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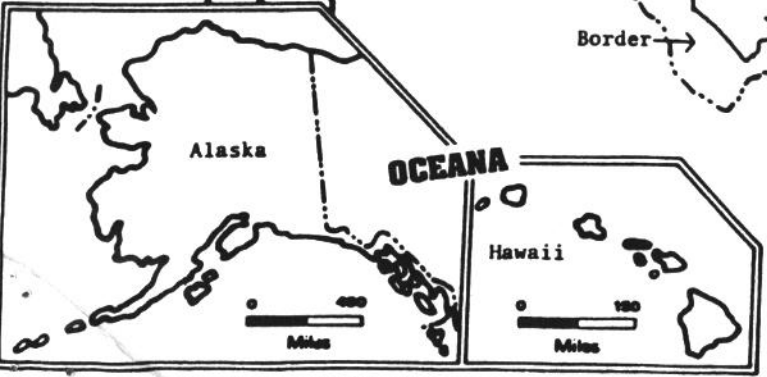
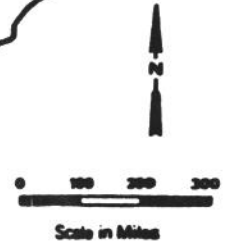


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MARCH 1991

March				
03	St Pete Dev Meet		813-526-2373	SCY
09	Boca Raton FL Boca Masters Pentathlon		407-395-9564	"
16-17	Z Atlanta GA Dynamo St Pat's Day Meet		404-395-1901	"
16-17	Ft Pierce FL IRCC Stanton Craigie Championship		407-465-8385	"
23-24	Greensboro NC		919-855-8715	"
April				
05-07	Z St Pete FL 21st Annual Championship		813-526-2373	"
06-07	Z Houston TX So Central Zone Championship		713-527-4077	"
12-13	Pensacola, FL Annual Meet			
12-14	Z Middletown CT Colonies Zone Championship		508-886-6631	"
20-21	Raleigh NC State Championships		919-787-8324	"
May				
05	St Pete FL		813-526-2373	"
16-19	NASHVILLE TN NATIONAL SHORT COURSE		615-824-4878	"
June				
02	St Pete FL Dev Meet		813-526-2373	LCM
08-09	Ft Pierce FL IRCC		407-465-8385	"
22-23	Chapel Hill NC		919-787-8324	"
July				
06-07	No Charleston SC		803-225-6447	"
19-21	St Pete FL Annual L C Champi onships		813-526-2373	"
19-21	Nashville TN Maryland Farms Annual		615-353-1632	"
27-28	Atlanta GA Emory University		404-497-1901	"
27-28	Sheffield AL		205-386-0222	SCM
August				
04	St Pete FL		813-526-2373	"
15-18	ELIZABETHTOWN KY NATIONAL LONG COURSE		502-769-3946	"
September				
08	St Pete FL		813-526-2373	SCY
18-22	LOUISVILLE KY USAS NATIONAL CONVENTION		508-886-6631	
27-29	Sheffield AL		205-386-0222	SCM
October				
19	Florida LMSC Annual Meeting		813-823-3794	
26-27	Bristol TN Oak Ridge TN or Knoxville TN		615-353-1632	
November				
03	St Pete FL		813-526-2373	SCY
08-10	Clearwater FL		813-462-6097	"
09-10	Anderson SC Electric City Annual		803-225-6447	SCM

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OFFICIALS

At the Pittsburgh Convention it was voted that effective Jan 1 1992 that every sanctioned Masters Swim Meet shall have a USMS approved official on deck. The Florida LMSC has in progress a certification program through the National YMCA swim set up to certify USMS active or past swimmers as stroke and turn officials. All details are not final, however, this will not be a long drawn out program as was the OLD USS system.

We have tentatively scheduled our first session for April 13, Saturday, 10-2 at the Suncoast Y in Clearwater. Our aim is to have one or two swimmers from each Club so that for smaller or short notice meets we do not have to chase all over, figuratively, to have an official.

Please be thinking on this and plan to have a Club representative attend. It will be necessary that each person have a 1991 USMS Rule book. We plan to have them available as soon as you let us know you will cooperate. Total cost appears to be about \$26, book included. Certification good for two years.

