

Swimming

By Jim Anderson

The first annual Bondi Beach Cole Classic Ocean Swim was held at Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia on January 30, Australia Day. This event was organized by Graham Cole of Sydney.

Turnout was excellent for a first-time event. There were two other established ocean swims in Sydney on the same day; however, the premier swimmers choose the Cole Classic with 175 entering. It is expected that the field will top 400 in its second year.

Outrigger Canoe Club members James K. Anderson and Diane Stowell helped to organize the event. Both competed in the race and took first place in their age groups.

The winner, Max Metzker, an Olympic swimmer, received a trip to Hawaii to swim in the Waikiki Roughwater Swim on Labor Day, September 5.

On January 31, the first annual Mount Long-Distance Swim was held in Mount Maunganui, New Zealand. It was organized by the Mount Maunganui Surf Life Saving Club. This 7.4-kilometer ocean race was held in 60-degree water.

The winner, Richard Wells, has received a trip to Honolulu to compete in the Third Possibly Annual Hawaiian Christmas Loong-Distance Invitational Rough-H₂O Swim on December 18.
