

31st Annual Hana Relays

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Hawaii's second longest running footrace of any kind (the Maui Marathon is reportedly our state's oldest event), and unequivocally the most enduring and enjoyable relay race, fielded a record turnout of 105 teams finishing, the largest number ever entered. Saturday, September 14, our three OCC teams started the 52-mile run from Kahului Airport to Hana in East Maui, finishing in very respectable times.

No clouds at Haleakala, cool NE breeze, and a gradual cloud cover on the Hana Highway. This was the weather at the 5:30 a.m. start. Gradually the trades perked up to add a crispy feel to the Hana Highway.

Teams of five to six members,

are each required to run three legs of the course, with specified turn outs for the handoff areas. The winning team was Niketown from Maui, in 4:43 (course record is 4:20). Most teams have great names, favorites were Hana Dabba Doo, 12 Boobs in Van, the Flying Elvises.

The OCC Mixed Madness finished in 6:05:38 (pace 7:02). They placed fourth of 53 teams in the Mixed Division and 10th overall. Team members were Scott LaRue, Bob Egbert (13th leg), Dave Stackhouse, Tom Damon, and Katy Bourne.

Running with the OCC Mixed Plate that finished in 6:37:01 (pace 7:39) were Matt Kresser, Terri Needels, Uli Frowein, Gino Morez 13th leg, Stefan Reinke, JoAnne Klinke. They placed 12th of 53

teams in the Mixed Division and were 29th overall.

The OCC Masters of the Universe finished in 6:37:25 (pace 7:40). They placed fifth of six teams in the Men's Masters and 30th overall. The team was Don Eovino, Rich Turbin, Joe Teipel, Bob Dewitz, Twain Newhart (13th leg as usual), Henry Richmond.

You will need to ask these runners what 13th leg means, as well as ask the Masters of the Universe about that 24 second loss to the Mixed Plate.

When the teams arrived in Hana, there was a little bit of OCC waiting for them. Grant and Beth Senner, Hana residents, had set up a tent, complete with OCC towels as banners, chairs, coolers with the usual, and lots of ice. Grant's Mom, aka Tent Mom, Gerry DeBenedetti, brought teri chicken and artisan bread, which was called "real food." Judging from the bags of chips left behind by the OCC runners, they weren't kidding, they were in need of real food.

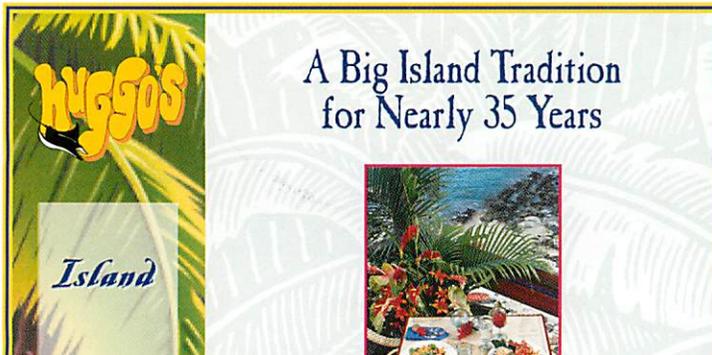
Those of you who have finished anything, know what a thrill it is to find someone waiting, who says, "come over here." We have a tent, we have cool things to drink, we have a place for you. There is no finer example of the reason we

belong to this great Club, wherever you go, even 52 miles out on the Hana Highway, we are waiting for you and you have a place to go.

Its always nice to see OCC members "finding each other", and that was true for Henry Richmond and JoAnne Klinke. She was born in South Africa, and Henry has spent the past four years there. Turns out they probably both ran the Comrades 98K (a totally killer event) at one time in South Africa.

Nearly all of the runners dove in at the red sand beach after the race. This was the second dip of the day for Dave and Bob who jumped into a waterfall pond along the race course. Are we having fun yet?

Note: next event is the Honolulu Marathon. Then the Perimeter Relay, and the Swamp Romp. Sign ups for all events at the OCC Front Desk and always check the tunnel bulletin board for dates and details. Running Co-Chairs are Katy Bourne and Tom Damon.



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The advertisement features a logo with a toucan bird perched on a branch, with the word "HUGGOS" in large, stylized, yellow letters. Below the logo, the word "Island" is written in a blue, cursive font. The main text reads "A Big Island Tradition for Nearly 35 Years". To the right of the text is a photograph of a tropical table setting with a white tablecloth, a blue and white patterned tablecloth, and various tropical fruits and flowers. The background of the advertisement is a light blue and white pattern of palm fronds.

Athletic Calendar

December

- 1 Castle Swim
- 8 Honolulu Marathon