By Jeffrey Good
St. Petersburg Masters

Ah, the electricity of a swim meet: Lycra warriors pacing the deck with knots in their guts, backstroke pennants snapping in the breeze, the crack of the starter's pistol.

I'm not even tempted.

When I joined St. Pete Masters five years ago at the age of 26, I told my teammates that I wanted to swim but not compete. They didn't believe me. "C'mon," they said, "You're one of the youngest people on the team. Look at all the people in their 70s who are racing. You don't want to be outdone by them, do you?"

Yep.

When I was a 7-year-old in Chicago, I begged my parents to let me join the Hinsdale swim team, one of the toughest age-group programs in the country. When I was 10, I studied the *Guinness Book of World Records* and mapped out my route to becoming the youngest Olympic swimmer ever. I got up at 5:45 every morning, strapped on my goggles and dutifully logged the yards - often more than 10,000 a day.

But after a while, swimming became more a chore than a dream. I fantasized about the day when I could swim for pleasure instead of pain. That day has come.

I have nothing but admiration for the hard-core contingent on St. Pete Masters. I even like to work out with them at times. But, like a lot of people who show up at North Shore pool, I don't want to be one of them. And the wonderful thing about St. Pete Masters is that there's room for people like me. Coach Bole will hand me a workout and tips on technique if I want them, but he'll also understand if my work-out consists of imitating a manatee lounging on the lane lines.

Oh, about my Olympic career; it never came. I logged some minor glories: a medal here, a school record there. But the trophies I cherish most are the kind that don't sit on a shelf; childhood swimming taught me the value of fitness, and the virtue of pushing through pain to a goal. Those are lessons I've carried out of the pool and into adulthood.

But you'll forgive me if I exercise some adult freedom of choice in the pool these days. That's me over there, floating on the kickboard and staring into the rising sun.

It was a picture perfect day, with a gentle breeze moving an occasional fluffy, white cloud across the blue sky. Frank Tillotson and I were on our way to Skydive Deland to keep our appointment for a tandem jump. In addition to our mutual interest in swimming, we also celebrate our birthdays, one year and two days apart. Since I made my first jump on my 71st birthday, we have discussed joining forces in sky diving, and now the day had arrived.

My interest in jumping began when, as a teenager, I saw my first parachute jump. I said, "I want to do that", but it is easy to put something like that on the back burner. However, when I learned of tandem jumping, the old dream became a possibility. I planned to jump on my 70th birthday, but a fall at a swim meet in Tokyo resulted in a broken arm, so, again, I had to wait for my dream to come true. The next year, as my birthday approached, I said, "Why not?"

Through the yellow pages I located a number for Skydive Deland and called to get some information. I told them this would be my first jump, told them my age (in case that was a factor) and asked what I needed to know, or do. I was asked one question, "How big are you?" When I told them 5'3", 125 pounds, the response was "A piece of cake" and my appointment was confirmed. Since that time I have jumped at least once a year, more often when possible.

As Frank parked the car we were surprised at the activity at the hangar. There were dozens of sky divers, including the well known team, The Golden Eagles. Frank watched the required orientation film, then we were furnished with jumpsuits and goggles. Frank's partner was a handsome young man from London, England, while my partner was a man with a long handlebar moustache, answering to the name of "Mad Dog."

We four, along with 13 other jumpers, boarded the plane, the Freefall Express, by climbing a step ladder. After seating ourselves on the floor, in a sardine type arrangement, the door closed and we were off.

On my first jump we went to 8,000 ft., which makes for a very short time in freefall. I suspect that the jump master thought it advisable to take it easy until he could see how this old, white-haired lady reacted. Today, we planned to jump at 13,500 ft., but Frank checked the altimeter and told me we were at 13,700. My partner and I were the last to leave the plane. Instead of jumping out the door, facing down, we rolled out, sidewise, turned to our backs, watching the plane pass over us, then turned to the flying position, drawing our heels up to our bodies, and stretching our arms outward.

