

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings from the National Office...

I'm not sure what happened to "Winter" here in New England but I am certainly looking forward to the Spring and aging up to a new age group!!! That is one of the greatest things about Masters Swimming – Every 5 years you are young again!

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the USMS Executive Committee – Jim Miller, MD, President, Scott Rabalais, Vice President, Sally Ann Dillon, Secretary and Doug Church, Treasurer. They join the other members who are: Nancy Ridout, Past President, Lynn Hazlewood, Zone Chair and Jack Geoghegan, Legal Counsel.

As you know, the 2001 convention was delayed due to the tragedy of 9/11. So... we are a little late this year with a few things (better late than never). Thanks to the internet (USMS website and e-mail) we were able to communicate and get information out to you all as soon as it was available.

The committee chairs and committees have been selected and they have all hit the ground running (or would that be hit the water swimming). Congratulations to all of you and if there is anything you need, let me know.

The first shipment of 2002 Rule Books will be sent out by the printer this week. This first shipment includes: Orders received, EC, BOD, Special Assignments, Liaisons, members of Rules, Legislation, Long Distance, Rule Book and Officials Committees, LMSC Registrars and Officials Chairs. Thanks to Webmaster Jim Matysek and Publications Chair Meg Smath, the Rule Book was posted on our website the first week in January so that those of you running a meet had access to the "Major Changes" and "Technical Rules" in order to run your meets. The link is <http://www.usms.org/rules/>

New to the website this year is the LMSC Handbook. This is a MOST IMPORTANT tool for all LMSC Officers that will assist you in the "smooth" running of your LMSC. The link is <http://www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/> The more officers in the LMSC who have access to the "full handbook", the more informed they will be! This was a huge project and thank you Webmaster Jim for making this possible. Hard copies will be sent to all officers who do not have computer access and to those who prefer a hard copy and contact the National Office by Sunday February, 3rd. Speaking of February 3rd, that would be Super Bowl Sunday. Go PATRIOTS!!!

Well, once again I've run out of room. I hope all is well with your swimming and that you have a great SCY season!

Tracy

THINGS TO DO...

Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2002 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org

JANUARY 1st – MARCH 31st

- Nomination period for USMS Zone Chair. For more information go to:

www.usms.org/admin/election02

FEBRUARY 2002

1st

- Convention Chair (Michael Heather – Convention@usms.org) sends 2002 requirements to USAS.

- Fourth quarter Financial Reports prepared.

1st – 28th

- February Fitness Challenge, Tualatin Hills Barracudas, FebFitness@swimoregon.org

2nd – 6th

- USMS Olympic Training Center Camp #5.

8th

- LMSC Registrars send reports to USMS National Office – SWIM MAGAZINE LABEL MONTH!
- Preliminary Top Ten mailed to LMSC Top Ten Chairman and Records and Tabulations Committee members for proof-reading.

15th

- Call for Ransom Arthur nominations sent to LMSCs and to SWIM (Recognition & Awards Committee, Kathy Casey, Chair – Awards@usms.org). Information contained 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 (Peter Crumbine – LongDistance@usms.org) to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening – SwimEditor@usms.org) for May/June issue.
- Deadline for submission of fiscal 2001 reimbursements or payments due to the Controller (Cathy Pennington – Controller@usms.org) from all cost center heads.

22nd

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

28th

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-meet site visit by Championship Committee Liaison (Sandi Rousseau) to SC Nationals Meet Host – University of Hawaii.
- Notify Sponsors of SC Nationals of due dates for booths, banners and ads.

