

# PNA Swimmers Fare Well at Short Course Nationals, Especially Charlotte Davis, Who Sets Five National Records 

By Sarah Welch, PNA Treasurer

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where this year's Short Course Nationals were held, is a long way off from The Pacific Northwest. So it was surprising and gratifying - that 51 PNA swimmers registered for the meet, held May 19-23.

Armed with a new PNA banner, these swimmers swam as a team and placed $10^{\text {th }}$ at Nationals. (USMS no longer classifies small, medium and large teams at Nationals, so every team competes against every other one.)

## Superstar Charlotte

Among the PNA swimmers, the clear superstar was Charlotte Davis. Charlotte, who just aged up to 55, won each of the six events she entered: the 50 and 100 free, the 50 fly and the 100, 200 and 400 IM. More significantly, Charlotte shattered five national records at the meet, a first-ever achievement for a PNA swimmer. (Read more about Charlotte on page 11.)

## Other Star Performers

A number of other PNA swimmers also turned in stellar
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PNA President Jeanne Ensign is taking a break from Leading Off, so this month's column is being written by your newsletter editor.

As you look over this issue, you'll find two articles that are the products of submissions from PNA members. The first, which starts on page 7, is a witty, first-hand account of what it's like to participate in the Plover Swim, a short swim in Blaine named after the MV Plover, a local ferry. The second article, on page 9, focuses on the accomplishments of three PNA women, two in their seventies and one in her eighties, who recently competed in The Senior Olympics in Pittsburgh.

## Send Us Your Swimming Stories

Articles like these add a personal touch to the newsletter. So I encourage every PNA member who has a story to tell about their swimming exploits to submit that information to The WetSet. You can write the story yourself - that's what the Plover swimmer did - or submit the information and let us write it up.

In a sense the PNA members responsible for these two articles were PNA volunteers. Without volunteers, PNA couldn't function. That's especially true when it comes to board members, many of whom have faithfully served for a number of years.

## Be a PNA Volunteer

To be a PNA volunteer, you don't have to become a board member or spend a lot of time. For example, on page 11 you'll find a "Volunteer Wanted" notice. The PNA board is looking for someone


By Paul
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to compile a list of people that have PNA archive materials (like old board minutes and newsletters). This job involves talking to a few long-time PNA members and finding out what materials each has, then drawing up a list of those materials.

This isn't a huge job. But it's important. So if it's something you could do, please contact Jeanne Ensign, PNA president.

And if the archiving job doesn't appeal to you, but you'd still like to be a PNA volunteer, let Jeanne know that. PNA will be happy to use your talents in the near future.

One final thought about being a PNA volunteer. It's a rewarding experience and it can be a lot of fun!

> Don't forget to sign Up for the Lake Padden OW Swim in July, the Pentathlon in September and BAMFEST in October. Entry forms on pages 16-18.

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## MASTERS 2005 CALLILDAR <br> 

Events in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Idaho and Alaska, plus USMS Championship events. PNA events, including PNA Board meetings, are listed in bold.

## $\square$ January 1 to December 31, 2005 <br> Fitness Check-Off Challenge <br> Mission: I.M. Possible <br> Hugh Moore <br> swimmoore@comcast.net <br> For forms see http:// www.usms.org/fitness/ fitnessevents.shtml

- May 15 to September 30, 2005

2005 USMS 5 \& 10K Postal
Championships
Christine Swanson
(813) 254-4514 (phone or fax)
ctswanson@yahoo.com
Livia Zien
(727) 821-8113
livia.zien@att.net
See pages 14-15 for entry form.
$\square$ July 16, 2005
Fat Salmon Open Water Swim CANCELLED
See story on page 6.
■ July 22 to July 31, 2005
World Masters Games SCM
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
www.2005worldmasters.com
$\square$ July 26, 2005
PNA Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Seattle Parks \& Recreation Bldg.

