

Third Annual Outrigger Biathlon a Total Blast!

By Chris Worrall

On your mark, get set, ready . . . and with the crack of the starters pistol held in the sure hand of Miss Hawaii 1999, Candes Meijide Gentry, the Third Annual Outrigger Biathlon was off and running. The June 10th event was a joint effort of the Outrigger's Swimming and Running committees and open to the public.

Many additional enthusiasts including Club management provided race day assistance. This year's biggest challenge was the surf. With most of the island praying for more, we were hoping for a brief reprieve from the summer swell, not much, just enough to get 90 some odd swimmers safely out and back into the channel fronting the Club. We timed it just right, between two summer swells. Just in case, Beach Attendant Don Isaacs had plotted an alternate route for the 800 meter swim (maybe next year).

And what do you do with the kids on a Saturday morning when you're trying to get out and satisfy your competitive spirit? Leave it up to Terri Needels, who organized the First Annual Keiki Run which took place simultaneously on the green lawns of Kapiolani Park (see related story).

Before long, all competitors, young and old, had gathered on the Hau Terrace for refreshments, results, a variety of great grab bag prizes and, of course, trophies, which were skillfully dispensed by the perpetually effervescent Candes Meijide Gentry. Photographing the event for posterity was Nora Meijide and her fabulous photos are on display in the Tunnel. A big thanks to all participants and contributors who made this event, once again, a great success and I'll see you all there next year.

Rick Heitzel was the first competitor to finish in a time of :31:45.

Twain Newhart was the first OCC member to finish, 24th overall, in a time of :39:43. Other members who participated were Brad Coates, :42:22; Diane Stowell, :43:32; Chris Worrall, :43:38; Arnold Lum, :44:41; Brad Thiessen, :48:40; Jim Stahl, :50:14; Colleen Heyer, :54:55; Barbie Crandlemire, :56:54; Jim Cavanah, :59:05; Jan Newhart, :59:50.



Chris Worrall gives instructions at the start of the race.



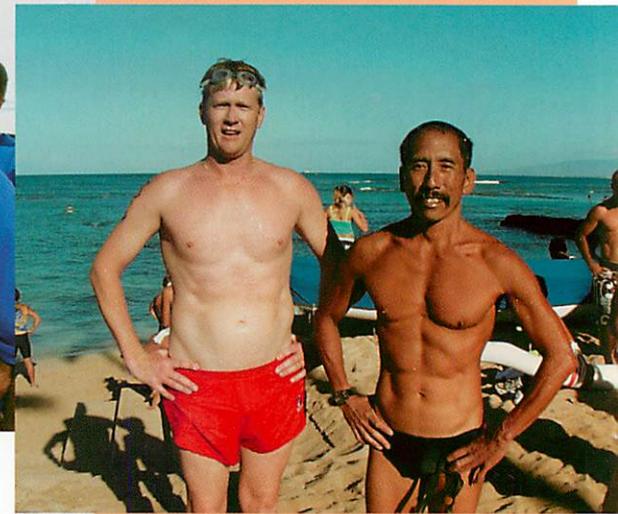
Candes Meijide Gentry starts the biathlon.



Barbie Crandlemire switches from running to swimming gear.

Jan and Twain Newhart were OCC winners.

Diane Stowell races to the finish line.



Chris Worrall and Arnold Lum at the finish.

