

# HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 71 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg St., Honolulu, HI 96826:

+ Mike "Trap" Trapasso - Head Coach - Men's Baseball - University of Hawai'i

+ Jim Becker - Retired Columnist - Honolulu Star-Bulletin - Former Foreign Correspondent - Sports Writer - Music Critic - Former Broadcaster

**Mike "Trap" Trapasso - Head Coach - Men's Baseball - University of Hawai'i** - Coach "Trap" has been coaching the UH Baseball Warriors since 2002. This season, the University of Hawai'i baseball team was picked to finish 8<sup>th</sup> in the Big West Conference Preseason Poll. Last season, the Rainbows finished 23-20 overall and 12-11 in the Big West. Currently the Warriors are at 21-12 and 3-3 in the Big West. The Rainbows could have their first winning season since 2012. Coach "Trap" has said that the team has more depth the they have had in a few years. The team is batting .271 compared to .276 when Kolten Wong had his final season in 2011. Coach "Trap" will talk about his new players and future stars on the team.

**Jim Becker - Retired Columnist - Honolulu Star-Bulletin - Former Foreign Correspondent - Sports Writer - Music Critic - Former Broadcaster** - On April 17<sup>th</sup> hard core baseball fans gathered at the Oahu Cemetery to celebrate the 197<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alexander Joy Cartwright, the father of modern baseball. Jim will describe the celebration and talk about the journey of Ralph Carhart who started the "Hall Ball Project" in 2010. Ralph made the journey to Hawaii as part of his project taking a baseball he found in Cooperstown. Carhart is creating a photographic journey to over 300 members of baseball's hall of fame, both live and deceased, as the baseball has been photographed either with the hall of famer or at the resting place of baseball legend. Jim will also describe the historical "First Day Jackie Robinson entered Major League Baseball. It was in April 1947, Jim wrote in his book, "Saints, Sinners & Shortstops" when a "very black man in a blindingly white home uniform of the Brooklyn Dodgers walked out of the dug-out carrying an odd-looking mitt. It was Jackie Robinson, a middle infielder carrying a first baseman's mitt, who was to make his debut as the Dodgers' first baseman, and incidentally break the color barrier that had disfigured the game for half a century". It's a great story to hear over and over since at that time our country's history of racial segregation was the law of our land in the South.

The Maple Garden Restaurant is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. The luncheon cost is \$16.00 per person for members and guests which include tax and gratuities. The food is fabulous!

**THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED**

**Come to our meeting & celebrate this speaker!**

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