

# Focus-on-Fundamentals Clinic Does Exactly That 

By Lee Carlson and Sarah Welch

As anyone who attended the Mentor Coach Clinic in mid-December will tell you, this was a worthwhile event.

Sponsored by PNA with financial support from USMS, the clinic was run by Bob Bruce, 2003 USMS Coach of the Year, along with Barb Harris and Sara Quan. Twelve coaches or self-coached swimmers and 37 swimmers attended, including the two of us.

## Coaches' Clinic

Approximately a dozen people attended this session, which was held on Friday night at the Seattle Parks Headquarters. One of the highlights was seeing Bob, who


Bob Bruce
coaches COMA (Central Oregon Masters) in Bend, Ore., become more and more excited as he talked about coaching and swimming.

At this session, Bob concentrated on three points.

The first was drills to skills. He recommended that coaches be precise in what they do by paying attention to drills. They're important, he said, because perfect practice makes for perfect swimming.

Bob's second point was that coaches should develop an annual plan. As a coach, Bob has a plan that he divides into quarters, months, weeks and days along with meets and fun events. He works with his swimmers to help them develop goals, and he creates workouts that enable them to reach those goals. He asks each swimmer to do the team workout so that everyone stays "on the same page." Bob described his team members as "ordinary people doing ordinary things very well."

Bob's third point was that a growing number of Masters swimmers are triathletes, who bring both assets and challenges to traditional Masters teams. On the positive side, triathletes have a terrific work ethic, enthusiasm, an appreciation for any help they

receive and an ability to listen. But they usually are self-taught, frequently have poor lane etiquette and have difficulty with flip turns and warm-up. In addition, they're interested primarily in freestyle. Overall, though, Bob and others at the coaches' session agreed that triathletes are a positive addition to Masters swimming.

## Swimmers' Clinic

Freestyle Session
This session was held at Seattle University's Connolly


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1volunteered to write "Leading Off" in this issue because I love new beginnings and goal setting. In fact, this is the second time you've heard from me in a January "Leading Off" since l've been on your PNA Board.

## So Where Does The "Postal" Fit In?

Each January Masters Swimmers can participate in the "One Hour Postal Swim." And, as a PNA member, you can send your entry form into PNA and be matched with other swimmers in a "postal" relay.

A teammate of mine asked me, "What's the 'postal' part of the swim and relay?" The only answer I had: you put a stamp on your entry form.

This One Hour Postal Swim gives you a chance to swim for an entire hour and see how far you can swim in that time. Whether you are a self-coached swimmer or swim with a team, you can participate. All you need is a pool, an hour and a 'counter' to log your time per lap. The swim is a great chance to challenge yourself and measure your progress from one year to the next.

## What About New Year's Resolutions?

What a bunch of bunk! Too much is made of resolutions. I say set your swimming goals in January and check back throughout the year to see how you're doing. Goals can come in many forms-your sustained swim time at a set interval is a great measure. You might also set goals for distance, speed, endurance or just your own fitness and well being.


By Sarah Welch, PNA Treasurer

I recommend measuring your progress throughout the year so you stay in touch with your January goals. I recommend keeping a log of your workouts and keeping some measurement of your progress toward your goals.

## What About Your Goals?

What goals do you want to accomplish this year? Last month 37 of us participated in a clinic coached by Bob Bruce, Barb Harris and Sara Quan from Bend, Ore. Bob has his swimmers swim a paced 30 -minute swim by 100's every 2 weeks to measure their progress.

During the clinic I realized that this would be a good goal-setting tool for me. l'll be 57 this month and am pretty confident I can hold a set of 100's on the 1:40 over a 30 -minute period with a 10 second rest per hundred. But can I hold those 100's at a 1:35 pace? Probably not. But maybe, with a bit more focus on skills and technique, I can hold them at a 1:37 pace. So that 1:37 pace may be a good goal for me to reach by March.
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## MASTERS 2004 <br> GALENAR <br> 

Events in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Idaho and Alaska, plus USMS Championship events. PNA Events, including Board meetings, are listed in bold.January 1-31, 2004 USMS One-Hour Postal Championship Nancy Ridout (415) 892-0771 nancyridout@mindspring.com Chris Foote (415) 457-9645 dummy4me80@hotmail.com
$\square$ January 10, 2004
PNA Retreat (and brief Board
Meeting) 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.
1920 10th Ave. E., Seattle
(206) 323-4712

