Meet the GTD Swimmer and GTD 2009 Final Highlights

GTD 2009 Highlight #1: Did you negative split your distance this year?

Remember the challenge that was issued to all GTD Participants in June? It was see who could negative split their distance this year! Looks like lots of you embraced this challenge and did it – congratulations!!

Orlin Buhr Hector Acevedo Eric Davis Jackie Foster Doug Adamavich Michael Bullock Trudy Ann Dayton Kerry Frame Dominick Aiello Jeff Bush Dorothy Debolt Michelle Frappier Rob Butcher Joy Ailes Robert Declercq Isabelle Fraser Julie Cain Evelyn Alford Joan Delgado Anne Frayne Jean Allen Jim Callahan Wayne Deloney Stanley Freerks Craig Anderson Thomas Callan Karlene Denby Terry Freerks Shawn Dickson Blaire Fromm James Anderson Robert Calonkey Patricia Anixter Katherine Leusing Canales Elaine Disney Lacy Fuller Judy Anttonen Michael J Dittman Jean Gallagher Kelly Cantlen Ellen Arnold June Carson Suzanne Dodd Terri Garrou Corby Arthur Walter Carter Paul Dow Christopher Garville Barry Bachenheimer Sean Carter Sarah Downey David Garza Janice Baker Susie Caso Mark Doyle Caroline Gatto Marie Baldner Louis Ceci Sharon Driesch Christopher Gaw Susan Barbary Rob Dumouchel Henry Chan David Gehring David Barra Jane Cheney Maureen Dwyer Jill Gellatly David Bastian Craig Clayton Vera Eastridge Susan George Jennifer Bauman Paul Cleary Andy Eberheart Sean George Michael Bell Marcia Cleveland Kirsten Eddins Therese Gigliotti Keith Benson Cindy Clutter Karen Einsidler Mark Gill Michael Bergkvist Ed M Coates Veronica Ellingson Jeri Gintert Kathy Elliot Richard F Bernstein Natalie Coll Nicole Goebel Janie Elliott Ann Berres-Olivotti Mark Comfort Lois Goodman Robert Bibb Jennifer Cormack Doug Esch Sherry Green Jane Birkhead Joanne Corrao Lance Evans Tom Green Randal Boldt Susan Cottrill Michael Fanelli Eugenie Gruender Paul Bousel Bob Couch Bill Fenner Peter Guadagni Kathy Boyer Kathy Crawford Howard Ferguson William Haas Marianne Bradley Richard Criche Robert Fernald Heather Hagadorn Barry Breffle Jed Cronin Pedro Ferreira Amber Hahn Mike Broglio James Curd Robert Fischl Ali Hall Matt Bronson John Curwen Joe Flanagan George Halow Catherine Brooks Les Cutler Ed Fonner Berry Hamilton Forest Brooks Kelly Dakin Anna Marie Forest Darren Hamman Michael R Brown Pam D Dameron Susan Forve Steven T Hammond Keitha Bryan Maryellen Darnold Beth Foster Diane Happel

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Robert A Stickney

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GTD 2009 Highlight #2: How many of you swam further in 2009 than

you did in 2007 and 2008? For those of you who participated in GTD 2009 as well as GTD 2008 (and some of you in GTD 2007) – it's time to see who swam further this year than last year. Way to go to all of you who did it!