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MARCH ~ 2002

1st

- LMSC Registrars send reports to National Office.
- SCM Top Ten list sent to Printer

15th

- Ransom Arthur Nomination packets due to Recognition & Awards Chair (Kathy Casey – Awards@usms.org)

20th

- Call for USMS Service Award nominations (USMS Recognitions & Awards Committee, Kathy Casey, Chair – Awards@usms.org)

31st

- Deadline for receipt of candidate nomination packet for USMS Zone Chair. Packets are to be sent to Melissa Rinker, Election Chair – GreatLakes@usms.org

Other deadlines this month ~

- Final call for 2002 Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinic Applications. Due to Coaches Chair (Michael Collins – Coaches@usms.org)
- Final call for 2002 Open Water Clinic Applications. Due to Long Distance Chair (Peter Crumbine – Long Distance@usms.org)

APRIL ~ 2002

1st

- LMSC Registrars send reports to National Office – SWIM MAGAZINE LABEL MONTH.
- Committee Chairs prepare ½ year reports for Executive Committee Liaisons and National Office.
- Bid packets sent to interested bidders for USMS Long Distance Championship Events by the USMS Long Distance Committee
- USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon – Secretary@usms.org) notifies LMSCs of delegate entitlements for 2002 Convention – Dallas/Ft Worth, September 11-15th.

2nd

- Short Course National Championship (U of Hawaii) “postmark” entry deadline.

8^h

- Zone Reps submit events for SWIM calendar to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood, Zones@usms.org)

9th

- Short Course National Championship entry “receipt” deadline.

15th

- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor for July/August issue
- Committee ½ year report due to National Office (Tracy Grilli – USMS@usms.org) for publication in Spring issue of Streamlines...
- Ransom Arthur ballots due from Recognition & Awards Committee members to Chair for tabulation.

19-21st

- YMCA National Masters Championships, Hall of Fame Pool, Ft Lauderdale, FL

30th

- LMSC minutes of 2001 Annual Meeting and copy of 2001 Financial statements due to National Office from all LMSCs

Other deadlines this month ~

- Delegates from 2001 Convention receive convention registration packet for 2002.
- All American Roster prepared and congratulations letter sent out by the President

From the President...

Jim Miller, MD

Welcome to the New Board of Directors!

Streamlines... is one of many vehicles of communication that we have with each other. It is a way to let everyone know what you are up to. Of course, if you have nothing to say, it lets them all know that too!

Although you have been congratulated on your service to USMS and have been recognized for your leadership, your role in this corporation goes beyond this. [Now is when you say, "Oh no. What have I agreed to!"] The Board of Directors looks out for the running of the entire corporation. Each of you represents a piece of this puzzle. Your varied backgrounds give USMS the strength that a broad base of experience brings.

Considering this, you must each give Tracy your input in future Streamlines... as to what you are doing within your committee as well as how it may pertain to other committees. Feel free to comment on ways in which you are solving a specific problem. We all can learn from this. I view Streamlines... as a working document. When you finish reading an issue, it should stimulate you to say, "I think my committee could help on that project. I'm going to drop a line to that chair." This will only happen if you share your work in progress.

On the surface, the new Executive Committee has a wide range of educational and vocational differences. Underneath, however, the similarities between us far outnumber the differences. The BOD reflects much the same flavor. Same but different! Congratulations on your appointments. We are all excited about the strong starts that you have had. Remember: gather no moss!

The USMS Board of Directors owes its success and enthusiasm to all of the local LMSC boards. Many of you are also new to your position. Each LMSC holds the seeds that will lead to the growth and new ideas that will serve USMS for years to come. We welcome you to the fraternity of leaders that have made USMS so unique among all self-governing sports. I encourage you to learn more about your sport. Please share your questions and thoughts. Fresh ideas are exciting to USMS.

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From the USMS Executive Committee...

USMS Committee Chairs Selected by the New Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce the names of the chairs for the 22 USMS Standing Committees and three Ad-Hoc Committees. Seven committees will be led by "first time" committee chairs and six former committee chairs will take the helm of entirely different committees after taking some time off from a chair position. Nine chairs will be "held over" to command their committees for another term and three Ad-Hoc committees will be led by experienced chairs. We are excited by this blend of old and new. This maximizes the growing enthusiasm of USMS by providing an opportunity for new leaders to infuse creative ideas into the Board of Directors.

