

Teenagers Repeat as Winners at Castle Swim

By Ben Komer



The top five finishers in the Castle Swim were, Stefan Reinke, Ethan Bosworth, Elsa Kronen, Dolan Eversole, and Perry Klebahn.



Winning their age groups were Billy Balding, Sue Steinemann, Uli Klinke, Thurston Kino and Ward Saunders.



Brian Doyle, James Farrell, Eric Lau, Diane Corn, Dale Hope, John Skinner.



Ron Haworth is greeted by his family after finishing the swim. He's the oldest (85) to complete the Castle Swim and says it will be his last. From left: Rex Haworth, Ron, Kira Smith, Jake Haworth, Beau Moody holding Ashton Moody, Tia Haworth.

Brisk temperatures and strong winds greeted the participants in the 2016 Castle Swim that took place on November 27. But the cool weather (well, for Hawaii standards) was no match for the 24 courageous and relentless swimmers that made the 1.25 mile swim from Duke's Waikiki, site of the old Club, to Outrigger Beach, site of the current Club.

The participant's expert swimming prowess combined with a favorable ocean current, saw swimmers reach the finish line in speeds much faster than last year. The men's and women's champions were no strangers to being top of the podium.

Overall winner 16-year-old Ethan Bosworth came in at a blistering 32:20 beating his 2014 winning time by more than five minutes. Women's champion, 13-year-old Elsa Kronen, clocked 35:03, four minutes faster than last year's win and just 35 seconds outside of the tenth fastest Castle Swim time ever!

The usual suspects were racing and notched up another win for their respective age groups. Dolan Eversole, Stefan Reinke, Uli Klinke and Ward Saunders scored first in their

respective age groups, also with faster times than last year. Sue Steinemann and Valisa Saunders won their age groups and with the always invaluable support of Diane Corn, these ladies rounded out the small but quick group of dedicated women swimmers.

Extra credit goes to Eric Lau and John Wacker, who I'm thinking ate a special iron man breakfast before the race. Eric swam 13 minutes faster and John was over 14 minutes faster this year. Congratulations Eric and John!

And, a super special shout out to two swimmers who swim in holy water. Blake Johnson for placing first in the men's 76-80 year old division, and Ron Haworth for finishing first in the men's 81-85 year old age group. These swimmers are an inspiration to us all and prove yet again that you can keep on swimming and living it large no matter what your age.

A big mahalo must go out to my right hand for this event, Hina Torres de Sa; without her, the 2016 Castle Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Castle Swim November 27, 2016 1.2 miles Results

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Ethan Bosworth	1st, Overall	:32:20
2.	Dolan Eversole	1st, M41-45	:34:23
3.	Perry Klebahn	1st, M 46-50	:34:50
4.	Stefan Reinke	1st, M56-60	:35:01
5.	Elsa Kronen	1st, W10-15	:35:03
6.	Uli Klinke	1st, M71-75	:38:57
7.	Ward Saunders	1st, M61-65	:39:01
8.	Thurston Kino	1st, M21-25	:39:14
9.	Sue Steinemann	1st, W51-55	:39:53
10.	Billy Balding	1st, M51-55	:39:58
11.	Beau Moody	1st, M26-30	:41:33
12.	Diane Corn	1st, W51-55	:42:49
13.	Dale Hope	2nd, M61-65	:45:15
14.	James Farrell	3rd, M61-65	:46:06
15.	John Skinner	2nd, M56-50	:46:27
16.	Eric Lau	1st, M36-40	:46:42
17.	Brian Doyle	2nd, M41-45	:47:12
18.	John Wacker	2nd, M55-60	:48:01
19.	Zak Barry	2nd, M21-25	:48:38
20.	Valisa Saunders	1st, W61-65	:54:00
21.	Peter Muller	2nd, M71-75	1:22:55
22.	Curtis Wheeler	3rd, M71-75	1:36:30
23.	Blake Johnson	1st, M76-80	1:36:31
24.	Ron Haworth	1st, M81-85	1:49:20



Ethan Bosworth was first to finish the Castle Swim in 2013 and 2016.



Ben Komer presents Elsa Kronen with the Castle Swim trophy. She was first female finisher for the second year in a row.



Curtis Wheeler and Blake Johnson finished the swim.

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