

Runners Finish 3rd and 5th in Hana Relays

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Three running teams of the Outrigger Canoe Club competed in this year's 52-mile Hana Relays--a men's masters and two open teams.

The open teams had a couple of last minute cancellations, but managed to place third in the open division with the speedy running of Kim Harshman, Stefan Reinke, Hugh Damon, Hina Torres and Brigitte Egbert.

The women's team was pushed into an open division by transferring one of their runners to the mixed open team to allow each team to have five runners. Making supreme sacrifices were Terri Needels, Cindy White-Yanaga, Laurel Turbin and flying in and out that morning were Candes Meijide Gentry and Megan Goldman.

Twain Newhart also flew in that morning to join the men's masters team and ran his signature leg 13 for the ninth year in a row. Also on the masters team were Joe Teipel, Uli

Frowein, Richard Turbin, Dwight Yanaga and Don Eovino.

The OCC Masters team used to win its division by just showing up. Now, either the popularity of the race or the maturing of the masters generation, brings in many more and faster masters teams. The OCC Masters placed fifth this year.

Fourteen people stayed overnight in quaint accommodations. Tree houses of Hawaii provided rural eco-resort experiences for all involved.

Richard Turbin was overheard talking to his wife, "Honey, these are real tree houses in the forest." No electricity, no roads, no signs, although hot water and outside bathrooms with plumbing were included. Communication between the tree houses required runners to convey messages.

Recovering the next day from the run, the group explored the Blue Lagoon of Hana, a picturesque spot worthy of a poster for Hawaii, and the incredible Piilani Heiau.