■ July 30, 2005
Lake Padden Open Water Swim
Bob Fish; 360-733-2385
therealfish@msn.com
See page 16 for entry form.
$\square$ July 30, 2005
2005 USMS 1-Mile Open Water National Championships - Elk Lake Bend, Ore.
Bob Bruce
bobbruce13@attglobal.net
Pam Himstreet
himstreet@bendnet.com
Sanctioned by OR LMSC
August 6, 2005
Long Bridge Open Water Swim Sandpoint, ID
www.longbridgeswim.org

- August 7, 2005

2005 USMS 5-Mi Open Water National Championships-La Jolla Bay, San Diego, Calif.
David Lamott; (619) 222-3436
JLamott@pacbell.net
Steve Dockstader
stevedocks@san.rr.com
August 11 to August 15, 2005 2005 LCM National Championships Mission Viejo, Calif.
Mark Moore (949) 233-6521
coachmark@mastersmvnswimorg;
www.mastersmvnswim.org;
$\square$ August 13, 2005
Puget Sound Crossing for Kids www.crossingforkids.org
See article on page 10.

- August 22, 2005

Dorena Lake, Ore.
NW Zone OW Championships
August 23, 2005
PNA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Seattle Parks \& Recreation BIdg.

August 27, 2005
$5 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{~K}$ pool time at Seattle's Colman Pool, see page 13

September 11, 2005
Patriot Games, A Metric Pentathlon Grass Valley Aquatic Center Camas, Wash.
Bert Petersen
Petersen@exchangenet.net
September 24, 2005
8th Annual Short Course Meters
Pentathlon Meet
Oak Harbor, Wash.
Sally Dillon (360) 679-5038 salswmr@earthlink.net
See page 17 for entry form.
October 15, 2005
4th Annual BAMFEST
Bainbridge Island, WA See page 18 for entry form.

## 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 BC
www.swimpna.org
www.usms.org
www.northwestzone.org
www.swimoregon.org
www.akmswim.org
www.utahmasters.org
www.mastersswimming.bc.ca
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## Nationals

performances. Gary Chase, who just aged up to 65, captured first place in all six of his events-50, 100 and 200 back plus the breaststroke events at these same distances.

Alden Kroll (18-24) nabbed a first place in the 200 backstroke and 100 breast and a second in the 100 back. He also placed in the top 10 swimmers for all six of his events, in the process earning PNA valuable team points.

Mary Lippold (45-49) logged top 10 times with three fourth places, a third place and two six places. Nancy Townsend earned PNA points for all six of her races.

## Lots of Relays

PNA Relays were fun and "deep," with PNA frequently fielding an $A$ and $B$ and even a few C relay teams in some age categories. Since PNA swimmers signed up for relays before the meet, it was much easier for Lisa Pace and me to coordinate the relays.

Eleven women from the Western Washington U. Masters Swimming participated in several women's relays in the 18+ age group. There were some interesting age ranges in certain relay teams. For example, the PNA's 18+ mixed medley team, which took sixth place, matched two 21-year-olds, Naomi Jacobson and Laura Dowd, with 30 -year-old Mark Arnold and 37-year-old David Kays. And in the men's 200 free relay, the ages ranged from 19 to 53.

In the 200 mixed freestyle relay, PNA fielded three teams in the 45+ category, and these teams won a third, tenth and $14^{\text {th }}$ place. PNA's women's teams took a fifth in the $35+$ freestyle relay, a second in the $45+$ relay and tenth in the