The "first time" committee chairs who will bring fresh enthusiasm to the USMS Board of Directors are:

Barry Fasbender (Championship). A member of the Pacific LMSC, Barry has attended convention 9 times and has served on the Championship and Rules committees for the past 8 years. He has been the liaison to several National Championship pool events.
e-mail: Championship@usms.org

Pam Himstreet (Fitness). Pam represents the Oregon LMSC and has attended 5 conventions. She has been a member of the Fitness committee for 3 years and recently hosted USMS Long Distance National championships in both open water and postal swimming.
e-mail: Fitness@usms.org

Phil Whitten (International). Editor-in Chief of SWIM Magazine, Phil has excellent international experience. He represents the Arizona LMSC and has attended 8 conventions.
e-mail: International@usms.org

Peter Crumbine (Long Distance). A member of the Long Distance committee for 8 years Peter has been attending convention for 10 years. He represents the Connecticut LMSC and is a Selectman in his hometown of Greenwich.
e-mail: LongDistance@usms.org

Anna Lea Roof (Registration). Anna Lea is the registrar for the Missouri Valley LMSC and has attended convention for 9 years. She has served on the Registration committee for 3 years. Anna Lea serves as a member of the advisory board to the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Kansas.
e-mail: RegChair@usms.org

Patty Powis (Safety Education). Patty has attended convention for 2 years and has been a member of the Safety Education committee. She has also been a member of the Legal Counselor's committee. Patty is a member of the Virginia LMSC and is an attorney who teaches Sports Law and Athletic Management at Virginia Commonwealth University.
e-mail: Safety@usms.org

Jessica Seaton (Sports Medicine). Jessica represents the Southern Pacific LMSC. She is a practicing Chiropractor who is an accomplished author in the world of Sports Medicine. Jessica has attended convention for 7 years and has been on this committee for 6 years.
e-mail: SportsMedicine@usms.org

Returning as chairs after an absence, the following people will bring a wealth of experience to the Board of Directors. They are proven USMS leaders though not always in their current positions.

Michael Collins (Coaches). A former chair of this committee, Michael has attended convention for 11 years. He is a member of the Southern Pacific LMSC. Michael was the 1990 USMS Coach of the Year. He has served as a visiting coach to the first two USMS Altitude Training Camps.
e-mail: Coaches@usms.org

Rich Burns (Marketing). A long time member and former chair of the Marketing Committee, Rich hails from the Pacific LMSC. He has attended convention 16 times. Rich works as a marketing consultant and teaches and writes in the field of marketing.
e-mail: Marketing@usms.org

Tom Boak (Finance). Also a member of Pacific, Tom resides in Houston, TX. He is a former President of USMS and has previously chaired the Rules Committee. Tom was a recipient of the Ransom Arthur Award in 1991.
e-mail: Finance@usms.org

Rob Copeland (Legislation). Rob chaired the Long Distance Committee in the early '90's and he has attended 16 conventions. He has been a member of Legislation for 8 years and represents the Georgia LMSC.
e-mail: Legislation@usms.org

Betsy Durrant (Planning). Betsy just finished a term on the Executive Committee as the USMS Secretary. She has attended convention for 10 years and was formerly chair of the Zone Committee. She is a member of the Virginia LMSC.
e-mail: Planning@usms.org

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Kathy Casey (Recognition and Awards). A member of the Pacific Northwest LMSC, Kathy was a Ransom Arthur Award recipient in 1993. She has served on the Rules Committee for many years and also chaired the Rule Book Committee when the first USMS Rule Book was developed.

e-mail: Awards@usms.org

The following committee chairs are being held over and they will bring knowledge and experience to the Board of Directors.

