

The "Over the Hill" Gang

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The 1983 Waikiki Roughwater Swim had a total of 1,037 participants. In the age group 1-10 there were 19 swimmers. Age 11-12, 45 swimmers; age 13-14, 48; age 15-18, 60.

All the rest, ages 19 to 99, are the "over the hill" gang!

Anybody over 18 is a "Senior," in an age group called the "Masters." More on that later. And I won't mention any ages.

In the Roughwater, Kisi Haine was 11th in her division. Gerry DeBenedetti and Carin Vanderbush were in the same division. Miki McFadden was 1st in her division. Diane Stowell, 1st in hers. All are Club members, and all are "over the hill."

More Club members we all know who swam were Tom Henke, James Dean and Ian Emberson who were 4th and 5th in their division. Times less than 2 minutes apart. Bill Breeden turned in a great time, finishing 29th of a field of 164 in his division. Jim Anderson and John Finney, our local "Iron Man of All Sports," were there,

along with Leighton Taylor, Doug Kilpatrick III (not to be confused with II or IV), Norm Dunmire, Fred Rohlfing, Fred Trask and Harold Sexton, Paul Horn and Jake Updegrave.

The point of all this is to let you know it doesn't have to be just once a year. The AAU has organized Masters' age-group swimming on certain Sundays at the UH Duke Kahanamoku pool. It costs just \$5 for an AAU card and you're in for the year. The short course (25-yard pool length) is from January to May, with the Nationals held in May. Then we go into long course (50-meter pool lengths) culminating in the long course AAU Masters Nationals. (Out-rigger members Lloyd and Joan Osborne have more state and national records in all ages, in all strokes and events than anyone else in the United States!)

In addition, if you want to learn to swim or to improve your strokes, there will be a Swim Clinic in March at the UH pool. Details are posted on the Swim Bulletin Board in the tunnel.