Swimmer	2009	2008	2007	Maureen Dwyer	266.54	240.88	0.00
Tina Alkezweeny	314.81	105.74	96.32	Andy Eberheart	227.02	106.77	0.00
Margaret Allen	293.01	275.35	0.00	Karen Einsidler	579.06	522.05	0.00
Patricia Anixter	223.36	193.27	0.00	Veronica Ellingson	258.74	113.50	225.10
Judy Anttonen	81.93	62.27	0.00	James Enyart	252.96	241.64	0.00
Stephen Arvedson	270.75	208.38	0.00	Louis Farmer	477.24	415.12	358.57
Lynn Ascione	464.15	421.25	354.87	Matthew Fetters	399.89	235.10	300.74
David Balling	436.57	333.24	0.00	Robert Fischl	135.02	115.79	0.00
Roberta Bardini	302.12	278.42	0.00	Lynn Foley	368.11	300.53	0.00
David Barron	250.26	209.07	0.00	Ed Fonner	301.50	248.20	256.00
Jennifer Bauman	580.33	576.93	511.33	Beth Foster	426.59	252.53	0.00
Sarah Bennett	344.00	309.92	0.00	Robert Franks	257.87	201.52	204.89
Ellen Beraud	254.35	202.00	0.00	Terry Freerks	459.25	432.47	0.00
Robert Bibb	619.12	455.92	321.40	Stanley Freerks	459.25	432.47	0.00
Mike Bickel	196.33	171.00	0.00	Jack Fritts	270.81	211.84	0.00
Jane Birkhead	400.49	391.23	0.00	Ashley Gangloff	16.45	0.62	0.00
Patricia Bond	286.68	279.41	265.86	Michael Garceau	160.28	100.08	0.00
Ray Borzone	300.65	220.74	0.00	Terri Garrou	107.35	102.73	99.30
Paul Bousel	496.72	475.13	482.76	Jill Gellatly	276.50	264.40	0.00
Kathy Boyer	848.05	760.35	757.70	Sean George	138.51	61.28	0.00
Barry Breffle	215.45	159.40	0.00	Susan George	150.05	101.63	0.00
Bob Brown	198.86	186.33	0.00	Len Gerlowski	214.40	200.66	0.00
Courtney Busch	472.39	407.40	0.00	Therese Gigliotti	339.77	328.77	283.35
Linda Callaway	602.23	559.66	469.53	Mark Glenesk	282.30	272.00	0.00
Michael Carew	1057.22	866.23	647.62	Fred Gliesing	329.00	288.48	283.65
Richard Carlson	217.65	195.77	205.00	Nicole Goebel	416.13	359.54	346.08
Malinda Case	277.06	240.09	213.88	Susan Gorman	323.54	307.33	289.91
Laura Caskey	210.66	172.15	134.85	Thomas Grandine	760.43	685.74	0.00
Susie Caso	160.85	144.06	0.00	Sherry Green	131.09	91.17	49.69
Shaun Cassells	42.15	31.95	0.00	Jeannie Groesz	256.56	253.15	163.48
Louis Ceci	208.15	188.40	0.00	George Halow	410.45	403.68	0.00
Henry Chan	371.33	368.89	0.00	Michael Heather	437.33	338.62	61.14
Deborah Chassler	357.15	342.29	279.52	David Hinz	203.42	169.43	13.64
Jane Cheney	412.02	309.98	0.00	Laurie Hohwald	129.08	94.31	128.79
Christie Ciraulo	677.11	618.05	0.00	Andrea Hunt	522.22	502.69	500.08
Jim Clemmons	632.26	618.77	541.20	Margie Hutinger	130.51	121.70	109.62
Susan Condon	21.50	5.96	0.00	Andrea Ilg	197.35	179.44	0.00
Jenny Cook	517.06	516.86	0.00	Edward Jerger	172.28	132.75	0.00
Jed Cronin	442.53	357.54	0.00	Deanna Johnson	289.03	227.82	0.00
Susan Cushman	289.83	276.59	255.63	Sara Johnston	254.89	192.71	0.00
Eric Davis	186.47	115.67	115.10	James Jonsson	745.09	584.79	556.83
Brian Davis	330.33	305.14	0.00	David Juchniewicz	750.26	701.50	413.71
Karlene Denby	424.50	401.81	383.05	Robert Kelly	132.95	51.18	52.45
Edward Devennish	183.30	162.94	0.00	Darla Kelly	188.78	114.40	156.92
Suzanne Dodd	374.23	373.18	350.35	Amy Klodzinski	230.23	198.10	0.00

