

Runners Enter Perimeter Relay and Honor Their Best

By Don Eovino

Saturday night at 9 p.m., seven Outrigger runners bravely faced the all-night endeavor of racing from Kapiolani Park, through Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo, Kaneohe to Hauula and Haleiwa, to await the sunrise at Kaena Point. There, all the runners arriving before sunrise would be clocked in and credited with their time.

At sunrise, they would all scamper off five miles around a rocky old trail to Yokohama Bay. Along the way, they would see the remains of the old around-the-island railroad train with the remaining built up track, also the rustic outline of the mountain cliffs with the bleating of the awakening goats.

The surf was incredible 15 to 20 feet but unsurfable since it broke right on the jagged rocks. Two thirds of the way around, the path was washed out and one had to

scale the rocks with a rope and if one fell, it was onto the crashing rocks below. Bob Dewitz bunched up all his legs on the first half of the run and this was his last leg. While beautiful, it was dangerous since Bob had run all night and was now running on his 25th mile.

Others had fallen on their face and had gotten quite bloody, but Bob made it through unscathed. Dave Stackhouse and Kim Harshman meanwhile had arrived at the OCC by 6:30 a.m. and were hightailing it out to Waianae to meet Bob on the other side. They made it with plenty of time to spare.

Katy Bourne, old pro on this race, served as race captain and organized the teams. While juggling the runners, she put herself into several slots and got the team together. Tommy Damon ran throughout the night as well. Tommy loves this race and has competed the last four years. Returning

this year was triathlete Stephan Reinke, whose training and strong legs held up where needed. The team finished in fifth place in their division.

Awards Banquet

The annual Running Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, February 20 in the Koa Lanai where they enjoyed their carbo loading buffet style. Twenty-three members participated. Those who had participated in relays or fun runs, got a red and white OCC water bottle. Those who competed in the annual Honolulu Marathon got a red and white OCC beach tote bag. If you weren't able to attend the banquet, you may get your awards from Don or Candes.

David Stackhouse was honored for the fastest marathon time, 3:07:30; Nora Meijide received the "best photographer of the year award", and Ruth Munro was hon-

Photos by Nora Meijide

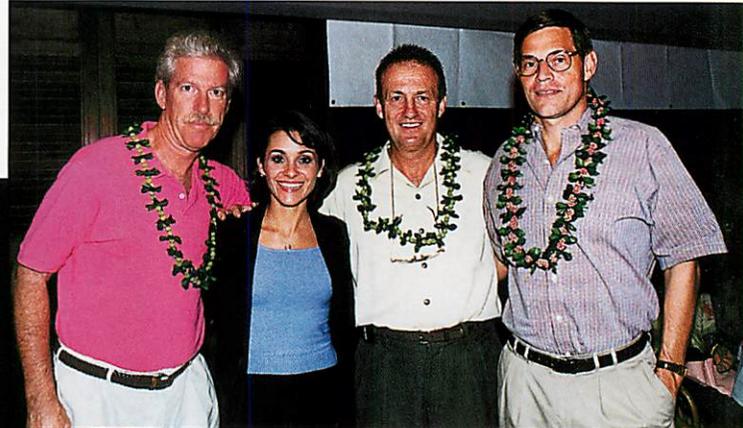
ored as best Senior Female Athlete in Hawaii by the Quarterback Club.

The committee is looking for new members for 2000. If you're interested, please call Don or Candes.

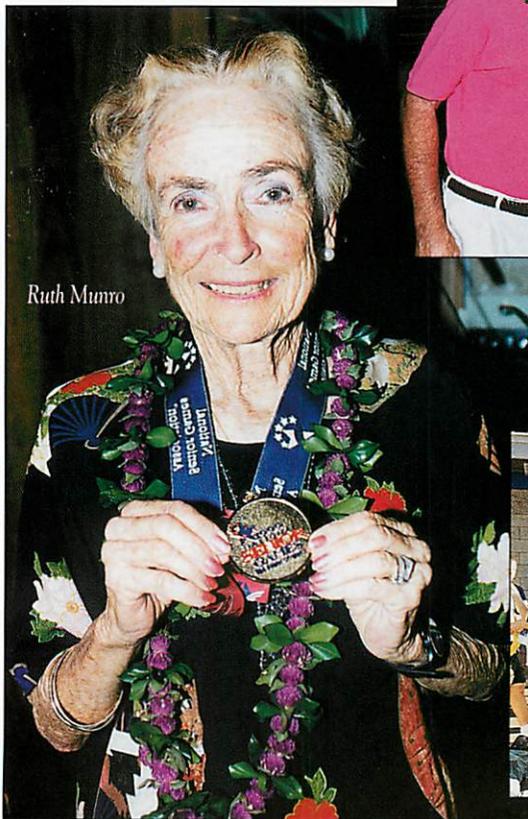
Nora Meijide



The 1999 OCC Running Committee was Jon Hunter, Candes Meijide Gentry, Don Eovino, Bob Dewitz. Not pictured Terri Field.



Ruth Munro



Running in the Great Aloha Run were Meaghan Goldman, David Buck and David Stackhouse.



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