January 18, 2004
SCY PNA Meet
Fidalgo Pool
Anacortes, WA
Leslie Mix (360) 293-0673 (day)
Tbirds@Fidalgo.net

- February 15, 2004

SCM Meet
Bellevue Club, WA
Cory Hilderbrand
(425) 688-3127
cory@bellevueclub.com
February 24, 2004
PNA Board Meeting
Federal Way Regional Library

March 14, 2004
SCY Mercer Island Sprint Meet
Mary Wayte Pool
Mercer Island, WA
Lee Carlson (360) 466-0127
leedee17340@msn.com
March 23, 2004
PNA Board Meeting
Seattle Parks \& Recreation
April 9-10, 2004
SCY PNA Champs
WKCAC
Federal Way, WA
April 22-25, 2004
USMS Short Course
Championships
Indianapolis, IN
Mel Goldstein (417) 253-8829
goldstein@mindspring.com
April 28, 2004
PNA Board Meeting
Seattle Parks \& Recreation
$\square$ May 5-September 30, 2004
USMS 5K \& 10K Postal
Championship
Bruce Hopson (314) 569-2220
(314) 569-0382
bhopson@swbell.net
$\square$ May 25, 2004
PNA Board Meeting
Seattle Parks \& Recreation
$\square$ June 3-13, 2003
FINA Masters World Champs
Riccione, Italy
$\square$ June 12, 2004
USMS 5K Open Water
Championship
Fernandina, FL
Edward Gaw
edginc@att.net
June 22, 2004
PNA Board Meeting
Edmonds
$\square$ June 27, 2004
USMS 2-Mile Cable Championship Eagle Creek Reservoir
Indianapolis, IN
Mel Goldstein (317) 253-8289
goldstein@mindspring.com
$\square$ June 28, 2004
USMS 1 Mile Open Water
Championship
Wildwood, NJ
Vicki Anders (410) 502-5395
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## Web Guide

Check out these sites on the Internet for information on Masters swimming, news, events, workouts and more from throughout the Northwest!

PNA Masters Swimming US Masters Swimming USMS Northwest Zone Oregon Masters Alaska LMSC Utah Masters Masters Swimming of $B C$
www.swimpna.org
www.usms.org
www.northwestzone.org
www.swimoregon.org
www.akmswim.org
www.utahmasters.org
www.mastersswimming.bc.ca

# There's Still Time to Take Advantage Of This Terrific Deal !! \$\$\$ 

## PNA WILL ENTER YOU IN A POSTAL SWIM TEAM EVENT FOR THE USMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ONE HOUR POSTAL SWIM AND PAY YOUR TEAM EVENT FEE.

- Team events are "postal relays" where the swimmers don't need to be in the same pool.
- You can find an official entry form for the One Hour Postal Swim at www.usms.org/longdist or in the December WetSet on pages 10-11. A copy of the December WetSet is also on PNA's Web site at www.swimpna.org. Read the directions carefully.
- Your USMS registration must be current (2004).
- Team coordinators will form the best teams possible.

TEAM COORDINATORS:
Sally Dillon (360) 679-5038, salswmr@earthlink.net)
Sarah Welch (206) 723-1814, sarah.welch@seattle.gov)

For complete details on what you need to do to take advantage of this fabulous offer, see page 4 of the December WetSet. IMPORTANT DEADLINES: Your entry form and One Hour Postal Swim fees must be received by Tuesday, February 4.

## PNA Membership Statistics Both Like and Unlike USMS Stats

nterested in knowing how
PNA membership statistics stack up against USMS stats?

Here are a few numbers you can mull over while working out in the pool. All the numbers are as of October 30.

- PNA had 1,170 swimmer registered. That's PNA's largest membership ever. It represents 2.8 \% of USMS total membership of 41,775 .
- USMS divides its membership into five categories, based on age. For both PNA and USMS, the category with the largest number of members is the "career" category, whose members range from 30 to 44 . Of PNA's 1,170 members, 472 of them fell into this category,
which means this group represents $40 \%$ of PNA's total membership.
- When it comes to the sexes, PNA and USMS part ways. PNA had more women than men: 609 women ( $52.1 \%$ ) versus 561 men (47.9\%). For USMS, the situation was reversed: 19,098 women ( $45.7 \%$ ) versus 22,677 men ( $54.3 \%$ ).

> Do the February Fitness Challenge Entry Form, page 10

## Want to compete? Here's your chance.



Anacortes, January 18. Lots of events-20-will challenge your endurance and give you an opportunity to test some of those New Year's resolutions. This pool is fast.

