

Streamlines... *from the National Office*



Executive Committee Members:

Back row: *Jeanne Ensign (Treasurer), Mel Goldstein (Past President), Hugh Moore (Zone Chair), Jack Geoghegan (Vice President), Jeanne Crouse (Legal Counsel)*

Front Row: *Betsy Durrant (Secretary), Nancy Ridout (President)*

From the President:

The Executive Committee met January 13, 14, and 15th in San Francisco for our mid-year meeting. The meeting was full and productive and much was accomplished on behalf of our organization.

The theme for this year's convention is *Swimming - A life's passion*. Our meetings, breakout groups and special events will be entwined with this slogan. More on the details of the convention in the near future, but we're working on getting to Blizzard Beach!

The candidates for Contoller and National Sponsor Liaison were paper screened and we will interview 2 candidates for each position February 19th and 20th, with a decision being made by the 21st.

The USMS Strategic Plan was looked at by the Planning Committee and the final product will be mailed out very soon. It will involve every committee and every delegate to achieve the goals we have have set to be accomplished within the next 18 months. But, with the dedication, enthusiasm, talent and spirit of all of you, I have no doubt we can do it!

Many other topics and issues were discussed and debated. Your Executive Committee is working diligently on your behalf throughout the year. We thank you for your support and look forward to a great convention in October!

Nancy Ridout

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings... from the Executive Secretary

The National Office has been a pretty busy place lately...

As of January 15th, we have registered 15,145 members, 366 Clubs and received \$4,455 in combined donations for the USMS Foundation and the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

We have prepared our 1st "batch" of SWIM Magazine labels and are preparing for number 2.

Club Certificates have been created and sent out along with the complimentary Rule Book to the clubs.

Since our "job shadowing" process began in April, we have inputted 2,335 address changes, most of which were received from SWIM Magazine. I am happy to report that the rate they have been coming in has slowed down a bit lately. Let's hope this trend continues!

Year end 1999 saw 1,358 orders filled for various publications totalling \$83,427. To date in January we we have already filled over 130 orders.

As you know, I'm not doing this work by myself. Esther Lyman is doing an excellent job maintaining the membership database and working with the individual registrars when a "technical" problem arises. Dee Lajoie has been invaluable around the office, assisting me with a number of clerical duties, including filling orders, creating certificates and inputting address changes. Thank you Esther and Dee!

The phone rings (8-10 calls per day) and the e-mails continue to travel in from all over the US and the world (40-50 a day). I do my best to answer their questions or forward them on to someone who can. Thank you all who are there to provide assistance when they call!

Like always when putting together this newsletter, I write this column last. Sometimes its easy, sometimes it's not. This time I'm in a hurry because I'm past my deadline and have to get this to the copy place.

So... I'll finish up here and wish you all -

HAPPY SWIMMING

USMS SC NATIONALS

MENS 400 IM QUALIFYING TIMES

There was an inadvertent omission by SWIM Magazine in the Jan/Feb issue. The Men's qualifying times were left off the National Qualifying Times Table. Here are the correct times:

19-24 – 5:19.07, 25-29 – 4:50.98
30-34 – 4:54.54, 35-35 – 5:00.27
40-44 – 5:06.53, 45-49 – 5:16.43
50-54 – 5:37.21, 55-59 – 6:03.64
60-64 – 6:45.14, 65-69 – 7:25.93
70-74 – 8:36.81, 75-79 – 12:14.26
80-84 – No Time, 85-89 – No Time

HOTELS

There are still rooms available at the hotels listed in SWIM Magazine. Below is a list of additional hotels that are 15-20 minutes away from the pool:

Adams Mark Hotel (Airport) – 317-248-2481
Hampton Inn – 317-359-9900
Holiday Inn Express – 317-783-5151
La Quinta Inn (Airport) – 317-247-4281
La Quinta Inn (E side) – 317-359-1021
Omni Hotel (2 miles away) – 317-849-6668
Sheraton North – 317-846-2700
Signature Inn (East) 317-353-6966
Signature Inn (N West) 317-875-5656

ON-LINE ENTRY

Meet Director Mel Goldstein, encourages you to enter On-line. It's simple, fast, safe and you get your confirmation almost immediately!

Streamlines... from the National Office

THINGS TO DO...

