

Running Committee Awards Banquet

By Don Eovino

January 30 was a cool, relaxing evening for the OCC runners to eat, drink and be merry. A sit down dinner buffet awaited those who attended as the evening commenced with the introduction of the 1998 race calendar boards which replaced last year's events and will be placed in the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms.

The boards highlight the year's events and give everybody a chance to plan ahead on what runs to do and see who did previous runs. Merely leave a check mark on the board in pencil and the locker attendant will red-star it later.

Highlights of last year and anecdotes of humorous experiences sprinkled throughout the evening's presentation. The relay races draw the most enthusiasm as these bond members and create unforgettable lifetime memories.

1998 brings several relays including the recent Hilo-Volcano 31 miler, the Oahu Perimeter 134 miler, the Big Island Saddle Road 100K Relay, Schofield Barracks 56 mile relay, Kona Ironman Relay, Hana Relays, 30/30 Relays and the Big Island Pepeekeo-Hilo Relay.

Awards were presented to all who participated in any running event in 1997 and attended the banquet. Insulated water bottle holders in white with the OCC logo were distributed as well as a special workout towel to all the 25th Marathon finishers.

The revolving leg 13 award was presented to the Hana runners—Tom German, Katy Bourne, Rich Turbin and Twain Newhart.

Kudos were requested for Carolyn Corrigan and Gerry DeBenedetti for their help in the Marathon. Special mention went to Nora Meijide and her two daughter's

for their efforts in races. Candes and Corin Gentry both finished the Honolulu Marathon with minimal training (however, they can be seen almost daily running and walking to the Club from their Kahala residence).

Ruth Munro served as an inspiration as she raced in Hana, contributed an effort to the 30/30 Relay and broke six hours in finishing the Marathon. Should we mention she'll be 75 this year!

Also, Jan Newhart, following in Ruth's footsteps, competed, even though she races mostly marathons.

Jon Hunter, Katy Bourne, Tom German, Bill Manfredi, Dave Stackhouse, Don Eovino were active in many of the year's events.

A new race is on the horizon this May. It will be the first OCC Biathlon open to the public, a 5K run followed by a 1K swim in front of the Outrigger. Plan on doing that one and tell your friends about it.

The 5th Annual Non-Run will be held this year on July 28. This event helps support all these events. You can start training for the Non-Run now by coming out each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. sharp and congregating in front of the Club. We will run, walk, chat for one hour. There will be no pressure, no racing, just camaraderie and friendship and a little exercise if you like. Regulars will be given a non-runner in training T-shirt to help stay focused.

All runs and events are open to all members, so read the calendar and announcements in the tunnel. You may also call our committee members. Newly added to our committee is one of Hawaii's top female runners and triathletes Katherine Nichols (first in women's division of the Tinman 1997), also Bob DeWitz or Don Eovino. ☺