

Junior 'Riggers Kelli Moy, Rachel Cote, Austin Kino, Kristi Torkildson, and Nica Nordyke were top finishers.

> Winning their divisions were Taizo Braden, Katherine Nichols, John Akana, Sue Steineman, and Chris Miller.

Photos by Marilyn Kali



Kip Hustace won the Junior Boys division.

Kristi Torkildson won the Castle Swim for the third straight year.

Does It Again!



Arnold Lum, Kari Vasey, Laurie Foster, Stefan Reinke and Barry Francis were all winners.



Capturing their masters divisions were Uli Klinke, Darcy lams, Ernie Leskovitz, Diane Stowell and David James.

Qutrigger

Austin Kino beat his dad Keoni Kino by three minutes.

By Ray Robinson

It's getting to be a habit! For the third year in a row, Kristi Torkildson, the jet propelled 15-year-old Punahou student, won the OCC's traditional Castle Swim, finishing in 34 minutes and 21 seconds, more than a minute better than her last year's winning time of :35:34.

Kristi and John Akana, who came in second in 35 minutes, 38 seconds, battled neck-and-neck for most of the 1.2 mile swim, with Kristi pulling ahead in the last few hundred yards.

Close behind in third place was Nica Nordyke in :36:32. Many were surprised that the meet came off at all on November 27. Twelve hours earlier, the sea was monumentally uninviting with overcast skies, rain, the second day of heavy onshore winds, the presence of both man-of-war and box jelly fish, and the probability of strong counter currents.

Several Club members were stung earlier in the week, including Matt Kresser who had an unfortunate encounter with a man-of-war but swam on Sunday anyway.

Wonder of wonders, Sunday morning dawned cool, grey, light trades, no ocean chop, and the jellies and man-of-war seemed to have departed on schedule, leaving a benevolent ocean. It turned out to be a perfect sunny and bright day for the meet.

"It was wonderful out there," said swimmer Walter Guild. "The water was crystal clear."

Thirty-six Outrigger dedicated swimmers showed up before 8 a.m. The mood was mildly raucous in a good natured way, with lots of "aloha's", "howzits" and "hey, there's", and at least one "No! Don't tell me you're going to be in my age group this year."

There were other manifestations of camaraderie one would expect to accompany an event which is some 80 years old, limited to OCC members, and which has so much history attached.

After check in, getting numbered by Ginger Thornburg, collecting event T-shirts, greeting friends and sizing up competitors, the group was transported to the location on the beach in Waikiki where the original Club stood almost 100 years ago.

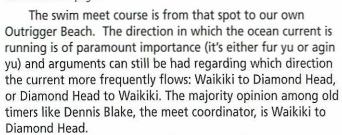
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Gary Sallee and Jim Zachary competed.

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Ron Haworth, who couldn't compete this year because of a should injury, swears the prevailing current all year is Waikiki to Diamond Head, but when it gets to be mid-November and the Castle Swim is coming up, the current turns around and runs specifically against him and the other Castle swimmers.

Competition is tough. The Outrigger has some of the top swimmers in the state, including the likes of Ernie Leskovitz, who participates in swim meets around the world as his life's major activity.

Ask him if she always finishes first in his age group (65-69) and his answer is simply, "Yep." Ernie was recently inducted into the Hawaii Swimmers Hall of Fame, which puts him way up there in company with our own Duke Kahanamoku and many of Hawaii's earlier Olympians.

Swimmers' ages were from 15 to 73, with four swimmers in the 70 to 74 age group: Jim Zachary, David James, Jim Anderson and Diane Stowell.

Mahalo to Swim Subcommittee members Gerry
DeBenedetti, Ginger Thornburg, Arnold Lum, Dennis Blake,
Diane Stowell and Blake Johnson for putting it all together,
and to Club general manager Bill Comstock and Beach
Captain Don Isaacs, Sam Clemens and others of the beach
crew for setting the buoys and helping it all come together.

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And they were taught the laws of life... that their treatment of others would return at last upon themselves. Those who cheat will be cheated... Those who slander will be slandered. Forever lie you tell... you will be lied to. Brutality will meet with brutality. We get what we give and to the same degree. And not always from the same people with whom we've dealth. But somewhere... sometime... someone will treat you in like manner. The good that we do to others will return also. For your kindness to strangers you will receive hospitality in far places yourself. Understand the troubles of others who come to you with their sould bared... and when you cry yourself, you will be sympathetically understood. We

get what we give. Like always attrats like. This is the law and it is inevitable. We cannot escape the results of our actions. We get what we give.

Ano Ano, The Seed By Kristen Zambucka



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Diane Stowell edged son Dean by less than one minute.

Gerry DeBenedetti and Ginger Thornburg kept track of the swimmers and their times.



Castle Swim November 27, 2005 Results

Overall Name	Time	Place/Division
1. Kristi Torkildson	:34:21	1st, Overall
2. John Akana	:35:38	1st, M35-39
3. Nica Nordyke	:36:32	1st, Jr Girls
4. Stefan Reinke	:36:43	1st, M45-49
5. Chris Miller	:37:50	1st, M40-44
6. Kip Hustace	:38:05	1st, Jr Boys
7. Walter Guild	:38:25	2nd, M45-49
8. Rachel Cote	:38:54	2nd, Jr Girls
9. Ernie Leskovitz	:39:12	1st, M65-69
10. David Stackhouse	:39:32	2nd, M35-39
11. Austin Kino	:40:11	2nd, Jr Boys
12. Barry Francis	:40:56	1st, M50-54
13. Laurie Foster	:41:59	1st, W45-59
14. Katherine Nichols	:42:25	1st, W35-39
15. Keoni Kino	:43:19	3rd, M45-49
16. Kelli Moy	:43:28	3rd, Jr Girls
17. James Farrell	:43:42	2nd, M50-54
18. Randy Carlson	:44:04	3rd, M35-39
19. Sue Steineman	:44:32	1st, W40-44
20. Uli Klinke	:45:43	1st, M60-64
21. Taizo Braden	:46:07	1st, M25-29
22. Matt Kresser	:47:10	2nd, M40-44
23. Diane Stowell	:47:43	1st, W70-75
24. Dean Stowell	:48:32	4th, M35-39
25. Dawn Davenport	:48:52	2nd, W40-44
26. William Bryant	:50:50	4th, M40-44
27. John Wacker	:52:07	3rd, M40-44
28. Kari Vasey	:52:57	1st, W50-54
29. Anne Perry	:53:17	2nd, W45-49
30. Vic Hemmy Jr.	:54:54	2nd, M60-64
31. Arnold Lum	:56:09	1st, M55-59
32. Darcy lams	:56:17	1st, M55-59
33. Gary Sallee	:56:22	3rd, M60-64
34. David James	1:02:47	1st, M70-74
35. Jim Anderson	1:02:57	2nd, M70-74
36. Jim Zachary	1:07:43	3rd, M70-74