, especially Tony Farias and his crew who got the fairways ready for the Atoll Cup tournament. It took almost 3 months to get the Roi golf course ready for tournament play and their hard work is greatly appreciated!

... to Laura Pasquarella-Swain for the use of the slow cookers, setting up the tents, cutting the greens and tee boxes, and putting up new flags for the Atoll Cup tournament.

... to Hesbon Jokas for getting the club house painted and ready for the tournament.

... to Matt Winkler for doing all the food preparation for lunch and for his "award winning" chili.

... to Robby Amador and Johnny Jennop for hauling the golf bags from the airport to the club house.

... to Ricky Everette, Dino Lackjohn, Greg Whitehead and Conrad Nackasone for helping to make the Atoll Cup possible this year.



## Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club

### Mahi Mayhem Fishing Derby

Jan. 29 and 30

For details, contact Trudy Butler, 55987

## Thumbs Down!

... to pet owners who do not follow the regulations. Pet owners should always pick-up after their animal and remember to seal the bag before throwing it away; they should keep control of their animal and have them on a leash, and never allow their animal on the beach.

... for cutting down our palm trees all over island. We should be teaching our children about conservation and saving our planet. (Note: Palm trees are usually cut down when they become a potential fall hazard or are too tall to trim coconuts. The removal is done for island safety.)

## MANIT MINUTE

### U.S.-RMI Relations

The United States administered the Marshall Islands under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from July 18, 1947, until Oct. 21, 1986. At that time the two countries entered into a bilateral agreement, the Compact of Free Association. Under the Compact, the U.S. government provides the Marshall Islands defense and substantial annual economic assistance, mainly through a series of grants to the Marshall Islands government.

On April 30, 2003, the Republic of the Marshall Islands Foreign Minister Gerald Zackios and U.S. Ambassador Mike Senko signed the amended Compact of Free Association Agreement that had been under negotiation for about four years.

The new agreement included funding for grants, a trust fund of more than \$800 million and a pact for the extension of use of Kwajalein Atoll through 2066, valued at about \$2.3 billion.

## THE RUMOR MILL



Col. Joseph Gaines addresses circulating rumors head-on. Rumors can earn from one to five ears. One ear is an unfounded rumor, while a rumor earning five ears is the truth.

### Rumor: Laser tag is coming to Kwajalein.

The Kwajalein Sports Association received funds for a laser tag system and obstacle course from the Quality of Life committee and the local Combined Federal Campaign, which generates funds for family support and youth activities each year. KSA is hoping to have the game available to the public on a regular basis by the end of February, but organizers need to test the equipment before confirming dates. The laser tag system will also be available to rent for parties and some dates have already been reserved. KSA raises money to fund paid referees for community activities sports programs.



## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# USAKA COMMANDER ATTENDS RMI INAUGURATIONS



*Photos by Mike Sakaio*

Col. Joseph Gaines attends the inauguration of the new Republic of the Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak and his new cabinet in Majuro Tuesday. Also representing the U.S. were the Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Anthony Babauta and U.S. Ambassador Martha Campbell. Attending the inauguration were representatives from the embassies of Japan and Taiwan, as well as several Pacific Island nations to include Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also sent her congratulations to President Loeak and the people of the Marshall Islands, citing the “long history of close cooperation” between the two countries.



*Photo by Col. Joseph Gaines*

Left to right, Sgt. Maj. Hohn Wolf, KRS President Cynthia Rivera and USAKA Commander Col. Joseph Gaines attend the inauguration of Johnny Lemari, mayor for the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, shown right, and his new board of nine council members.

# Long-time resident Jimmy Matsunaga departs Kwajalein after forty-five years

By Sheila Gideon  
Managing Editor

It's the end of an era. After four and a half decades on Kwajalein, long-time resident Jimmy Matsunaga and his wife Doreen departed Tuesday. Matsunaga arrived at Kwajalein in 1966 at age 23. He has only lived in Hawaii and Kwajalein his whole life, besides 4 years in the Air Force. The Matsunaga's will retire in Honolulu where they will be surrounded by family and friends.

The decision to leave wasn't an easy one. Doreen especially loves living on Kwajalein. "My wife loves it out here," Matsunaga said. "Kwajalein is a beautiful place." Staying or leaving became kind of a standoff between him and his wife. "If I don't say it, she won't say it. So I said, 'We're leaving.'" They've talked about leaving for the past several years, "and I feel this is just the right time. It's time for us to go home and enjoy life." They look forward to traveling and visiting friends while they can still enjoy it. "Now we'll have time to travel more, and we don't have to worry about time. We have all the time in the world now." They've made many friends over the years that have come and gone – they plan to travel around the U.S. to visit them. Matsunaga is also looking forward to "knowing every day is Saturday, (I can) get up when I want to get up, and I hope my wife will let me go where I want to go."

