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Successful PNA Board Retreat Creates Action Items to Benefit Members

by Newsletter Editor Paul Freeman

Retreats can be dreadful events that consume time but generate little or no payoff. However, the PNA board's retreat on November 15 at a restaurant on Seattle's Rainier Avenue was a highly successful event, with the 10 board members present developing a number of action items that should greatly benefit members.

Retreat was Needed

Why the retreat? For one thing, many board members felt that board meetings could be more efficient and productive. Also, there's so much to accomplish at board meetings that there never seems to be time for the board to collectively sit back and consider the long term.

Better Communication, Strategic Actions for the Future

The meeting was facilitated by Ethan Smith, an HR specialist with a local bank, who did a bangup job. At the morning session, he had board members explore how



Retreat attendees, from left: facilitator Ethan Smith and board members Arni Litt, Herb Cook, Sally Dillon, Lisa Dahl, Sarah Welch, Hugh Moore, Jeanne Ensign and Jane Moore. Missing, because he took the photo, is PNA President Steve Peterson; also missing is Paul Freeman, who could attend only part of the retreat.

they could better communicate with each other and improve board meetings. The afternoon session focused on what strategic actions should be taken in 2009 and beyond by PNA.

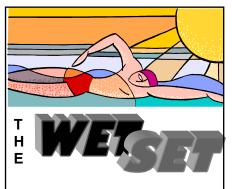
Here's a brief summary of those actions:

Create a team/club development program

The USMS' new emphasis on club development resonated with the PNA board at the retreat. Strategies for developing a PNA team/club program include reaching out to team coaches to make sure they know about existing PNA/USMS resources; creating opportunities for teams and coaches such as a coaches' clinic; and contacting teams to see how PNA can meet their needs.

Develop relationships with directors of facilities to negotiate rates, program and pool times

Masters swimmers in the Northwest need more access to pool time at reasonable rates. Several years ago PNA led the effort to prevent the closing of King County pools. Using a similar strategy, PNA will build relationships with directors of pool facilities so they can see the benefits of adding Masters swimming to their programs. Once a director has that



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ou spend all day in one room, only to end up with sheets of wallpaper splattered with grandiose ideas. That's usually been my experience at retreats.

But your PNA leadership team decided that a professionallyguided retreat was just the thing needed to improve our board's efficiency and efficacy and to do some long-range planning. So we hired a facilitator, rented space in a funky but tasty restaurant and came away with a truly useful set of guidelines and actionable items. Read the details on the front cover of this issue.

I thank board member Sarah Welch in particular for marshaling this idea from concept to completion.

Meet Hosts Needed

For many of us, Masters swimming means competition. And competitions need host organizations and individuals to put on pool meets and open water swims. But finding hosts is becoming more difficult not only at the local level but also nationally and even internationally.

Costs and financial risk are one impediment - fees at KCAC were a concern for our 2007 Nationals and continue to limit the length of our Champs meets. City of Seattle pool fees, after a threeyear plateau, will increase in January. Perhaps the key factor, though, is finding the individual or group enthusiastic enough to take on the challenge of hosting a meet.

Speaking of meets, I'm sorry to say that Cory Hilderbrand has left his job as Bellevue Club's aquatics director, with the negative effect that the long-running Bellevue Club short course meters meet in February will not be held in LEADIN



By Steve Peterson, PNA president

2009. Myke Lund and his Anacortes team, however, have their meet ready to go January 31. The Orca team will host a meet at Seattle University March 7, and ever-enthusiastic Coach Mel Smith will lead his Briggs Y team in again presenting its "Beat The Clock" meet in Olympia March 28.

Clinic for New Competitors

Competitions serve many purposes — goal-setting, personal achievement, fundraising, camaraderie - but for some potential participants, they can be intimidating. If you haven't tried a swim meet before, PNA has created an opportunity for you to learn the basics without the pressure: an all-age swim competition clinic on March 14, put on by several PNA coaches. They will guide you through the intricacies of whistle blows, starting techniques, rules considerations and just plain stomach-butterflies management. See page 7 for details and a registration form.

