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Northwest Zone Short Course Yards Championships

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COMMUNICATIONS

Watch for future issues of the Northwest Zone Chatter. Send any news you would like to have included.
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The 2007 Northwest Zone Short Course Yards Championship Meet was held in conjunction with the Oregon Association Championship Meet in Bend, OR on April 20, 21, & 22. The meet was hosted by Central Oregon Masters Aquatics at the new Juniper Swim & Fitness Center.

According to The Aquamaster, this was a great meet. Host Team COMA swam away with the Large Team Title at the Association Meet. Not only was their swimming outstanding, but their Team Synchronized number to the tune of "Hey Big Spender" was sensational and brought down the house.

COMA demonstrated all that is so good about Masters and our sport of swimming. Under the leadership of Meet Directors George Thayer and Madeleine Holmberg, the Team responded with a total volunteer effort, a total swimming effort and at the same time they had fun.

COMA and Bob and Barb Bruce are to be congratulated and thanked for a superb Meet and Banquet. THANK YOU!

Results are available at <http://www.swimoregon.org/results/>

April NW Zone Meeting

The April Northwest Zone meeting was cancelled because the Zone Rep was unable to attend the Northwest Zone Short Course Yards Championship meet and because she was overwhelmed with her duties as meet director for the 2077 USMS National Short Course Championships. She plans to hold a meeting via conference call in July.



USMS Endowment Fund

The USMS Endowment Fund Board of Governors considers applications for grants throughout the year. Application forms can be downloaded from the USMS web site. The form is located in the LMSC Handbook under the Administration tab.

Don't forget to honor and/or memorialize your swimmers through charitable, tax-deductible donations to the fund.

2007 USMS National Short Course Championships

May 17-20, Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center
Another very successful meet!

The Pacific Northwest Association hosted another national championship meet in great style. The experienced meet organizing committee along with a host of wonderful volunteer officials and countless other volunteers put on a very smooth running event which was enjoyed by all.

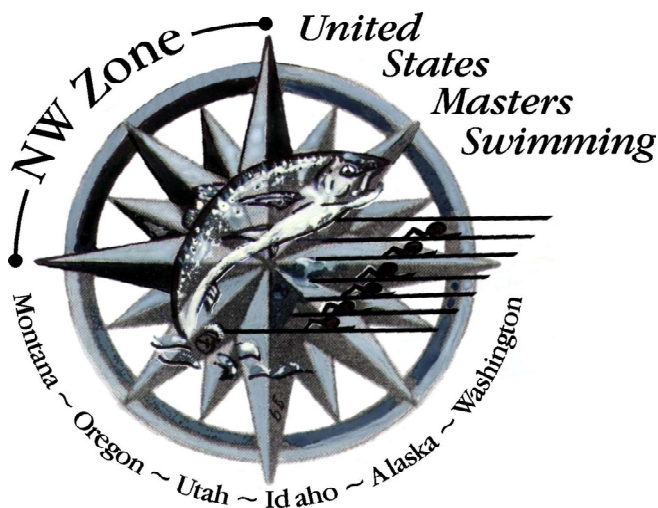
Many national records were set, along with personal best swims. The band and Elvis impersonator at the social were enjoyed by those who attended.

Newsletters and pictures are at www.fwnationals.com.
Results are at <http://www.usms.org/comp/scnats07/results/>

The Vancouver Open Water Swim

Association is dedicated to creating safe and enjoyable open water swim opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

The swim schedule for 2007 has been set. All swims start in the morning. Fees will likely go up a few dollars from last year. <http://www.vovsa.bc.ca/>



Swim Event	Date	Location	Distances
Canada Day Swim	July 1	Sasamat Lake	1km, 2km, and 4km
Bay Challenge	July 22	Sandy Cove to Kits Beach	10km - solo and team
Kits Challenge	July 28	Kits Beach	1km, 3km, and 6km

USMS MENTOR COACH AND SWIMMER CLINICS and OPEN WATER CLINICS

These clinics consist of a minimum 2-hour coach's clinic led by a USMS mentor coach, who will provide ideas and information on how to further develop your Masters program. In addition, there is a 4-hour swimmers clinic, again led by the mentor coach and assisted by the local coaches. This program is a great way to give any LMSC or club a shot of adrenaline. There is still grant money available for 2007! More information and an application to host a clinic can be found at <http://www.usms.org/coach/usmsclinics.php>

If open water swimming is popular in your area, you may want to consider hosting a USMS Open Water Clinic. Now is the time to start planning for your summer season. These clinics are similar to the Mentor Clinics with grant money available and approved USMS clinicians who travel to you! For more information, please see <http://www.usms.org/coach/owclinics.php>

USMS Reminders

April 30 - LMSC minutes of 2006 annual meeting and 2006 financial statement were due to USMS National Office. If you have not submitted these, please do so now.

July 6 - Received-by deadline for Long Course Nationals

July 10 - Proposed Rules, Long Distance, and Legislation amendments due to respective committee chairs (Rules: Kathy Casey - Rules AT usms DOT org, Long Distance: Marcia Cleveland - LongDistance AT usms DOT org, Legislation: Sean Fitzgerald - Legislation AT usms DOT org)

July 13 - Postmark entry deadline for 2007 LC Nationals

July 30 - USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award nominations due to Recognition and Awards Chair (Kelly Crandell - Awards AT usms DOT org)

August 1 - Deadline for USAS for early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory

August 1 - Bids for fitness events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Marcia Anziano - Fitness AT usms DOT org)

August 10 - Bids for 2009 Long Course, Short Course and Long Distance National Championships due to committee chairs

Check to see if your favorite pools are properly listed in the USMS Places to Swim at www.usms.org/placswim. Each listing has a link for modifications. To add a new place to swim, visit www.usms.org/placswim/placswimadd.php

LMSC NEWSLETTER CHAIRS:

Please be sure that I am on the distribution list to receive your newsletter either electronically or by postal mail.