Matsunaga will remember his adventure on Kwajalein fondly. He reminisced about the 'good old days'



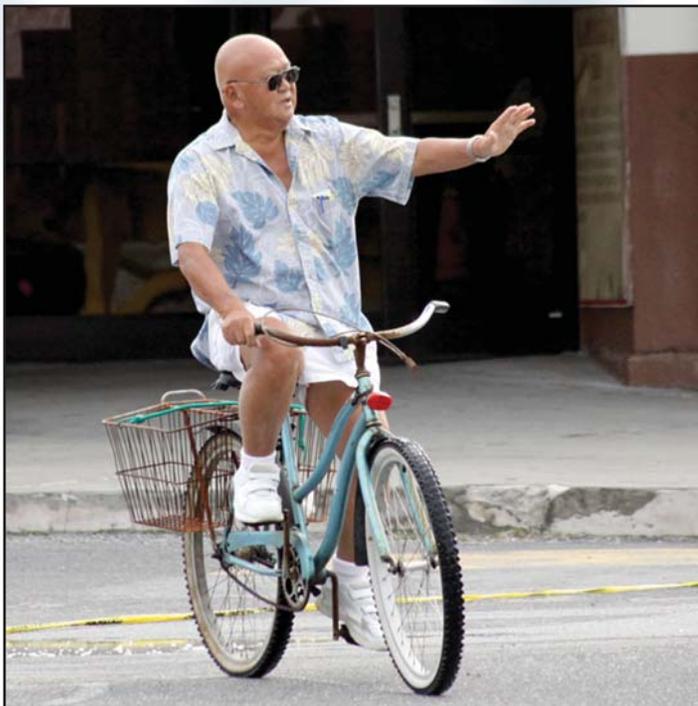
*Photo from Hourglass archives*

**Jimmy Matsunaga and his wife Doreen departed Kwajalein Tuesday after living here 45.5 years.**

when sports were competitive and met with over 200 screaming fans. "Sports used to be a highlight," he said. "They had some star athletes from Hawaii out here." In his bachelor days, Matsunaga played every sport offered – volleyball, basketball, handball, slow pitch and mountain ball.

His bachelor days didn't last too long; he married wife Doreen in 1970 in Honolulu and had their daughter Serena shortly thereafter. His family was able to accompany him on Kwajalein in 1977. While sports, the "aloha spirit" and "making the big bucks" was his initial drive for staying on Kwajalein, his family was soon the new reason to stay. "Of course when your family's here it's another chapter," he explained. "That kept me here. My daughter went from pre-school to graduation (on Kwajalein)." Saving money during that time made it easier to put her through college, Matsunaga said. After she left for school, the years just seemed to fly by. "Two years became three, three became four, four became five and you know how it goes. After a certain amount of years you don't even think about the years, time just went by so fast," he said.

Here for 45.5 years, Matsunaga has witnessed all the development and disassembly of infrastructure on island. What sticks out in his mind is when they closed the Crossroads Restaurant, a dining facility that once stood north of the Ocean View Club. "That was the best," he recalled. "In the back there was a candlelight dinner area with glass windows looking out over the ocean. In the middle there was a long bar, and in the front was where the guys came straight from work and played shuffleboard and drank beer." Even with the closing of the Crossroads, he still had the Yokwe Yuk Club – for a while at least. It was closed in 2007. "They never replaced it so there's no really good dining facility (now). We would always look forward to the weekend to take our wives out with other couples and go out to the



*Photo by Sheila Gideon*

**Jimmy Matsunaga has fondly been revered as the "Slowest Bicycle Rider of Kwajalein."**



Photo by J.J. Klein

**Jimmy Matsunaga worked as the Transportation Manager for Kwajalein Range Services for part of his 45.5 years here.**

club for a nice sit-down dinner.”

The annual carnival that used to come to Kwajalein was remembered as a fun time in Matsunaga’s past. It was held at Dally Field. “We all looked forward to it,” he said. “Even the adults.” They had games of chance, professional entertainment from Hawaii, food booths, a beer tent and lots of rides – a Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and even a train. The band from Fr. Hacker High School would wander around the carnival playing music. “That was one of the big things in the old days.” Other big events back then were block parties and luaus – complete with Hawaiian bands.

