

CHAIR REPORT

by Janet Renner

Hallelujah....it's nearly winter, and we've already gotten some rain!! Unfortunately, our first deluge in many years arrived the week of the FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships on Oahu! However with tremendous perseverance and dedication by the volunteer organizers, the events went off beautifully! Congratulations to all who participated - volunteers and competitors alike!! For results visit: www.openwaterswimming.com

We have another addition to our board. A big welcome to Vice President - Kauai Representative, Kim Hester!! See her contact information below.

Our LMSC web site is up and running, check it out at www.hawaiimastersswim.org Please link your club's web site to ours. Please contact our web master D.J. Fabozzi if you have any questions. See contact information following.

Start getting psyched....United States Masters Swimming Short Course National Championships are coming to University of Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku Swimming Complex in May 2002!! This should be a fabulous meet with approximately 1200-1500 swimmers!! Congratulations to Sam Freas who did a fabulous job in orchestrating one of the most memorable bid presentations in USMS history! The bid was presented at the National Convention in Kissimmee, Florida in October. Sam was assisted by Diane Stowell and me. Diane and I attended convention this year as Hawaii's delegates. Chris Cox has been named meet director. We will need a lot of assistance in putting this meet together. Our goal is to make it the best Short Course Nationals. If you can join us in organizing or volunteering during the meet, please contact Chris at: fisheryc@gte.net

More meets are coming to Hawaii. Beginning in 2001, our LMSC will be supporting a meet series where each county will put on at least one meet during the year. The first meet next year is slated for Kauai in March. Stay tuned for more details!! Oahu will host a meet July 5-8, Maui will host a meet September 29th, and the Big Island will host a meet in December.

Your board is committed to improving Hawaii Masters Swimming. To do this, we need your input, your talents, and your energy. Just contributing your thoughts and a few hours of your time will help us reach our goals.

FINA WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships attracted teams and swimmers from around the world to compete in the 5K, 10K and 25K for the elite, and masters and age group swimmers competed in 1K, 3K and 5K swims. Stiff competition was the name of the game in all the events. Diane Stowell had the great fortune of escorting the start of the 25K for the first 5 miles in an outrigger canoe. From the start the competitors were aggressively vying for positions, and watching these elite swimmers in action was thrilling and quite a learning experience.

RECORDS ROUNDUP

by Jim Mellon

Twenty individuals broke a total of 73 Hawaii LMSC records during this past year's swim seasons.* Two of our Hawaii swimmers set U.S. national master's records. Already the national record holder in the women's 65-69 200m (lc) breaststroke, Diane Stowell added the 100m (lc) breaststroke to the record books with a time of 1:40.81 at the Oahu Club meet last November. In short course meters, Mark Noetzel of the Big Island broke the men's 35-39 100m freestyle national record with a swift 53.22, a mere 0.58 off the master's world record.

Not only did she break a national record, Diane Stowell set a remarkable 11 Hawaii LMSC records in the 65-69 age group: 8 in long course meters and 3 in short course yards. Stowell also won 5 silver medals at the World Master's Championships in Munich in July. Swimming in the 75-79 age group, Ruth Manfredi of the Big Island was the other major record setter. The versatile Manfredi broke 8 short course yards records and 7 in short course meters. She now holds the Hawaii record in every women's 75-79 short course yards event.

Several other local swimmers set multiple records. Kat Clark, formerly of the Big Island, set 9 short course meters records in the women's 50-54 age group and 1 short course yards record. Colleen Collins established 8 short course meters records in the 40-44 age group. June Ford, 35-39, added 3 records, including an 18:37 1500m (lc) freestyle, and Big Islanders Mo Mathews (70-74) and Steve McElrath (50-54) also set 3 records apiece. Edward Nakamura, at age 86, broke 4 of his own long course records at the USMS Nationals in Baltimore.

Ernie Leskovitz, 60-64, set 2 records, coming extremely close to the national record in the 100m (lc) butterfly. Other swimmers setting 2 records each include Peter Hursty (25-29), Mark Noetzel (35-39), Jeff Devins (45-49), Christine Winn (30-34), Leilani White-Arter (35-39), Jeri Wade (40-44), and Linda Kaiser (45-49). Single event records were also established by Sally Rupert (20-24), Dierdre Tennant (25-29), Cheryl Henry (30-34), Marie Wagner (40-44), Jeff Rahill (55-59), Karen Van Pelt (60-64), and George Walker (40-44).

The Oahu Club's 160+ men's 200m (lc) medley relay team of Tom Robinson, Mike Bennett, Peter Hursty, and Bob Voegel broke the only relay record.

(*Following USMS procedures for recording records and top 10 times, the long course season extends from October 1-September 30 of each year, the short course yards season runs from June 1-May 31, and the short course meters season consists of January 1-December 31.)

CHANGES TO BACKSTROKE START RULES

Long and short course meters and short course yards backstroke starts are now all the same. The changed rule reads as follows: "The swimmer's feet, including the toes, shall be placed under the surface of the water. Standing in or on the gutter is not permitted at any time before the start. A backstroke starting block may not be used."