Camille Klotz	167.19	91.39	0.00	Jenny Seagraves	184.84	167.51	0.00
Patricia Knowles	848.42	825.41	775.51	Bob Sege	174.17	170.50	170.50
Doug Kopp	834.46	762.63	433.97	Baker Shannon	126.58	120.59	0.00
Angela Kozlowski	227.22	197.47	200.66	Mike Sheehy	100.80	100.33	0.00
Lynn Kubasek	1011.99	854.71	0.00	Bill Sherman	228.13	192.62	173.69
Jean-Marie Lacobee	217.70	65.75	151.68	Linda Shoenberger	351.16	88.57	0.00
Kristi Lee	675.65	652.87	629.55	Michael Sirkin	358.86	335.28	204.61
Cokie Lepinski	384.18	302.49	0.00	Paula Smith	505.39	500.27	503.09
Kim Light	205.82	162.62	119.97	Brian Stack	339.98	284.21	0.00
Matthew Lind	254.19	253.84	0.00	Mary Stein	267.90	57.00	0.00
Jenny Lorenz	157.11	151.73	0.00	Marjorie Stone	294.44	279.04	0.00
Kristen Lowry	208.98	207.73	0.00	Jeff Strahota	438.14	414.76	0.00
Peter Machado	147.33	7.75	0.00	Karen Swanigan	150.07	125.00	115.66
Ed March	537.79	445.48	0.00	Barry Symonds	433.95	405.55	0.00
Grayson Marshall	529.18	507.88	434.79	Mary Teel	289.74	201.43	0.00
Amy McElroy	227.97	202.11	160.00	Marianne Thomas	617.77	550.00	0.00
Sally Menk	374.31	313.75	177.97	Anthony Thompson	240.65	230.61	0.00
Jeanine Meyers	234.38	221.66	0.00	Dahlia Thompson	214.23	205.62	197.72
Curtis Miller	309.84	290.73	0.00	Art Torpy	374.61	366.73	0.00
Doug Miller	254.81	205.61	0.00	Robin Tracy	135.56	132.72	0.00
Robin Mills	370.42	339.00	0.00	Susan Traylor	105.04	91.63	93.03
Michael Moore	256.59	216.42	0.00	Martin Turecky	521.55	390.07	0.00
Kevin Mortensen	401.14	214.82	0.00	Peter Turner	413.28	353.78	337.73
Michael Muma	372.87	283.90	0.00	Chris Tyler	176.11	146.26	0.00
DJ Murray	383.22	260.17	337.75	Hans van Meeteren	471.38	309.63	0.00
George Murray Jr	177.11	132.90	157.10	Greta van Meeteren	519.67	375.90	0.00
Marie Neaves	115.20	13.90	64.50	Carol Vangel	53.38	19.03	0.00
Steve Newman	809.42	793.22	793.93	Robin Walker	407.93	385.71	0.00
Son Nguyen	378.45	327.90	0.00	Harriet Wall	1214.89	1103.92	1055.37
Richard Nowakowski	225.04	191.71	0.00	Heather Walsh	131.62	107.50	0.00
Melodee Nugent	838.92	593.60	567.83	Todd Walter	139.04	36.14	0.00
Stephen O'Neill	575.82	566.97	570.41	Woods Wannamaker	320.89	272.52	210.28
Craig Oney	22.27	9.09	0.00	Karen Waska	247.90	232.00	0.00
Gene Paul	491.49	337.69	0.00	Linda Webb	397.38	368.98	0.00
Mary Ella Payne	476.00	437.12	462.97	Thomas Weber	217.72	215.93	173.81
Rebecca Perry	436.94	400.26	0.00	George Weber	140.11	130.26	123.74
Deborah Peters	542.32	424.62	0.00	Wendy Weinberg	384.54	358.95	0.00
Carolyn Pratt	200.01	150.19	0.00	Linda West	210.84	188.97	146.00
Nancy Prier	218.30	216.00	0.00	Nana Whalen	262.95	233.34	0.00
David Redinger	680.00	421.00	0.00	Judy Williams	240.03	231.99	0.00
William Reeves	770.13	108.04	0.00	Ken Winterberger	300.20	270.07	250.46
Joey Richey	116.68	106.94	0.00	Morton Wolf	576.65	366.66	123.64
Rachel Rivera	608.92	547.57	0.00	Jill Wright	389.93 547.07	365.25 400.25	306.26
Jeff Roddin	304.27	302.89	0.00	Paula Yankauskas	547.97 232.25	400.25	0.00
Richard Schluter	135.86	126.50	0.00	Flavia Zappa	232.25	173.00	100.25
Donna Schubkegel	249.64 145.47	103.35	0.00	Gertrud Zint	11.51	6.73	0.00
Robert Scott	145.47	51.90	0.00				

GTD 2009 Highlight #3: So close, but not quiteyikes!

appeared to be quite a surge at the end of the month for those of you attempting to reach your final GTD milestone – and a whole lot of you did! Please review the list of our GTD milestone achievers on the lists posted on this website. However, this highlight is to recognize those that got "soooo close to one" – but not quite! Congratulations to you for your efforts and willingness to go for it! Here are the folks that swam within 2.5 miles of a GTD milestone ...

