OCC Runners Have a Busy Fall

By Don Eovino

Outrigger runners have been busy this fall competing in the Hana Relays and the Kolekole Pass Relay, and many are now training for the Honolulu Marathon scheduled for Sunday, December 11.

Eighteen Club runners carried the flag on three teams in the Hana Relays. Our masters brought home a gold, the mixed open finished third and the third team, minus one runner, had a good time.

This was the fifth year in a row that the OCC masters took home a first place in the 40+ age division, causing the announcer to jokingly remark that the masters team would be tested for steroids.

The masters started off with Mike Schwinn on leg one. The psyched-out leg 12, a straight up one mile finish, was attacked by Don Eovino. Leg 13, the notorious killer hill was conquered by Schwinn. Peter Bourne raced hard and fast legs and gave encouragement to other runners.

Masters team captain Tom German ran hard, while Bob Coble huffed and puffed his legs and kept us in the contest. Steve Dunn was given the honor of running the last leg and breaking the finish line in 6:21:10 for the first place.

The Mixed Open team included Katy Bourne, Vik and Tanya Watumull, Dustin Sellers, Francis Wright and Steven Gee. They finished the course in 5:51:00 for an overall per mile average of 6:42 over 52 miles, finishing in third. They missed first place by less than one minute.

Join up with a group of runners to stay motivated for those long distance runs. Ø

Outrigger's team at the Hana Relays included. Front, Steve Dunn, Steve Gee, Colleen McAluney, Tom German, Chris Worrall, Britta Bourne. Standing, Pete Bourne, Vien Schwinn, Francis Wright, Tanya Watumull, Vik Watumull, Dustin Sellers, Jim McAluney, Laura Williams, Bob Coble, Katy Bourne, Mike Schwinn. Photo by Don Eovino.