# USMS Short Course Nationals <br> Ft. Lauderdale, FL May 19-22, 2005 

| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{P} . \mathrm{N} . \mathrm{A} . \text { RECORD } \\ & \mathrm{Z}=\mathrm{NORTHWEST} \text { ZONE RECORD } \\ & \mathrm{N}=\text { NATIONAL RECORD } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WOMEN 18-24 |  |  |
| 50 YD. FREE |  |  |
| ERIN JACOBSON | 20 PNA | 26.67 |
| ASHLEY SULLIVAN | 21 PNA | 27.11 |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 27.48 |
| LAURA DOWD | 21 PNA | 27.62 |
| ERIN SALMAN | 21 PNA | 27.87 |
| LAUREL SPRUANCE | 18 PNA | 29.83 |
| SARAH JURICK | 18 PNA | 30.02 |
| ERIN HUNTER | 19 PNA | 30.86 |
| RILEY JONES | 19 PNA | 32.96 |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |  |
| ERIN JACOBSON | 20 PNA | 57.31 |
| ASHLEY SULLIVAN | 21 PNA | 59.28 |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 59.32 |
| ERIN SALMAN | 21 PNA | 1:03.79 |
| SOFINA MORALES | 19 PNA | 1:04.71 |
| ERIN HUNTER | 19 PNA | 1:08.29 |
| SARAH JURICK | 18 PNA | 1:08.32 |
| LAUREL SPRUANCE | 18 PNA | 1:09.58 |
| RILEY JONES | 19 PNA | 1:13.42 |
| 200 YD. FREE |  |  |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 2:09.15 |
| ASHLEY SULLIVAN | 21 PNA | 2:10.23 |
| SOFINA MORALES | 19 PNA | 2:22.67 |
| LAUREL SPRUANCE | 18 PNA | 2:47.36 |
| 500 YD. FREE |  |  |
| SOFINA MORALES | 19 PNA | 6:33.26 |
| 50 YD. BACK |  |  |
| ERIN JACOBSON | 20 PNA | 31.42 |
| LAURA DOWD | 21 PNA | 34.17 |
| RILEY JONES | 19 PNA | 37.92 |
| ERIN HUNTER | 19 PNA | 37.99 |
| 100 YD. BACK |  |  |
| KASEY STEWART | 21 PNA | 1:15.85 |
| 200 YD. BACK |  |  |
| KASEY STEWART | 21 PNA | 2:36.83 |
| 50 YD. BRST |  |  |
| LAURA DOWD | 21 PNA | 35.79 |
| SARAH JURICK | 18 PNA | 39.24 |
| ERIN SALMAN | 21 PNA | 39.35 |
| 50 YD. FLY |  |  |
| ASHLEY SULLIVAN | 21 PNA | 28.85 |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 30.56 |
| LAURA DOWD | 21 PNA | 30.76 |

45+ medley relay.
Many PNA swimmers commented that this was the "best nationals meet ever for PNA," except for those PNA has hosted, and that "we really felt like a team."

PNA encourages all its swimmers to attend national meets. You can't beat Nationals for fun, camaraderie and an unforgettable swimming experience.

| 100 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ERIN JACOBSON | 20 PNA | 1:08.67 |
| ASHLEY SULLIVAN | 21 PNA | 1:09.51 |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 1:09.88 |
| LAURA DOWD | 21 PNA | 1:09.97 |
| ERIN SALMAN | 21 PNA | 1:12.93 |
| KASEY STEWART | 21 PNA | 1:18.00 |
| 200 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| NAOMI JACOBSON | 21 PNA | 2:31.35 |
| WOMEN 35-39 |  |  |
| 50 YD. FREE |  |  |
| TARA SIMSAK | 35 PNA | 26.60 |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |  |
| TARA SIMSAK | 35 PNA | 57.37 |
| 50 YD. BACK |  |  |
| TARA SIMSAK | 35 PNA | 30.40 |
| 50 YD. FLY |  |  |
| TARA SIMSAK | 35 PNA | 28.14 |
| 100 YD. FLY |  |  |
| TARA SIMSAK | 35 PNA | 1:02.72 |
| WOMEN 40-44 |  |  |
| 50 YD. FREE |  |  |
| LISA DAHL | 44 PNA | 25.67 |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 25.77 |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |  |
| JAMIE WHITNEY | 40 PNA | 1:02.47 |
| 1000 YD. FREE |  |  |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 11:37.25 |
| 100 YD. BACK |  |  |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 1:06.73 |
| 50 YD. BRST |  |  |
| JAMIE WHITNEY | 40 PNA | 37.44 |
| 200 YD. BRST |  |  |
| JAMIE WHITNEY | 40 PNA | 3:07.34 |
| 100 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 1:05.27 |
| 200 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 2:20.17Z |
| 400 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| LISA PACE | 43 PNA | 5:04.88 |
| WOMEN 45-49 |  |  |
| 50 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 26.37 |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 57.99 |
| 200 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 2:07.76 |
| 1000 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 11:49.94 |
| 200 YD. BACK |  |  |
| CATHY COOLEY | 47 PNA | 2:29.60 |
| 50 YD. BRST |  |  |
| TONYA BERG | 46 PNA | 36.45 |
| JUDY HAWKSWORTH | 45 PNA | 37.77 |
| 100 YD. BRST |  |  |
| TONYA BERG | 46 PNA | 1:17.69 |
| JUDY HAWKSWORTH | 45 PNA | 1:20.80 |
| 200 YD. BRST |  |  |
| TONYA BERG | 46 PNA | 2:46.64 |
| CATHY COOLEY | 47 PNA | 2:50.69 |
| JUDY HAWKSWORTH | 45 PNA | 2:57.41 |
| 100 YD. FLY |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 1:04.75P |
| ROBIN O'LEARY | 48 PNA | 1:09.19 |
| 200 YD. FLY |  |  |
| MARY LIPPOLD | 49 PNA | 2:32.10 |
| ROBIN O'LEARY | 48 PNA | 2:36.19 |