Bellevue, February 15. First short course meters meet of 2004. The new Bellevue Club pool was the site of several short course national records last year.

Mercer Island, March 14. A sprint meet with no event longer than a 200. The meet is over by 1:00 pm and then the fun begins at the historic Roanoke Tavern.

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## Fundamentals Clinic

## Center.

Bob introduced the session with a lecture on hydrodynamics and the physics of swimming. He emphasized reducing resistance, increasing propulsive power or a combination of the two. To reduce resistance, he explained, swimmers need to be level in the water and not create drag, stay long in the water and rotate sideways as long as possible.

To illustrate these points, Bob used the image of a racing boat with a deep hull. That's what swimmers should emulate. They don't want to swim flat like a barge, which is stable but slow.

Bob also talked about rhythm,
 tempo and propulsion. The fundamentals, he said, include hands entering the water to a depth of 6-to12 inches, keeping a high elbow position and getting a feel for the water from the hand through the forearm. Hand pitch and leverage-that is, anchoring the hand and pushing back, not down, against the waterare the keys to propulsion and acceleration.

## Backstroke Session

The backstroke portion of the swimming clinic followed a format similar to the freestyle portion. Backstroke, Bob explained, is freestyle reversed. Backstrokers need to concentrate on keeping their head low and their body position level. Plus, they need to push their shoulders forward immediately before the catch. Keeping the head still and rotating
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# Mike Torchie: Surfer, Traveler, Swim Coach 

## Masters <br>  <br> Proofle <br> Surfer. Traveler. Swim

That's how Mike Torchie, who coaches the Downtown Seattle YMCA Masters (DSYM) and is also known as "Torch" to his friends, describes himself.

## Surfer

Mike learned to surf at Westport, Wash., and along the Oregon coast. In recent years he's surfed in exotic locales like Bali and Portugal.

## Traveler

Mike's first big travel adventure was in 1999, when he spent four months backpacking through Europe. He took an even longer trip beginning in 2000, spending three months in Australia followed by 10 months in Bali.

## Swim Coach

After this 13-month trip, Mike returned to Seattle and took a job with the Downtown Seattle YMCA, which wanted to start a Masters team. "I was more than happy to do that," says Mike, who, in addition to coaching DYSM, teaches swimming to children and adults at the Downtown Y and leads the arthritis exercise program.

DYSM is not a big team; the number of members ranges from 15 to 20. Mike's approach to his Masters swimmers is ...well, adultlike. "They're not like age-group swimmers where you have to yell and scream to get them going," he
says. "As adults, they either put in the work or they don't. I try to keep the practices interesting by varying the workouts."

Raised primarily in Spokane, Mike swam competitively in that city's summer leagues. In 1991 he moved to Seattle and took a job life guarding and teaching swimming at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way. Later he became an assistant coach at Highline Swim Club, then took a similar position at the Puyallup Club

(since disbanded) under Rick Benner, who coached Olympian Magan Quann.
"I learned a great deal working under Rick," says Mike. "My whole philosophy of workouts and stroke techniques pretty much comes from him."

## On the Road Again

Though Mike enjoys coaching swimming, he's also been bitten badly by the travel bug. So, at some point in the future, he wants to take another long trip overseas. Possible destinations for this surfer, traveler and swim coach include Turkey, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnamand maybe even Australia again.

## Health and Fitness

# Fast Food....If You Gotta Have it, Have These! 

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the February 2003 issue of Oregon's Aqua-Master newsletter. It's from a monthly column called "Get Fit with Jani and Sara."

The Center for Science in the Public Interest has just released a new report on the best and worst fast foods. If you find yourself traveling to a lot of pool meets this winter and need to eat on the run here are their top five choices:

1. Subway's seven low-fat subs. Calories: a 6 -inch low-fat sub ranges from 200 to 300 calories including lettuce, tomatoes, onions, green peppers, olives and pickles. The seven choices include roasted chicken breast, sliced ham, roast
 beef, Subway club, turkey breast, turkey breast and ham, and the veggie delight.
2. Burger King Chicken Whopper Jr. Calories: 350. Make sure it's a junior. A regular Chicken Whopper increases the calories to 580. The junior Whopper is actually a regular size sandwich.
3. Wendy's Mandarin Chicken Sandwich. Calories: 420. Leave off the Oriental sesame dressing to lower the caloric content even more.
4. McDonald's Fruit 'n Yogurt Parfait. Calories: 380 with granola, 280 without granola. You'll get plenty of nutrients in this low fat vanilla yogurt and berry treat and only 2 grams of fat.
5. Burger King Veggie Burger. Calories: 330. The BK Veggie Burger is the first meatless sandwich made of vegetables and grains in the fast food market. It has only 2 grams of fat and if you hold the mayo you'll eliminate ever more fat and calories.