Matsunaga could easily be described as one of the most well-

known Kwajalein residents. He has even been branded by a few nicknames – like the Godfather of the Hawaiians. When asked how this nickname came about he just laughed. “I don’t know. Maybe I have some friends in Hawaii,” he joked. “In the old days this place was loaded with Hawaiian people ... with many well-known names. I guess I got the name Godfather because maybe I’ve been here longest. They called me ‘The Mayor.’”

Leaving after 45.5 years is no easy feat, emotionally or logistically. Most accompanied families are allotted 2,000 pounds when they pack out. As you can imagine, after living here so long they had acquired quite a bit more than that. Matsunaga ended

### Interesting Fact

Do you think Jimmy has been on Kwajalein the longest? You’d think so. In fact, he has not. There is one resident currently on-island that has lived here 3 months longer. He wishes to remain anonymous, so all I can say is he worked “close” with Jimmy.

up packing out 45.5 years of his life into five crates and four tri-walls – a total of 4,976 pounds. Of course after living in the same house since the late 1980s, they came across items they hadn’t seen in years tucked behind dressers and stowed away in closets. Matsunaga spoke very highly of his packers in charge of his packout. “I was curious to see how they were going to package my rosewood furniture – it’s heavy, tall and big. Even my daughter couldn’t believe the guys were that good. They were just amazing. ... I rate them among the top in the world.” Matsunaga knows shipping and receiving will survive without him. “Life goes on. In any job there’s nobody that’s irreplaceable. My guys are trained; they run on automatic.”

While Matsunaga may miss a lot of what Kwajalein has to offer, one in particular stands out in his mind – his Marshallese friends. “They’re good people. They are the friendliest people on Earth. My guys, they work, they sweat every day, they do their job, they get the job done and they don’t complain. That’s what I’ll look back on – my Marshallese friends.”

Leaving his home for the past four and a half decades does not make Matsunaga sad. “I don’t want to look back here. My heart in all these years, believe it or not, was in Hono. I spent 4 years in the Air Force. When I got out, I missed Hawaii. I said I’ll never leave Hawaii again. Two months after I got out, I was out here for 45.5 years. I enjoyed it out here, it was a nice ride. It was a long, fun ride – what a journey. But, I won’t look back. I’ll just look forward and enjoy life.”

*Editor’s note: Excerpts were taken from an article printed Aug. 5, 2006, written by former Hourglass reporter J.J. Klein.*



## DISPATCH FROM ROI

# Kwajalein, Roi golfers face off at 2012 Atoll Cup tournament

**Atoll**  
**2012**  
**Cup**



The Kwajalein team celebrates their victory with a round of high-fives on the green of hole 18.



The Kwajalein Team wins the Atoll Cup for 2012.



By Sheila Gideon  
Managing Editor

After a three year hiatus, the Atoll Cup has returned. Referred to by some as, "The Best Dang Golf Tourney in the Pacific," the tournament did not disappoint this year. Players from Kwajalein made the short flight, or for some, sail, to Roi-Namur for the weekend. A get-together at the Outrigger Club Jan. 14 got the competitive, yet friendly, banter flowing. As per usual, some Kwajalein residents joined the Roi team for the tournament. After a lot of back and forth on the leader board, it came down to the very last match on the very last hole to determine the winner. The Kwajalein team proudly reclaimed the Atoll Cup for 2012.

The tournament is conducted in a match play format. Kwajalein players are matched against Roi players. Scoring is simple: golfers compete hole by hole, and the golfer who wins the most holes over the 18-hole course wins the match and one point for the golfer's respective team. The team with the most points at the end is the winner. There are three categories: Alternate Shot (teammates take turns hitting the ball), Two-Person Best Ball (players play their own ball through the hole, compare scores and take the lowest as their team score for the hole) and Singles (heads up).

The Roi team started the day strong, winning all of the first three matches. First to tee off for the day were the team captains. Roi team captain Dino Lakjohn got the best of Kwajalein captain Jeff Jones; he was up by 5 at hole 15. Alternate Shot golfers Jeremy Gideon and Vernon Adcock got crushed by Roi golfers Stanley Lomae and Conrad Nakasone. The Roi golfers were up 6 holes with only 5 left to play; they called it quits and headed back to the Roi-Namur Country Club to await the results of the other matches. Jeff Sudderth and Doug Peters tried to hold off Ricky Everette and Normen Sablas; they played all 18 holes to determine the winner - Roi.

