

3rd Annual Christmas Day Tantalus Invitational Run

By John Mounts

In the holiday spirit of fun, fellowship and giving, 25 of OCC's finest runners were invited by a panel of international track and field experts to participate in the 3rd Annual Christmas Day Tantalus Invitational Run.

All proceeds of the event went to Barry Pritchard, this year's honorary "Race Marshall."

The leisurely paced 10-mile run began at 10 a.m. at the Makiki Pumping Station and circled around the Tantalus Loop. No official times were recorded or worried about since the only times that counted were the fun times, and there were plenty of those.

A television crew from KGMB-TV got wind of the colorful event and ended up shooting the entire run for broadcast on its 6 and 10 p.m. newscasts. They were so impressed with the spirit of the event and the fun, they promised to be back next year.

Refreshments were served at aid stations strategically placed along the route. To insure the finest service at each of the three stops, Michele St. John, a noted expert and veteran in the field of fine beverages, was appropriately placed in charge. Her fine staff included Peg Danford and Tina McKeller.

Tom Merrill, co-chairman of the event, said, "the neatest thing about this get together is the fellowship of the people involved. It's a warm feeling knowing so many people who still participate in the spirit of giving on Christmas. Barry is loved by a lot of people here and it was super having so many of them run in his honor."

Competing the 10.2-mile course were Bill Bengston, Bill Breeden, Mike Burson, Bill Danford, Jimmy Dean, Hugh Foster Sr., Matt Kresser, Chris McKenzie, Frank Mento, Tom Merrill, Bob Moore, John Mounts, Jim Peterson, Jim Stahl, Diane Stowell, Mike Town, Carole Wilbur and Tracy Wiltgin.

"We started with four people in 1983 and this year decided to limit the invitations to 25," said co-chairman John Mounts. "From the feedback we received this year, it looks like 1987



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Participating in the Tantalus Invitational were, front, Bob Moore, John Mounts, Matt Kresser, Carole Wilbur, Tina McKeller and Tom Merrill. Standing, Bill Bengston, Chris McKenzie, Bill Breeden, Tracy Wiltgin, Mike Burson, Jim Peterson, Jimmy Dean, Tracy Smith, Mike Town, Bill Danford, Jim Stahl, Ryder Stahl and Hugh Foster Sr.

will be even better but let's hope not too much bigger. All those who participated were just wonderful and we

want to keep this thing kind of special and meaningful and not just another run on a race calendar." ☺

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