

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings from the National Office...

Once convention is over and decisions have been made it is on to updating our various publications and getting them to the printer and then out to you!

As of this printing, the following publications are completed and have been mailed. If you are on one of the below lists and did not receive the publication, please contact me at the National Office.

The USMS Rule Book can be found on the USMS Website at <http://www.usms.org/rules/>. Complimentary Rule Books have been sent to: LMSC Registrars, and Members of the Legislation, Long Distance, Rules & Rule Book committees. Complimentary copies of the USMS Mini Rule Book have been sent to the LMSC Officials Chairs.

The USMS LMSC Handbook can be found on the USMS Website at <http://www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/>. This is a compilation of information, which provides guidelines to LMSC officers, that will assist them in performing their respective duties. A complete hardcopy of this handbook has been sent to all LMSC Chairmen and Registrars. The applicable section as been e-mailed to the Treasurer and Sanctions, Top Ten, Long Distance and Communications (Webmaster, Editor) Chair.

The USMS Directory is a Who's "who" in USMS and it contains the contact information for members of the Board of Directors, Special Assignments, Liaisons, Committee members and LMSC Chairmen. All who are "in" the Directory, also receive a copy.

In this issue, please find the nomination form and guidelines for the Ransom Arthur Award, which is USMS's most prestigious award. It is presented annually to the person who is deemed by the Recognition and Awards Committee to have done the most to further the objectives of Masters swimming programs. **The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 15th.**

Jim Miller asked me to announce to you that the bid for the 11th FINA World Masters Championships was submitted in a timely fashion to FINA. Two other countries, Great Britain and Egypt, have also submitted timely bids for the 2006 championships. FINA's first look at the bids will occur in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) during their meeting scheduled for March 11-13th. Jim will keep us posted on developments, as they are released to us. Michael Moore and the entire Pacific LMSC along with our friends from USA Water Polo, USA Synchronized Swimming and USA Diving have done a wonderful job putting together this bid. They are all to be congratulated.

Well, out of room again. Hope all is well with you and your LMSC!

Tracy

THINGS TO DO...

Listed are **all deadlines** from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2004 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: <http://www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/workingcalendar.pdf>

FEBRUARY ~ 2004

1st

- Convention Chair (Michael Heather – Convention@usms.org) sends 2004 requirements to USAS
- 4th Quarter Financial Reports prepared by USMS Controller (Cathy Pennington – Controller@usms.org)

5th

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office) – SWIM Magazine Label Month

8th

- Preliminary Top Ten mailed to LMSC Top Ten Chairmen and Records and Tabulation Committee members for proof reading
- Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM calendar for May/June issue to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood – Zones@usms.org)

15th

- Call for Ransom Arthur nominations sent to LMSCs and SWIM from Kathy Casey, USMS Recognition and Awards Chair – Awards@usms.org (information in this newsletter)
- Editorial materials due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening – SWIMEditor@usms.org) for May/June issue
- Long Distance All American Listing due from Long Distance Chair to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening – SwimEditor@usms.org) for May/June issue
- Deadline for submission of fiscal 2003 reimbursements or payments due to the Controller (Cathy Pennington – Controller@usms.org) from all cost center heads

22nd

- Responses due from Top 10 proof-reading to Records and Tabulation Committee Chair (Pieter Cath – TopTen@usms.org)

28th

- Reports from Committee Chairs on status of projects, etc., due to Executive Committee Liaisons

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-meet site visit by Championship Committee liaison to SC Nationals host (IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana)

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MARCH ~ 2004

- 1st
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - SCM Top 10 list sent to printer
- 11th
- Post Mark entry deadline for 2004 SC Nationals
- 15th
- Summary of liaison reports due from Executive Committee members to the President (Jim Miller, MD – President@usms.org)
 - Deadline for Ransom Arthur Award Nominations (due to Kathy Casey, USMS Recognition and Awards Chairs – Awards@usms.org)
- 18th
- Received by entry deadline for 2004 SC Nationals
- 20th
- Call for USMS Service Award nominations to LMSCs from Kathy Casey, USMS Recognition and Awards Chair – Awards@usms.org
- 30th
- Quarterly Swim Info product sales report/payment due to USMS
- 31st
- Other deadlines this month ~*
- Final call for 2004 Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinic applications
 - Final call for 2004 Open Water Clinic applications
 - Plans and information for 2004 Masters Coaches Conference distributed
 - Notify Sponsors of SC Nationals due dates for booths, banners, and ads