With Roi ahead on the leader board, the Kwajalein team finally started to make a comeback. Alternate Shot golfers Flynn Gideon and Nancy Grant finished off Greg Whitehead and Tommy Drabek on hole 16. The Best Ball category was almost completely swept by the Kwajalein team, although Steve Banducci and Kim Parker lost a close one at hole 18 against Roi golfers Deb Crawford and Pam Frase. It came down to one putt by Crawford; she had to make the putt to win the match, and that she did. In the Singles category, Kwajalein golfer Doug Morse shot "lights out," finishing his match ahead by 7 holes against Mark Long.

With three matches left, the Kwajalein team was up 5-4. Everyone eagerly waited in the RNCC for results to come back via walkie-talkie. The remaining teams were all in the Singles category - playing heads up against one another. Roi golfer Tedrik Tidik tied it up when he defeated Brian Brady. Kwajalein golfer Pat Dowell finished off Hesbon Jokus on hole 17, up by two. The whole tournament came down to Kwaj golfer Andy Frase against Roi golfer Lenny Fugatt on hole 18. Everyone gathered around the green to watch the final showdown. Fugatt got caught in the sand trap, giving Frase the opportunity for the win - and he took advantage. With a perfect putt, Frase secured the 2012 Atoll Cup for the Kwajalein team.

After much deserved celebration, the tradition of awarding the Atoll Cup took place at the RNCC. Roi captain Lakjohn congratulated Kwajalein captain Jones. Together, they popped open some champagne and filled the cup. Each member of the winning team took a victorious sip. The win was followed by a BBQ, prepared by the Roi team.

Even though the Kwajalein team was victorious this year, the win actually makes the teams tied for overall victories at the tournament - they have each won seven times. The Atoll Cup is safely housed at the Kwajalein Country Club until the next tournament, which is sure to be an exciting tie breaker.

Photos and graphic design by Sheila Gideon



# Yokwe!



*Photo by Catherine Layton*

Joan Lanning arrived on Kwajalein only two weeks ago, from what must seem like a stark contrast to her most recent assignment in opulent Qatar. Lanning is the director for the Employee Assistance Program, a service for all employees at Kwajalein and one that Lanning describes as a problem solving service. "We, as humans, get stressed. No one is immune to stress. When people get stressed, EAP provides, evaluates and finds solutions to effectively deal with the causes of that stress. I want to encourage people to use the EAP services. No one has to struggle unnecessarily," she said.

Coming from a three-year stint in Qatar, Lanning had been working in the EAP program for Delta Airlines. She had previously worked in Massachusetts, Texas and Georgia, before landing in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Lanning has a son, John, who lives in Raleigh, N.C. Lanning had a friend in the international EAP who suggested Kwajalein as something that may interest her. Lanning contacted Marion Ruffing, Kwajalein's former EAP counselor, and was sold. "I am looking forward to meeting people here and exploring the islands," Lanning said. "I want to bring the most professional services to people and fulfill their needs," she commented.

## THEN AND NOW - "THE COUNTRY CLUB"



*Photos from Hourglass archives*

The Holmberg Fairways Golf Course and Country Club was named after Capt. Paul A. Holmberg, commanding officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Kwajalein in the early 1960s. Holmberg was the recipient of two Navy Cross awards for his actions at Midway and the Solomon Islands. The course provides nine holes with 18 tees, 2,945 yard par 36, club and locker rental, themed tournaments, driving range, practice putting green and an air-conditioned bar. The country club and course have been a constant source of entertainment for all who live, work and visit Kwajalein.

# View from Kwaj

Submit your own photo! E-mail it to [hourglass@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:hourglass@smdck.smdc.army.mil).



From Eva Seelye



From Sheila Gideon



From Lisa Shier



From Julie Wathen



From Catherine Layton



From Eva Seelye



From Jay Lord



From Mike Sakaio

KRS AND CMSI job listings for on-island positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job listings for contract positions will be available at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com), on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com).

KRS employment applications are continually accepted for casual positions in the community services departments, medical department and the HR temp pool. Some of the casual positions are recreation aid, medical office, substitute teacher and HR temp pool office support. Questions, call 54916.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR, on-island hire. Provide administrative support to the CMSI Program Manager, logistics and other senior staff. Produce reports, track actions, prepare presentations, provide guidance to administrative staff, coordinate meetings and perform projects and other duties. Five years experience required. Proficiency in Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Submit resume to [Naomi.Lavin.ctr.rm@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:Naomi.Lavin.ctr.rm@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

**LOST**

LARGE RUBBER BAND for fiberglass fishing spear between the PX and youth center between 4:30-4:40 p.m., Jan. 14. The rubber band has a

green line tying it together with a little knot in the middle. Return to Amy LaCost.