The acceleration to 120 mph. in freefall is exhilarating, my favorite part of the jump. There is a wonderful feeling of flying, freedom to turn from side to side, or in circles, somersault, anything you might do in water you can do in the air. We normally open the chute at 5,000 ft., or slightly below. There is a definite feeling of shooting upward when the chute opens. I am told that you experience about 2 G's at that time. I enjoy the freefall so much that I feel a slight tinge of disappointment when it is time to open the chute. After the noise of the rushing air, the quiet as you float lazily down is remarkable. You have an unobstructed view for miles around.

We drop gently to the ground, and it is over, all too soon. If it were possible, I would be on the next plane for another jump, but I have to be satisfied with recalling the pleasure of the day, and planning for the next jump.

Millie Hupp

SKYDIVERS KNOW WHY BIRDS SING!!!

This announcement of Dick Bower's Mardi Gras meet is an example of what can be done in a small space. The Florida LMSC and the Dixie Zone newsletters will print your meet announcement gratis if you will use this size format in black and white. Just send them along to me as soon as you can and we'll put them in the next letter.

BOLTS Masters Mardi Gras Meet

February 8-10, 1991

BOLTS MASTERS 4TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS SHORT COURSE MEET

MEET DIRECTOR - COACH DICK BOWER

LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS, MAT KEIFER NATATORIUM,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

FACILITIES: EIGHT (8) LANE, INDOOR 50 METER POOL DIVIDED INTO
TWO (2)-25 YARD COMPETITION POOLS. LANES EQUIPPED
WITH TOUCH PADS SUPPORTED BY COLORADO ELECTRONIC
TIMING EQUIPMENT AND SCOREBOARD DISPLAY.

EVENTS: EACH COMPETITOR WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE (5)
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS PER DAY, PLUS RELAYS. WOMEN'S
EVENTS ARE ODD AND MEN'S EVENTS ARE EVEN.

RULES: CURRENT U.S.M.S. RULES.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1991

EVENT #	EVENT
1 & 2	1000 FREE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1991

EVENT #	EVENT
3 & 4	400 I.M.
5 & 6	50 FREE
7 & 8	100 BACK
9 & 10	200 BREAST
11 & 12	100 FLY
13 & 14	200 FREE
15 & 16	50 BREAST
17 & 18	100 I.M.
19 & 20	200 FREE RELAY
21 & 22	200 MX FREE RELAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1991

EVENT #	EVENT
23 & 24	200 FLY
25 & 26	100 FREE
27 & 28	50 BACK
29 & 30	200 I.M.
31 & 32	100 BREAST
33 & 34	50 FLY
35 & 36	200 BACK
37 & 38	500 FREE
39 & 40	200 MEDLEY RELAY
41 & 42	200 MI MED. RELAY

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TOP TEN PATCHES - for individuals and relay team members who are listed in Top Ten. Patch and one stroke segment - \$5 - available from Darlyne Ferguson, PO Box 8005, Canton, OH 44711.

- 1978 Linda Jezek (USA) first woman under 2 minutes for 200 yd. Backstroke (1:59.84).
Cynthia Woodhead (USA) first woman under 16 minutes for 1650 yd. Freestyle (15:55.15).
Tracy Caulkins (USA) first woman under 2 minutes for 200 yd. I.M. (1:59.33).
Cynthia Woodhead (USA) first American woman under 2 minutes for 200m Freestyle (1:59.49).
- 1979 Vladimir Salnikov (USSR) first under 8 minutes for 800m Freestyle (7:56.49).
Steve Lundquist (USA) first under 2 minutes for 200 yd. Breaststroke (1:59.18).
- 1984 Synchronized Swimming was introduced into Olympic Games.
- 1985 Matt Biondi (USA) broke the 49 second barrier in the 100m Freestyle (48.95).

Q. ONCE AN EVENT IS SANCTIONED OR APPROVED, DOES THE LMSC HAVE ANY FURTHER CONTROL OF THE CONDUCT OF THE EVENT?

A. Yes. At a meet, for example, the sponsor has agreed in the sanction request to abide by USMS rules and regulations. If it does not, the LMSC has a responsibility to ensure such violations do not occur again. If the LMSC cannot be so assured, a future sanction should be withheld. It is the LMSC's responsibility to monitor meet conduct and ensure compliance with the sanction requirements.

