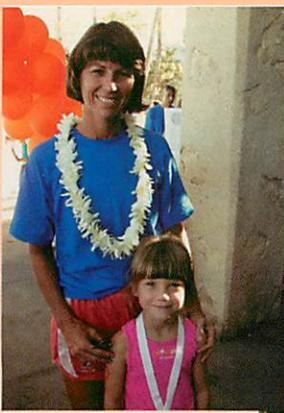


Keiki Fun Run

A New Addition to the Annual OCC Biathalon



Terri Needles and daughter
Jenna Frowein.



Mini Riggers are ready for
the start of their mile run.



Winners in the 12
and under division.



Finishers in the 6 and
under division.

By Terri Needles

A one-mile keiki fun run event was put on for the first time this year, as part of the Running

Committee's annual Biathlon. While the adults were busy swimming and running, 37 children under the age of 12 ran a one-mile course situated across the street from the Club at Kapiolani Park.

The idea for a children's run was proposed to Don Eovino, chair of the Running Committee, by six year-old Jenna Frowein who wondered why all of the races were only for adults. Don agreed to the idea, and on June 10th, thirteen 7 to 12 year old children and 24 zero to six year olds, with their registration numbers marked on their arms (just like the adults) ran the circular, grassy course, safely within the interior of the park.

The younger and older children were separated into two divisions so as to prevent collisions and confusion. Parents were encouraged to participate and were required for those under the age of five years of age. Even babies in strollers were pushed along the course!

All runners completed the course without even one skinned knee.

After the children finished running, they were escorted back to the Club for the awards ceremony. Every runner was individually recognized and presented with an official OCC neck medallion in front of the proud parents and friends. The run was intentionally designed to maximize the opportunity for every child to have the experience of being a winner and have positive feelings about themselves as a runner.

As a fun run, the purpose was to encourage children to develop an interest in running as a life-long sport, to develop their skills whatever their level, and to foster a sense of accomplishment and pride. Of course, the Running Committee hopes to be developing future members for their various running teams!

Many thanks to the volunteers who got up very early on a Saturday morning to make this keiki run a reality: Shawna Brizzolara and Cliff Shafer (they blew up all the balloons in the start/finish arch); Donna Savitz; Louann Suppa, Vien and Mike Schwinn, and Dawn and Ford Whiting.

Six & Under Division

Age 2
Jonathon Liu
Kyle Suppa
Sarah Worrall
Age 3
James Marchant
Anna Uhr
Age 4
Jareb Caputy
Nicholas Liu
Kiele Schwinn
Age 5
Emma Daily
Alison Nichols
Julia Ribeiro
Nicholas Stein
Lauren Uhr
Mark Yeager
Age 6
Jenna Frowein (third to finish)
Misty Maa
Caldwell Marchant
Vinay Mathur
Mikela Schwinn (first to finish)
Rachel Suppa
Patrick Stein
Ty Thiessen (second to finish)
Allie Whiting

Twelve & Under Division

Age 7
Zayn ElHajji
Christopher Nichols (third to finish)
Age 8
Pua Black
Jordan Caputy
Jon Hunter III
Kate Player
Brian Suite (first to finish)
Age 9
Cassidy Cavanah
Age 10
Brooke Hunter (second to finish)
Nicole Ulmer
Age 11
Mary Daily
Amanda Harris
Alex Player

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