APRIL ~ 2004

- 1st
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - Mid year reports (Committee Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments) due to EC Liaison
 - Bid packets sent to interested bidders for USMS 2005 Long Distance Championship events
 - USMS Secretary (Sally Dillon – Secretary@usms.org) notifies LMSCs of delegate entitlements for 2004 Convention
- 8th
- Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM calendar for July/August issue to Zone Chair
- 15th
- Editorial materials due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor for July/August issue

- EC Liaisons send Mid year reports to National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli – USMS@usms.org) for publication in the Spring issue of *Streamlines...*
 - Ransom Arthur ballots due Recognition and Awards Committee to Chair (Kathy Casey – Awards@usms.org) for tabulation
 - Deadline for submission of information to be included in the Spring issue of *Streamlines...* from the National Office
- 15th – 18th
- YMCA National Championships, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
- 22nd – 25th
- USMS SC National Championships, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Ransom Arthur award winner announced at SC Nationals.
- 30th
- LMSC minutes of 2003 annual meetings and copy of 2003 financial statements due to National Office from all LMSCs
 - Initial deadline for LMSCs to submit the names of their delegates to the 2004 Convention due to the USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon – Secretary@usms.org)
 - Spring issue of *Streamlines...* sent via e-mail or snail mail

Other deadlines this month ~

- All American roster prepared and congratulations sent from the President
- Coaches Chair (Bob Bruce) check progress with LSMC Coaches Reps

USMS PLANNERS Now Available!!!

Back by popular demand! The 2004 USMS Planners are now available at the USMS National Office. The Planner is an invaluable resource for keeping track of your swimming activities and progress, as well as a calendar for recording workouts and schedules. Valuable coupons from our sponsors, found in the back of this Planner will save you money on your swimming necessities.

The Planner is free, you just have to send a self addressed stamped (\$.60) envelope (5 x 7) and upon receipt, a Planner will be sent right out to you.

Are you a coach? Are you hosting a meet? Order in quantity and give them out to all your members/participants. Contact the National Office for postage fees.

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MAY ~ 2004

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
- Delegates from 2003 receive Convention Registration packet for 2004 Convention via e-mail or snail mail from the National Office
- Cost Center Heads receive budget forms (for 2005 budget) from Finance Chair (Tom Boak - Finance@usms.org)

15th

- Controller's filing deadline with IRS for Form 990
- Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather - Convention@usms.org) sends out final notice to Committee Chairs regarding equipment requirements for convention.
- First Quarter Financial Reports prepared.

20th

- National Office sends reminder to LMSCs of July 10th deadline for submission of proposed code amendments

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-meet site visit by Championship committee Liaison to LC Nationals Host, Savannah, Georgia
- Notify Sponsors of LC Nationals due dates for booths, banners and ads.
- USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon - Secretary@usms.org) sends reminders to LMSCs for names of delegates to 2004 Convention, San Diego, California

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CONTACT UPDATES...

Following are updates received by the National Office after the printing/distribution of the 2004 Rule Book, 2004 LMSC Handbook and 2004 USMS Directory.

- Neal Conrad (Delaware Valley Chairman) – correct phone number is 610-495-2808
- Paul Freeman (Pacific Northwest Editor) – correct phone number is 206-283-3802
- Steve Kelly (Delaware Valley Sanctions) – correct e-mail is sdhkelly@cs.com
- Arni Litt (Pacific Northwest Registrar) – correct phone number is 206-323-4712
- Rich Mueller (Central Officials) – new e-mail jmarc@outdrs.net
- Jane Owen (North Dakota Chairman) – new phone is 701-741-7313
- Eric Strom (Ozark Editor) – address is 539 Sweetcreek Dr, Apt C, Ballwin, MO 63021-4856
- Sarah Welch (Pacific Northwest Treasurer) – correct e-mail is sarah.welch@seattle.gov

NEW LMSC OFFICERS...

A full list of LMSC Officers can be found at www.usms.org/lmsc/lmscofficers.php. In the very near future, you will have the ability to update your LMSC Officer's contact information through this page. Also be sure that all changes/updates are sent to your LMSC Registrar so that their database is also up to date.