Hugh Moore (Communications). Hugh has chaired the Planning and Officials Committees and also served on the Executive Committee as the Zone Chair. Hugh represents the Pacific Northwest LMSC and has attended 17 conventions.

e-mail: Communications@usms.org

Mike Heather (Convention). A member of the Southern Pacific LMSC, Mike has attended convention for 15 years and has been at the helm of the Convention Committee for 4 years.

e-mail: Convention@usms.org

Colleen Driscoll (Insurance). Colleen is a member of the Metropolitan LMSC and has attended 10 conventions. She will continue as chair of Insurance having served already for 4 years.

e-mail: Insurance@usms.org

David Diehl (Officials). David has chaired this committee for 2 years and has attended convention for 15. He represents the Potomac Valley LMSC.

e-mail: Officials@usms.org

Pieter Cath (Records and Tabulation). Having attended convention for 7 years Pieter will make use of his 4-year experience as the previous chair of this committee. He is a member of the Lake Erie LMSC.

e-mail: TopTen@usms.org

Meg Smath (Publications). Meg has chaired the Rule Book committee for 8 years and will head up the newly named Publications committee. She has attended convention for 19 years and represents the Kentucky LMSC.

e-mail: RuleBook@usms.org

Leo Letendre (Rules). With 19 conventions and 4 years at the helm of this committee it is in fine hands with Leo. He represents the Ozark LMSC.

mail: Rules@usms.org

Carl House (History and Archives). Carl continues as chair of this committee that was formerly an Ad-Hoc committee. He represents the Florida Gold Coast LMSC and has attended 8 conventions.

e-mail: Archives@usms.org

Lynn Hazelwood (Zone Committee). Lynn continues in her second year as chair of this committee, which is the only elected committee in USMS. Lynn supervises the Zone Chairs from the Colonies, Dixie, Great Lakes, Breadbasket, South Central, Southwest, Northwest and Oceana zones. Lynn comes from the Potomac Valley LMSC, and has attended the convention for 13 years.

e-mail: Zones@usms.org

USMS presently has three Ad-Hoc committees and the chairs are:

Ginger Pierson (International Swimming Hall of Fame). Having attended convention for 15 years, Ginger has led this committee for the past 4. She hails from the Oregon LMSC.

e-mail: ISHOFNominating@usms.org

Jack Geoghegan (Legal Counsel). Jack was most recently the USMS Vice President and served as our Legal Counsel in prior years. He is a member of the Connecticut LMSC and has attended 18 conventions. Jack received the Ransom Arthur Award in 1990.

e-mail: LegalCounsel@usms.org

Doug Church (USMS Endowment Fund Board of Governors). Doug is USMS Treasurer and represents the Indiana LMSC. He has attended the last seven conventions, served as chair of the Finance Committee for the past four years, and has chaired the Endowment Fund Board of Governors since its inception.

e-mail: Treasurer@usms.org

A vibrant corporation is always bringing in new talent and expanding upon existing talents by exploring new areas of expertise. USMS possesses so much talent that these goals were easily accomplished. We join in the congratulations for these leaders as they take up the exciting challenge of running United States Masters Swimming.

From the Committees... History and Archives Committee

Carl House, Chair

We now have information in our on-line archives on 11,873 people. We've named 3,678 All-Americans and have found birthdays for all but 407. We have stories on 230, Oral History contributions from 37, and 598 photos. That's the good news.

The bad news is that we have USMS swimmers who are virtual legends about whom we have nothing in our archives except their stats. This year the History and Archives Committee is setting top priority on getting stories and photos of those we've named All-American most often but for whom we have no story, no oral history, and no photo.

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The History & Archives Committee has identified 309 USMS All-Americans who have been so named 6 or more times but about whom there is neither a story nor a photograph in our archives. These 309 swimmers are those for whom information is being sought this year with extra special effort.

There are 17 Committee Members representing each of our 8 zones. Each Committee Member will be seeking to make sure there is a story and/or photo for each of these 309 people who is from his or her zone. We'd love to have your help. Please tell us for which of these people you can provide story content or a photo. (In compiling this list, swimmers named Pool and Long Distance All-American in the same year are credited for two years; making All-American in different age groups does not count for two years.)