## Carbohydrates Revisited!

Once again carbs are getting a bad rap with the new message being eat more fat and protein and less carbs to lose weight. But ex-

cess carbohydrates are not to blame for weight gain. Excess calories are!! To lose weight you must burn more calories than you eat. According to numerous studies a low calorie diet that is full of fiber rich foods such as fruits, vegetables, beans and whole grains is the key to losing weight and keeping it off.

These fiber rich foods are also high carbohydrate foods and they help keep hunger away. Beware of high carbohydrate foods such as fat free cookies and other sweets.
Foods with a high sugar and low

fiber content can actually trigger hunger pangs.

A recent study verified that people who eat approximately 55 percent of their calories from carbohydrates have a lower calorie intake and weigh less than people who get just 40 percent of their calories from carbohydrates. People who eat a low carb diet tend to eat more fat. And fat has twice as many calories per gram as carbs do so it's easy to exceed your needs.

To lose weight, eat a lower calorie diet with at least half of your calories coming from high quality carbohydrates. The new government guidelines are 45 to 65 percent of calories from carbohydrates, 20 to 35 percent from fat and the rest from quality protein sources. The new guidelines have ranges instead of specific amounts to account for family histories (heart disease, diabetes and other chronic diseases).

An active swimmer needs 2 to 5 grams of carbohydrates for every pound of body weight.

Not all nutrients are listed on food packages. You can find out more info on 6,000 different foods at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's online database at www.na.usda.gov /fnic/foodcomp/.



## Developing Good Technique

Editor's Note: This article by Bonnie Pronk appeared in the Nov/Dec issue of Great Lengths, the newsletter of the Masters Swimming Association of British Columbia. It has been shortened and edited.

Msters come in all ages and shapes, with different backgrounds, work ethics and experiences in swimming, and varying reasons and motivation for swimming. But with all this diversity there is one thing that is truly important and beneficial to all: good swimming technique.

How do you develop good technique? If you have a coach, she/he is there to help you. The coach can point out more efficient ways to swim. If your coach does not do much stroke correction, start asking about this. It is also up to you to learn about strokes and what are the latest thoughts on the best way to do each stroke.

## Learning Sources

You can access articles on the Web, get books at the library, buy or borrow videos, go to clinics, watch better swimmers swim, etc.


Once you know what should be done, practice your strokes by looking in a mirror. You can get a buddy in the pool to look for certain things.


Ask a swimmer, lifeguard or coach if you are, for example, keeping your elbows high on your free pull or bending your arms on the backstroke pull.

Work on one thing at a time, be it for a length, a set or a practice.

## Using Drills Wisely

The use of drills to get a better feel for some technique point is very important. Know why you are doing drills so that you can focus on that technique and get something out of them. How many times have you just done a drill in a mindless fashion because it is a drill you have learned and is supposed to be good for you? Is it what you need or is there some better drill? Be knowledgeable.

Different drills work better for some individuals than others. Find out which work for you and try new ones. However, give the drills a chance and be sure you know why you are doing them. Drills, once learned, can be done at a faster pace that simulates the stroke more.

## Drills and Full Strokes

As you do drills it is a good idea to follow them up with the full stroke that the drill is meant to help. I like to start every practice with a 400 I.M., doing two or three lengths drill and one swim for all the strokes. This warms up all the muscles for all the strokes and gets me thinking about stroke form or areas where I need practice.

## Technique and Aging

As one flows through the age groups, it is even more important to work on technique. If you have better technique and are efficient in the water it takes less effort
(YES!) and you can go faster! As you become more efficient, you can get more done and you look better in the water, too.

Because swimming takes place in a different medium, the feel for the water is a very elusive thing that needs to be developed and honed. We are often surprised when we see ourselves swim on a video because we may have "felt right." This elusive feel is so important.


To feel the pressure of the water against your hand as you swim and sense the flow of the water past the body is something that continually needs to be developed. We can focus our senses more on each part of our strokes.