This newsletter goes to the Board of Directors as well as the LMSC Chairmen, Editors and Registrars. Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 1999/2000 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org

FEBRUARY ~ 2000

- 1st
- Convention Chair (Michael Heather) sends 2000 requirements to USAS Office
- 8th
- LMSC Registrars send reports to the National Office
 - Preliminary Top 10 mailed to LMSC Top 10 Chairman and Records and Tabulation Committee members for proof-reading
 - Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM Calendar to Zone Chair – Hugh Moore
- 15th
- *Fitness Tips* mailed to LMSC Newsletter Editors and Fitness Committee members
 - Call for Ransom Arthur nominations sent to LMSCs and to SWIM (included in this newsletter)
 - Editorial materials due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for the May/June issue
 - Long Distance All American listing due from Long Distance Chair (Sally Dillon) to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for May/June issue
- 22nd
- Responses due from Top 10 proof-reading to Records and Tabulation Committee Chair – Pieter Cath
- 28th
- Reports from Committee Chairs on status of projects, etc., due to Executive Committee Liaisons
 - Deadline form USMS Zone Chair nominations to current chair – Hugh Moore
- Other deadlines this month ~**
- Pre-meet site visit by Championship Committee liaison to SC Nationals host – Indy Swim Fit – IUPUI
 - Notify Sponsors of SC Nationals, due dates for booths, banners and ads

MARCH ~ 2000

- 1st
- LMSC Registrars send reports to National Office
- 15th
- Summary of liaison reports due from Executive Committee members to the President – Nancy Ridout
- 17th
- Short Course National Championship “postmark” entry deadline

MARCH ~ 2000 continued

- 20th
- Call for USMS Service Award nominations
- 24th
- Short Course National Championship deadline for receipt of entries.
- Other deadlines this month ~**
- USMS Secretary (Betsy Durrant) of delegate entitlements for 2000 Convention
 - Controller (Suzanne Rague) sends summary of 2000 charges to all persons with cost center authority
 - SCM Top 10 subscriptions mailed
 - Committee Chairmen prepare ½ year reports for Liaisons and National Office
 - Notify Sponsors of SC Nationals due dates for booths, banners, and ads

APRIL ~ 2000

- 1st
- LMSC Registrars send reports to the National Office
- 8th
- SC National Championship entry “receipt” deadline
 - Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM Calendar to Zone Chair – Hugh Moore
- 15th
- Editorial materials due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for July/August issue
 - Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed
 - Long Distance 2000 Calendar and National Event entry forms mailed to LMSCs
 - Committee ½ year report due to Executive Secretary (Tracy Grilli) for publication in *Streamlines*
 - Ransom Arthur ballots due from Recognition and Awards Committee members to Chair (Mary Lee Watson) for tabulation
- 27-30th
- USMS Short Course National Championship, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Ransom Arthur award winner announced at SC Nationals
- 30th
- LMSC minutes of 1999 annual meeting and copy of 1999 financial statements due to National Office from all LMSCs
 - Initial deadline for LMSCs to submit the names of their delegates to the 2000 Convention due to the USMS Secretary – Betsy Durrant
- Other deadlines this month ~**
- Delegates from 1999 receive convention packet for 2000 convention
 - All American roster prepared and congratulations sent from the President – Nancy Ridout
 - 2000 Long Distance Calendar and National Event forms mailed

Streamlines... *from the National Office*

UPDATES...

To USMS Directory, Rule book and LMSC Handbook

- Cris Allen now Cris Meier-Windes (Pacific) – correct zip code – 94124-2154, new e-mail – CrisAllenSwims@aol.com
- Doug Brogan (Lake Erie) – new e-mail – fittotogether@aol.com
- Sally Dillon – correct e-mail – salswmmr@oakharbor.net
- Chris Gilligan (Florida) – correct area code - 941
- Lil Haneman (Florida Gold Coast) – new e-mail – lghaneman@hotmail.com
- Laura Kessler (Lake Erie) – new address – 8056 Amber Lane, Brecksville, OH 44141, correct e-mail – kesslel@ccf.org
- Dan Kornblatt (Niagara) – correct address – 109 Rogers Hill Rd, dkornblatt@aol.com
- Michael Laux (Connecticut) – new address – 26 Ostend Ave, Westport, CT 06880
- Jim Matysek (Niagara) – new work # - 716-425-2378, new fax # - 720-221-2910
- Theresa McGiverin (Missouri Valley) – new address – 12721 E 63rd St, Kansas City, MO 64133
- Adrienne Pipes (San Diego – Imperial) – correct address – 927 D. Ave, Coronado, CA 92118, new e-mail – aph2ojock@aol.com
- Rick Windes now Rick Meier-Windes (Pacific) – correct zip code – 94124-2154, new e-mail – windesr@usms.org
- Eric Nordlund (Michigan) – new e-mail – ericswims@yahoo.com
- Dave Radcliff (Oregon) – new e-mail – therads@home.com
- Grant Wilson (Ohio) – new address - 1115 Neil Ave, Columbus, OH 43201, wilsong@battelle.org
- Laura Wright (Ohio) – new e-mail – wrightls@nationwide.com