Please ask the national office for a copy of our brochure with guidelines on writing stories and submitting photographs. Or see our guidelines for stories and for photographs on the web.

Go to this URL to see our priorities by LMSC.
<http://www.swimgold.org/committee/priorities.htm>

Go to this URL to see our priorities by Zone.
<http://www.swimgold.org/zone/index.htm>

Planning Committee

Betsy Durrant, Chair

The Planning Committee has sent the following questions to all LMSC Chairs and Registrars. If you are not an LMSC Chair or Registrar, we would appreciate it if you would also answer the following questions. At this point, we are just trying to gather information. Our goal is to formulate a plan for ways USMS can assist the LMSCs. Send replies to durrant6@home.com (after Feb 28, this changes to durrant6@cox.net) or to Betsy Durrant, 211 66th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757-422-6811 fax or phone).

1. What are the strong points of your LMSC. What does your LMSC do well?
2. What are the weak points of your LMSC. Where do you need to improve?
3. What can USMS do to assist your LMSC?

Please respond as soon as possible.

Coaches Committee

Michael Collins, Chair

USMS Coaching Support at the World Masters Championships

Program Purpose & Goals -

The purpose of this program is to provide USMS swimmers with the best possible coaching support as they strive for excellence at the World Championships in New Zealand, March 2002. We know that many of you do not have coaches or whose coaches will not be traveling with them to Christchurch—we're here for you!

The coaching staff will be available before and during the meet to provide these services to USMS swimmers at the meet:

- Schedule and hold a pre-meet meeting for USMS swimmers on the day before the meet.
- Designate an USMS "team area" & hang the USMS banner. Please come sit with us.
- Offer guidance & splits during warm-up to those who desire it.
- Offer pre-race guidance & post-race comments throughout the meet to those who desire it.
- Assist videotaping if possible.
- Offer encouragement as needed.
- Serve as advocate for USMS swimmers regarding protests & administrative problems.
- Arrange for team picture(s).
- Perform other coaching tasks as needed.

We welcome all USMS swimmers and coaches present in Christchurch to join us at the meet, in the spirit of fellowship that is United States Masters Swimming!

Coaches -

The USMS Coaches Committee has named four Masters coaches to assist USMS swimmers planning to compete at this spring's IX FINA World Masters Swimming Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 24-31, 2002.

The Head Coach is Bob Bruce (Bend, OR) of Central Oregon Masters Aquatics & Oregon Masters. Bob has been a Masters athlete, coach, and volunteer since 1973 during his career as an age group, senior, high school, and college coach. He has been coaching Masters exclusively since 1996. Bobbruce13@attglobal.net

Assistant Coaches -

Michael Collins, Irvine Novaquatics – mcollins@ucla.edu
Scott Williams, Olympic Club – swilliams@olyclub.com
Lauren Welting, Olympic Club – lwelting@olyclub.com

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World Meet Information -

For info on entering the meet visit:

Event Booklet (for PDF download)

www.eventnz.co.nz/masters-swimming/official-entry-book.htm

Online Registration for the meet

www.eventnz.co.nz/masters-swimming/onlinerego.htm

Note: Entries are due by February 8, 2002

To make this program work for you, please make the following contacts:

- If you are planning to swim in Christchurch, please contact Coach Bob Bruce by email at bobbruce13@attglobal.net. If possible, indicate the events and days that you will swim, so that the coaches can plan their daily coverage.
- If you would like a copy of the weekly practice plan designed by Olympic Club Coach, Scott Williams, contact him directly at Swilliams@olyclub.com
- We are working on getting USA Masters logo apparel for the meet. We will post details in the near future.