Passing of Russ Knudsen

A Bainbridge Island member, Russ passed away on November 11 at age 86. An enthusiastic outdoorsman and avid Masters

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Events in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Idaho and Alaska, plus USMS Championship events. PNA events, including PNA Board meetings, are listed in **bold**. Unless otherwise noted, all PNA board meetings are at Yesler Community Center, 917 E. Yesler Way, Seattle.

□ January 1 to 31, 2009 USMS 2009 One Hour Postal Championships Jane Moore (253) 759-4956, <u>swimmoore@comcast.net;</u> Janae McCullough, (253) 228-5947 <u>u2jem@u2.com</u>

□ January 24, 2009 Tukwila's 100th Birthday Swim 100 lengths (2500 yards) Tukwila Pool, Tukwila, Wash.

□ January 27, 2009 PNA Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

□ January 31, 2009 Anacortes SCY Meet Fidalgo Pool, Anacortes, Wash. Myke Lund <u>h2obug101@yahoo.com</u> See page 9 for entry form.

□ February 24, 2009 PNA Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

□ March 7, 2009 Orca Short Course Yards Meet Seattle University Connolly Center Pool, Seattle Mark Handel; (734) 516-6907; meet@orcasswimteam.org; handel@gmail.com

Web Guide

Check out these sites on the Internet for information on Masters swimming, news, events, workouts and more from throughout the Northwest! □ March 14, 2009 PNA Clinic and Practice Meet for "New" Competitive Swimmers Saturday, March 14, Noon-5 p.m. Helene Madison Pool, 13401 Meridian N., Seattle See page 7 for more information and registration form.

☐ March 24, 2009 PNA Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

☐ March 28, 2009 SCY Beat the Clock Meet Briggs YMCA Olympia, Wash.

□ April 4 & 5, 2009 2009 Northwest Zone SCY Championships - Boise, ID Jill Wright, 208-571-4254, <u>swimjmw@aol.com;</u> Kristi Lee, 208-895-0481, <u>kristidlee@aol.com;</u> www.sawtoothmasters.org;

□ April 10 & 11, 2009 Friday evening & Sat. PNA Champs Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center Federal Way, Wash.

□ April 28, 2009 PNA Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

□ May 7 to 10, 2009 2009 USMS Short Course Yards Nationals Clovis North High School, Fresno, Calif.

□ May 11, 2009 USMS 1 Mile Open Water Championships Millerton Lake, Clovis, Calif. Clovis Swim Club Dowain Wright, (559) 285-0489, rightswim@sbcglobal.net

□ May 15 to September 15, 2009 USMS 2009 5 and 10 Km Postal Championships (50 meter pools only) Susan Sotir, (339) 222-3165 (cell), (781) 257-5102 (home) spsotir@rcn.com; Rich Axtell, rich@minutemanmasters.com; usms.org/longdist/ldnats09

□ June 24, 2009 PNA Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. Jan Kavadas' condo, Edmonds, Wash.

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PNA Board Retreat

understanding, it should be easier to leverage more pool time and better rates.

Hold annual banquet

Annual banquets build camaraderie and honor Masters swimmers who contribute to our sport. PNA hasn't hosted such an event in many years. The board will explore the benefits of a banquet, which probably would be held around our Champs meet. If you have any suggestions for staging this event, please let the PNA leadership know.

Market to triathletes and seniors

"PNA wants to communicate to triathletes and seniors what Masters swimming and PNA offers them."

Masters groups typically target fitness swimmers. competitive swimmers and swimmers who want a social experience. But the Northwest also is home to a number of triathletes. Some use Masters swimming to become more fit and improve their strokes. Yet many triathletes view Masters swimming as an activity only for single-sport competitive swimmers. The board wants to communicate to this group what Masters swimming and PNA can offer them. In the process, PNA will grow our membership.

Seniors are a growing segment of the population. They have free time and want fitness activities, and thus are a potential source of new members. Many seniors don't think of Masters swimming as an activity for them. PNA wants to change this. So the board will work at determining what seniors need and how PNA can best meet those needs, which might include a seniors' orientation program to Masters swimming, mid-day workouts and a wider variety of lane speeds.