| 100 YD. I.M. |
| :--- |
| CATHY COOLEY |
| 200 YD. I.M. |
| CATHY COOLEY |
| JUDY HAWKSWORTH |
| 400 YD I..M. |
| JUDY HAWKSWORTH |
| WOMEN $\mathbf{5 0 - 5 4}$ |

50 YD. FREE
JANET JOHNSON
100 YD. FREE
NANCY TOWNSEND
200 YD. FREE
NANCY TOWNSEND
500 YD. FREE
NANCY TOWNSEND
1000 YD. FREE
NANCY TOWNSEND
100 YD. BACK
NANCY TOWNSEND
50 YD. BRST
JANET JOHNSON
100 YD. BRST
JANET JOHNSON
200 YD. BRST
JANET JOHNSON
200 YD. I.M.
NANCY TOWNSEND

## WOMEN 55-59 <br> \section*{50 YD. FREE}

100 YD. FREE
CHARLOTTE DAVIS
200 YD. FREE
SARAH WELCH
500 YD. FREE
SARAH WELCH
1650 YD. FREE
KATE SUTHERLAND
200 YD. BRST
5 KATE SUTHERLAND
CHARLOTTE DAVIS
SARAH WELCH
100 YD. FLY
SARAH WELCH
100 YD. I.M.
CHARLOTTE DAVIS
200 YD. I.M.
CHARLOTTE DAVIS
SARAH WELCH
KATE SUTHERLAND
400 YD. I.M.
CHARLOTTE DAVIS
SARAH WELCH
WOMEN 80-84
200 YD. FREE
MARION CHADWICK
500 YD. FREE
MARION CHADWICK
1000 YD. FREE
MARION CHADWICK
100 YD. BACK
MARION CHADWICK
200 YD. BACK
MARION CHADWICK
MEN 18-24
50 YD. FREE
JASON MERRIFIELD
ALDEN KROLL
100 YD. FREE
ALDEN KROLL
JASON MERRIFIELD
100 YD. BACK
ALDEN KROLL

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 47 PNA | $1: 09.15 \mathrm{P}$ |
| 47 PNA | $2: 29.62 \mathrm{P}$ |
| 45 PNA | $2: 38.79$ |
| 45 PNA | $5: 42.44$ |


| 50 PNA | 32.20 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 50 PNA | 1.04 .01 |

50 PNA 2:20.96
50 PNA 6:19.49

| 50 PNA | $12: 53.18$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 50 PNA | $1: 16.79$ |


| 50 PNA | 42.53 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 50 PNA | $1: 33.38$ |


| 50 PNA | $3: 25.88$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 50 PNA | $2: 38.95$ |

55 PNA -27.20 N
55 PNA $\quad 27.20 \mathrm{~N}$
55 PNA $\quad 59.08 \mathrm{~N}$

| 58 PNA | $2: 41.01$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 58 PNA | $7: 17.29$ |

