## Alaska Mesters Swirming

Winter 2000

## From Lane 6:

Happy 2000! 1999 was a record year for Alaskan Masters with 254 swimmers registered. Other national statistics include the following:

- 37,443 total swimmers
- 440 clubs
- largest LMSC with 8,794 swimmers / smallest with 22 swimmers
- $57 \%$ of members are male and $43 \%$ female
- largest age group for men 40-44; largest for women 35-39
- oldest male and female swimmer were both 99 years young


Just a couple of FAQs regarding insurance coverage:
What happens if non USMS swimmers are in the water at the same time as USMS swimmers during a USMS practice?

General Liability coverage is voided if the swimmers are intermingled unless:
a. the is a lane separation (USMS members lanes 1-3 and non USMS swimmers are in lanes 4-6)
b. An individual(s) is involved in a USMS 30 day tryout period.
c. The non USMS swimmers are USS swimmers.

A member of the United States Swimming Inc. practices with a USMS team.
What is the status of the Liability insurance for the USMS member Club and its members?

The USMS liability is in full force. There is an unwritten agreement between USMS and USS allowing each others members to practice with one another.

## Annual Meeting Information:

Our general meeting will be held at the close of the SCY Championships Saturday session in February. This is an election year. I am sorry to say that Raymond Billings has resigned from his position. Thanks to Raymond for the work he has done in the past for AKMS. We are therefore looking for someone to take over Records/Top 10 / AKMS Web page.

Any other current board members who wish to resign should contact myself or another board member. Also, anyone interested in being on the Board should contact myself or another board member. We will also take nominations on the floor at the meeting. Positions and current board members are listed inside the newsletter.

Check out the Major Rule Changes for 2000 and the other exciting information in this newsletter. See you in February, hold your steamlines and work on fluid breakouts!


## Calendar of Events

Jan. 1-31, 2000
2000 USMS 1-Hour Postal Championship
Mel Goldstein, 5735 Carrollton Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220, (317) 253-8289

Feb. 1-29, $2000 \quad$ February Fitness Challenge
Tualatin Hills Barracudas, Beaverton, Oregon. email: FitnessFrog@aol.com , phone no.(503) 533-5567

Feb. 18 \& 19, 2000 Short Course Yard Championships, Bartlett High School Pool, Anchorage, AK, Ginny Wright (907) 344-5321

April 1-30, 2000 Alaska Masters Annual Postal Meet, Jan Rumble, email: jandean@alaska.net, (907) 780-2552

April 27-30, 20002000 USMS Short Course Yards Nationals - IUPUI Natatorium, Indianapolis; Mel Goldstein (317) 253-8289, goldstein@mindspring.com

# Don't forget that SCY State Championship entries have to be received by the meet director by February 7th. The 1650 free is filling up and only 16 can people can enter that event. 

| Alaska Masters Swimming |  |  |  |
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| Chairperson |  | Registrar/Treasurer |  |
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In December 1998, Randal, my husband asked me "What would you like for Christmas?" I replied, "To go to a swim camp!" He told me I could go any time. Circumstances prevented me from going until December 1998, when we went to Maui for my long awaited gift.
I originally planned on attending one of the "organized" camps advertised in the swimming magazines, but this fall when I looked into it I realized my opportunity for 1999 camps had passed. The majority of them had taken place during the summer, so I decided to get on the Web and find my own swim adventure. On the USMS page, I was looking under the "coach's" section and found a question and answer page that interviewed various coaches from around the country. I was attracted to the comments of a Hawaiian resident named Janet Renner.

This past spring Janet studied at one of the Olympic training centers, so I knew she was in tune with the latest techniques and theories (not that I was too concerned about her credentials. Heck, I just wanted to get out of Juneau and go swimming!)
I contacted her and was delighted to learn that she was arranging clinics for her master's groups on Maui in early December. She welcomed me to join in, and mentioned she had rented an underwater video attachment for her camera and was planning on before-and-after viewing of all strokes. "I'm coming! Sign me up!" I responded.
Our first day on Maui I meet Janet at Kihei Pool and was delighted with the facilities. The previous Mayor of Maui had several pools built; all 50 m long, 25 yards wide, 9 foot wide lanes with both heating and cooling systems to keep the temp just right. The locker rooms were spacious and clean, there were rooms for meetings and training, and let's not forget the beautiful landscaping of hibiscus bushes and palm trees. Here is the truly amazing thing -- there are 5 such pools on Maui, and they are all free to the public.