Include fitness column in newsletter

The board decided that PNA members would benefit from a regular fitness column in *The WetSet*. You'll find the first of these columns on page 6. (Note: This regular column will not replace the quarterly health/fitness articles by PNA board member and physician Jane Moore.)

Build volunteer base

The board can't by itself accomplish the above projects. The board needs volunteers to help implement a team development program, stage open water events, put on clinics and work with facility directors to get more pool time and better rates. The board will develop a program to attract volunteers, including those willing to serve on the board.

Every PNA member benefits from new faces and input. Please become a PNA volunteer. We need you and your ideas to keep PNA fresh and functioning.

Welcome New Swimmers

Dennis Colgan Michael G Dee Jeannie M Dodd Cindy L S Farr Staten T Hansen Krista Horton Ronald Mason Amy A Merten Kara G Pratt Stephanie Rosenboom Scot Sanborn Brandon W Seaton Wade A Taylor Jose A Tello James M White Peter S Wiant

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Leading Off

swimmer, Russ served proudly as a Navy officer during WWII aboard the aircraft carriers Hornet and Yorktown in the Pacific theater, retiring in 1974 as a reserve captain. He joined Boeing in 1947, had a long career as an aeronautical engineer and raised nine children with his wife Charolette.

Buying from Amazon Means \$\$\$ for USMS

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Happy New Swim Year!





Olympian Megan Quann Jendrick Puts on Breaststroke Clinic for 30 Masters Swimmers

By Tina Alkezweeny

Most Masters swimmers will never swim with an Olympian. But on Sunday, November 9, I was one of about 30 swimmers who gathered at the Tukwila City Pool for a two-hour breaststroke clinic given by two-time Olympian Megan Quann Jendrick.

The clinic began with Megan talking about how she got started in swimming. We were surprised to



Megan on Tukwila City Pool's diving board illustrating breaststroke

learn she failed her level at swimming lessons three times and was finally asked not to come back.

A Touch of Gold

Megan passed around one of her gold medals for the group to



Megan and PNA Registrar Arni Litt

look at and related how writing down her goals and making a plan to achieve them helped her get to the Olympics. After taking some questions from the group, it was time for us to hop into the pool.

Megan broke up the breaststroke into its components and went over each one, using demonstrations both in the water and on deck.

First, she reviewed the three parts of the kick: knees close together; feet pointed out; and a good hard kick, bringing the bottoms of the feet together.

Next was the catch. She told us to move our arms out into a "Y" shape; rotate the arms while keeping pressure on hands and forearms; and not pull back further than our face.

The final point she emphasized was head position. Keep the head low, she told us, explaining that if you put your fist on your chest and then rest your chin on the fist, your head will be in the right position.

After each demonstration by Megan, the group swam a couple of 25s to try out Megan's tips under her watchful eye.

The clinic ended with a raffle, with the winners walking way with swimmer-related gifts. And everyone at the clinic went home with goodie bags and an autographed picture of Megan and a signed copy of her book, "Get Wet Get Fit."

Turning 40, Sean Carver Swims Gibraltar, Bermuda and Alcatraz, and Summits Denali

urning 40, PNA member and Microsoft employee Sean Carver decided to make this milestone birthday one to remember. His blog explains: "Too many people get hung up on the life's little issues: work, age, permission, etc., and forget there's a world outside their picket fence. So for my midlife crisis/therapy I'm spending more time living, and less time sitting on the couch."



Sean at the Bermuda 10K

To avoid being "hung up," in 2008 Sean swam across the Strait of Gibraltar on September 16, becoming the 317th person and the 29th American to successfully make the swim.

One of the tough things about going to Spain for the swim, Sean's blog explains, is being in Spain. "You start dinner at 11 p.m.,

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The Benefits of Training for and Swimming the One Hour Swim

Editor's Note: The WetSet *is instituting a regular fitness column. The decision to do this emerged from a recent PNA board retreat. See this month's lead article for more details. This first fitness column was written by PNA Open Water Chair Sally Dillon.*

Swimming for ONE EN-TIRE HOUR – yikes! What a grueling thing to attempt in a pool! How boring, watching that lane line for lap after lap after lap. Why would anyone want to do this?