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		Milestone
Swimmer	Total	Missed
Joanne Corrao	49.95	50
Joseph Milinovich	49.29	50
Judy Wagner	48.83	50
Landon Howard	48.58	50
Rose Helen Garceau	48.18	50
David Dres	99.93	100
Janet Olsen	99.86	100
Lance Evans	98.45	100
Connie Peterson	98.44	100
Claudia Risebig	98.37	100
David Welsh	97.83	100
Linda Sullivan	97.71	100
Rebecca Steiner	149.37	150
Dorothy Buchhagen	149.20	150
Skylar Walker	148.58	150
Rich Johnston	147.99	150
Katherine Canales	199.82	200
Bob Brown	198.86	200
Karl Olson	198.63	200
Ashley Vandersteen	198.32	200
Donna Schubkegel	249.64	250
Kyle Ediger	249.45	250
Karen Waska	247.90	250
Mary Ruppe	247.58	250
Jeff Janosik	299.32	300
Mel Goldstein	298.81	300
Karen Watson	298.47	300
Karin Segal	298.00	300
Jonathan Olsen	365.24	365.25
Dallas Figley	363.09	365.25
Matthew Fetters	399.89	400
Steven Gronemeyer	399.32	400
Michael Asam	397.98	400

Meet the GTD swimmer Michael Schaeffer (50-54 age group)



I am a manufacturer's rep for a company that designs and sells high end heating, cooling, and indoor air quality systems. We do residential and commercial projects with radiant floor heating, furnace type fan coils, chilled water cooling and geothermal applications. We also do solar hot water for those who dare to be different and not stuck in the 60's-70's design ruts. We also have a municipal/industrial division that does corrosive air handling systems and fume/odor control scrubbers. Different types of projects almost every day. I really enjoy projects that put the right people together with

the right products for a complete system that exceeds expectations.

I am married with two great kids who are both out of the nest now. They were both swimmers. Katie swam for University of WA, graduated, and is living in Hong Kong teaching English this year until she decides what to do next. Kyle plays water polo for Western WA U, and just started college this fall. Both kids were state finalist swimmers in High School, and they kept me inspired to swim for all those car pool years. Life is still real busy, but a different pace now that the kids are gone. I may travel more in the coming years, both for work and to travel, and of course to visit the kids. We all spent Christmas in Hong Kong together last week. What an amazing city!

I got a late start swimming compared to many, and first joined a summer league swim team at age 11. I swam in High School in the age of painful-leaky goggles for practice, and nobody raced with them. After High school, I played golf and basketball in recreational leagues, and I stayed out of the water for 20 years. When my kids started their first summer league at Mercerwood Shore Club, they talked me (at age 39) into trying out the masters swim group.

It was a miserable come-back for a couple months, and by being stubborn and competitive, I managed to stay with it. I laughed when they suggested I put on a Speedo and come to a couple meets with the group. 9 months later, I was at my first of 5 Master Nationals meets and having more fun with swimming than I ever had before. Steve Sussex, who swam for UW and has several national and world masters titles, was my big inspiration and best friend in those years. Watching him swim freestyle is a life changing event! Steve is not competing right now either, but I still swim with him on Saturdays and we remain close friends.

With me being back in the pool every day, no way could my kids say that "I don't get it" when they were tired. When they were young, their Chinook coaches were nice enough to let me practice with them when I was the early morning car pool driver. I miss those years and all the kids meets along with helping and interfering with their coaches. Now at age 53, I only train to attempt regular fitness, but will consider swimming the occasional competition when I age up if I get the time.