We can watch our arm as it passes by and see what it is doing and try to attach the feel to the visualization. We can practice the stroke in the shallow water bending over at the waist to watch our arm pull and feel what we are doing at the same time. Our coach can tell us when we hit it right and it is up to us to remember how that felt. Instant replay from videos are useful here, too, especially if you can watch the underwater action.


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## Leading Off

For some of you, the goal might be 1:20; for others 1:50. The point is, pace training like this is an excellent tool. You use it to both set a goal and measure your progress--and that's the way to improve.

## Masters Swimming Is Flexible

Masters swimming is fitness and fun. It's also an activity that affords you significant flexibility. You can swim on your own or with a group. You can swim a couple of days a week or daily. You decide!

Now that 2004 is here, think about your swimming goals for this year. Make one of your goals the One Hour Postal swim. (You can find an entry form in your SWIM Magazine and December's The WetSet.) And join us for a "postal" relay by swimming and submitting your times to PNA.

For me, personal goal setting makes Masters swimming a significant part of my goal to continue learning throughout my life. I hope Masters swimming does the same for you.

## For Complete

 Swim Meet Results, see www.swimpna.org

## Summary of Actions Taken by PNA Board at November Meeting

PNA finances were the focus for the November meeting.
At this meeting, the PNA board approved:
A report by Sarah Welch, Treasurer, showing current assets of $\$ 38,345$
A budget of $\$ 49,580$ for 2004
Applying $\$ 2,040$ from the general fund to balance the 2004 budget.
The Board also noted the LCM Zone meet at the King County Weyerhaeuser Aquatic Center was $\$ 559$ in the red and that so far in 2003 1,179 swimmers had registered with PNA.

For the full minutes of the November PNA Board meeting, go to www.swimpna.org.
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## Fundamentals Clinic

the shoulders and hips helps maintain a streamlined sideways profile as long as possible.

During the swimming clinic, Barb Harris lead the group in water drills emphasizing each new skill. In addition, each swimmer was video taped. Bob analyzed each swimmer's strokes and gave each of us a list of the three most important skills to focus on in future practices.

## Feedback

Participants at the swimming session agreed it
 was instructive. Sara Quan
Bob provided the spark and analysis, Barb demonstrated the swimming drills in a positive fashion and Sara worked us in dry land drills to develop core strength. One area for improvement was too few coaches participating in the on-deck portion of the clinic. This was offset by on-deck feedback from Barb and Sara and the freestyle and backstroke sessions, which were complete, clearly explained and solidly reinforced.

Happy New Year From PNA


## Welcome New PNA Swimmers

Bridgette Austin Pandey Bibek<br>James Davidson<br>Priscilla Farrington Terri Franklin Pamela Helm Jane Hutchison<br>Phillip Hutchison Sarah Kelly Jessica Klein Mary Lear<br>Elaine Mathews Jeff Nyman David Peterman Barbara Schaeffler Laurie Shepherd Rachel Smith<br>Michael Turcott Kerry Wilson Juliana Wilson

## Places to Swim in the Pacific Northwest*

S wimming
*Some pools are private clubs and do not accept single-time swimmers. Call for details.

If you find any information below out of date, please e-mail the updated information to the newsletter editor or the registrar.

Anacortes:
Fidalgo Pool

## Auburn:

Auburn Pool

## Bainbridge Island:

Ray Williamson Pool/
Bainbridge Island Aquatic Ctr HS Rd \& Madison Ave (206) 842-2302
Bellevue:
Bellevue Aquatic Center
Bellevue Club
Bellevue Eastside YMCA
Newport Hills Pool
Pro Club
Bellingham:
Arne Hanna Aquatic Ctr
Bellingham YMCA

## Bothell:

Northshore Pool
Northshore YMCA

## Bremerton:

Bremerton Municipal Pool Olympic Aquatic Center

## Burien:

Burien Swim Club
Evergreen Pool
Des Moines:
Mount Rainier Pool
Edmonds:
Yost Pool (summer only)