**WANTED**

BQ-SIZE freezer. Call 51469 or 55131.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD or large old beater windsurf board to paddle in the lagoon. Call 51984.

**FOR SALE**

LITTLE TYKES My Size plastic Barbie house and furniture, \$75. Call 52312.

CLEVELAND 588 54 degree wedge, \$25; Odyssey 61 degree lob wedge, \$15; Trouble Wood 15 degree, \$10; Shag Bag with balls, \$10; Nike golf bag, \$15 and a 10-cassette "Lord of the Rings" audio set, \$10. Call 51889.

TWO BLUE COUCHES, very comfortable, make an offer; five-shelf TV stand, \$175 and Uniden phone system with answering machine and three handsets, like new, \$40. Call 52525.

BEAN BLOSSOM by Morgan Monroe, A-Style mandolin, includes gig bag, snark tuner, extra set of strings, beginners book and DVD, excellent condition, \$150 and complete "Seinfeld" DVD boxed set, including coffee table book, viewed once, \$100. Contact Dale at 51850.

ONKYO 6-CHANNEL home theater speaker system, \$100. Call 50165.

DEHUMIDIFIER, \$40; center channel speakers, \$20-\$30; Rock Band set, \$50; assorted DVDs, \$2; oak wood crib, \$40; bassinet, \$30; baby changing pad, \$10; baby diaper warmer, \$5; diaper genie 2, \$10; double breast pump, \$15; bottle warmer, \$5; crock pot, \$5; HP printer, \$40; Microsoft force feedback steering wheel with pedals, \$20 and lamp, \$15. Call 53936.

TWO WOMEN'S Sun bikes, good condition, new parts, with Burley connection, \$125 and \$150 and Burley, excellent condition, \$150. Everything is available Feb. 2. Call 54632.

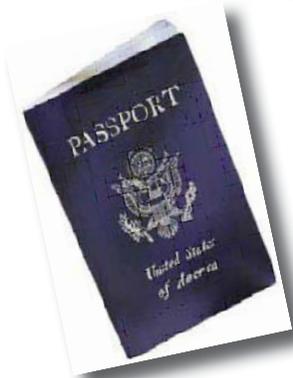
FULL SIZE SOFA, olive colored, excellent condition, \$300. Call 59802 or 53743.

BIKE TRAILER, holds 5 scuba tanks and 3 gear bags, hitch included, \$250; microwave, \$75. Both available Feb. 1. Call 52243.

HAIER 4.6 cubic ft. refrigerator, \$75; HP Deskjet F2280 color printer, \$25; futon with foot rest, \$150 and Confidence Hybrid golf clubs, with bag, cart and accessories, \$75. Photos posted at community bulletin board downtown. Call 55987.

BACKYARD DECK, excellent condition, \$300. Call 52951 for details.

COMPLETE HOME theater system with 40-inch TV, surround sound and blu-ray, \$1,200; KLM stereo speakers, \$200; home theater system,



**Passport Photo Session**  
**3-4 p.m., Friday, building 730,**  
**USAKA TOC building behind the post**  
**office, room 135. Cost is \$10 per set.**  
**Passport applications are available**  
**outside the USAKA Legal Office**  
**entrance. Questions? Call 53417.**

5.1 surround sound, KLM speakers and Yamaha receiver/amp, \$600; sailing harness tether, \$50; locking file cabinet, \$10; 12x15 carpet, \$30; 5x8 carpet, \$10; rollerblades, woman's size 9 with pads, \$75; large suitcase, \$30; aluminum bike frame and 3 wheels, \$60; vacuum, \$50; bookshelf, \$20 and large Rubbermaid bins, \$10 each. Call 52243.

COMPUTER TABLE with above/below desk shelves and printer stand, \$20; solid oak bench with cushion, \$25; twin bed futon, \$200; Lenox silver plated 8-inch vase, \$10; large wheeled duffel, \$10; Nike golf cart bag, \$15; various golf clubs, \$10-25; shag bag with balls, \$10 and various framed pictures. Call 51889.

ISLANDER 40 motorsailer, with the square windows at boat lot 1, Ketch rigged, become a pirate, \$3,000 or any reasonable offer. Call Jack at 52303.

COMPAQ HOME COMPUTER system with flat screen and clean hard drive, \$100; Sony VCR with remote and 175 movies for children and adults, \$125 for all and children's outdoor picnic table, \$20. Call 52642 and leave a message.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THE KWAJALEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT will begin an enforcement effort to locate and impound any unregistered or abandoned bicycles starting today. If you have any questions, call 54445.