- Alaska Secretary – Joanne Wainwright
- Alaska Top Ten – Paula Smith, 3000 Capstan Dr, Anchorage, AK 99516, 907-345-5800, kwinter@alaska.net
- Delaware Valley Vice Chair – Steve Kelly
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- Pacific Vice Chairman of Administration – Barbara Thomas, 48 White Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94947, 925-648-1750, bthomas@crosslinkcapital.com

USMS Short Course Nationals Indiana University Natatorium Indianapolis, Indiana

Meet information and on line registration are now available at the USMS website at <http://www.usms.org/comp/scnats04/meetinfo.shtml>

NEW USMS CONTROLLER

Congratulations to Margaret Bayless from the Lake Erie LMSC on her appointment as the new USMS Controller. Margaret will be taking over for Cathy Pennington on March 1st.

A special thanks goes out to Cathy who has done an exceptional job keeping our financial records order!!!

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2006 USMS Long Distance Championships

Bid forms for the 2006 USMS Long Distance Championships have been e-mailed and must be returned to Peter Crumbine (longdistance@usms.org) not later than Friday, August 13, 2004. Additional forms are available by e-mailing him or by going to their website (<http://www.usms.org/longdist/>). Site/host selection for the 2006 events will occur at the 2004 Convention – September 15th thru 19th in Orlando, but committee review will take place prior to convention. The Long Distance Committee encourages all interested organizations to bid, particularly those that have not previously hosted a national championship.

Out-of-area bids for open water events will not be considered if there are qualified, in-area bids, but this is often not the case. The last page of the bid form contains the area system for 2006. Postal events are not subject to area restrictions, and you may use one form to bid for more than one postal event.

FINA World Masters Swim Championships Riccione, Italy 2004

Meet information and **on line** registration are now available at
<http://www.masters2004.it/entries.asp>

A limited number of entry booklets have been sent to the National Office and are available first come-first served. If the number of orders is larger than the number available, photo copies of the booklet will be sent.

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NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

Neuburger Is New Head of Swimming Hall of Fame

DALE Neuburger, President of the Indiana Sports Corporation, takes office as the new Chairman of the Board of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Nine Inducted Into Masters Swimming Hall of Fame

Nine aquatic Masters greats – including six swimmers, one diver, one water polo player and one synchronized swimmer – were inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) in Fort Lauderdale.

To qualify for consideration for IMSHOF, Masters swimmers must have been dominant for at least 15 years and in at least four five-year age groups. The following is a brief summary of the achievements of the 2004 honorees, the second class to be inducted into the Hall:

JANE ASHER (Great Britain). Born in Northern Rhodesia and raised in South Africa, she is a highly successful swim coach. Since 1983, she has competed in four age groups (55-59 through 70-74) and set 52 Masters world records in freestyle, backstroke, IM and sprint butterfly.

ALDO DA ROSA (USA). Brazilian born, he is a professor of engineering at Stanford University. Since the 1970s, he has competed in six age groups (60-64 through 85-89) and set 44 Masters world records.

PAUL HUTINGER (USA). One of the 45 people who swam in the first official U.S. Masters championship in 1971, he has, since then, competed in seven age groups (45-49 through 75-79) and set 26 Masters world records, mostly in the backstroke. He received his Ph.D. at Indiana university under the famed "Doc" Counsilman.

YOSHIKO OSAKI (Japan). A Japanese Olympian in 1956 and '60 and multi national champion, she has competed in four age groups (45-49 through 60-64) since 1984 and set 70 Masters world records, in backstroke, freestyle and the medley. She is married to Yoshihiko Osaki, a silver medalist at the 1960 Olympics and current Chairman of Japanese Masters Swimming.

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FRANK PIEMME (USA). A retired mechanical engineer, since 1980, he has competed in five age groups (55-59 through 75-79) and set 49 Masters world records, primarily in freestyle and butterfly.

LAURA VAL (USA). Arguably the most dominant female Masters swimmer in the world, since 1984 she has competed in four age groups (35-39 thru 50-54) and set 97 Masters world records in every stroke but breaststroke and in every distance from 50 to 1500 meters.

The inductees from the other aquatic disciplines:

VIOLA HARTMAN CADY KRAHN (USA). Diving. The only woman ever to win national titles in swimming, diving and water polo, she is now the world's oldest competitive diver at the age of 102. She has won 17 Masters world diving titles: 11 on the one-meter and six on the 3-meter springboard. At age 100, she appeared on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," conversing on stage and doing a dive into a pool.

