

'77 Roughwater Swim was rough

by Gerry Senner

Eight OCC members joined a field of 321 entrants in the September 5 8th Annual Waikiki Roughwater Swim from Sans Souci Beach to the Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2.375 miles away.

Good swimmers were slightly off their mark. This year's winning time of 51:48, by a Santa Monica, California 17-year-old, was five minutes off his winning time last year. Weaker swimmers found their times much slower than in '76, when there were very good sea conditions.

OCC won at least two trophies. (Final results and official times are not yet available but will be posted on the Bulletin Board.) Eve Anderson (1:34:26) was second in the women 35-44 group and Bonnie Eyre (1:39:49) was second in women 45 - 54.

Bonnie was a late starter and fast finisher who began working out only after she saw the swim clinic chart in the women's locker room. She took part in all four of the August Swim Clinics.

The eight OCC contenders were: Ian Emberson, Gerry Senner, Cassie Senner — the only Junior Member — Jake Updegrove, Bonnie Eyre, Bruce Ames, Eve Anderson, and Jon Haig.

Escort canoes provided by the Club, a sponsor of the race, were steered by Kahea Chock and Peter Balding and crewed by Colin Chock, Don Nicol, Pam Larson and Jessie Nicol. Mahalo to the escorts. The women's surfing hui also stationed its members at each marker flag.