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT ARE WE??

USAS: United States Aquatic Sports is made up of the following 5 sports, each with its own governing bodies:

USA Swimming (Age group swimming: age 18 and under);

United States Masters Swimming (USMS) (for people 19 & over who register with them)

US Diving; US Synchronised Swimming; US Waterpolo

USMS used to be under the same umbrella as USA Swimming but received independence in the early 80's. However, USMS was first created within USA Swimming in 1972.

Within USMS, there are 8 Zones which were formed to meet the specific needs and represent the various areas of the country. The zones names are: Breadbasket, Colonies, Dixie, Great Lakes, Northwest, Oceana, South Central and Southwest. These zones are physical divisions for different regions of the country. Hawaii is in the Oceana Zone. Each zone has a representative. Our rep. is Richard Smith.

Each Zone is further divided into Local Masters Swim Committees (LMSC). LMSCs are smaller divisions of the zones. LMSCs represent and serve the local needs of masters swimming. Our zone is shared with 1 other LMSC, Pacific Masters Swimming (which covers the area of N. Calif, and parts of Nevada). All other zones are made up of 3 or more LMSCs. The reason there are only two LMSCs in our zone is because Pacific Masters Swimming (PMS) is the largest LMSC in the country with over 8000 registered masters swimmers. Our LMSC was created by Bruce Clark in 1974. We owe Bruce a lot because without his vision, we probably would not have had an LMSC at all!!

LMSCs are registered with USMS and each LMSC (there are 53) has its own bylaws and board. LMSCs report to their Zone chair at least once a year. USMS provides a LMSC handbook which is revised each year. This handbook gives guidelines and rules for how to operate a LMSC.

Each LMSC is made up of Masters Swim Clubs who are registered through USMS and their LMSC. Each Masters Swim Club has its own bylaws and board. USMS has guidelines and information for starting a swim club.

It is up to each club to support and/or host masters meets. It is up to the LMSC to support and/or host any LMSC Championship meets. It is up to the Zone and LMSCs to host and/or support any Zone Championship meets.

Our LMSC is Hawaii Masters Swimming Association, HMSA. All contact information for the board is listed on the last page.

Our goal is to support masters swimming in Hawaii and to offer services in further organizing our sport within Hawaii through whatever means we can. As our organization grows and gets more cohesive, we will be able to better serve our swimmers.

As we grow, it is hoped that more people will step forward to assist us. An area where we need to promote volunteers is in becoming certified Officials (which can be done through the LSC - the local swimming committee for age group swimming). USMS does not currently offer its own certifying program; therefore, we use USA Swimming's certification program, the YMCA, or Collegiate Certification programs for officials. Officials are needed in order to host any pool meets, large or small. It is an integral part of our expansion. This will also assist in facilitating future bids from Hawaii for national and international masters swim meets.

HUMU was formed years ago by a group of swimmers who compete outside our state to be able to compete under one club from Hawaii. By doing, it allows members to score points together for Hawaii and race together on relays. The way it is done now is; each swimmer has three choices when registering:

1) unattached; 2) with his/her USMS registered swim club; 3) with the "state club" - HUMU. What we are proposing for next year is: when registering for USMS, you will have 2 choices and 2 levels. The first level is the club HUMU which will be registered with USMS so that, when we go outside of Hawaii, we can compete as one club - HUMU. In the first level, you could register either unattached or HUMU. The second level would be only for competition within Hawaii. Each swimmer would have the option of registering either unattached or with a local club. When competitions are held locally, points and organization of relays would only be with the local club only. HUMU is strictly a name with no governing body or board. All local clubs would also be registered with USMS.

There are many more benefits to joining USMS. One of the most important is for secondary insurance to all registered swimmers and swim clubs. This insurance is also used for sanctioned or recognized swimming meets, ocean races or solo swims. Registration also includes a subscription to Swim Magazine, the official swim magazine for masters swimmers. Memberships enable you, while travelling, to find and swim with any other registered club in the country. It allows you to be able to set state, national and world masters records. It provides an organization whose sole purpose is promoting, supporting and creating masters swim programs throughout the country. USMS has nearly 40,000 registered masters swimmers nationwide. The organization is made up of all volunteers, except for the Executive Secretary (the only full-time position). A small salary is paid each year to: Marketing Liason; Webmaster; and Swim Magazine USMS Editor.

You are all encouraged to visit www.usms.org

HAWAII SWIMMERS MAKE A SPLASH AT VIII FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

From July 29 - August 8, 2000, the Olympia Schwimmhalle, site of the 1972 Olympics, in Munich, Germany hosted the 8th FINA World Masters Championships. 6,184 swimmers from around the world participated in this meet which was the second largest masters' meet. Five swimmers from Hawaii competed: Diane Stowell, Cheryl Henry, and June Ford from Oahu, Sherri Lehmer from the Big Island and James Krueger from Maui.

