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# *Dixie Zone News*

April - June 1995

Top Ten/Records  
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## GEORGIA MASTERS HOST ZONE CHAMPS

The 1995 Dixie Zone Short Course Yards Championships were held at Dynamo Swim Center in Atlanta on March 18-19. Thirty-eight teams were in attendance, including at least one team from each LMSC in the Dixie Zone. Host club Georgia Masters Killer Whales led participation with 77 swimmers and team points with 1231. Following GMKW in team standings was a close race among several teams: North Carolina Masters (567), Birmingham Swim League Masters (491), Dynamo Masters (459), BAMA Masters (400), and Greater Knoxville Masters (396). A total of 267 swimmers entered the meet, the largest ever for the St. Patrick's Day meet.

Thanks to Lisa Watson and her staff of many for doing a usual fine job on the meet. It took dozens of volunteers to handle a variety of duties such as concession stand, seeding, results, social, officials, registration table, t-shirts, timers, sponsors, and clean up. GMKW = Great Many Kind Workers!

## ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BATON ROUGE

The Crawfish Masters Swim Team cordially invites all Dixie Zone swimmers to Baton Rouge on July 28-30 for the 1995 Dixie Zone Long Course Championships. The meet will be held at the Louisiana State University Natatorium, a fast indoor facility with a 25 yard warm up pool. The 1500 meter free will be held on Friday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

After the meet on Saturday, enjoy the Governor's Mansion social at the beautiful home of some of Louisiana's famous political leaders. After the social, try your luck at Baton Rouge's brand new riverboat casinos, just blocks from the Governor's Mansion.

Each swimmer will receive an "achievement plaque," mailed with final results approximately two weeks after the meet. The plaque will show each swimmer's events and final times. (Sorry, no room for splits!)

An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. For more information, contact Meet Director and Zone Representative Scott Rabalais at (504)766-5937. Entries are due by July 22, 1995; no deck entries!

## ST. PETE CELEBRATES 25-YEAR MEET

The St. Petersburg Masters (SPM) hosted their 25th anniversary Short Course Swimming Championships at the North Shore Pool on April 7-9. The St. Pete meet is the longest running annual Masters meet in the country. SPM scored 3407 points, followed by Team Orlando Masters with 1533.5, Holmes Lumber Jax with 1498, and Gold Coast Masters had 1331.

Women high-point winners were Ester Smith, Lisa Bitting, Gloria Nemet, Barbara Nichols, Anita Allen, Meegan Wilson, Elaine Bromwich, Jayne Lambke, Anne McGuire, June Krauser, Bunny Cederlund, Getrude Zint, Win Kennedy, Sally Scott, and Marian Kechnie.

Taking men's high-point honors were Chris Brancato and Nick Mina (tie), Jim Christian, John Black, Lucky Meisenheimer, William Reeves, James Donnelly, Douglas Long, Victor Sirbu, Jack Beattie, Thomas Smith, Paul Hutinger, Brud Cleveland, and Frank Tillotson and James Mitchell (tie).

Meet Director Paul Hutinger of SPM set USMS records in four events in the 70-74 age group: 50 yard back (32.62), 100 back (1:12.23), 200 back (2:42.35), and 50 fly (31.70).

### **CONQUER AN ISLAND AT KEY WEST SWIM**

The Coral Springs Masters, with Anna Fugina Pennella, event founder, invite you to attend the 19th Annual Swim Around Key West on Saturday, July 1. Check-in is at 7:30 am; race begins at 9:00 a.m. The race is held in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico around the island of Key West, Florida.

The course is 12.5 miles long, starting and finishing at the Key West Smathers Beach Bertha Street Boat Ramp. Swimmers will proceed clockwise full circle around the island. The pre-race dinner and meeting will be at the Holiday Inn (headquarter hotel) on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. Race entry fee is \$25 by June 15, \$30 afterwards. Event categories include solo, solo with fins, 3-person relay, and 6-person relay.

For more information, contact Tricia Holm at (305)340-8454.

### **FORT LAUDERDALE NATIONALS**

Inside scoop has it that roughly 2,000 swimmers are entered in the '95 Short Course Nationals and that the 6th event will be allowed. Expect a great meet and lots of sun!

### **USMS NEWS**

USMS Zone Chairman Betsy Durrant reports that our four current national officers wish to serve another two years and will be up for re-election. They are Mel Goldstein (President), Jim Miller (Vice President), Suzanne Rague (Secretary), and Lucy Johnson (Treasurer). At this point, there are no other approved nominees for the national offices. A new USMS Zone Chairman will be elected by the Zone Committee at this year's convention in Houston, Texas.

LMSCs are once again reminded to submit LMSC minutes and financial reports at the conclusion of each year of business. Actually, the best time to submit the minutes is immediately after the meeting. Financial reports can be turned in January, when all transactions and bank statements are complete for the previous year.

LMSCs are reminded to submit their 1994 reports if they have not done so.

### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

The USMS Coaches Committee encourages each LMSC to select their own LMSC Coach of the Year and forward the name to be considered for the national award. The 1995 winner will be announced at the USMS National Convention on September 21. Submissions must be received by July 15. For award criteria and additional information, contact Michael Collins, PO Box 1366, Davis, CA 95617. Tel & Fax (916)758-7212.