Kwajalein Running Club is hosting its annual "Ride and Park" event at 5 p.m., Monday, at the Inter-Island Terminal. This is a two-person event in which teams run and bike simultaneously around the airfield. No pre-registration required.

**Religious Services**

**Catholic**

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Small Chapel  
 9:15 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel

**Protestant**

8 a.m., Sunday, Traditional Service, Island Memorial Chapel  
 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, all ages welcome  
 11 a.m., Sunday, Contemporary Service, Island Memorial Chapel  
 Roi-Namur service at 7 p.m., Friday

**Latter-day Saints**

10 a.m., Sunday, CRC Room 3

**Jewish**

Second Friday of the month in the REB. Times will vary.  
 Contact the chaplain's office at 53505 for more information.

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 28
Brunch Station Open	Brunch Station Open	Beef Meatballs	Green Chili Burrito	Gyro Bar	Grilled Pork Chop	Kwaj Fried Chicken
Braised BBQ	Pork Cutlet	Chicken Breast	Country Fried Steak	Bombay Chicken	Battered Fish	Beef Tips
Tandouri Chicken	Ham Marco Polo	Roasted Red Potatoes	Kung Pao Chicken	Vegetable Ragu	Mashed Potatoes	Buttered Egg Noodles

**Dinner**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 28
Roast Pork Butt	Teriyaki Beef Steak	Herb Baked Chicken	Carved Flank Steak	Salisbury Steak	Stir-fry	Short Rib Stew
Spicy Buffalo Wings	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Beef Curry	Pasta ala Pesto	Chicken Stew	Pork Roast	Fajita Chicken
Boiled Potatoes	Ginger Rice Pilaf	Au Gratin Potatoes	Texas BBQ	Macaroni and Cheese	Huli Huli Chicken	Roast Potatoes

Contact Bob Sholar, 51815, or Stephanie Los, 51829, for more information.

KWAJALEIN HAS BEEN featured in the most recent edition of "Wreck Diving Magazine" with the first in a series of three articles on Kwajalein diving. The article was written by Barbara Buchanan, who visited Kwajalein this past summer for six weeks to document the wrecks of Kwajalein lagoon for a magazine article series and a TV documentary. The first article explores the *Akibasan Maru* (P-buoy) wreck, and the rare 'Glen' aircraft located inside its cargo holds along with their unique history. Kwajalein has the only two known surviving examples of this aircraft. Copies of the magazine will be available at Bill's Dive Shop in the Exchange vendor mall starting Monday.

THE HOBBY SHOP will offer a tear bowl class from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday. Come learn to make a beautiful bowl filled with island impressions. The cost is \$20. Call Denise at 51700 to register, space is limited.

THE NEXT MANDATORY Island Orientation is 12:30-4 p.m., Wednesday. Arrive 10 minutes early to sign in and be seated by 12:30 p.m. The orientation is required for all new island arrivals and is not recommended for dependents under 10.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club meeting will be held Wednesday at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m., meeting will start at 7 p.m. All anglers welcome to attend.

COME TO THE OCEAN VIEW and learn to Swing Dance and Rumba from 7-9 p.m., Friday and Feb. 3.

BIRTHDAY BASH with DJ will be at 8 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Ocean View Club. Sign up at the KRS Retail Office by Thursday. You must be 21 years old. Complimentary drinks and cake for registered January birthday participants. Contact Ted Glynn at 53338 or Maria Elena Curtiss at 58228.

INNER-TUBE WATER POLO season play is Feb. 7 to March 24. Register at the CA Office by Friday to play. Cost is \$100 and each team is required to provide an official for season play. Mandatory Manager's Meeting at 5 p.m., Friday. Questions, call 53331.

THE OPTOMETRIST, Dr. Chris Yamamoto, will be on Kwajalein and will see patients from Jan. 29 to Feb. 9. Call the Hospital at 52223 or 52224 for an appointment for eye exams or ES&H at 58855 for prescription safety glasses.

THE LEARN TO SWIM program will run from Feb. 1-24 at the Family Pool. Levels 1-2 will swim from 3:45-4:15 p.m. and levels 3-5 will swim from 4:30-5 p.m. The cost is \$50 and children must be over the age of 4. You can sign up at the Community Activities Office anytime before Jan. 28. Space is

limited. Call Mark at 52848 with questions.