Recognition & Awards Committee

Kathy Casey, Chair

Ransom Arthur Award Nominations

The Ransom Arthur Award, named for Capt. Ransom J. Arthur, M.D., the founder of Masters Swimming, is USMS's most prestigious award. It is presented annually, to the person who has done the most to further the objectives of Masters swimming programs. The award, announced at Short Course Nationals and in a special presentation at the USMS Convention, honors a person who has made significant contributions to USMS including special projects, administrative or committee duties performed, or other actions that have enhanced the Masters Swimming program as a whole. [More information on this award and a nomination form, are in this newsletter](#) or contact Kathy Casey, 11114 - 111th St. SW, Tacoma, WA 98498, (253) 588-4879. [Nominations are due March 15, 2002.](#)

From the Ad Hoc Committees...

USMS Endowment Fund *Doug Church, Chair*

Based upon action taken by the House of Delegates during the 2001 convention, the Endowment Fund will receive a boost to reach the \$100,000.00 threshold amount needed for grant making in early 2002. The first two recipients have been identified and initial grants will be made in the amount of \$2,500 each. Information about the Endowment Fund can be obtained from Doug Church, Chair of the Endowment Fund Board of Governors. The grants made by the Endowment Fund are aimed at special projects benefiting Masters Swimmers. Research that is specifically aimed at swimming and aging swimmers will produce information that will benefit all of us. Donations to the Endowment Fund are tax deductible and can be made in memory of someone special or to honor someone special or to recognize an achievement or just for the good of the cause. Information on estate planning issues pertinent to the Endowment Fund can be obtained by contacting Doug Church (Endowment@usms.org)

From the Special Assignments & Liaisons...

USA Triathlon Liaison *Cindy Hawkinson*

USMS / USA Triathlon – Can Triathletes really get along with Swimmers?

Of course they can, and we'll soon see in how many ways. Hi, I'm Cindy Hawkinson of the Colorado LMSC and fairly new to the National level of USMS. I'm very excited about a new opportunity. Shortly after Convention in November, 2001, the USMS President appointed me to serve in a new liaison position to USA Triathlon. This organization now has over 30,000 members. As a triathlete, I notice that most triathletes seem to only want to swim freestyle and 'strictly' swimmers can't seem to figure out why. In this position I won't try to figure that one out! However, I will be working on developing a mutually beneficial relationship in an effort to bring our organizations closer together and, hopefully, increase the membership in both organizations. I have a great many goals and ideas which I'll be sharing with USA Tri's representative. A few of these goals are to link onto each other's websites, share articles in each other's publications, publish events in each other's calendars, and so on. I think USMS can also learn from USA Tri a myriad of things. Among the ideas that we are developing are coaching certification, studying their organizational infrastructure, club development, on-line registration, national registration, and further website development. If you or any of your team mates have any input or suggestions, please contact me at cinswims@earthlink.net or 303-660-5501.

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National Sponsor Liaison *Mel Goldstein*

Tradeshow Display

USMS has purchased a second Tradeshow Display unit. To date, the units have been used in Texas, Louisiana, California and Florida with tremendous success. They have been used at triathlons, marathons, health fairs, and open water events to attract new members for the various USMS LMSCs. If you have an event in your area you would like to attend to attract new members, and promote USMS, contact Mel Goldstein, USMS Sponsor Liaison at goldstein@mindspring.com or 317-253-8289. This is a valuable tool which all LMSC's should take advantage of. All shipping expenses will be taken care of by USMS. The display unit will be distributed on a first come first served basis so get your event on the calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBNA Affinity Card Offer

If you would like to receive a free USMS embroidered vest for responding to the offer for the USMS Affinity Credit Card, you still have time. The correct deadline is March 31, 2002. Call 1-800-523-7666 for details. TYY users call 1-800-833-6262. Use priority code C989 when calling.

Open Executive Committee Meeting in Hawaii

The USMS Executive Committee has listened to your interest in active participation in the process of governing your organization. Thus, there will be an open Executive Committee meeting at the Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex 5/13 from 3-5 PM. The meeting room information will be available at the complex as well as on the web. The agenda will also be posted by 4/13. We look forward to meeting and talking to you. Remember, the only bad idea is the one that is not spoken! Minutes of this meeting will appear on the web, if you cannot join us.