Janet informed me that I was the only person who signed up for her pool-exclusive stroke classes, as all her swimmers are primarily open water competitors. So for the next 12 days I met with Janet one-on-one, and learned the latest techniques of all the strokes. This is not to say I can now execute them all adroitly, but I'm on my way. The video taping was invaluable as a teaching aide, but also a real blow to the ego. After viewing my strokes for the first time (from under and above water, and every angle) I felt I needed a counseling session with a psychiatrist. They were not the models of efficiency I thought them to be.

Our training sessions were structured so Janet could film my "before" style, give me pointers in the pool, then we would go inside and watch the playback. She would point out my failings, and add additional drills and things to work on. For example: on freestyle, when my hand would enter to water to begin the catch, my wrist would actually extend and my arm would float toward the surface instead of beginning my initial scull motion back toward my feet. Naturally, Janet gave me a one-arm drill of watching my hand enter the water, flexing my wrist and beginning my pull earlier. On "off" days I would swim 2500 to 3000 yards of just drills and kicking, then the following day hook up with Janet for an "after" filming of one stroke, and a "before" of the next target stroke. Typically, I met with "CoachR" (her vanity license plate) every other day for coaching, and swam with her master's group on the alternate days where she could give me additional pointers while I worked my drills.
I must take a moment to compliment Janet on coaching skills. She is very knowledgeable about all the strokes, arranges fun workouts and challenges all her students. She also teaches surfing, and arranges weddings on the side. How's that for a "hang loose" schedule?

When I was in PT school I had an instructor that said, "Posture is $99 \%$ awareness." If you don't know you have bad posture, or what good posture is, you won't know to change. If you know what good posture is then you can do something about it. This is exactly what the video taping (and Janet's expertise) did for me -- made me aware of my stroke foibles and flaws. The tape runs two hours, and it's mine for education, training, technique and the posterity of remembering a splendid December swimming in Hawaii. Sound tempting? I'm sure Janet would enjoy make yours if you show up on Maui seeking top-notch aquatic instruction. She can be reach at jrenner@maui.net.