### **ZONE REP INFO**

Your Zone Representative, Scott Rabalais, has a new address and phone. Reach him by mail at 3537 Christina Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70820. Phone/FAX is (504)766-5937. Scott will be stepping down as your Zone Rep after a four-year tenure. If you are interested in running for the position, please contact Scott prior to the USMS Convention.

## TOP TEN REPORT

The 1994 Dixie Zone Short Course Meters Top Ten is enclosed with this newsletter. Please share it with club members. Rocky Motter reports that the current Zone records are listed separately (pages 2-4), but not with each Top Ten listing due to a computer glitch. Nevertheless, thanks to Rocky for compiling the rankings.

Rocky also reports that all areas are cooperating well **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FLORIDA GOLD COAST**. It would be appreciated if this LMSC would send Rocky results from all FGC-sanctioned meets and/or an LMSC Top Ten report at the end of each season. It is unfair to the swimmers in a particular LMSC when administrators do not follow through on requests, leaving swimmers omitted from these publications.

**Rocky Motter's new address is 3 Wando Circle, Hertford, NC 27944. Phone: (919)426-2038.** The zip code was reported incorrectly in the previous zone newsletter.

## ANOTHER HONOR

Does June Krauser ever tire of receiving awards? Daughter Janice reports that on March 12, June was recognized by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's History Coalition for her contribution to the advancement of women through the development of the Masters Swimming program. June played a key role in the writing of the rules that govern the National Junior Olympics, the Special Olympics, and Masters Swimming. She has been an active participant in the Masters program as an athlete and an administrator since 1972.

## LMSC NOTES

In **Florida Gold Coast**, Coral Springs has approved and funded a new 25 meter pool. Facility manager Michael McGoun says construction is expected to start in early June and swimming should begin in September. Coach Judy Bonning says she hopes to host the first Short Course Meter Nationals!

The newsletter from **Georgia** reports that the One Hour Swim was a big success with 935 participants and nine new national records. The Killer Whales placed 2nd in the large team division. It was definitely their "Finest Hour."

The **South Carolina** group congratulates Team Greenville Masters member Jim Keogh, who won the 40-44 Middle Distance competition in the 1994 Postal Pentathlon meet. Other TGMs who participated in the Middle Distance event were Julio Gomez, Marty Remick and Linda Remick. Mary Lou Hill conquered the Ironman Pentathlon distances.

**Southeastern** welcomes two new clubs -- Anniston Tiger Shark Masters and Huntsville Swim Association Masters. Both clubs are located in Alabama. The Anniston club is coached by long-time Masters swimmer Clayton Angell and has only one other member, Bob Couch. Surely, we'll see growth in their club in the months to come. Huntsville is returning to the fold after a several-year absence. Welcome back!

Over in **Southern**, the February Fitness Challenge had another successful year with 619 enthusiasts taking the plunge. The participants covered just over 41 million yards, or roughly a trip around the world. Average monthly yardage was 66,381 yards. The top total was accumulated by Tom McRae of Palo Alto, California, who swam 600,533 yards during the month. Impressive Richard Taylor, age 77, of Levitown, Pennsylvania, navigated 295,025 yards.

## ZONE MEET CALENDAR

### **May 13**

MASTERS 5K STATE CHAMPS (OPN)  
LAKE LANIER, GA  
D.A.M.P. (Bill Black)  
PO Box 88863  
Atlanta, GA 30356  
(404)698-8020

### **May 13**

PENSACOLA BAY SWIM (OPN)  
PENSACOLA, FL  
Entries closed May 6.

### **May 18-21**

USMS NATIONAL SC CHAMPS  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL  
Entries closed.

### **May 22**

USMS 3.5 MILE OPEN WATER CHAMPS  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL  
Entries closed May 8.

### **June 3**

AQUACREST LCM MEET  
DELRAY BEACH, FL  
Scott Barlow/Dick Chelikus  
2503 Seacrest Blvd.  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
(407)278-7174

### **June 10-11**

SUNCOAST MASTERS T-SHIRT MEET  
SARASOTA, FL (LCM)  
Deb Walker  
3671 Beneva Oaks Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34238  
(813)923-3540

### **July 1**

SWIM AROUND KEY WEST  
KEY WEST, FL (OPN)  
Coral Springs Masters  
c/o JPC, PO Box 8086  
Coral Springs, FL 33065  
Tricia Holm (305)340-8454

### **July 14-16**

ST. PETE REGIONAL LCM CHAMPS.  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL

### **Harold Ferris**

1116 44th Ave NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33706  
(813)896-0250

### **July 8-9**

TEAM GREENVILLE MASTERS LC INVITE  
GREENVILLE, SC  
Jim Keogh  
(803)295-0032

### **July 28-30**

DIXIE ZONE LCM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
Scott Rabalais  
3537 Christina Ave.  
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Entry enclosed.

### **August 5**

AQUACREST LC MEET  
DELRAY BEACH, FL  
Scott Barlow/Dick Chelikus  
2503 Seacrest Blvd.  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
(407)278-7174

### **August 6**

LCM DEVELOPMENTAL MEET  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL  
Margie Hutinger  
1755 Georgia Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703  
(813)521-1172

### **August 12-13**

GEORGIA MASTERS LONG COURSE MEET  
ATLANTA, GA  
Lisa Watson  
804 Howell Ct.  
Duluth, GA 30316  
(404)497-1901

### **August 19**

RELAY CARNIVAL (LCM)  
CORAL SPRINGS, FL  
Judy Bonning  
12441 Royal Palm Blvd.  
Coral Springs, FL 33065  
(305)345-5370