Relay All Americans: Effective Jan. 1, 1991, Relay Team members making the Top Ten Time reported in the five relay categories (200, 400 and 800 free, 200 and 400 medley) men, women, and mixed, will be eligible for Relay All American recognition. Don't jump the gun (if you'll pardon that expression), there's a whole year to wait before Relay All Americans will be published. BUT you'll want to get the word out to your relay enthusiasts (isn't that all of us?) to get teams together. Make sure these relay attacks are reported by your local Top Ten Recorder...due July 15 for short course yards; October 20 for long course meters, and Feb. 5th for short course meters.

Millie has said it, but at her urging, this: My olddesire to make a jump was committed at the Mission Bay swim meet where we competed on our birthdays. Dec 13 set for the jump.Drove by Orlando, gathered Millie and on to Deland Skydive.Preparation was minimal, a video, a climb up the ladder into the twin Otter and shown how to nudge your feet along to the edge of the door at the rear of the fusilage.When aloft told, just step out.We did.The force of the air against your outstretched body was as if 6 big tackles had slammed you up against a wall and held you there for the 8,000 foot fall.Rudely jerked up and bounced back down as the chute opens..then the 4 minute float while survey the earth all around you.Land gently all too soon.Exhilerating. FHT

University of South Florida Annual meet.1-26/27

This years meet was chaired by Milton Bedingfield jr(recent conqueror of the Iron Man, and his Forest Hills Aquatic Club.Among the 204 swimmers who really swam the largest contingent was FHA . However in team standings Holmes Lumber preceded FHA and SPM in team scoring, with FHA winning the mens trophy and Holmes the womens. Space Coast and Sarasota finished the top 5.Hospitality at the meet was superb with the ample and varied refreshments for the taking. Bill Ragan, sponsored by his FHA Club provided probably a hundred candid photos, all fine,to be taken from the bulletin board by those photoed or someone who cared. The Space Coast swimmers all brought their own chairs, setting them up in a circle, lacking only the fire in the center to keep wrm while awaiting the attacking Indians.Whilst enjoying the FHA supplied snacks.This meet was run to the excellent standards set some years ago by Jim Bell and more recently Brian Wilder. Well done

SPM Dev Meet 2/3. 32 avid swimmers representing Clwtr, SPM,SMS,HLJ,SCC.THE usual, some new, some old,mostly in between.Among others the irrepressible Peter Betzer, Ned Allen having one of his best days , Bill Molvie,Deb Walker, Nancy Kiernan(400 IM),Jayne Lambke, Fred Leadbetter (returned) and Woody McDaniel trying to start with a gun which wouldn't.

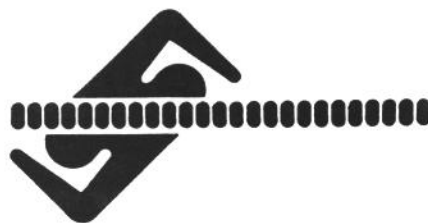
After the meet Win Kennedy and Kerm Hotvedt held an open house at there new home across from the pool. A sumptous buffet catered, and well enjoyed by 35 or so swimmers and friends.Really nice.

Eugene Jennings is recovering from a stroke . Thanks all who have sent wishes of rapid recovery and love.

ZONE

We've had Zone Championships, now the fourth year with Bob Anderson (Nabob) handling all the computer work as well as giving us an updated Zone record listing in all three courses.Participation in the championships has been far below what I feel is worth the effort. No one makes it evident they won an award. Bob's work requires him to spend extended periods away from his home in Atlanta and this is the last year which he will be able to be our recorder. We need a replacement. So far no one has even showed a smidgin of interest. Should no one take over we will have a single Zone meet such as Colonies Zone has. Along with the single meet there will be no money for awards.TAKE NOTE!

**United States
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February 2, 1991

TO: USMS Board of Directors and LMSC Chairmen

FR: June Krauser, Rules Chairman

RE: Amendments to Backstroke Rules

At the FINA Extraordinary General Congress held in Perth, Australia on 1 January 1991, two proposed changes to the FINA Constitution were adopted. 1) A Technical Congress was added for Masters. 2) Technical rules agreed upon by the Congress shall not become effective earlier than two (2) months after the decision has been made.

