

## USMS NATIONAL OFFICE

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# NATIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – Tracy Grilli

This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year in this position (time flies when you're having fun!!!!) How many times can I state in my annual report, in different ways, what I do as the National Office Administrator? I've decided to take the lead from Esther (which tells you that she submitted her report sooner than I), and have some fun.

Typing and talking  
Are what I do best  
This job is just right  
I really don't jest

A member of the force  
Who took on the 2006 Worlds  
A HUGE group effort  
When the US carpet unfurls

The phone calls, the e-mails  
the faxes, snail mail  
Somehow (I'm not sure how)  
I haven't gone stale

Short & Long Course  
National entry registration  
Whose idea was this anyway?  
They should be put in detention

Publication orders  
Envelope stuffing and licking  
Registration transmittals  
More folding and sticking

Oh, that's right  
It was "my" idea  
It's worked out great  
Bring it back on next year

Just when I think  
I've got it all done  
I get a call from Boss Jim  
And I'm under the gun

Patience from the directors  
Big Mel and Savannah Scott  
Miracles from Web Jim &  
Support from the Championship lot

I'm not by myself  
I have Mary & Heather  
And of course, can't forget  
Registration Queen Esther

Much appreciation for the EC  
We've spent some quality time  
Impressive dedication & team work  
They are like a fine wine

I'm not sure how Esther does it  
She counts every bean  
Transfers and one events  
Her database is clean

So I will finish off  
Get this packet out the door  
Hope to swim fast in Savannah  
And be back for more

A few new projects  
Introduced this year  
I'm working with others  
To get it in gear

If you have any questions  
A concern or you're just bored  
You know where to find me  
Usms@usms.org

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## DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR – Esther Lyman

As of approximately Mid-June, we have booked 35,430 members with registration dates through May, or 83.5% of the 2003 total of 42,407 (net of transfers). My guess is that we will be running about even with this time last year, when the stragglers with registration dates in April or May are in.

<b>Members</b>			
<b>Year Born</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Total YTD</b>
1900-1919	62	90	152
1920-1929	278	465	743
1930-1939	616	1062	1678
1940-1949	1484	2905	4389
1950-1959	4114	5735	9849
1960-1969	4830	5577	10407
1970-1979	3679	3044	6723
1980-1986	945	544	1489
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16008</b>	<b>19422</b>	<b>35430</b>

<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
40.8%	59.2%
37.4%	62.6%
36.7%	63.3%
33.8%	66.2%
41.8%	58.2%
46.4%	53.6%
54.7%	45.3%
63.5%	36.5%
45.2%	54.8%

<b>2003 Total</b>	19499	22908	42407
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If you are interested in details for your LMSC (or Zone), or how your numbers play out against other LMSCs, please request additional details from Tracy or Esther. With electronic archives going back 10 years we can run the numbers from almost any perspective across that period.

As always, the data administration job is made easier by the patience and professionalism of our registrars and those who support them (thank you Leo, Web Jim, and Treasurers). We are fortunate that even the retirements of some major 'old-time' registrars have been handled without missing a beat. It recently occurred to me that we depend on them learning the ropes from their predecessors and the LMSC Handbook. We really ought to make it easier for them to assimilate the rules. So here is my simplified explanation of what we do:

What we have is something like the Russian matryoshka dolls, inside the big doll is a smaller doll and inside that yet another doll, and another. USMS has boxes within boxes. But the boxes are not all the same size, and there can be more than one box within any other box.

First we have One Big Box called USMS. Within that box are 53 other boxes (Lmscs). Within each of these boxes are other boxes, anywhere from 1 to 130 or more. Usually a total of 500 boxes (Clubs). And inside each of the club boxes are heads. From a couple of dozen to 1,500 heads. Some 42,000 in all. These heads belong to groups according to their age and sex, but move to another group every five years, so you never know how many heads you have in each group or how many groups are represented in each box.

From year to year there are usually 53 boxes within the big box, but you never know how many of the smaller boxes there will be, or how many heads in each. Some of the heads return every year, but one third of them are always new heads and have to learn the rules. Some of the heads return to boxes that are no longer there and have to be put in new boxes.

You can play with anybody else in any box, any time, in any game, in any location, but you can only be assigned to one box at a time. Some of the boxes compete with each other as teams according to their group. There are also some heads that don't want to belong to a designated box. These 'unattached's can play individually with heads from other boxes, but they cannot play with the box teams.

You can move between the boxes as much as you want, as long as you only belong to one at any given time. And you can move as many times as you want during the year, but if you belong to a box team, you can only play for the new team 60 days after you have played for your old team.

Then there are heads that don't want to live in boxes but do sometimes want to play with everybody else in a certain game. They can get a ticket for one day or game, and they can play, but not score.

Welcome to the wonderful and wacky world of USMS Registration!