

The Swap Romp

By Don Eovino

What a wild, exhausting, competitive and muddy event did 12 OCC members find themselves in for when they arrived Saturday morning at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base obstacle course at 7 a.m. May 1.

OCC entered two teams of six members each, as men's masters and as a women's open. The competitors had to run the Marine's obstacle course, which was filled with numerous mud pits and belly crawls in tank tracks.

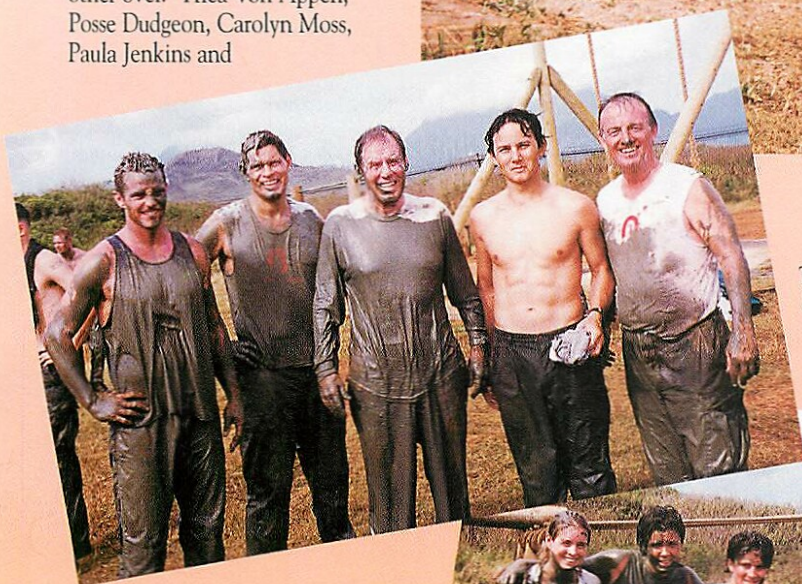
Wearing long pants or hiking boots, the racers joined 128 other teams on timed, one minute, starting intervals. Once on the course, runners were shot with fire hoses to add additional weight.

The first obstacle was scaling a nine-foot wall. Gino Merez, Tommy Damon, and Mike Field leaped over the wall in a single bound. Don Eovino, Bob DeWitz and Jim Stahl needed a little more help. The girls banded together and strategized how to assist each other over. Thea Von Appen, Posse Dudgeon, Carolyn Moss, Paula Jenkins and



Don Eovino gets pushed over the wall.

The men finished third
Mike Field, Bob DeWitz,
Jim Stahl, Gino Merez,
and Don Eovino.
Not pictured: Tommy Damon.



Covered in mud were Posse Dudgeon,
Thea Von Appen, Jen Bosset,
Carolyn Moss, Paula Jenkins
and Terry Field.



Jen Bosset listened while race captain Terry Field instructed them on obstacle running.

In addition to the obstacles, mud pits and beam walking, were the difficulty of running out through the sand along the beach and back, a distance of over five miles.

Each team had to finish together, which put pressure on the slower runners. The event was an annual event for the military which recently opened the event to the public.

The women's team took third placed at 1:26, and the men's masters took third place a 1:07. So much for our national state of military preparedness, the finishers were covered head to toe in military mud and took longer to wash off than it did to do the race.



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