YOUTH TENNIS is coming up for all youth from age 7 through grade 6. Registration is open through Jan. 31; the season runs from Feb. 22 to March 23. The cost is \$40 per child. Contact Katie at 53796 with questions.

THE CAFÉ PACIFIC kitchen area will undergo major renovations starting Feb. 1 and will be closed for approximately 10 weeks. Meals will be prepared out of a temporary kitchen specifically designed for this purpose in the Bakery area. During this period, meal production capabilities will be reduced and meal service will be limited to eligible meal card holders and TDY personnel only. Café Pacific facility serving hours will remain the same. Box lunch and ration requests will still be available for pick up. Feel free to contact Dave Nobis at 53425 if you have any questions.

THE ANNUAL Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby will be held from 1-4 p.m., Feb. 27. Car registration is from 4-5 p.m., Feb. 26. All Scouts are invited to race in the derby. The public is also invited to build a car and race in the celebrity race. The celebrity race cost is \$25 per car. Cars can be purchased by calling Jeff Jones at 52188 or 51920, or Dawn Gray at 50063. You can also e-mail Jeff or Dawn in the global.

THE KWAJALEIN ART GUILD'S spring craft show and photo exhibit will be held on April 16. All Kwajalein Atoll residents are invited to enter their photos in the plethora of categories available. Photos for next year's calendar will be selected from those submitted for exhibit. Call Linn at 51990 (photo exhibit) or Jayne at 54643 (craft show).

TEACH OUR KIDS to be green. Turn off your lights, computer and TV when not in use, don't let the water run continuously when brushing your teeth, use cotton or recycled material bags instead of plastic and recycle your plastic bags and used paper.

A RECENT PHISHING ATTACK is making the rounds in an e-mail which appears to be from USAA, a financial services company that serves military members, their families and veterans. The e-mail subject begins with "Deposit Posted." Once the attached file is opened, it launches a malicious virus that could provide access to personal information and may require a complete reinstall of the computer operating system. If you receive an unsolicited e-mail from USAA that meets these characteristics, delete the e-mail. If you have questions or need assistance dealing with a potential incident contact a member of the KRS Information Assurance team or the IT Helpdesk.

E-TALK. Remember that cooking grease cannot be disposed of in sinks, toilets, or any drains that lead to the sewer system. Many shops and departments also make use of oils and greases within their daily operations. Environmental personnel will soon be undertaking a survey and evaluation of all of the Oil/Water Separators on island. If there is an OWS where you work and you have questions about proper use or you want to report a problem, call Environmental at 51134.

SAFELY SPEAKING. Slip or trip injuries may account for a high percentage of work place injuries, and are often disabling. All parts of the body are vulnerable when a person experiences a fall. As with all injuries, these injuries can be prevented.

## Physical Inventory

KRS Property Management will conduct a physical inventory of appliances in accompanied housing on Kwajalein. Arrange to be at home between 5-6 p.m. during the scheduled dates below to let the team into your residence.

**Phase 3: (North of High School):**  
Tuesday through Saturday

**Phase 4: (Dome housing):** Jan. 31-Feb. 4

Contact Manny Munoz at 53399 or e-mail at [Manuel.Munoz.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:Manuel.Munoz.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil) if you have any questions or concerns. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

<i>Café Roi</i>						
<b>Lunch</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 28
Brunch Station Open	Brunch Station Open	Grilled Chicken	Grilled Cheese	Chicken Quesadillas	Sausage Hoagies	BBQ Beef
Pasta Carbonara	Roast Chicken	Roast Brisket	Beef Stroganoff	Beef Tacos	Chicken Cacciatore	Grilled Chicken
Grilled Chicken	Chorizo Casserole	Mashed Potatoes	Parsley Noodles	Refried Beans	Onion Rings	Marinated Vegetables
<b>Dinner</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 28
Memphis Style Ribs	Roast Pork Loin	Missle Burgers	Grilled Steak	Fried Chicken	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Seafood Pasta
Grilled Pollock	Chicken Breast	Turkey Chili	Huli Huli Chicken	Cabbage Rolls	Mongolian Beef	Meat Lasagna
Baked Beans	Au Gratin Potatoes	French Fries	Baked Potatoes	Cornbread	Chow Mein	Fresh Bread

# Military Casualties

**Pfc. Dustin P. Napier**, 20, of London, Ky., died Jan. 8 in Zabul province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from enemy small-arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Pfc. Neil I. Turner**, 21, of Tacoma, Wash., died Jan. 11 in Logar province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

**Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin B. Wise**, 34, of Little Rock, Ark., died Sunday in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, of injuries sustained on Jan. 9 in Balkh province, Afghanistan, when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