Well, there are many reasons, such as personal challenge, competitiveness, peer pressure, even a chance to go out to lunch with teammates and pig out without guilt! But one of the most important reasons is that a one-hour swim is a great measure of your FITNESS! That's why USMS has sponsored this event every January for 32 years. Thousands of Masters swimmers participate and most use their results as a gauge to their fitness.

If you're fortunate to have a coach, you have probably swum a 30-minute swim in practice. This set is used to determine your base time for 100 yards (meters). This base time helps the coach select intervals for you so he/she can give you challenging swim sets. The 30-minute swim is often repeated two to three times a year, and the swims compared to see if you have improved your conditioning (or fitness) level over time.

The annual USMS One

Hour Postal Swim is the perfect event for checking your fitness level each year. And training for the swim can motivate you to put in the "base" distance needed to get ready for late winter and spring racing. If you worked up to the one hour swim with 10-, 20- and 30minute swims during December, the hour will seem less daunting.

Now that it's January, talk to your coaches and teammates and organize a time when you can run a couple of "heats" of one hour each. Be sure to allow some warmup and warm-down time. Then you can take turns swimming and timing, encouraging each other along the way. And don't forget to allow time for that "pig-out" post-event meal!

Are You Ready to Take on the NWM Challenge?



he North Whidbey Afterburners challenge all other PNA teams to see who can enter the most swimmers in this year's One Hour Postal Swim. In 2008 we led the way with 12 entrants. Can you beat us this year? Results will be posted in *The*



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Sean Carver

you enjoy cocktails until 6 or 7 a.m., you wake up woozy and sleep it off in the sun. Not the optimal way to prepare for a marathon swim, but far be it from me to disregard the local customs."

As for the swim Sean started out harder than planned, as hard or even harder than he would for a 1k swim at home. Still, things went reasonably well until the final mile, one of the "most painful things I have ever done," he says.

"You never really know where the finish is because you're always drifting due to the tide, current and waves. So in a sense you're always drifting away from the finish.

"Second, you can never be sure of what part of the coast you'll hit until you get there. ... Finally, after many hours of crashing through waves and swallowing salt water I started to feel pretty sick In the end it all worked out well ... tough but very fun and rewarding."

Last year, Sean also climbed Mt. Denali (Mt. McKinley), North America's highest mountain (July 4), swam both the Escape (Swim) from Alcatraz (August 9) and the Bermuda 'Round the Sound' 10k swim (October 19). Not bad for guy who's hit 40! For more about Sean go to http:// www.40isnothing.com/.

Want a Stress-Free Experience for Your First Swim Meet? Sign Up for PNA's Clinic and Practice Meet for "New" Competitive Swimmers

PNA is sponsoring a clinic to prepare new competitors for their first swim meet. The clinic will focus on starts and turns and race strategy; that is, how to swim a race. The clinic will conclude with a practice meet that will be fun for all. You *can* swim a meet like a veteran and we'll show you how.

Four local coaches: Lynn Wells, head coach, Bainbridge Aquatics Masters; Shannon Singer, coach Skagit Valley Y; Lisa Dahl, experienced age-group coach; and Erin Walsh, coach, Milfoil Masters, will be coaches on deck. The clinic will offer four clinic stations where each swimmer will have the opportunity for instruction and feedback. The coaches will provide instruction in basic swimming turns, covering different strokes and IM. They will coach you on starting techniques (from the blocks, the deck or in the water) with video feedback. The coaches will also give you strategies on how to swim your individual race, how to pace yourself during a race and how to practice for the events you have chosen. The clinic will conclude with a practice meet with 50 and 100 yard events and fun relays. Come to this clinic to get ready to swim at a PNA meet and enjoy a sport that keeps us young and healthy.