At the FINA Swimming Technical Congress held in Perth, Australia on 2 January 1991, amendments to the backstroke rules were adopted.

Our Technical Rules are based on Articles 101 and 102 of the U.S. Swimming Technical Rules which, as amended, will govern all Masters competitions. Enclosed is the new USS wording for BACKSTROKE effective March 4, 1991.

USMS will follow this USS revised rule EXCEPT for the Short Course Backstroke start. Swimmers will be able to:

1. Remain completely submerged during the turn and for a distance of not more than 15 meters (16.4 yards) after the start and each turn.
2. Do a one arm cross over pull turn without touching with the hand.
3. Roll into the turn and pull with both arms without touching the wall with a hand.

Swimmers will NOT be allowed to roll onto the stomach and kick into the wall. The past vertical position will be allowed only during the turn.

Please see that your swimmers are informed of this change in Backstroke rules. All officials should also be informed. In order to check the distance under water, place a cone or bright tape at the point of 15 meters or 16.4 yards.

This is a list of the different events that are going on around our short course swim meet. The Suncoasters do a great job in hosting the Festival of States along with a great parade. So plan to attend a few or all of the festivities.

FESTIVAL OF STATES

Welcome to the ST. PETERSBURG FESTIVAL OF STATES! This year, we are promoting the fact that St. Petersburg has a unique opportunity to be the place "WHERE ALL AMERICA WELCOMES BASEBALL". Once major league baseball comes to St. Petersburg, we will be the only place in the U. S. A. that will have both spring training and a regular season. At that point, the Festival of States will be perfectly positioned to be the nation's baseball kick-off celebration.

In line with this, the festival will be including several baseball related events within the 1991 festival. These will include sponsorship of the Cardinals vs the Blue Jays game on 3/24, and baseball carnival activities over all three weekends. The baseball theme will also be a part of all other festival activities, as they adopt the theme: BASEBALL-THE DREAM.

The 1991 Festival of States will run from March 22 through April 7.

In addition to the above, each weekend combines food and music in a North Straub Park setting, with many other activities happening during the same time period.

RIBFEST WEEKEND-(March 22-24, 1991)

This three-day event will feature 12-15 of the nation's top rib cooks as they compete for the title of "the very best." Included in this setting along the shores of Tampa Bay will be a variety of food (ribs, corn, slaw, beans, elephant ears, etc.), beverages, and music provided by a combination of local professional bands, as well as three national acts to include Tommy James and the Shondells, Jay and the Americans, and Three Dog Night.

In 1990, this first year event drew in excess of 60,000 people. It will again be publicized on W101 radio, Channel 10 WTSP and in both the St. Petersburg Times and the Tampa Tribune.

In addition to the great music and food, this year's RibFest activities will include a Custom and Muscle Car Show.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL-(March 29-30, 1991)

While this Suncoast Celebration Weekend has included many activities (Antique Auto Show, Fun Parade, Firemen's Muster, Antique Show and Sale), this will be the first time that seafood and music will be included, much along the lines of the RibFest.

Again in North Straub Park, this two-day activity will include some 16 different seafood items, including shrimp, clams, lobster, grouper, crabs, etc., as well as corn, hush puppies, chowder and a variety of other items. Again, music will be provided by local and nationally known bands, all of which will be promoted as with RibFest.

Last year, this weekend drew over 50,000 people for the parade and car show alone.

FESTIVAL OF STATES

SAM ROBINSON MUSIC FESTIVAL-(April 5-7, 1991)

Now in its 7th year, this is truly the highlight of the Festival of States. Originally developed by the Community Alliance and the Festival of States to bring the black and white communities together for an evening of jazz, this festival has grown to three days for 1991, and will include a variety of local professional and nationally know talent. Each year money collected from concession sales goes to fund scholarships for minority youth entering education.

This year, in addition to the musical activity, we will offer the Parade of States, an Italian Food Festival inside the North Straub Park area, an Air Show at the Albert Whitted Airport, an Arts and Crafts Show in South Straub Park, the Masters Swim Meet in North Shore Pool, a Windsurfing Contest by The Pier, and will conclude the weekend with a giant fireworks display.

For additional information, please contact the St. Petersburg Festival of States.

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