

Biggest, Longest, Hottest Honolulu Marathon

By Donald T. Eovino

The Outrigger Canoe Club fielded the largest number of runners participating under its banner ever for the 1996 Honolulu Marathon. A record 31 runners finished the race, and many more OCC members also participated in some fashion.

Events leading up to the race were the creative dressing up of the Lobby Display Case by Laura Williams, which featured finisher T-shirts by ubiquitous Jim Stahl.

A first ever Carbo Loading Party was provided by the Club staff on Friday, December 8, and included all the pasta you could eat. Several non-marathon runners took advantage of the evening, including Tom German and his family, Jack and Carol Wilbur Sheehan and Francis Wright.

Top triathlete Whit Raymond, co-MC for the race with Joe Teipel, contributed stats to the hungry crowd of 29 eaters. Chariots of fire as background music stimulated the group as Don Eovino handed out the few remaining new uniforms to several runners.

Gina Shultz, Carolyn Corrigan and Gerry DeBenedetti staffed the OCC Marathon tent in Kapiolani Park, assisting finishing runners with fluids, munchies and towels. Ed Moore sacrificed his sleep to drive the van to the start at 4:30 a.m.

Clubhouse Manager David Kuh also drove the OCC truck transporting the excess runners. General Manager John Rader was bright-eyed also at 4 a.m. to salute the troops as they massed at the Club and departed for the race. Marilyn Kali stationed herself with Ed Moore at the last quarter-mile of the race to photograph the exhausted finishers.

Words of encouragement were heard from Don Figueira, Cline Mann, Kawika Grant, Danny Kali, Michele St. John, Ron Sorrell, Jack and Carol Wilbur Sheehan, and others too numerous to mention as runners raced on by them along the course.

The Running Committee provided post-race massages from the staff of the American Institute of Massage Therapy, souvenir OCC water bottles, post race snacks, photographs and Brunch at the Club afterwards.

The Club also participated above and beyond by contributing a surprise dessert treat to all finishers, artistically created with colorful confetti and tiny American flags by our new chef and planned by General Manager John Rader.

For the second straight year, the fastest OCC runner was Jamie Baker in 3:17:58. The fastest female was Katy Bourne in 3:27:09. Qualifying for the Boston Marathon in a time of 3:35 was Brigitte MacNaughton. Of the 33 finishers, one-third clocked in over five hours, showing a dedication to running in spite of their speed and age.

Regardless of their times, all the runners wore a badge of courage as this was indeed one of the hottest and most humid marathons ever. At the start of the marathon (5:30 a.m.), the temperature was more than 80 degrees and the humidity was dripping at 92%.

Even considering all the miserable conditions, fatigue, exhaustion, heat, etc., after the massage and breakfast, most runners stated they will probably be back again next year so they smiled ruefully and waddled out of the OCC. ☺



Meeting at the Club at 4 a.m. for the ride to the starting line were, front, Billy Balding, Matt Kresser, Dwight Yanaga, Cindy White-Yanaga, Suzanne Gee, Don Eovino, Cara Thoman. Standing, Bob Porter, Unknown Saranas, Jed Gaines, Arnold Lum, Norm Dummire, Bruce Ames, Ron Scelza, Steven Gee, Brigitte MacNaughton.



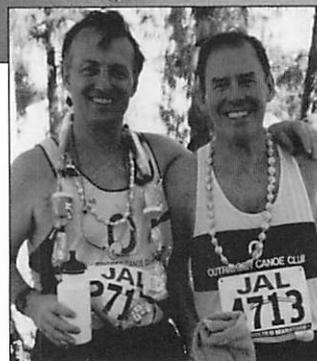
Jed Gaines and Todd Duplanty attended the Carbo Loading Party before the Marathon.



Suzanne and Steven Gee and family at Carbo Loading Party.



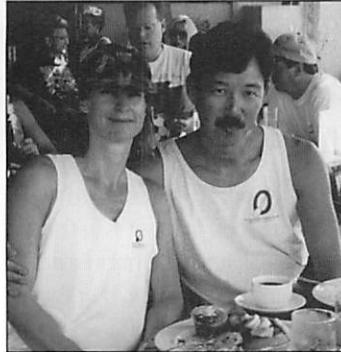
Cheering OCC runners near the finish line were Danny Kali, Cline Mann, Kawika Grant, Ed Moore and Dawn Isa.



Don Eovino and Jim Stahl at OCC tent after race.



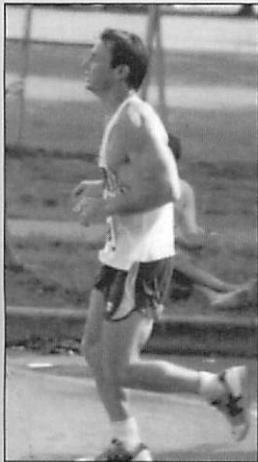
Enjoying breakfast at the Club after the race were Hina Schramel, Laura Williams and Ruth Munro.



Cindy and Dwight Yanaga finished marathon.



Jamie Baker



Billy Balding



Hina Schramel



Don Eovino

Emery Lucas



Arnold Lum



Jim Stahl



Matt Kresser



Katy Bourne

Finishers and times:

Jamie Baker	3:17:58
Katy Bourne	3:27:09
Brigitte MacNaughton	3:35
Todd Duplanty	3:44
Billy Balding	3:49
Joanne Klinke	3:49
Hina Schramel	3:50
Don Eovino	3:50
Bob Porter	3:50
Ron Scelsa	4:16
Emery Lucas	4:16
Shelly Bukes	4:20
Arnold Lum	4:32
Jim Stahl	4:33
Steven Gee	4:35
Cindy White-Yanaga	4:35
Cara Thoman	4:50
Eleni Pflueger	4:50
Marcy Haines	4:55
Mark Bratton	5:00
Matt Kresser	5:03
Paige Prior	5:04
Laura Williams	5:34
Dwight Yanaga	5:39
Jed Gaines	5:42
Ruth Munro	6:26:18
Blake Johnson	6:33
Suzanne Gee	6:45
Bruce Ames	6:59
Norm Dunmire	6:59