

# Ode to a Marathon 1998

By Don Eovino

‘T’is the morning of the Marathon, December 13, 1998, as 34 plus Outrigger Runners are contemplating their fate.

The training is all over, it's time for the show, a few hours more and we'll all know the score.

The mere fact that you're here is testament to your fitness, you survived all obstacles and barriers. . . we are all here to witness.

You've raced and you've paced, you've been injured and healed. . . all for today where you will join an elite field.

Some trained and have not made it, some couldn't even conceive it. . . but your discipline held out, and to finish is your achievement.

Your tenacity and stamina will be put to a test, all your planning and tapering should bring out your best.

So stretch out your muscles, double-check your shoe laces, in a very short time you will be put through your paces. Vaseline your toes, put on your sun block, strap on your waist band packed with Gu and with Gel. . . we're going to blast out of here and raise some hell.

When everything's ready, we'll head for the door, we're as ready as ever, we're going out to war.

‘So, it's on Jeri Steiner and Anna Grune-run together with Susie Stevens and Karen Torkildson, smell the roses and pick the flowers, no need to hurry, you'll break four hours.

Gino Merez will do a PR and Jamie Baker won't be back very far.

Thomas Daniels would have joined you, but pushed it too hard.

On David Stackhouse. . . his friends say he's stylin'. . . a sub 3:15 is definitely on the horizon.

His friends will try to join him, Greg Stock and Stacy. . . but they'll never catch him. . . he'll be too racy.

The following runners will strive for 3:30: Don Eovino and Katy Bourne are capable and worthy.

Next comes Vien Schwinn. . . her first since her last baby. . . she'll do very well, no ifs, but nor maybe.

Ikaika Kincaid returns from a great year, he'll push for 3:30 since he has no fear.

Hats off to Matt Kresser. . . maybe 3:30, he'd like a little lesser.

Billy Balding is a paddler and all year has been in training. . . to do sub 3:45 will take a lot of straining.

Ron Scelza's been traveling and not quite up to par. . . a 3:50 would make him happy. . . but a 3:35 would make him a star.

Kenton Eldridge whose PR is 3:15, is running with a back injury. . . so a 3:50 would be uplifting.

Jo Ann Klinke a finisher in Run to the Sun, is out to break four hours and have some fun

Enjoying the run-not trying to race. . . will be Jim Stahl and his Kona buddy-Lorin Ching. . . running about a 10 minute pace.

The Three Amigos-Terri Field, Heather Moore and Hilary Scott-they'll go as best as they can, and they sure will look HOT!

Candes Gentry, Kelly Steiner and Barbie Crandlemire will run really close. . . a 4:20 would do it, 4:30 at most.

Donna Muller would follow. . . through she may have to coast.

Cruising along after traveling a lot, Arnold Lum usually at four hours will give five hours a shot.

Kim Harshman is eager and excited to be here. . . missing the

brunch afterwards is her only fear.

Damana Fredette Lehman will try 4:45. . . any faster than that she'll really be alive.

Ruthie Munro set her sights on a sub six. . . she wants that post race massage. . . or she'll be in a fix.

John Butler will continue this year. . . to call out his finish is good to his ear. . . after having a bypass. . . it's good just to be here.

We'll see Bruce Ames again whose been training in stealth. . . he'll hold court at the Outrigger and share all his wealth.

Marcy Haines, a seasoned pro, seeks relief from her dental chair to give it another go.

Gerry DeBenedetti will race walk, as she did Hana. . . if she can't get her massage, she'll settle for a sauna.

Carolyn Corrigan will manage our massage tent, and her friend will make us celebrities. . . they'll be armed with a video. . . and we may make TV.

Chrissy Lambert, with her ubiquitous photography, will snap shots of us at the MASH tent. . . to record us for posterity.

Bob DeWitz. . . an ultra runner this year. . . is recovering from racing, but will bring us good cheer.

David Kuh, our assistant manager, arose early today. . . to catch any stragglers who may need a way.

And last, but not least, lest we forget. . . Nora Meijide will start with us at the beginning of the race, but his year is not quite ready to keep up the pace. . . she'll run to her house and back to the tent—a half marathon. . . where she'll applaud us and cheer us and add a lot of fun.

AND that, my dear friends, is the end of my poem. . . If kept on any longer you'd all start to groan.

So, let's pull us together and get a group photo. . . the bus is out front and is ready to motor. Good luck to you all in crossing the tape. . . first the boom of the cannon. . . then the rest is up to fate. We'll see you at the tent, war stories to tell. . . we'll all be smiling after living through hell. A massage will await you. . . followed by brunch and a ticket for a dessert that's Heaven sent.

And now we are finished, your spirits are soaring. . . Happy Marathon to all and to all a Good Morning!

## Outrigger Finishers 1998 Honolulu Marathon

Gino Merez	3:15
Jamie Baker	3:18
David Stackhouse	3:20
Katy Bourne	3:29
Don Eovino	3:32
Kenton Eldridge	3:34
Ikaika Kincaid	3:45
JoAnn Klinke	3:57
Billy Balding	3:58
Matt Kresser	3:58
Ron Scelza	4:08
Kelly Steiner	4:13
Barbie Dial Crandlemire	4:20
John MacGregor	4:27
Terri Field	4:28
Arnold Lum	4:31
Candes Gentry	4:35
Jim Stahl	4:37
Heather Moore	4:45
Hilary Scott	4:58
Lloyd Jones	5:00
Kerry Lum	5:23
Marcy Haines	5:23
Bruce Ames	5:28
Stacy Stock	5:40
Ruth Munro	5:45
Karen Torkildson	5:57
Jeri Steiner	6:06
Susie Stevens	6:06
Anna Grune	6:06
Gerry DeBenedetti	6:30



Outrigger runners gather at the Club at 4 a.m. for a ride to the start of the Marathon. Front, Don Eovino, Candes Gentry, Nora Meijide, Ruth Munro, Barbie Dial-Crandlemire, Vien Schwinn. Second row, Gino Merez, Billy Balding, Anna Grune, Susie Stevens, Jeri Steiner, Kelly Steiner, Karen Torkildson, Kim Harshman, Gerry DeBenedetti, Jill Brewbaker, Heather Moore, Hilary Scott, Terry Fields. Back row, Kenton Eldridge, Ron Scelza, Bruce Ames, Matt Kresser, Jim Stahl, David Stackhouse, Arnold Lum, Jamie Baker.