The meet was run very efficiently. There were 7 check points before a swimmer could walk on the deck for his/her event. During the distance freestyle events, two people swam per lane, with a second person starting as the first group completed their first 50 meters; and "dive-over" starts were used to save time. ("Dive over" means they started the next heat before the previous heat had exited the pool). In spite of the great efforts by the host country, the daily events lasted from 7 a.m. until as late as 11 p.m.. After 10 long days of competition, some swimmers were thinking FINA may consider changing the qualifying time standards to decrease the number of participants. Of course, this would create many heated discussions because many of us would love to participate but may not be able to meet the time standards. Not all World Masters Championships will attract such large numbers because, ultimately, participation depends on the location of the events. The next FINA World Championships will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand at the Queen Elizabeth II pool complex from March 21 to April 3, 2002. For additional information, visit the host web site at <http://www.eventnz.co.nz>

For complete results of the VIII World Masters Swimming Championships in Munich, visit: <http://www.swiminfo.com>

MASTERS CLUBS OF HAWAII

Hilo Aquatic Club: Jon Hayashida
969-3937 jhayashi@hei.com
Kawamoto Swimming Pool M-W-F 5:30 – 6:45 AM

Humu Masters Swim Team: Albert Minn
261-5143 Contact Al Minn for workout time
Kailua District Park Swimming Pool

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Kailua Masters Swim Club: Ainslie Mackovjak
254-4171 mackhaas@lava.net
Kailua District Park Swimming Pool M-W-Th 7-8:15 PM

Kona Aquatics: Steve Borowski
327-2172 swim@kona.net
Kona Aquatic Center M & F 6:15-7:30 AM, W 6-7:30 PM

Maui Masters Swim Club: Doug Rice
572-0177 doug@shaka.com
Sakamoto Pool M-W-F 6:45-8:15 PM
Pukalani Pool T & T 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 7:30-9 AM

Mokihana Aquatics: Orlando Araya
821-0587 aaaaaa@hawaiian.net
Kauai High School Pool M-F 5-7 PM, SS 7-10 AM

Oahu Club Masters Team: Robin Flanagan
395-6403 flan@aol.com
Oahu Club M-F 12-1 PM, M-W-F 6:30-7:30 PM

Kona Dolphins Swim Club: Michael Sheeler
322-3655 michael@ilhawaii.net
Kona Aquatic Center T & T 6:15-8:15 AM

University of Hawaii Masters: Joe Lileikis 395-7433
UH-Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex
M-F 5:30-7 AM, Th 6-7:15 PM and 7:15-8:30 PM

Valley Isle Masters Swimmers: Janet Renner
573-8656 jrenner@maui.net
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 M-W-F 5:45 - 7 PM
Lahaina Aquatic Center M-W-F 6 - 7:15 AM,
 T & T 6:30 - 8 PM
Pukalani Pool M-W-F 5:45 - 7:15 AM

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Benefits of 2001 Hawaii Masters Swimming Association Membership

- ◊ The opportunity to meet and train with coaches and other swimmers.
- ◊ The benefit of coaching and training with our member clubs throughout the country requiring USMS membership.
- ◊ A subscription to SWIM Magazine, a bi-monthly national swimming publication which runs concurrently with your membership.
- ◊ The Hawaii Masters Swimming Association Biannual Newsletter
- ◊ The right to participate in any USMS sanctioned postal, pool, open water event or clinic.
- ◊ Liability insurance for your club and meet sponsors.
- ◊ Secondary accident insurance.
- ◊ Borrowing privileges from the USMS video tape and book library.
- ◊ Information from Hawaii Masters Swimming Association to answer any of your swimming questions.

DON' T DELAY RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY FOR 2001

Make Check payable to and mail to:
HAWAII MASTERS SWIMMING ASSN.
 c/o Jeri Wade (808) 261-9809
 820 Alahaki St.
 Kailua HI 96734-3838



2001 Membership Application

RENEWAL-My current USMS No. is _____

NEW REGISTRATION

USMS Fee	11/1/00-8/31/01	18.00
LMSC Fee		5.00
TOTAL FEE		20.00

Membership expires 12/31/01

Register with same name you will use for competition. Print clearly.

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Club or Unattached			E-mail Address		

I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.

Signature _____

If you coach Masters Swimmers, please check here

- I wish to contribute \$1.00 (or \$_____) to the United States Masters Swimming Foundation.
- I wish to contribute \$1.00 (or \$_____) to the International Swimming Hall of Fame Foundation.
- I have added these amounts to my 2001 registration fees.

Benefits of Membership include: A Subscription to SWIM Magazine during the length of the membership year (\$8.00 of the annual dues is designated for a Swim Magazine subscription), and periodic mailings from the Local Masters Swimming Committee.

USMS Registered swimmers are covered with secondary accident insurance.

- 1) in practices supervised by a USMS member or USA Swimming certified coach where all swimmers are USMS registered.
- 2) in USMS sanctioned meets where all competitors are USMS registered.