

# HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 68 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, June 16th, at the MGR:

**+ Richard "Sonny" Tanabe - Author, Speaker, Hawai'i Swimming & Spearfishing**

**+ Maurice 'Mo' Radke - President of the Friends of the Natatorium**

**Richard "Sonny" Tanabe - Author, Speaker, Hawai'i Swimming & Spearfishing -**

Sonny has a long career in the water with swimming and spearfishing. He is an expert in swimming and has served as chairman and president of several organizations. Sonny has even had tournaments named after him such as the Richard "Sonny" Tanabe Invitational Freedive Tournament. He was a member of U.S. Olympic Swim Team and holds the record the National Collegiate Athletic Association Record in the 50 and 100 yard Butterfly and is a U.S. Masters National Champion in the 100 and 200 yard Individual Medley. Sonny is an honoree of the Indiana Swimming and Diving Wall of Fame, the Hawai'i Swimming Hall of Fame and an honoree of the Hawai'i Freediving and Spear-Fishing Wall of Fame. In 2007, he wrote his first book entitled, "Spearfishing on the Island of Hawai'i" - A Pictorial History and was nominated for the Pookela Book Award. Sonny's second book written in 2011, "The Evolution of Freediving" won a 2012 Pele Award-Best of Show/Design award, Special Judges Pele Award, a Pele Award--Collateral Material/Publication Design/Entire Book, 2012 Ka Palapala Pookela Award -- Excellence in Special Interests and a Pookela Award--Excellence in Book Design. In 2013, he also was nominated for a Hawai'i 5-0 Book Design. Currently, Sonny is working on his 3rd book, "Hawai'i Olympic Swimming 1912 to 2014." Sonny will bring his books with him for club members to purchase autograph copies. He will entertain questions at the luncheon.

**Maurice 'Mo' Radke - President of the Friends of the Natatorium -** Mo's vision of a modern reengineered pool is the driving force behind his goal of preserving Hawai'i's WWI memorial. He is a Class "A" member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and owns and operates Golf Academy Hawai'i at the Kane'ohe Klipper Golf Course on O'ahu. He and his son, who is also a PGA professional, have developed a large junior golf program, Wounded Warrior programs, ladies and executive golf

programs and numerous private, semi-private and group offerings for all levels and ages. Mo is a past president of the Rotary Club of Waikiki, serves on the Kane'ohe Neighborhood Board and was recently appointed by the Governor to serve on the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council. He will talk about the Natatorium, swimming and the next step in rebuilding the memorial. Mo will be available for questions from luncheon attendees.

**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 \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities. The food is fabulous!**

### **THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED**

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

**There is parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant and plenty of street Parking.**