## Enumclaw:

Enumclaw Pool

## Everett:

Forest Park Swim Center
Federal Way:
Federal Way Pool
Weyerhaeuser King Co AC
Fife:
Fife Community Pool
Issaquah:
Julius Boehm Pool
Kent:
Kent-Meridian Pool
Tahoma Pool
Kirkland:
Juanita High School
(evenings)
Peter Kirk Pool (Jun-Sep)
Lynnwood:
Lynnwood Pool
Mercer Island:
Mercer Island Pool
Mount Vernon:
Skagit Valley YMCA

| 601 143rd Ave NE | (425) 452-4444 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 11200 SE 6th St | (425) 455-1616 |
| 14230 Bel-Red Rd | (425) 746-9900 |
| 5474 119th Ave SE | (425) 746-9510 |
| 4455 148th Ave NE | (425) 885-5566 |
| 1114 Potter St | (360) 647-7665 |
| 1256 N State St | (360) 733-8630 |
| 9815 NE 188th St | (206) 296-4333 |
| 11811 NE 195th | (425) 485-9797 |
| 50 Magnuson Way | (360) 478-5376 |
| 7070 Stampede Blvd | (360) 662-2888 |
| 626 SW 154th | (206) 433-7900 |
| 606 SW 116th St | (206) 296-4410 |
| 22722 19th Ave S | (206) 296-4278 |
| 9535 Bowdoin Way | (425) 775-2645 |
| 420 Semanski St S | (360) 825-1188 |
| 802 E Mukilteo Blvd | (425) 257-8312 |
| 30421 16th Ave S | (253) 839-1000 |
| 650 SW Campus Dr | (253) 296-4444 |
| 5410 20th St E | (253) 922-7665 |
| 50 SE Clark St | (425) 837-3350 |
| 25401 101st Ave SE | (206) 296-4275 |
| 18230 SE 240th St | (206) 296-4276 |
| 10601 NE 132nd St | (425) 823-7627 |
| 340 Kirkland Ave | (425) 828-1217 |
| 18900 44th Ave W | (425) 744-6455 |
| 8815 SE 40th St | (206) 296-4370 |
| 215 E. Fulton St | (360) 336-9622 |



## February Fitness Challenge 2004

Host: Tualatin Hills Barracudas, Beaverton, Oregon
Purpose: To promote fitness through aquatics by encouraging participants to visit the pool regularly and to track results over a monthly period.
Rules \& Eligibility: Use of training aids and equiptment IS permitted. You must be at least 18 years of age.
Three Challenges: We have three challenges: 1) count your yardage; 2) count your days; and 3) count the number of people in your group.
Group Participation: To be eligible for one of the top Group Participation Awards, groups must send entries together, in one packet. Groups may consist of individuals who do either challenge. Please specify the group name and contact person. There is no additional fee.
Recording Results: Beginning February 1, 2004, record on the form below: either the number of yards completed each day (for lap swim, jog-a-lap, etc.), AND/OR the number of days you visit the pool for an aquatic fitness activity (e.g. water aerobics, etc.). PLEASE BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE!
Conversions: To convert meters to yards for yardage counting, add $10 \%$ to the meter distance to obtain the yard distance.
Monthly Totals: At month's end, add daily results to obtain monthly total. Caution: Use caution when attempting to improve fitness level. Increases in activity should be gradual over an extended period. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult your physician.
Age Groups: 18-24, 25-29, 30-34....etc., (in five-year increments). Age is determined by your age on February 29, 2004.

Awards \& Results: All participants receive final results and an achievement certificate. Three female and three male swimmers in each age group with the highest monthly yardage totals receive awards. A special FFC pin will be given to every swimmer who swims each day. Please allow at least 30 days after deadline for mailing of results and awards.
Group Awards: The top three groups with the largest number of participants will receive special awards. The group with the top total yardage will receive a special award.
Entry Fee: $\$ 8.00$ for one individual challenge. Select either "Counting Yardage" or "Counting Days" on the form (below). If you would like to do both individual challenges, select "Both" and add \$4 to your entry fee. All fees payable to Tualatin Hills Barracudas.
T-Shirts \& Caps: $\$ 14.00$ for short sleeve, $100 \%$ cotton T-shirts, with the 2004 Fitness Frog. Custom Latex swim caps with frog logo available for \$4.00.
Entry Deadline: Entries must be RECEIVED by March 12, 2004. Late entries will not be accepted.
Entry Procedure: Send form below and fees to:
February Fitness Challenge
16055 SW Walker Road \#126
Beaverton, Oregon 97006
e-mail: FebFitness@swimoregon.org
web page: http://www.barracudas.org
International Entries: $\$ 8.00$ additional postage fee required; mail early to ensure arrival by entry deadline.
Workout/Fitness Brochure: Check the Barracuda Web Page for a special February Fitness Challenge Workout Brochure. (Can be down loaded as a pdf file) web page: http://www.barracudas.org

Islands Inn 3401 Commercial (complimentary Dutch breakfast) 360-293-4644


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addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.
PNALOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE
 Fidalgo pool is on the left.