57 PNA $\quad 32: 24.35$
57 PNA $\quad 3: 57.17$

| 55 PNA | 29.96 Z |
| :--- | ---: |
| 58 PNA | 37.99 |

58 PNA $\quad 1: 27.24$

| 55 PNA | $1: 09.27 \mathrm{~N}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 55 PNA | $2: 29.14 \mathrm{~N}$ |


| 58 PNA | $3: 07.24$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 57 PNA | $3: 53.79$ |

55 PNA $\quad 5: 24.43 \mathrm{~N}$ 58 PNA $\quad 6: 44.75$

| 200 YD. BACK |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ALDEN KROLL | 22 PNA | $2: 05.72$ |
| 50 YD. BRST |  |  |
| JASON MERRIFIELD | 19 PNA | 29.17 |
| 100 YD. BRST |  |  |
| ALDEN KROLL <br> 100 YD. FLY | 22 PNA | $1: 02.00$ |
| ALDEN KROLL <br> 100 YD. I.M. <br> JASON MERRIFIELD | 22 PNA | 55.93 |
| M PNA N 25-29 | 57.89 |  |

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| GEORGE SAYAH | 26 PNA | 30.16 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 200 YD. BRST |  |  |
| GEORGE SAYAH | 26 PNA | $2: 29.87$ |


| 100 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| GEORGE SAYAH | 26 PNA | $1: 00.86$ |

GEORGE SAYAH 26 PNA $2: 14.43$

| MEN 30-34 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |
| MARK ARNOLD | 30 PNA 49.86 |

## MEN 50-54

50 YD. FREE

| DONALD GRAHAM | 50 PNA | 23.88 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | 24.12 |
| FRANK LEONARD | 50 PNA | 25.95 |
| 100 YD. FREE |  |  |


| RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | 52.96 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FRANK LEONARD | 50 PNA | 57.92 |
| 200 YD. FREE |  |  |


| SCOTT LAUTMAN | 52 PNA | $1: 55.48$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | $2: 00.33$ |
| 50 YD. BACK |  |  |


| DONALD GRAHAM | 50 PNA | 28.05 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | 28.82 |
| 100 YD. BACK |  |  |
| RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | 1.03 .51 |


| RONALD JACOBS <br> 200 YD. BACK <br> RONALD JACOBS | 53 PNA | $1: 03.51$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 53 PNA | $2: 18.82$ |  |


| RO YD. BRST | 53 PNA | $2: 18.82$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 50 LLL REEDER | 52 PNA | 33.88 |
| FRANK LEONARD | 50 PNA | 35.37 |


| FRANK LEONARD | 50 PNA | 35.37 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 100 YD. BRST |  |  |
| BILL REEDER | 52 PNA | $1: 14.93$ |

## DONALD GRAHAM

| SCOTT LAUTMAN | 52 PNA | 25.14 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BILL REEDER | 52 PNA | 26.00 |
| FRANK LEONARD | 50 PNA | 29.84 |
| FR | 30.71 |  |

100 YD. FLY

| SCOTT LAUTMAN | 52 PNA | 55.62 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DONALD GRAHAM | 50 PNA | 56.18 |

SCOTT LAUTMAN 52 PNA 2:05.6
DONALD GRAHAM
BILL REEDER

| 50 PNA | 59.16 P |
| :--- | :--- |
| 52 PNA | $1: 09.04$ |
| 52 PNA | $2: 28.96$ |
| 52 PNA | $4: 54.27$ |

## MEN 55-59

50 YD. FREE

| JOHN ANDERSON | 56 PNA | 35.60 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 100 YD. FREE | 57 PNA | $1: 04.65$ |
| JAMES NORRIS | 59 PNA | $5: 48.45$ |
| 500 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MICHEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA |  |
| JAMES NORRIS | 57 PNA | $6: 11.01$ |
| 1000 YD. FREE |  |  |
| MICHAEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA | $12: 02.66$ |
| JAMES NORRIS | 57 PNA | $12: 28.98$ |
| 100 YD. BACK |  |  |
| MICHAEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA | $1: 09.67$ |
| 200 YD. BACK |  |  |
| MICHAEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA | $2: 27.31$ |
| 50 YD. BRST |  |  |
| JOHN ANDERSON | 56 PNA | 44.67 |
| 100 YD. BRST |  |  |
| JOHN ANDERSON | 56 PNA | $1: 44.62$ |
| 200 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| MICHAEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA | $2: 29.75$ |
| 400 YD. I.M. |  |  |
| MICHAEL MCCOLLY | 59 PNA | $5: 18.66$ |



