

Ian Emberson and Gay Austin win 1978 OCC Triathlon

The winners of the first annual OCC Triathlon have been announced. They are Ian Emberson, who bested a field of four in the mens division, and Gay Austin, the lone qualifier in the women's division.

The rules governing the competition were developed by Cline Mann and approved by the Board of Directors. As previously announced, the three long-distance sports in which a member must perform during the calendar year, and in the state of Hawaii, are a running marathon race, an ocean paddleboard race, and an ocean swim race. All events must be officially recognized. A scoring system had to be devised to preserve the concept that all three sports shall have equal weight, similar to the Olympic decathlon. The scoring formula adopted is based upon a parabolic curve, where the 1977 American record time scores 1000 points and a time equivalent to three times the record, scores zero, the curve being steepest at the record time and flattest at zero. Although a previous article stated that an age handicap would be included in the scoring, this ideal is unfortunately precluded by the absence of clinical or other reliable data; and it is questionable whether this goal will ever be attained.

It is hoped that many more members, including juniors, will seek to qualify for the 1979 competition. Besides the 1978 competitors listed below, the following members are potential qualifiers, having competed in two of the sports in recent years: Bruce Ames, Bill Breeden, Pat Caldwell, Freddy Hemmings, Dale Hope, Connie Maguire, Mary Muirhead, Hugh Murray, Cassie Senner and Gerry Senner.

Following are the 1978 contestants with their respective times and total scores:

| Name | Run | Swim | Paddleboard | Total Points |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| Ian Emberson | 3:34:18.8 | 30:50 | 1:32:03 | 1,429.021 |
| Kimo Austin | 3:14:58.3 | 37:55 | 1:33:58 | 1,328.244 |
| Jim Peterson | 3:21:33.5 | 42:34 | 2:14:16 | 967.292 |
| Norm Dunmire | 4:17:28.5 | 47:40 | 1:57:27 | 807.007 |
| Gay Austin | 3:58:10 | 57:16 | 2:15:25 | 629.695 |