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STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES,
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[^2]PNA Local Masters Swimming Committee

| PNALOCAL MASters Swimming Committee SHORT COURSE METERS MEET: February 15, 2004 (Meet Sanction \#043602) Hosted by the Bellevue Club |  |  |  |
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|  | EVENTS | DATE: <br> TIME: | Sunday, February 15, 2004 <br> Warm-up: 8:00 AM; Meet starts 9:00 AM |
| \# | Event |  |  |
| Sunday, February 15 |  | PLACE: | Bellevue Club <br> 11200 SE Sixth ST <br> Bellevue, WA 98004 <br> Phone: 425-637-4610 |
| 1 | 400 Free |  |  |
| 2 | 400 IM |  |  |
| 3 | 200 Free Relay |  |  |
| 4 | 50 Breast | MEET |  |
| 5 | 100 Fly | FACILITY: | Cory Hilderbrand cory@bellevueclub.com |
| 5 minute break |  |  | 425-688-3127 |
| 6 | 200 Free |  |  |
| 7 | 50 Back |  | Nine-lane 25 meter pool <br> Warm-up: 2, 25 yard lanes. <br> Water temperature: ~ 81 degrees $F$ |
| 8 | 200 Mixed Free Relay |  |  |
| 9 | 100 Breast | CONCESSIONS: Espresso Bar Available |  |
| 10 | 50 Fly |  |  |  |
| 11 | 100 Free | RULES: | Current USMS Rules will govern the meet |
| 12 | 200 Back | ELIGIBILITY: Open to all USMS 2004 registered swimmers, 19 and above as of December 31, 2004. |  |
| 5 minute break |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 200 Medley Relay | SEEDING: Slow to fast TIMING: Electronic |  |
| 14 | 200 Breast |  |  |  |
| 15 | 200 Fly | RELAYS: Deck-enter relays at the meet. Mixed relays require 2 men and 2 women. Mark your relay entry card carefully to ensure correct intent and results. |  |
| 16 | 50 Free |  |  |  |
| 17 | 100 Back |  |  |  |
| 18 | 200 IM | Go west of SE $8^{\text {th }}$ Street. Turn right at $114^{\text {th }}$ Ave. SE. Turn left on SE $6^{\text {th }}$ Street. The Bellevue Club is on the right. Please enter at the Athletic Entrance. |  |
| 5 minute break |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | 200 Mixed Medley Relay |  |  |  |
| 20 | 1500 Free |  |  |  |

PNA LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING Committee
MEET ENTRY FORM: February 15, 2004 Meet Sanction \#043602

Hosted by the Bellevie

(includes LMSC and electronic timing surcharges)
ach; no charge for relays or if 65 and up; or if needs
[from $\$ 9.00$ (relays only) to $\$ 14.00$ (five events)]
BELLEVUE CLUB

[^3]Please send entries postmarked no later than Tuesday, February 10
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
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Mercer Island, WA 98040
Please send entries postmarked no later than Friday, March 5th.
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##  PNA Local Masters Swimming Committee  Hosted by Mercer Island Redwoods <br>  <br> Sunday, March 14, 2003 <br> Warm-up: 8:30 AM; Meet starts 9:30 AM <br> $$
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$$ <br> CD TO <br> Mercer Island Pool (Mary Wayte Pool) 8815 SE $40^{\text {th }}$ ST, Mercer Island, WA $360-466-0127$ leedee17340@ <br> leedee17340@msn.com <br> FACILITY: Six-lane 25 yard pool  Spectator seating for 200 <br> CONCESSIONS: None RULES: <br> ELIGIBILITY: SEEDING:

RELAYS: Deck-enter relays at the meet. Mixed relays require 2 men and 2 women. Mark your relay entry card carefully to ensure correct intent and results.
DIRECTIONS: From I-90 east or west: Take Island Crest Way southbound exit. Proceed approximately one mile south on Island Crest Way to $\mathrm{SE} 40^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$. (stop light) and turn left. Go $1 / 4$ mile on SE $40^{\text {th }}$ St. Pool is on the right with ample parking available in adjacent lot.
Website: For more information, visit the PNA website (www.swimpna.org)

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## Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers Local Team Registration

To register your team for 2004, 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 in the spring. All team members competing in the meet must be currently registered with USMS. (2004 Individual registration renewal forms will be mailed to each swimmer in October.)