## 13th Annual Alaska Masters Short Course Championships SC Meters



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| - Ages 40 Through 44 --- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | LARSEN, RON | 40 | BMST | 5:10.53 |
| 2 | CAMPBELL, MARK | 41 | BMST | 5:34.79 |
| 3 | YOUNG, JEFF | 41 | SWAM | 7:00.39 |
|  | Ages 45 Through 49 |  |  |  |
| 1 | PRESTON, GLENN | 45 | UNATT | 5:07.39 |
| 2 | WERY, RICK | 47 | JUNMS | 5:28.70 |
|  | Ages 50 Through 54 |  |  |  |
| 1 | HICKEY, KEN | 54 | UNATT | 6:11.22 |
| 2 | VAN HORN, W.A. | 50 | YMCA | 7:24.42 |
| Event 19 Women 50 Back |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 25 Through 29 |  |  |  |
| 1 | HASLAM, CHRISTINE <br> Ages 35 Through 39 --- | 28 | BMST | 35.45 |
| 1 | GORMAN, TONI | 37 | YMCA | 46.57 |
| 2 | ELCONIN, ANDREA | 39 | SWAM | 48.36 |
| 3 | KENT, HOLLY | 38 | SWAM | 51.06 |
|  | Ages 45 Through 49 - |  |  |  |
| 1 | ALSTON-WRIGHT, DEBBIE | 46 | UNATT | 38.52 |
| 2 | BROWN, ELLYN | 47 | YMCA | 43.46 |
|  | Ages 55 Through 59 |  |  |  |
| 1 | MJOLSNES, SNADRA | 57 | SWAM | 1:01.82 |
| 2 | BROWN, KATHLEEN | 55 | YMCA | 1:04.22 |
| Event 20 Men 50 Back |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 35 Through 39 - |  |  |  |
| 1 | RUCKSTUHL, DAVE | 38 | BMST | 34.48 |
| 2 | DERRICK, WILLIAM | 38 | BMST | 46.14 |
|  | Ages 40 Through 44 |  |  |  |
| 1 | ABBOTT, RICK <br> Ages 45 Through 49 | 44 | SWAM | 30.35 |
| 1 | FLANIGIN, PATRICK <br> Ages 50 Through 54 - | 45 | YMCA | 48.25 |
| 1 | HOLMAN, LARRY | 51 | ASA | 37.39 |
| 2 | HICKEY, KEN | 54 | UNATT | 38.46 |
|  | Ages 55 Through 59 - |  |  |  |
| 1 | HOLSTEN, ED | 55 | SWAM | 39.30 |
| Event 21 Women 100 IM |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 19 Through 24 |  |  |  |
| 1 | GRABE, HILARY | 24 | YMCA | 1:14.70 |
| 2 | NASH, REBECCA | 24 | BMST | 1:16.63 |
|  | Ages 25 Through 29 |  |  |  |
| 1 | O'BRIEN, ANNE | 29 | UAAM | 1:15.85 |
| 2 | SOSSAMON, JENNY | 29 | UNATT | 1:24.96 |
| 3 | MERIZON, KRIS | 27 | YMCA | 1:25.18 |
| 4 | STONEKING, JULIE | 28 | YMCA | 1:29.69 |
|  | Ages 30 Through 34 |  |  |  |
| 1 | MURRAY, BARBARA | 33 | UNATT | 1:13.65 |
| 2 | Costello, miA | 31 | SWAM | 1:15.01 |
| 3 | LARSEN, BETH | 34 | BMST | 1:22.11 |
| 4 | SHAPIRO, JUDI <br> Ages 35 Through 39 | 31 | SWAM | 1:49.37 |
| 1 | PROZERALIK, MONIQUE | 37 | SWAM | 1:24.83 |
| 2 | COMBES, MARCIA | 39 | WAM | 1:42.24 |
| 3 | ELCONIN, ANDREA <br> Ages 40 Through 44 - | 39 | SWAM | 1:50.69 |
| 1 | GREIG, MELINDA | 42 | SWAM | 1:19.17 |
| 2 | OLMSTEAD, KIM | 43 | UNATT | 1:41.95 |
| 3 | CODINA, JAN | 43 | CHDMS | 1:48.33 |
| 4 | POWERS, SANDY <br> Ages 45 Through 49 - | 43 | SWAM | 1:48.34 |
| 1 | LOFTIN, NELL | 47 | SWAM | 1:48.95 |
| 2 | BROWN, ELLYN <br> Ages 50 Through 54 - | 47 | YMCA | 1:55.38 |
| 1 | NEVALDINE, ANNIE | 51 | SWAM | 1:57.94 |
|  | Ages 55 Through 59 --- |  |  |  |
|  | FALLICO, JAN | 56 | YMCA | 2:02.28 |
| Event 22 Men 100 IM |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Ages 35 Through 39 --- |  |  |  |
|  | JENKINS, DAVID | 35 | YMCA | 1:12.40 |
|  | JUNGE, WOLFGANG | 36 | SWAM | 1:14.99 |
|  | Ages 40 Through 44 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | STECK, STAN | 44 | SWAM | 1:12.78 |
| 2 | CAMPBELL, MARK <br> Ages 45 Through 49 - | 41 | BMST | 1:19.88 |
| 1 | PEEP, ERIC | 45 | FASTM | 1:31.31 |
| 2 | BOYER, ROBB | 47 | CHDMS | 1:43.81 |
|  | CRONICK, ED | 46 | YMCA | DQ |
|  | Ages 50 Through 54 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | MORGENTHALER, BOYD | 50 | YMCA | 1:29.05 |
| 2 | LEWIS, WALTER | 50 | YMCA | 2:12.61 |