LMSC OFFICER UPDATES

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- Coaches – Jim Stites, 6703 E Snyder Rd, Tucson, AZ 85750, 520-529-9113, racing@azstarnet.com
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DELAWARE VALLEY

- Coaches – Dick Jackson, 1158 Morefield Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19115, (H) 215-673-1090, (W) 215-677-0400
- Top Ten - Daniel Allen, 114 Goldenridge Dr, Levittown, PA 19057, 215-946-3972

HAWAII

- Treasurer – Janet Renner

LMSC OFFICER UPDATES continued

LAKE ERIE

- Coaches – Tod Boyle, 2602 Taylor Lane, Twinsburg, OH 44087, 330-425-3370

MICHIGAN

- Registrar – Bob Isbister – 48021 Colony Farms Circle, Plymouth, MI 48170, 734-459-6364

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SAN DIEGO – IMPERIAL

- Chairman – Nancy North – 270 E Douglas Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020, 619-401-8453
- Registrar (with Judy Ortwein) – Marilyn Fink

- Treasurer – David Lamott

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Coaches – Roy Dessloch, 301 Colonel Johnson Rd, Easley, SC 29642, 864-859-3030, rdessloch@aol.com

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Chairman – Jon Mesmer – 422 16th Ave NE, Aberdeen, SD 57401, 605-226-0290
- Editor – Maggie Rousso – 1710 N Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, 605-229-4249

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- SANCTIONS – Douglas Smith, 738 hilltop Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, 801-521-8075, swmdocdoug@aol.com

LMSC WEBSITES UPDATE

GREATER INDIANA – <http://www.indy.net/~dwo/GRIN>

Survey question of the quarter... Do you use the working calendar?

The USMS Working Calendar is updated yearly by USMS Secretary, Betsy Durrant. The USMS Board of Directors and the LMSC Chairman receive a hard copy, it is posted on the USMS website and it is also included (3 months at a time) in this newsletter. It's purpose is to bring attention to our many responsibilities and deadlines. Do you use it??? Please let Betsy know at secretary@usms.org

Streamlines... *from the National Office*

SNOOPER FOR SALE

USMS is seeking interested buyers for a Black and White Snooper Scope. The Snooper is an underwater camera lens that can be connected to your camcorder, VCR, or television to record your swimmers' underwater technique. It can be an invaluable tool for coaching swimmers. This Snooper is black and white and comes with the camera lens, the telescopic pole, one battery and charger, and the necessary connection wiring. The Snooper DOES NOT include a camcorder, VCR or television. It is being sold as is with no guarantees or warranties.

At this time, the Snooper is fully functional. The unit has been in rental use for the past 4 years. To ensure that the buyer has good results, we recommend that Marty Hill provide a complete service program on the Snooper and its wiring. This typically costs \$120.

The bidding process will be as follows. The minimum bid is \$100. The Snooper will be sold to the highest bidder. In the event of ties, the first bidder who submits their bid will be declared the buyer. The bidding time period closes February 28, 2000. All bids should be submitted to: Paul Windrath @ Pwindrath@compuserve.com. Questions can be addressed to the same e-mail address or you may call Paul between 9am and 5pm at 651-388-8524.

WORLD ENTRY PACKETS

The National Office just received 200 entry booklets from the organizing committee of the VII World Masters Swimming Championships, Munich Germany, July 26 – August 5th.

If you are interested in receiving one, please send a check for \$3 (made out to USMS) to: USMS National Office, PO Box 185, Londonderry, NH 03053-0185

OOOPS!!!

For those of you who received the LMSC Handbook there is an error in the General Information section, page 7, Number of Members by LMSC.

The membership numbers for Florida and Florida Gold Coast, from 1982 – 1990 are reversed. Thank you Meegan Wilson for spotting this.

USMS/NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES MEETING

Scott Rabalais, USMS/NSG Liaison

As the newly-appointed USMS Liaison to the National Games, I met on January 18th with Phil Godfrey (Vice President of the National Games) and Bill Bankhead (CEO of Local Organizing Committee, 2001 Games) at the NSG office in Baton Rouge, LA

The NSG was elated that USMS had created a liaison position to help build the relationship between the two organizations. The NSG is certainly willing to learn from USMS in running meets and wishes to do all it can to make their meets the very best-run competitions possible.