LMSC MEETS/SANCTIONS CHAIRS:

Please submit your events to the USMS Calendar. This can be done by going to: <http://www.usms.org/comp/eventform.php>

2007 Northwest Zone Event Schedule

2007	July	1	Canada Day Swim - 1km, 2km & 4km	Open Water	Sasamat Lake, Port Moody	BC Masters - Canada
2007	July	7-8	OR State Games Mt Hood Community College	LCM	Gresham, OR	Oregon
2007	July	14	Fat Salmon	Open Water	Seattle, WA	PNA
2007	July	14-15	Applegate Lake	Open Water	Jacksonville, OR	Oregon
2007	July	15	Steve Omi Memorial Swim	Open Water	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Inland Northwest
2007	July	21	Lake Padden	Open Water	Bellingham, WA	PNA
2007	July	22		Open Water	West Vancouver	BC Masters - Canada
2007	July	27-29	Bay Challenge - 10km solo or relay Cascade Lakes Swim Series & Festival	Open Water	Bend, OR	Oregon
2007	July	28	Kits Challenge - 1km, 3km, 6km solo or relay	Open Water	West Vancouver	BC Masters - Canada
2007	July	29	WA State Senior Games - Briggs YMCA	SCY	Olympia, WA	PNA
2007	August	4	USMS 1-3 mile Open Water Championship Sandpoint Long Bridge Swim	Open Water	Sandpoint, ID	Inland Northwest
2007	August	12	Pennock Island Challenge	Open Water	Ketchikan, AK	Alaska
2007	August	19	Dorena Lake	Open Water	Cottage Grove, OR	Oregon
2007	August	26	Whitefish Lake	Open Water	Whitefish, MT	Montana
2007	Sept	8-9	Orcas Island Swims	Open Water	Orcas Island, WA	PNA
2007	Sept	9	The Patriot Games - Grass Valley A.C. - Metric Pentathlon	SCM	Camas, WA	Oregon
2007	Sept	12-15	BC Senior Games	SCM	Nanaimo, BC	BC Masters - Canada
2007	Sept	23	North Whidbey Pentathlon	SCM	Oak Harbor, WA	PNA
2007	Oct	13	Bainbridge Area Masters	SCY	Bainbridge, WA	PNA
2008	January	19	Thunderbird Aquatic Club	SCY	Anacortes, WA	PNA
2008	February	17	Bellevue Club	SCM	Bellevue, WA	PNA
2008	March	22	Briggs YMCA	SCY	Olympia, WA	PNA
2008	April	12-13	PNA Champs	SCY	Federal Way, WA	PNA
2007	Jan 1	- Dec 31	USMS Check-Off Challenge	any	Local Pools	Federal Way Masters
2007	Jan 1	-Dec 31	USMS 30 Minute Swim	any	Local Pools	PNA
2007		-Sep 15				Masters of South Texas
2007	May 15		USMS Postal: 5 K & 10 K	LCM	Local Pools	
2007	Sep 15	-Nov 15	USMS Postal: 3000 yd & 6000 yd events	SCY	Local Pools	Sawtooth Masters

Todd Smith Named as USMS Executive Director

Smith brings 25 years of sports management experience

May 10, 2007 • Todd Smith has been named the Executive Director of United States Masters Swimming (USMS), President Rob Copeland announced Friday. USMS is the largest independent Masters organization in the world, and is dedicated to enriching the masters swimming experience for adult swimmers at all levels of ability.

“We are delighted to have Todd join USMS as our first executive director,” Copeland said. “This is the most significant step Masters Swimming has taken since our founding in 1970, taking our program to the next level of management and leadership. Todd brings a wealth of experience and passion to Masters swimming.”

Smith comes to USMS from USA Diving, Inc., where he was executive director and CEO for the past 25 years. During that period, Smith developed and implemented USA Diving’s strategic plan, which included creation of an online membership and event registration, and he increased the organization’s annual budget by 1100 percent. Smith directed the national office and oversaw all business operations—including finance, budget, compliance, human resources, public relations and general administration.

“I am honored to serve as the first executive director of United States Masters Swimming,” Smith said. “USMS is an amazing organization of over 42,000 goal-oriented members passionately dedicated to improving their fitness through swimming. It is the gold-standard when it comes to adult programs which promote healthy lifestyles, friendship, and camaraderie.”

“Todd’s experience as executive director of USA Diving will be a tremendous asset in clarifying the future of masters swimming. I look forward to working with Todd to provide new and improved programs and services to our members, volunteer leadership teams and staff,” Copeland said.

2007 USMS Annual Meeting

The 2007 USMS Annual Meeting will be held September 26 - 30 in Anaheim, CA.

Each LMSC is entitled to at least one delegate.

This year’s business will include election of USMS Officers. All of the current officers are running for re-election.

The Northwest Zone Meeting will be held on Saturday morning. This year is also an election year for the zone representative. Nominations and election will be held at the zone meeting.

More information is available at <http://www.usms.org/admin/conv/>