| 1 | HAMILTON, RAY | 56 | SWAM | 1:35.43 |
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| 2 | THOMAS, NIEL | 58 | ASA | 2:06.75 |
| 1 | Ages 60 Through 64 MJOLSNES, ED | 60 | SWAM | 1:44.90 |
| Event 23 Women 200 Breast |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Ages 25 Through 29 -RICHARDS, ERICA | 28 | BMST | 3:35.16 |
|  | Ages 40 Through 44 |  |  |  |
| 1 | CARTER, RUTH | 40 | SWAM | 3:18.41 |
| 2 | STAATS-CAHILL, LORI | 44 | ASA | 3:33.88 |
| 3 | OLMSTEAD, KIM | 43 | UNATT | 3:57.53 |
|  | Ages 45 Through 49 - |  |  |  |
| 1 | WRIGHT, GINNY | 45 | UNATT | 3:50.96 |
|  | Ages 50 Through 54 |  |  |  |
| 1 | ELLIS, SUSAN | 52 | PMS | 3:48.00 |
|  | Ages 60 Through 64 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | VAN FLEIN, MARGARET | 64 | FASTM | 4:40.01 |
| Event 24 Men 200 Breast |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 35 Through 39 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | FORGIT, ROBERT | 38 | UNATT | 2:56.18 |
| 2 | ELLINGSON, PETER | 38 | FASTM | 3:18.16 |
| --- | Ages 40 Through 44 --LARSEN, RON | 40 | BMST | 2:48.66 |
|  | Ages 55 Through 59 |  |  |  |
| 1 | HAMILTON, RAY | 56 | SWAM | 3:30.72 |
| Event 25 Women 50 Free |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 25 Through 29 |  |  |  |
| 1 | HASLAM, CHRISTINE | 28 | BMST | 31.72 |
| 2 | O'BRIEN, ANNE | 29 | UAAM | 31.95 |
| 3 | SOSSAMON, JENNY | 29 | UNATT | 33.05 |
|  | Ages 30 Through 34 |  |  |  |
| 1 | COSTELLO, MIA | 31 | SWAM | 30.67 |
|  | Ages 35 Through 39 |  |  |  |
| 1 | HAXBY, ANNIE | 36 | TACMS | 32.42 |
| 2 | GORMAN, TONI | 37 | YMCA | 38.07 |
| 3 | KENT, HOLLY | 38 | SWAM | 43.29 |
| 1 | Ages 40 Through 44 |  |  |  |
|  | SHARPE, JENNIE | 44 | WAM | 34.81 |
|  | HANSEN, DEBORAH Ages 45 Through 49 | 44 | SWAM | DQ |
| 1 | TUCKER, COLNY | 48 | SWAM | 31.25 |
|  | Ages 50 Through 54 |  |  |  |
| 1 | ELLIS, SUSAN | 52 | PMS | 37.74 |
|  | Ages 60 Through 64 |  |  |  |
| 1 | VAN FLEIN, MARGARET | 64 | FASTM | 51.89 |
| 2 | MILLER, DENISE | 61 | UNATT | 52.34 |
| Event 26 Men 50 Free |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ages 19 Through 24 |  |  |  |
| 1 --- | HOLT, JUSTIN <br> Ages 25 Through 29 - | 21 | BMST | 27.47 |
| 1 | DENNIS, JEFFERY | 29 | UNATT | 25.55 |
| 2 | HASEBE, BRANT | 25 | SWAM | 25.80 |
| 3 | GIBBS, DANIEL | 29 | YMCA | 29.00 |
| Ages 35 Through 39 --- |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | JENKINS, DAVID | 35 | YMCA | 29.92 |
| 2 | DERRICK, WILLIAM | 38 | BMST | 31.98 |
|  | Ages 40 Through 44 |  |  |  |
| 1 | STECK, STAN <br> Ages 45 Through 49 - | 44 | SWAM | 28.02 |
| 1 | CRONICK, ED | 46 | YMCA | 29.46 |
| 2 | FORREST, KIMBALL | 45 | YMCA | 32.41 |
| 3 | BOYER, ROBB | 47 | CHDMS | 37.48 |
| 4 | FLANIGIN, PATRICK | 45 | YMCA | 38.00 |
| Ages 50 Through |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | SCHMIDT, DAVE | 53 | SWAM | 28.90 |
| 2 | HOLMAN, LARRY | 51 | ASA | 29.54 |
| 3 | MORGENTHALER, BOYD | 50 | YMCA | 34.97 |
| 4 | EVERSON, KEN | 54 | BMST | 50.93 |
|  | Ages 55 Through 59 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | HOLSTEN, ED | 55 | SWAM | 30.14 |
| 2 | THOMAS, NIEL | 58 | ASA | 47.63 |
|  | Ages 60 Through 64 -- |  |  |  |
| 1 | MJOLSNES, ED | 60 | SWAM | 33.95 |
| Event 27 Women 200 Back |  |  |  |  |
| --- | Ages 35 Through 39 --ELCONIN, ANDREA | 39 | SWAM | 3:48.15 |
|  | Ages 45 Through 49 --- |  |  |  |
| 1 | ALSTON-WRIGHT, DEBBIE | 46 | UNATT | 3:15.45 |
| 2 | BROWN, ELLYN | 47 | YMCA | 3:40.87 |
| 3 | LOFTIN, NELL | 47 | SWAM | 3:54.26 |