Clinic date, schedule and fees: Saturday, March 14, Noon-5 p.m. Location: Helene Madison Pool, 13401 Meridian N. Seattle. Pool information: (206) 684-4979. The clinic will run five hours. Registrations will be limited to 40 swimmers. If the clinic is oversubscribed, the date your registration is received by PNA will be determine your enrollment. PNA will confirm registrations by phone or email. Please make sure your contact information is current.

- Clinic fee: \$40 per 2009 USMS registered swimmer. If you are not registered with USMS/PNA you are still welcome to attend upon purchase of a USMS "one-event registration," which costs \$15.
- What to bring: suit, towel, sweats, etc., so you're comfortable in and out of the water.

Clinic Schedule

- .5 hour Registration, introductions and presentation on technique
- 2.5 hour Change clothes, pool session for skills & drills. Four practice stations: Starting Blocks, Two turns stations and a race strategy station rotating on a 35-minute cycle.
- 1.5 hour Practice swim meet
- .5 hour Wrap up and closing

Registration Form (Please mail form with your check made out to PNA)

First Name	Last Name	
AddressStreet	City/State	Zip
USMS Registration Number	email address	
Phone Number(s) (home)	(work)	(cell)
What Do You Hope to Learn from this Clinic?		

Checks payable to PNA: Mail to Sarah Welch, 3704 Cheasty Blvd. South, Seattle, WA 98144. For information call (206) 359-2588 or contact <u>sarahwelch@comcast.net</u>

COMING IN JANUARY TO YOUR LOCAL POOL!

32nd Annual - USMS National Championship ONE HOUR POSTAL SWIM

INDIVIDUAL SWIM – details

• You'll find the entry form in the November/December issue of *USMS Swimmer* and on the PNA Web site (swimpna.org). Read the directions carefully.

- Swim the event at a pool of your choice and MAIL in your results; hence the name "Postal."
- Swim for one continuous hour any time during the month of January last chance is January 31.
- Swim with no more than two swimmers per lane circle swimming and drafting are NOT allowed.
- Have someone time you, count your laps and record your official splits. The form requires their signature.
- Mail your entry form and individual \$6 fee to the event host Ohana Swim Team (see entry form).
- Mail a copy of your entry form to PNA's relay coordinator (see below).

RELAY EVENT — details

PNA WILL ENTER YOU IN A RELAY TEAM EVENT AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU.

- Unlike more traditional relays, "Postal" relays combine your results with those of other PNA swimmers.
- The PNA relay team coordinator will form the best teams possible and make every effort to include you.
- Teams are formed by age group (18+, 25+, etc.), sex (male, female 3 each), and mixed (2+2).
- Mail a copy of your entry form to the PNA Postal Relay coordinator:

Sally Dillon PO Box 845 Oak Harbor, WA 98277

FINAL REMINDERS

• Your swim can only take place in the month of January.

• A copy of your entry form must be in the relay coordinator's hands by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

* PNA relay teams will only be formed with swimmers whose "club" is PNA (check your registration card if you are unsure). Unattached swimmers are not eligible for relay teams.

• You must have 2009 USMS registration so register today if you haven't done so already.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sally at: (360) 679-5038 or salswmr@verizon.net

TALK TO YOUR COACHES AND ORGANIZE YOUR TEAMMATES TO SET ASIDE A DAY OR TWO THIS MONTH TO DO THE ANNUAL ONE HOUR SWIM. LET'S HAVE A GREAT PNA TURNOUT!