# A First-Hand Account of Blaine's Famed Plover Swim 

Editor's Note: The author, Tjalling Ypma, is a triathelete who swims with the Bellingham Masters. The Plover Swim, which he did last August, started several years ago as a fund-raising event for maintenance of the MV Plover. This historic ferry, which operates from Memorial Day through Labor Day, shuttles passengers between the Blaine, Wash., dock and the Semiahmoo Resort, where the swim takes place. According to Tjalling, about 15 people participated in last year's Plover Swim. The photos in the article were taken by Karl King and appeared in The Northern Light, a Blaine paper.
am in my triathlon wetsuit; skintight neoprene from head to toe. The bearded fellow next to me is in an orange survival suit. He is wearing yellow ducky swim fins and clutching a boogie board. He shows me his mascot: a plastic model of ET.

On my other side are two teenagers in baggy pants sporting faded life vests over bony chests. A skinny little girl seems to be wearing cotton undies, and the crew-cut Marine has dog tags and board shorts. The other dozen participants are wearing shorty wetsuits, life jackets, swim fins or none of the above.

The assortment of body types is equally diverse; in several cases neoprene is stretched to the limit. Few of the participants possess swim goggles, and none seems ready to leap into the Pacific Ocean, which is what we are about to do.

We are standing on a ledge on the pier in Blaine, staring at the gray tide swirling below. The fact that there are few of us tells me something, but I ignore it. A dozen spectators are leaning against the wooden fence behind us, wonder-


It's the start of the 2004 Plover Swim as participants hit the water.
ing why anybody would pay to leap from a warm and perfectly serviceable pier into that frigid flood. Swimming across the 400-meter strait separating Blaine Harbor from Semiahmoo Spit holds some strange appeal. The proceeds of this annual event maintain the Plover, which plies the waters of
"As we line up for the start, the local pyromaniac has lined up a collection of cannons."

Drayton Harbor, so I get to indulge myself and feel charitable at the same time.

Behind us the local pyromaniac has lined up a collection of cannons. At unpredictable intervals he yells "Fire in the hole!" and unleashes a thundering salvo in the direction of Canada. I hope the

Canadians have been warned, lest they interpret this as a pre-emptive strike on their haven of pot-smoking hockey players and its socialist regime. I thought the first cannon shot was the starting gun and was ready to go, but nobody else showed any interest. Maybe we would just plunge into the waters in our own sweet time? They tell me that this was the ten-minute gun, so I settle down to enjoy the sun-swept scene.

The snowy cone and rocky flanks of Mt. Baker have just popped out from under the clouds. Along with the jagged peaks of the Twin Sisters the volcano dominates the skyline. Rolling forests and lush farmlands sprawl the width of the land, reaching an abrupt end at the gray sweep of the bay whose waters are embraced by Blaine Harbor and the sandy Spit. Yacht masts puncture the sky, seagulls squawk over the mudflats and the occasional seal pops its head up from the waters to see what the commotion is about.

A collection of boats hovers near the pier, ready to pick up those overcome by the cold or swept away by the tide. For the benefit of the news photographer we are to leap off the pier simultaneously. The big guy next to me orchestrates the plunge. "Ready, Set, Go!" he yells. Everybody goes. Except me. I'm chicken. I don't want to meet my end by being jumped on by a big guy in an orange survival suit wearing yellow ducky swim fins. When I see his head emerge I take the plunge. A whoop, a splash, a gasp, and I'm in.

It's not as cold as I had feared. I look around to orient myself. Disembodied heads dot the water. If I go right, the next stop is Japan. If I go left, I will wind up amongst the seals on the docks of the marina. Those seals are big, they have teeth, and I prefer to be at the top of the food chain.