Over the next several years, the NSG is going to have a slightly different emphasis. While continuing it's Senior Games, they wish to focus as well on the education of Seniors on the benefits of sport, exercise and a generally healthy lifestyle. Actually, their mission is to "promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through education, fitness and sports." And, they wish to work more closely with local and state Senior Games organizations to help them achieve this goal. They also realize the importance of the social aspect of Senior Games.

As far as the National Senior Games swim meet is concerned, it is experiencing some of the same challenges that USMS faces or has faced. Of course, with over a thousand swimmers in a long-course pool, the length of the meet is always a concern. Ideas that are being discussed include the possibilities of swimming in a 25-yard course, staging an annual swim meet, hiring a USMS crew to run the meets and on-line registration for the Games.

USMS can help the NSG in three main areas: offering clinic opportunities, providing an officials resource and expertise in running national competitions. The instructional clinics would be conducted by USMS coaches to assist Senior Games participants on a local and national level.

The NSG can assist USMS by ensuring that the Senior competitions are run to a high standard and that results are reported promptly and accurately. Also, there will continue to be many opportunities for USM to sell it benefits to the Seniors and invite them into our membership.

There was also discussions on the items of awards, age determination, adding other events, improving the timeline and entering bonus events.

If you have any suggestions or comments on the National Senior games, please contact me by e-mail at coaches@usms.org

REGISTRATION NEWS

So far, so good!!! We have just finished up month #3 and the registration process seems to be going quite well! We (Esther and I) are very impressed with the efforts of the LMSC Registrars and Treasurers and enjoy working with you all.

THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Those Registrars, who submit your monthly transmittals via e-mail to registration@usms.org, please note that these are going to Esther. Be sure to follow these up immediately with a hard copy and a Transmittal Form (found in the LMSC Handbook) as a cover sheet, sent to the National Office. Those LMSCs who send the check separately from the hard copy, please be sure to include a transmittal form as a cover sheet.

Once we have received and processed your transmittal, we create reports that are designed to help us find discrepancies and also verify what you sent in. If we find a discrepancy, we will contact you immediately and hopefully work it out so that it will be fixed and the adjustment will be noted in the next month's submission.

SWIM MAGAZINE LABELS

The SWIM Magazine Address Changes continue to "dribble in". These have been sent back to SWIM Magazine as "undelivered" for a number of reasons, and they send on to us.

Registrars – If we have received "returned labels" for swimmers in your LMSC, a report will be included with your monthly reports from us.

UNK – addressee unknown at destination
NSF – insufficient address for delivery
NSS – no such street
NSN – no such street number
FOE – moved, forwarding expired
LNA – moved, left no forwarding address
CHG – new address
UND – undeliverable as addressed
ANK – attempted not known
ZIP RJ – Rejected for incorrect Zip Code

Hmmm... ZIP RJ – that's a new one!

The labels for SWIM Magazine are created by a company called Kable News from the USMS database that we send them. Kable News "cleans it up" (making sure that all the zip codes and country codes are correct) and then create the labels that are sent on to SWIM Magazine.

There were over 100 that were rejected in the Jan/Feb batch that were rejected because of an incorrect zip code. These are listed as ZIP RJ on the report.

REGISTRATION NEWS continued

OCR - OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION

The Post Office uses OCR to read the address. Be aware that OCR reads the address from the bottom to top. Meaning if you have a swimmer who has both their street and PO Box listed for their address, the one that they want the mail to go to must be listed second.

After a # sign, put a space between it and what follows (i.e., 5130 Butter Creek Lane # 3). OCR can not read this if there is not a space.

OCR also can not understand any other letter than the compass points E, W, N, S when it is next to the street number (ie. 1513A). There needs to be a hyphen connecting the letter to the number (ie. 1513-A) or the letter A can be put at the end of the street (ie. 1513 Main Street # A).

OCR and databases doesn't like commas or periods either, so please try not to use them in names or addresses.

DOLPHIN SYSTEM – AKA "LEO WARE"

However you type in your data, whether it be Upper Case or Proper Case, Leo's program converts it to Proper Case.

When typing names that have a capitol letter in the middle (i.e., Mac Intosh, Van Der Beken) put a space before the letter to be capitalized so that when the program converts it, that letter will be capitalized. If a space is not placed before it, it will convert that letter to lower case.

For those addresses which include directions (i.e., NE, SW, etc), put a space between the 2 letters so that when the program converts it, both letters will be capitalized.

HY-TEK

A mistake was made at the printer and the wrong advertisement was printed in the large Rule Book for Hy-Tek (it is correct in the mini RB). Please note the following that was omitted:

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