

Rescheduled OCC Invitational Swim Draws 56 Competitors



Arnold Lum



Vic Hemmy Jr.



Vic Hemmy Sr.



Twain Newhart gets a number as Dennis Blake looks on.

Photos by Ray Robinson & Ginger Thornburg

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On a beautiful Sunday morning, May 4, 84 swimmers showed up to compete in the annual OCC Invitational one-mile and two-mile swim. However, on May 4, the surf was up at 4-5 feet, with a strong current going out the channel, and a strong south wind blowing towards town.

Committee Co-Chair Dennis Blake called the race off, proclaiming simply, "I'm afraid if we tried to hold it, we might have an accident." Most swimmers agreed with that call, and some may have even been relieved.

Gerry DeBenedetti, Diane Stowell, and Ginger Thornburg passed out T-shirts to those who had paid their entry fee, and a lovely brunch was enjoyed by all.

Kudos to our new general manager Rick Lee, who graciously assured Dennis that if we called off the race, the OCC would provide brunch on the new race date.

Most contestants took a swim, anyway. Vic Hemmy Sr., who almost always wins his age group, came in slightly scraped up by the reef, and stated that from about 50 yards past the windsock, he got a real workout fighting his way back in the channel.

When Twain Newhart came in, he volunteered, "It's a good thing they called the race off. They'd have been picking swimmers out of the water all over the place, not from the surf, but from the current."

The following Saturday morning, May 10, 56 swimmers showed up; 12 for the one-mile, and 44 for the two-mile. They got off promptly at 8:08 a.m. from Sans Souci Beach.

The race was timed by Timers Plus, another wonder of the electronic age. Each participant was given an ankle bracelet with a chip number in it, and all the rest was done by computer. This greatly simplified the job for committee members Ginger Thornburg, Diane Stowell, and Ray Robinson of clocking each swimmer in, keeping times, names, sexes, age groups, etc. by eyeball, pen stopwatch, and clipboard. A vast improvement.

James Biles came in first overall in the two-mile in :56:20.1. Samantha Moran finished 2nd overall and first for women in the two-mile in :58:02.1. Ernie Leskovitz was Outrigger's first finisher.

The general caliber of the competition was indicated by the experience of Ernie Leskovitz who had just returned from the California state championships where he won six events: the 200 and 400 individual medleys, 100 butterfly, and the 200, 500 and 1,000 freestyle.

Because the race was postponed and plans were changed, there were too few water patrol and course marshals to assist swimmers in staying on course. Several who made excellent times were disqualified because they inadvertently cut a buoy.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third place winners in each gender category and age group. Brunch on race day was excellent as usual, and most participants considered the event a large success.

Outrigger Invitational Swim May 4, 2003 Results

2-Mile Swim

Overall	Name	Place	Time
1.	James Biles	1st, Overall	:56:20
2.	Samantha Moran	2nd, Overall	:58:02
3.	Quinton Darling	1st, M U19	:59:14
4.	Tom Robinson	1st, M30-34	:59:15
5.	Ernie Leskovitz*	1st, M65-69	:59:37
6.	Baxter Cepeda	1st, M20-24	1:00:15
7.	Kalen Darling	2nd, M U19	1:00:25
8.	Roger Cundall*	1st, M55-59	1:00:52
9.	Alton Motobu	1st, M50-54	1:01:02
10.	Twain Newhart*	1st, M40-44	1:01:06
11.	Jana Pittichova	1st, F30-34	1:01:11
12.	Chad Harrison	1st, M45-49	1:02:26
13.	Lou Ortiz	2nd, M30-34	1:02:45
14.	Nicole Hagi	1st, F U19	1:03:20
15.	Jack Suyderhoud	2nd, M50-54	1:03:22
16.	Carl Kawauchi	2nd, M55-59	1:03:42
17.	Steve Torkildson*	2nd, M45-49	1:05:10
18.	Kendra Yanney	1st, F20-24	1:05:10
19.	Niklas Schneider	2nd, M40-44	1:05:32
20.	Laurie Foster*	1st, F45-49	1:06:39
21.	Linda Kaiser	1st, F50-54	1:07:00
22.	Thomas Burke	3rd, M50-54	1:12:56
23.	Thomas Bowditch	3rd, M55-59	1:13:02
24.	Caroline McCabe	1st, F35-39	1:13:03
25.	Meg Di Donna	2nd, F35-39	1:13:06
26.	Karla Ferguson	2nd, F20-24	1:13:16
27.	Jeffrey Dodge	4th, M50-54	1:13:46
28.	Lisa Velez	3rd, F20-24	1:13:48
29.	Stote Farnham	4th, M55-59	1:13:56
30.	Steven Perunovich	1st, M25-29	1:14:51
31.	Marie Wagner	2nd, F45-49	1:15:19
32.	Julie Rosenheimer	2nd, F50-54	1:15:23
33.	Katey Mobley	2nd, F30-34	1:16:13
34.	Ainslie Mackovjak	3rd, F35-39	1:17:41
35.	Barbara Germann	3rd, F45-49	1:17:42
36.	Candes Gentry*	1st, F25-29	1:18:27
37.	Tai Blechta	2nd, M20-24	1:18:28
38.	Jayson Hagi	3rd, M U19	1:27:12
39.	Linda Moran	4th, F45-49	1:27:18
40.	Peg Pashkow	1st, F55-59	1:28:34
41.	Kathleen Quinn	1st, F60-64	1:29:46
42.	Peggy Regentine	2nd, F50-54	1:30:38
43.	Karen Glanz	5th, F45-49	1:31:57
44.	Jan Blichfeldt	1st, M70+	1:42:20

1 Mile

1.	James Roumasset	1st, Overall M	:28:30
2.	Benton Roumasset	1st, M25-29	:34:43
3.	Joseph Nagi	1st, M65-69	:34:52
4.	Terry Klafehn	1st, M55-59	:35:05
5.	Sharyn Klafehn	1st, Overall F	:35:06
6.	Arnold Lum*	2nd, M55-59	:35:59
7.	Victor Hemmy Jr.*	3rd, M55-59	:37:18
8.	Bonnie Eyre*	1st, F70+	:38:09
9.	June Harrigan	1st, F60-64	:41:11
10.	Beth Blichfeldt	2nd, F70+	:46:32
11.	Dean Smith	4th, M55-59	:50:18
12.	Vic Hemmy Sr.*	1st, M70+	1:20:21

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