**Cpl. Jon-Luke Bateman**, 22, of Tulsa, Okla., died Sunday conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Lance Cpl. Kenneth E. Cochran**, 20, of Wilder, Idaho, died Sunday conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

# Skateboarding with a new kick

By **Kim Morris**  
Registered Nurse, Kwajalein Hospital

If you are over 20 years old, chances are you may have never heard of a “Ripstik”. Ripstiks have been one of the top Christmas gifts in the U.S. since 2008. This Christmas, they came to Kwaj in full force. Ripstiks are also known as RipStick Skateboards, Caster Boards, Razor Ripstick and just plain Rip Stik. They are a great way to exercise and have fun, but they can lead to severe injuries, especially in young children.

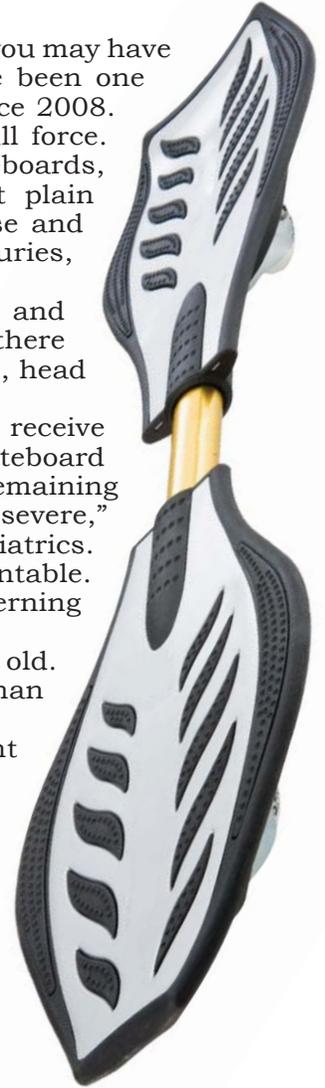
Children have a high center of gravity and don’t break falls well. Because of this, there have been increased injuries to arms, legs, head and neck documented in the U.S.

“In one study of 5- to 9-year-olds who receive medical treatment, only one-third of skateboard injuries were classified as minor; the remaining two-thirds were labeled moderate or severe,” according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Thankfully, almost all injuries are preventable. Keep these safety tips in mind concerning ripstiks:

- They are not for children under 8 years old.
- They’re not for anyone weighing more than 220 pounds.
- Do not ride on any surface that might stop the front wheel suddenly.
- Never ride near traffic or use homemade ramps.
- Never hold onto a car, golf cart or bike.

Safety gear is also essential. This includes helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, knee pads and athletic shoes to protect you when you fall. Practice stopping your ripstick; this is an important skill. Have fun and be safe.



## Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 12 – 17 knots.  
Monday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 12 – 17 knots.  
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 11 – 16 knots.  
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 12 – 17 knots.  
Thursday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 15 – 20 knots.  
Friday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds NE-E at 15 – 20 knots

Yearly total: 3.26 inches  
Yearly deviation: + 0.93 inches

Call 54700 for updates forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	7:09 a.m./6:51 p.m.	5:48 a.m./5:48 p.m.	3:46 a.m., 3.4' 3:57 a.m., 4.7'	9:35 a.m., -0.2' 10:25 p.m., -0.6'
Monday	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	6:41 a.m./6:45 p.m.	4:23 a.m., 3.7' 4:34 p.m., 4.9'	10:15 a.m., -0.5' 10:58 p.m., -0.8'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	7:31 a.m./7:38 p.m.	4:57 a.m., 3.9' 5:07 p.m., 4.9'	10:50 a.m., -0.6' 11:28 p.m., -0.8'
Wednesday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	8:16 a.m./8:28 p.m.	5:29 a.m., 4.0' 5:38 p.m., 4.8'	11:23 a.m., -0.6' 11:57 p.m., -0.7'
Thursday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	8:59 a.m./9:16 p.m.	5:59 a.m., 4.0' 6:07 p.m., 4.6'	11:54 a.m., -0.4' 12:25 p.m., -0.2'
Friday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	9:40 a.m./10:02 p.m.	6:28 a.m., 3.9' 6:34 p.m., 4.2'	12:24 a.m., -0.6' 12:25 p.m., -0.2'
Jan. 28	7:10 a.m./6:54 p.m.	10:19 a.m./10:48 p.m.	6:56 a.m., 3.7' 7:01 p.m., 3.8'	12:50 a.m., -0.3' 12:55 p.m., 0.1'