I have swam at least 5 days per week for the last 14 years, except for travel, a shoulder surgery (boating accident), and a hip replacement that actually only kept me out for 3 weeks. This year I averaged 3,000 meters in a typical workout. I train with a group, the Mercerwood Masters which is an evolved team from the Mercer Island Redwoods, and also spent 4 years with the Greenlake team during my early 40's. I have always been a sprint freestyle swimmer, mostly because I suck at distance. When I was in high school, there was still no such thing as distance swimmers. The kids that swam the longer events we just slow enough not to beat us out of a sprint event. I have been quoted may times as saying "there is no racing over 100 yards, just longer swims"! Of course that has changed and so has the sport.

It is only me that has not changed, just a slower sprinter now! In high school and masters, I also did the zen stroke as an off event (breast stroke). Now everyone swims underwater and breast stroke has lost its exclusive on that....... I do enjoy open water swimming a couple times a year when the water is warm and distances under 2 miles, but not as a regular diet. I miss the lanes and the walls! Although several of my team mates sneak off a couple naked open water swims each summer, I don't trust the fish that much, but will keep an open mind.

Mike and his swim team: the Mercer Island Redwoods Masters. John is center in the top row.

Go The Distance was a great motivator for me. Nothing is better at getting you up to attend an early morning practice than committing to a goal, be it either local competitions leading up to nationals, or just to meet your individual and team goals for GTD. I am definitely more motivated training and committing to a group effort. Picking a distance as an individual and training with a group is the best advice I can give. If you can get your whole group involved. even better. It looks like our group is going to have the highest



GTD team total for the year, and our leaders Tom Grandine, Adaire Dingle, and Howard Jess are already claiming "National Championship"! Those three inspire me daily, and all met their totally unimaginable goals of 1 million meters for 2009. With travel, vacations and work commitments, that means they swam 5,000 per day for 40 weeks this year and they all made it by Thanksgiving! My GTD goal coming off a hip replacement was 600,000 meters for 2009, and it looks like I'll close with 686,500. I could not have done it without my crazy inspirational team mates!

I am probably the team disruption, and often am the one making distracting remarks, off color comments (PG rate of course), delaying send offs with last second questions or comments, calling or encouraging audibles on the coaches workouts, but generally trying to bring some fun and energy to the pool. It often seems that I am here on earth to make sure nobody around me takes themselves too seriously, and I hope to have them laugh at me or with me, it does not matter. Let's face it, chasing the black line can get a little monotonous......

One of the funnier swim stories as a master swimmer was a cross lane back stroke accident between Bill and Mary (last names left out to protect the not so innocent). As you know when doing back stroke (not really a real swim stroke as they can breathe whenever they want, and look around while swimming, and have that stupid little start) you can't see where you are going. Bill and Mary were in side by side lanes going in opposite directions doing back stroke. Bill has long arms, and as they crossed each other next to the lane line, Bill's arm went all the way down the front of Mary suit and they slammed to a stop, were locked under water, under the lane line, with Bill almost drowning as he realized in major embarrassment where his hand was. Mary was a good sport and was laughing harder than anyone. If Bill was ever more flustered in his life than that, I have not heard about it yet!

My funniest and most embarrassing moment was in high school swimming. In 4 years, it was the only time our cheer leaders showed up for our meet. When I dove in to start the 50 free, my 2 year old racing suit had the string explode and take the suit with it right down to my ankles on the dive. After I kicked it off, I only remember thinking I did not want to hang it out too much on the turn, and probably had my fastest flip turn and non shaved time of the year. I actually did win the race, and was not disqualified since they had not brought that rule in yet. After the race, the laughter might have drowned out the applause, as I swam out to get the remains of my suit back on. Probably the most attention I ever got from my team mates and the cheer leaders as I walked back to our team bench!

If I had to describe myself in 4 adjectives, I would say passionate, energetic, consistent, and light hearted. My family, friends and team mates would probably say out-going, tells a good story, and generous. I'll share anything with anyone that asks, and even if they don't ask....

When not swimming, my other big hobby is sailing. Any kind of boating is good, but sailing is more quiet and almost spiritual in nature compared to the drone of power boating. My wife Conni and I take 3 weeks each summer now to sail among the San Juan and Canadian gulf Islands in British Columbia. If there was an English- speaking warm water place like that, I would move there tomorrow. During my 20 year lay-off from swimming, and before kids, my wife and I raced sailboats for around 10 years, and like swimming, racing when you are young, makes you a great cruiser when you get older.