LOST AND FOUND

Attention HOD attending the USMS convention in Louisville. Has anyone seen or mistakenly picked up two of the complete USMS surveys? They were in the hospitality suite in 3 ring binders. If you know the whereabouts of these surveys please notify the National Office

Australian Nationals

The Australian Masters National Championships (short course meters) will be held at the Olympic Pool in Sydney, March 16-18, 2002, one week before the World Championships. Some of you may plan to attend this meet as well. Meet information and entry blanks may be found at:

<http://www.sydneymastersswim2002.com>

Although we have no formal plan for USMS support at this meet, Coaches Bob Bruce and Michael Collins will be there. If you plan to be there, please contact Bob by e-mail at: bobbruce13@attglobal.net.
ICP Coaching Staff

USOTC Camp Participants

The fifth USMS / USA Swimming High Altitude Training Camp is being held February 2-6th at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Participating athletes included: Bev Amick (NC), Sally Dillon (WA), Mary Beth Hannifer (VA), Margit Jebe (CT), Barger Jeutter-Robertson (VA), Kristy King (CO), Todd Arris (CA), Bob Couch (AL), Mike Freshley (CA), Alan Godfrey (NC), Don Graham (NY), and Kevin Mc Cormack (FL). Camp Staff included Head Coach Janet Renner (HI) Assistant Coaches Ed Nessel (NJ) and Kris Houchens (IN), USMS Coaches Committee Representative Scott Rabalais (GA), Flexibility/ROM Trainer Mark Stoker (CA), and USMS Immediate Past President and Camp Director Nancy Ridout (CA).

Some Facts about 2001 USMS Registrations

- We passed the 40,000 mark for the first time
- Registrations grew by an average of 4.6% (up from 3.5% in 2000)
- Ages ranged from 19-101, Approximately 45% women and 55% men
- Distribution across age groups remains consistent – 62% between 19-44, 38% between 45-54, 15% over 55
- 504 registered clubs, have from 1-1,446 members. 4 clubs had over 1,000 members and 156 had less than 10
- 30% live in California. Other top locations are TX, FL, NY, VA, IL, CO, WA, MD, MA
- Age group with the most members – 40-44
- 62% renewed from last year, another 6% returned from prior years. 30% were new to USMS
- 8-10% of the membership changes location during the year, sometimes more than once, adding lots of extra work for the National Office and Local Registrars ☺

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RECOGNITION and AWARDS COMMITTEE

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RANSOM ARTHUR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Ransom Arthur Award is USMS most prestigious award. It is presented annually to the person who is deemed by the committee to have done the most to further the objectives of Masters swimming programs.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- A. To encourage and promote improved physical fitness and health in adults.
- B. To offer adults the opportunity to participate in a lifelong fitness and/or competitive swimming program.
- C. To encourage organizations and communities to establish and sponsor Masters swimming programs.
- D. To enhance fellowship and camaraderie among Masters swimmers.
- E. To stimulate research in the sociology, psychology, and physiology of Masters swimming.

Any member of USMS may nominate a worthy person for this award. Each nomination:

- 1. MUST be endorsed by an LMSC.
- 2. MUST be limited to a one-page-only (8 1/2 x 11") application form.
- 3. May include an optional, one-page-only letter of endorsement.

The one-page applications form may be produced on computer or submitted on the attached application form. Computer-generated application forms must be one page only and must follow the exact format and order of information as shown on the attached application form. Application forms longer than one page or using a different format will be returned. ONE one-page letter of endorsement may be submitted. Any additional material will not be considered.

Nomination deadline is March 15, 2002. All completed nomination forms must be in the hands of the Kathy Casey, Recognition and Awards Chair on or before that date. They will then be circulated to Recognition and Awards Committee members who will give careful consideration to all nominations and make the final selection. The award recipient will be announced at the 2002 Short Course Nationals in Honolulu, Hawaii, in May.