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I would like to apologize to two Masters swimmers who have been slighted by not reporting the results of their swims for the 1999 Alaska Masters Postal Meet. In the chaos of my filing system, I misplaced two entries for the meet and found them when I did my end of the year file cleaning. I am sorry that my "organized system" broke down and denied these ladies some recognition that they deserve. Here are their results. Please accept my sincere regrets and know that I will receive and recognize all entries this year.

| Susan Condon | $60-64$ | 50 freestyle | $: 36.93$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 50 backstroke | $: 49.43$ |
|  |  | 100 freestyle | $1: 23.84$ |
| Sandra Mjolsnes | $55-59$ | 50 freestyle | $: 56.09$ |
|  |  | 50 backstoke | $1: 02.50$ |
|  |  | 100 freestyle | $2: 26.56$ |

Jan Rumble, Meet Director-Alaska Masters Postal Meet

## Major Rule Changes for 2000:

New Forward Start Procedure:
At the beginning of each heat, the referee will blow a short series of whistles, signaling the swimmers to remove all clothing except swimwear. Next, the referee will blow one long whistle, signaling the swimmers to take their positions with at least one foot at the front of the starting platform, the edge of the deck, or on the wall. When the swimmers are in position, with an outstretched arm the referee will turn control of the swimmers over to the starter. The starter may give optional instructions such as event, stroke, and distance, and then give the command "Take your mark." When all swimmers are motionless in the starting position, the starter will give the starting signal. (articles 101.1.1, 103.8)

New Backstroke Start Procedure:
At the beginning of each heat, the referee will blow a short series of whistles, signaling the swimmers to remove all clothing except swimwear. Next, the referee will blow one long whistle, signaling the swimmers to enter the water, followed by another long whistle, signaling the swimmers to return to their starting positions. When the swimmers are in position, with an outstretched arm the referee will turn control over to the starter. The starter may give optional instructions such as event, stroke, distance, and telling swimmers to place their feet; then the starter will give the command, "Take your mark." When all swimmers are motionless in the starting position, the starter will give the starting signal. (articles 101.1.2, 103.8)

## Butterfly Clarification:

After the start and after each turn, swimmers using the breaststroke or whip kick while swimming butterfly are allowed only one kick before the arm pull that brings them to the surface. (article 101.3.2)

## False Starts:

If the starting signal sounds before a false start has been declared, the race will continue and the swimmer or swimmers who false started will be disqualified at the conclusion of the race. (article 103.8.5B)