MIKE GARIBALDI (USA). Water polo. A coach, teacher, actor and model, since 1988, he has played in five age groups (30+ through 50+) and competed in seven Masters World Championships with his teams winning 3 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze medal. He is also an outstanding distance swimmer.

LOUISE WING (USA). Synchronized swimming. A musician, former Coast Guard lieutenant and founder of Masters synchronized swimming, she has competed in six Masters World Championships and won 14 gold, three silver and two bronze medals since 1985. Additional information is available for each of the inductees upon request.

HELPFUL HINTS

Problem – You keep "misplacing" your USMS registration card.

Solution - Invest in a USMS Bag Tag from the National Office (\$2.00). When you receive your new registration card, make a photo copy, put the copy in your bag tag and attach to your swim bag. Then be sure to put your original in a safe place!

Problem – You have not purchased your USMS Bag Tag and have misplaced your card. You have a meet coming up and you need your registration number.

Solution – Your registration number is in the upper left hand corner of your SWIM Magazine Label.

Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Selects 2005 Inductees

The Class of 2005 -- the third class of Masters aquatic greats who will be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) has been announced.

The nine Masters aquatic greats selected for induction next January include six swimmers, two divers and a writer/contributor.

The swimmers:

FLORA CONNOLLY (Great Britain). Since 1986, she has competed in five age groups: (45-49 through 65-69) and set 64 Masters world records, primarily in butterfly, breaststroke and individual medley.

BURWELL JONES (USA). A member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic team, Dr. Burwell "Bumpy" Jones began competing in Masters at the very beginning, in 1972, starting in the 35-39 age group. He has competed in five age groups, setting 29 Masters world records in freestyle, backstroke and I.M. events.

BETSY JORDAN (USA). Known primarily as a backstroker, Betsy has been in Masters swimming since its inception more than 30 years ago, setting 38 Masters world records – 31 in the backstroke.

SANDY NEILSON-BELL (USA). As Sandy Neilson in 1972, Sandy won three Olympic gold medals in Munich: the 100 m freestyle and both relays. As Sandy Neilson-Bell, she has accumulated 43 Masters world records in freestyle, I.M. and sprint butterfly.

RICHARD REINSTADLER (Germany). At 92 the oldest of the 2005 selectees, Richard has competed in four age groups (75-79 through 90-94) during a 17-year Masters career. During that time he has set 43 Masters world records, mostly in freestyle and backstroke.

RICHARD TOD SPIEKER (USA). During Tod Spieker's Masters swimming career, which began in 1977, he has set 20 Masters world records in distance freestyle, backstroke and I.M.

The remaining three selectees:

JOHN DEININGER (USA). A founding member of U.S. Masters Diving in 1974 and President from 1994-2000, John has been both a professional high diver and entertainer as well as a diving coach for over 40 years. As a competitor, he has won over 30 Masters World Diving championships.

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WILLIAM McALISTER (USA). A successful diving coach, Bill McAlister competed in seven age groups for Masters Diving beginning in 1973 with the 60-64 group. Sometimes regarded as the "Father of Masters Diving", he was instrumental in organizing Masters Diving in 1973. During his Masters career he won a total of 10 Masters world titles on the 1m, 3m and 10m platform. Bill died in January, 2000 at the age of 89.

PHIL WHITTEN (USA) - Contributor

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: EDITOR-IN-CHIEF of Swimming World, Swimming Technique, Swim Magazine; AUTHOR of 18 books and over 300 major articles on swimming and other topics; One of world's leading advocates for swimming at all levels; PROMOTER and WRITER for values of all 4 Masters disciplines

The first "Contributor" selected to the Masters Hall of Fame, Dr. Phil Whitten has been, since 1992, the editor-in-chief of the USA's three leading swimming magazines, which are read worldwide. He also serves as editor and chief writer for the world's #1 web site, SwimInfo.com. His best-selling Complete Book of Swimming is one of the leading authorities on swimming, fitness and health. As editor of Swim Magazine, he constantly writes about Masters athletes and achievements, promoting the Masters movement worldwide.

Pre-Nationals LC Meet Edmonton, Alberta Canada February 28, 2004

The next World Masters Games in 2005 (WMG2005) will be hosted in Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

The Pre-national meet will be hosted in the same city and pool as the WMG2005 and the Canadian Masters Swimming Championship (Masters Nationals) in May 2004. This is a good chance to train and compete in the same pool that Championship & WMG2005 competitors are swimming in.

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