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## Masters Monthly



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Hello again, sea nymphs. Welcome back to another installment of "Lust Among the Lane lines." Summer is here, I can tell, because it was $39^{\circ}$ at practice this morning at the outdoor pool. We have a new NATIONAL RECORD to report, a summer meet schedule, two new teams to introduce, and lots of other useless information. So send the kids off to bed, and grab a cold one: here we go again.

This month's top story is the account of six Minnesotans at the Short Course Nationals in San Antonio, Texas last May. Robin Kleffman, Marsha Soucheray, Mark Litman, Ray Hakomaki, Gary Bastie and Wes Bastie carried the colors of the Northern Shores Aquatic Club to 29 th place out of 107 teams. Among the great performances (almost all personal records) was a new National Record of 56.8 in the 100 Free. Ray is one of only two known persons able to "swim their age" in the 100 Free. That's like shooting your age in golf, or shooting your wife in the kitchen.
hobin took one second and had phenomenal time drops. Marsha took three fourths in her very competitive age group. Mark, Gary and Wes all had nice time drops, and placed in their specialties, Unofficial and Incomplete Summary:

| , | (57) |  | Marsha Soucheray (37) |  |  | Robin Kleffman (30) |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 200 \text { Free } \\ & \text { Wes } \end{aligned}$ | Relay (6th) |
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| 50 Free | 25.2 | 1st | 50 Fly | 30.63 | 4th | 100 | Bresst | 1:05.7 | 2nd |  | 23.47 |
| 100 Free | 56.8 | lst | 100 Fly | 1:10.00 | 4th | 200 | Breast | 2:28.57 | 3rd | Gary | 23.97 |
| 50 Fly | 30.1 | lst | 100 Free | 1:06.3 | 8 th | 100 | Fly | 56.38 | 6 th | Robin | 22.46 |
| 100 IM | 1:08.0 | 2nd | 100 IM | 1:13.99 | 6 th | 100 | Back | 1:08.40 |  | Ray | 25.62 |
| 200 Breast | 2:54.6 | 1st | 200 IM | 2:46.8 | 7 th |  |  | 25.37 | 8th |  |  |
| 200 IM | 2:36.4 | lst | 50 Free | 27.54 | 4 th | 100 | IM | 1:00.98 |  |  |  |


| Mark Litman (33) |  |  | Gary Bastie (28) |  |  |
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| 100 Back | 1:03.01 | (6th) | 1050 | Free | 18:52.5 |
| 200 Back | 2:20.0 | (6th) | 50 | Free | 23.1 |
| 100 IM | 1:03.68 |  | 100 | IM | 1:01.2 |

Wes Bastie (25)
50 Free 24.21

Now, let's have a thunderous round of indifference for these fine athletes.

Two new teams in the metro area have surfaced, and we are proud to announce them here for the first time anywhere in the world. Two Swim clubs, formerly concerned only with kids, have found the truth, seen the light, and generally added to the confusion with Masters. The Mounds View Swim Club, under the direction of Steve Duncan, are practicing at Irondale High School in New Brighton. Call Steve at' $84-5532$ for days and times of practice. Another (yes, folks, yet another team) Masters team is forming through the South East Metro Sharks Swim Club (SEMS) under the curly-haired direction of Duane Sorenson. This bunch will probably practice at Woodbury High School, but you vetter call Duane at 459-1235 for details.

We welcome these additions to the list of teams operating in Minnesota. As we have said so many times before, the team idea makes it so much easier to work out, and adds so much to the basic idea of "Swinming for Fitness". We hope to print up a little handbook for Masters Teams, to help educate swimers in the "nuts and bolts" of Masters Swimming in Minnesota.

We have added to the list of prizes for the Logo Contest. Thus far we have received only one entry. Design a logo for Masters Swimming in Minnesota and win: One pair of Goggles, $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon of Kemps Ice Cream (Courtesy of Rollie Duff), One Free Masters Meet for Two, and for single women, the usual desparate proposition from the Stern Oldwheeler.

ENTER NOW:: Kemember: apathy is one sign of heavy drug use.

Last month, we published "The History of Swimming" as researched by the Auld Sternwheeler. We had much fun with that, and got much nice response (including being reprinted in the White Bear Press).
One of the nicest letters came from my buddie Brenda Ueland. You remember Brenda, she's the young scamp (86) with the National Record. Well, Brenda writes her congratulations and adds to the History: "A friend told this true story of Byron" (remember Lord Byron, who swam the Hellespont) "The friend recently visited an aristocratic old lady in Venice who lived in one of those palaces. Her forebears were Doges. In about 1820 Lord Byron was a guest there. He would dive out of an upstairs window into the Canal. He had a private gondola and gondolier. when it was raining and Lord Byron swam, the gondolier would go along side holding an unbrella over Lord B."

Brenda ałso sent along an article which she wrote for the Minnesota Posten about the State Meet where she describes the Butterfly stroke as "a kind of repeated convulsion." Love it!


## LITTLE VICTORIES

I'm not sure that this is a victory, but Judy Hedberg of Northern Shores reports that she has to hustle home that one day each month to get to the mailbox and hide the Old Sternwheeler before her kids get home.