SANCTIONED BY PNA FOR USMS Inc. SANCTION#369-003

SHORT COURSE YARDS MEET: January 31,2009

Hosted by Thunderbird Aquatic Club & Masters and Anacortes High School Swim Team

	EVENTS	DATE: Saturday, January 31, 2009	
#	Event	TIME: Warm-up: 9:00 AM ; Meet starts 10:00 AM	
Sa	turday, Jan. 19	meet starts 10:00 AM	
1	500 Free	PLACE: Fidalgo Pool, Anacortes, WA	
	Break	1603 22 nd	
2	200 Free Relay	Anacortes, WA Phone: 360-293-0673 ext. 14	
3	100 Back	MEET DIRECTOR: Myke Lund	
4	200 Free	h2obug101@yahoo.com	
5	50 Fly		
6	200 Breast	FACILITY: Six-lane 25 yard pool	
7	100 IM	Separate warm-up available	
	break	Water temperature: ~ 83 degrees F	
8	200 Mixed Free		
-	Relay	CONCESSIONS: None	
9	200 Back	RULES: Current USMS Rules will govern the meet	
10	50 Free	ELIGIBILITY: Open to all USMS 2009 registered	
11	100 Fly	swimmers, 18 and above as of January 31, 2009.	
12	50 Breast		
	break	SEEDING : Slow to fast TIMING : Electronic	
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14	Relay 50 Back	relays require 2 men and 2 women. Mark you	
15	100 Free	relay entry card <i>carefully</i> to ensure correct integrand results.	
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PNA LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE

MEET ENTRY FORM: January 31, 2009 Meet Sanction #369-003 Hosted by TAC/TACM/AHS Swim Team

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I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers 2009 Local Team Registration

To register your team for 2009, please fill out and return the form below. (Teams must be registered to compete as a team and to be eligible for team awards at the SCY PNA Championships held each April. All team members competing in the meet must be currently registered with USMS.) As of 2009, the definition of a team is a group of four (4) or more swimmers. If you do not expect our team to have four swimmers, please contact me.

PNA will provide each team with a USMS Rule Book, which contains rules for Swimming, Competition, Long distance Swimming, Athletes' Rights, and Organization and Bylaws. Please indicate who should receive the USMS Rule Book

Team Name:	Abbreviation (4 letters max):	
	Name:	
	Address:	
Team Rep	City: Zip:	
	Phone:	
	e-mail:	
	Name:	
	Address:	
Team Coach	City: Zip:	
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Workout Pools	Pool name:	
	Address:	
Website		
Workout Times		
Rule Book	Please send to:	

Mail this form and check to:

Arni Litt, Registrar

Seattle, WA 98102-0172

PO Box 12172

pnaRegistrar@usms.org

Application fee: \$12 Make check payable to: **PNA**

Below are the abbreviations currently in use; Bolded IDs are registered for 2009

SAC: SVY: SSTM: SSRM: FACY: FACM: FIG: FVAC: JNAT: JPAC: /FC: WAC: WSAS: WSYD:	Seattle Athletic Club Skagit Valley YMCA South Sound Titans Masters South Whidbey Island Masters Swim Seattle Redhawk Masters Tacoma Pierce County YMCA Thunderbird Aquatic Masters Tigers Tumwater Valley Athletic Club Unattached to a Team University Place Aquatic Club Valley Fitness Center Washington Athletic Club West Coast Aquatics Masters West Seattle All-Stars West Seattle YMCA Dolphins
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Don't' see your team? Have your coach or Team Rep, fill out and mail the form.

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TWO WAYS TO BECOME A MEMBER

You may fill out the paper form below and mail it with a check or register online with a credit card at <u>https://www.clubassistant.com/club/USMS.cfm?L=36</u> or through the link for online registration at <u>www.swimpna.org</u> and follow the instructions.

2009 Membership Application In New Swimmer Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Returning USMS Swimmer

(Old Number if available_____)

Please print clearly and fill out the entire form. Register with the same name you will use for competition. If your name has changed, please include old and new names.

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Choose a membership level A or B below. 11/01/08 thru 12/31/09							
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2009 Annual Fee: Of your membership fee \$25 is sent to USMS and \$15 remains with PNA to support our programs. \$8 of the USMS portion is designated for the national publication. (There is no discount for those not wishing to receive the national publication.)

WAIVER: I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, THE HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.

→ Signature _____

Date

The United States Masters Swimming Policy on the privacy of member information is at: www.usms.org/admin/privacy.shtml

Remember to check out your LMSC website at <u>www.swimpna.org</u> and the USMS website at <u>www.usms.org</u> for information, updates, and changes.

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Don't be left out of the water! If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, this will be your last issue of The WetSet until you do. And what would life be without The WetSet?

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