Team Reps: PNA will provide your team with a USMS Rule Book, which contains rules for Swimming, Competition, Long distance Swimming, Athletes' Rights, and Organization and Bylaws. They will be available in January.

| Team Name: |  |  |  | Abbreviation (4 letters max): |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team Rep | Name: |  |  |  |
|  | Address: |  |  |  |
|  | City: |  |  |  |
|  | Phone: |  |  |  |
|  | e-mail: |  |  |  |
| Team Coach | Name: |  |  |  |
|  | Address: |  |  |  |
|  | City: |  |  |  |
|  | Phone: |  |  |  |
|  | e-mail: |  |  |  |
| Workout Pools | Pool name: |  |  |  |
|  | Address: |  |  |  |
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Below are the abbreviations currently in use.
Mail this form and check to:
Arni Litt, Registrar
$192010^{\text {th }}$ Ave East
Seattle, WA 98102-4253
Arni@qwest.net
AS: West Seattle All Stars
BAM: Bainbridge Area Masters
BC: Bellevue Club
BEST Bellevue Eastside Masters
BLAM: Bellevue Lunchtime Aquatic Masters
BMSC: Bellingham Masters Swim Club
DSYM: Downtown Seattle YMCA Masters
EM: Evergreen Masters
FTSW: Ft. Steilacoom - WAKO
FWM: Federal Way Master
GACM: Gateway Athletic Club
GCMS: Gold Creek Masters (GCM)
GLAD: Greenlake Aquaducks
HMST: Husky Masters
ISST: Issaquah Swim Team Masters
JAM: Juanita Aquatic Masters
LUNA: Team Luna
LYN: Lynnwood Sharks
MILL: Mill Creek Masters

MIR: Mercer Island Redwoods
NEO: North End Otters
NH: Newport Hills Swim Team
NSYG: Northshore Y's Guys
NWM: North Whidbey Masters
OOPS: Old Olympic Peninsula
Swimmers
ORCA: Orca Swim Club
PRO: Pro Sports Club
PTMS: Port Townsend master Swimmers
QASC: Queen Anne Swim Club
SAC: Seattle Athletic Club
SAM: Samena Club
SQM: SQMasters Swim Team
SSEA: Swim Seattle
SVY: Skagit Valley YMCA Chinooks

TACM: Thunderbird Aquatic Masters
TACY: Tacoma Pierce County YMCA
TIG: Tigers
TMS: Thorbecke's Masters Swimming
TOSC: Thurston Olympians Swim Club
TSC: Tacoma Swim Club
TUMV: Tumwater Valley Masters
UNAT: Unattached to a Team
UPAC: University Place Aquatic Club
VAM: Vashon Aquatic Masters
VAST Valley Aquatic Swim Team
VFC: Valley Fitness Center
WIS: S Whidbey Island Swells
WSAS: West Seattle All-Stars
WSYD: West Seattle YMCA Dolphins
WWUS: Western Wa U Masters Swimming
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Don't see your team? Fill in the form and I will add it to the list.

Application fee: $\$ 10$
Make check payable to: PNA Masters Swimmers

## Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers

Returning USMS Swimmer (Old Number $\qquad$ -) 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.
Telephone: $\qquad$ If you coach a Masters swim team check here $\square$ I am interested in serving on a PNA committee $\square$

| CLUB: | $\square$ Pacific NW Aquatics (PNA) |
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|  | $\square$ Sequim (SQM) |

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Team : $\qquad$

## 2004 Annual Fee: Your fee includes a subscription to The WetSet and to SWIM Magazine <br> Choose a membership level below

| Regular: | $\$ 35$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Need-based or Seniors (65 \& over): | $\$ 25$ |
| Partial year after Sept. 1, 2004: | $\$ 20$ |
| Canadian: | $\$ 40$ (US dollars) |

Optional Donations:
USMS Endowment Fund (\$1 or \$___)
International Swimming Hall of Fame (\$1 or \$__)
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## WetSet Subscription/ Change of Address Form

The WetSet is PNA's official newsletter. Produced ten times a year, it is delivered free of charge to PNA members. Non-members may purchase an annual subscription to The WetSet for \$12, payable to "PNA Masters Swimmers." To subscribe, please send this completed form to Arni Litt, PNA Registrar, 1920 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102-4253.
*Important -The WetSet is sent via bulk mail and is not forwarded by the US Postal Service. Please inform us of address changes.*



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    The Marina Inn 3300 Commercial 360-293-1100
    Anaco Bay Inn 91633 rd (kitchens) 360-299-3320
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