The "Discus" of the Decathalon Club recently reported on the fantastic mileage of 63 yearold Masters Swimmer Rollie Duff. When he started in 1973, Rollie covered 100 miles during the year. In '74, it was 169 , and jumped to $485 \frac{1}{2}$ in ' 75 . He has covered $467 \frac{1}{2}$ and $462 \frac{1}{2}$ in ${ }^{\prime} 76$ and '77, and has a goal of 500 Miles in 1978. Go get 'em Kollie: If all those miles were laid end to end, Rollie would be almost to Tierra del Fuego by now.

Kemember, water wonders; all little victories must be submitted by you readers. If you've done something which you think might be of interest, or inspiring to others, drop me a line. Send all correspondence to Old Sternwheeler, 5 Oriole Lane, St. Paul, MN 55llO. Don't send anything to Jack Gause (the name on the return address), he simply keeps our Bulk Mail permit legal. Remember: apathy is one sign of mental deterioration.

NATIONAL \& INTERNATIONAL MEETS:
July 22 National Long Distance Swimming Championships -- Menomenie, Wisconsin Edie Gruender, 3329 N. Valencia Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85018
August 20-30 Ist Senior Age Division Aquatic Competition, Canada, 1978 (International Masters Championships -- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
559 Jarvis St. Toronto, M4Y 2J1
August 31, Sept l-2 National Long Course Championships -- Providence, Rhode Island Enid Uhrich, 25 Lafayette Rd., Newton, MA 02162

## MINNESOTA MEETS:

July 23 St. Paul Classic Modified Mini (tentative) St. Paul Highland Park Pool, hopefully to be run in conjunction with St. Paul Classic Senior A.A.U. Meet. Details later.
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WINTER SCHEDULE:
Harry Brown would like to finalize a Fall-Winter schedule as soon as possible for puolicity purposes. If you would like a meet in your home pool, we could use weekend dates, or weekday evenings for mini meets. This just might the lift your club could use. Give Harry a call at 636-3785.

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SAMPLE WORKOUTS: These workouts are written for 50 m pools, but can be swum anywhere.

500 Swim
$2 \times 200$ IM Kick
$4 \times 100$ Non-crawl
300 EZ RB 3 or 5
5 x 100 Crawl (:60) 100 EZ

200 EZ Swim
200 RB
200 Kick
200 Choice
$10 \times 50$ on 1:30
200 EZ
$10 \times 50$ on $2: 00$
200 kZ Cool down
800 Warm-up
Alternate:
50 Kick,
100 Swim;
8 Each.
100 EZ

400 Swim
400 Pull
$4 \times 150$ on $4=00$
200 FZ
$10 \times 50$ (rest : 40) 800 EZ Swim 100 EZ for stroke

Workouts are written for approx. 2000 meters, duration: about 1 hour (on a good day)

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS:
The questionaires which you have been returning are helping us greatly in determining how to make Masters Swimming better and more of what you want in the future. In all, 20 have been received thus far, and here is the general trend and some of the more specific ideas:

1. Nost people felt that the number of meets was about right, that a meet every 3-4 weeks was enough.
2. Only one of the 20 responders felt that entry fees were too high, and objected to the $\$ 5.00$ entry fee at the State Meet. Oddly, that person didn't attend the State Meet. (Just a note on entry fees in other states: Wisconsin charges between $\$ 1.50$ and $\$ 2.00$ per event, Illinois is also in the $\$ 1.50-\$ 2.00$ range. I know of no A.A.U. association where you can swim for 334 an event as you can in our Mini meets.)
3. What should we do with your money? Nost people suggested that we spend it on publicity. Other good ideas include awards, reimburse local swimmers for participation in National meets, promote more social events, and "provide a greater selection of cookies."
4. How do we improve? Two things: more statewide publicity, and promote formation of more teams.
5. Competition vs. Participation: Almost everyone thought there should be an equal balance between the two. The rest leaned away from competition and felt that participation and the "Swim for fitness" idea was good philosophy.
6. Awards: Most everyone liked getting awards, and were very receptive to the idea of practical awards. There were a few people indifferent, but interestingly, no one said "no" to awards.
7. Say something nice about the 0ld Sternwheeler:

- "I'm sorry, but I think the Committee can only ask so much."
- "I'm new in the area."
- "The copy toner was just right on this week's issue."
-"I think you're neat-whoever you are... SWAK."
- "Knowing the Old Sternwheeler is as much fun as one can have with his/her clothes on."
- "It's the effort that counts."
-"I enjoyed reading 'All You Wanted to Know About Swimming but Were Smart Enough Not to Ask.'"
-"A bird in the hand makes it hard to shave."
Any of you apathetic catfish out there who would like to add your ideas to this collection, just dig out the questionaire from the May 15 mailing and send it along. Hurry, they could raise the cost of a stamp again.


Dear Old Sternwheeler,
If you happen to see Ray Hakomaki, ...tell him I've taken goat gland treatments, have been practicing eight hours a day, and have got my time for the 50 yard dash down to 23.6. He'll never, then, want to see the age of 60 . He told me once, two or three years ago, that when he was swimming for the $U$ of $M$, he was tired of having my name shoved down his throat by Thorpe, the then coach. So if you get the chance, shove my name down his throat one more time.

> Best Regards, Rex Hudson Duluth

Dear Old Sternwheeler,
Went to the National Coaches Clinic last week. Mitch Ivey, Marty Knight, Peter Daland, \& Frank Keefe were there. Went to dinner with Peter Daland (Olympic coach) and Frank Keefe, and shared your April Fool's Newsletter with them:--Whereupon Peter ordered another bottle of wine-and he was the first speaker for the evening session:

Love,
Nancy Stupka
Lombard, Illinois

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