The ladder up the pier be-

## 'I don't want to meet my end by

being jumped on by a big guy in
an orange survival suit wearing yellow ducky swim fins."
hind me is inviting, but the faces smirking down at me discourage that exit. The only way is forward, across the gray-green waters to that sandy stretch between the rotting wooden piles on the spit across the water.

Our gunner launches another salvo, and smoke billows across the waves. It is time to go. I put down my head and am transformed into triathlon mode. I finally know what to do. Stroke, breathe, stroke, breathe, stroke, sight, and repeat. The salt water is buoyant and calm. Sighting off a building on the spit makes navigation easy.

I try not to think about what is lurking below the murky surface


Participants gather on the beach at the 2004 Plover Swim

- open water swims are much easier if you don't exercise your imagination. The mild current is causing the weaker swimmers and the navigationally challenged to go seriously adrift. The rescue boats set off to round up the strays. The press boat, a shabby dinghy with a smoky outboard engine, chugs by as we cross the middle of the channel. I sense a big win coming up.

Stroke, breathe, stroke, breathe. I brush accumulations of eelgrass off my head. The eelgrass gets thicker and snags on my body as I enter the shallows. The press boat has pulled up on shore and the photographer is ready for my arrival. I go hard until my fingers brush the bottom. I emerge from the depths, weeds fetchingly draped over goggles and limbs. There is a cheer from three mildly amused gentlemen, the long-suffering husbands of the brave women still thrashing about somewhere out there.

The others straggle in, having taken a circuitous route due to the incoming tide. The kids are holding onto a rope behind a motorboat. I am puzzled by a woman anxiously seeking confirmation that she has not swum off course. The big guy is the last ashore. He makes sure ET is safe, then points us towards the re-
freshments - a table bearing coffee and cookies stands in the scraggly grass bordering the beach. The photographer lines us up. As we give our names the anxious lady beside me adds "and I won this race last year." I realize the enormity of my blunder: she expected to win, and her dreams have been trashed by my unheralded appearance. I feel awful, since this event is of no significance to me while a win would have been a highlight for her. Had I known, I would gladly have

## "Open water swimmers should

 put this event high on theircalendar, but remember: let the
locals win, and bring your pet

## ET."

drifted about in the water enjoying the view while she swam to victory.

Another triathlete and I swim back while the others get dragged across behind the boat, laughing and splashing. The seals come over to inspect the humans floundering about in their domain. Open water swimmers should put
this fun little swim high on the calendar, but remember: let the locals win, and bring your pet ET.

## Benefits of PNA Membership

Ever wondered what your PNA membership gives you? Here are the principal benefits:

- USMS Official Publication: Bimonthly magazine sent to every current member
- USMS Events: Membership entitles members of all ages and ability levels to participate in any USMS sanctioned local, national and international meets, open water swims, fitness events, clinics and workshops
- USMS Website: Complete informational guide to USMS including event calendar, results, places to swim, details of member benefits, discussion forum and directory. www.usms.org
- USMS Video \& Book Libraries: Videos and books that can be borrowed for a minimal fee plus deposit.
- Insurance: Excess accident and travel insurance
- The WetSet: Published 10 times a year



## Three PNA Swimmers Prove That Age Doesn't Prevent You From Being an Olympian


(From Left: Karen Bryce, Bernice Phillips and Marion Chadwick at The Senior Olympics

At 78, Bernice Phillips may seem a little old to capture an Olympic Medal. But last month Bernice, who swims with Bainbridge Aquatic Masters (BAM), won a bronze medal in the 50 yard backstroke (75-79) at The Summer National Senior Games - The Senior Olympics. The games, which are held every two years and feature an 18 -sport competition for men and women 50 and over, took place in Pittsburgh.

And just as happens at the Olympic Games we watch on television, an official placed a medal around Bernice's neck and gave her a congratulatory handshake, after which the Olympic theme music played. "It bought tears and shivers," says Bernice, who also swam in the 200 free ( $7^{\text {th }}$ place), 50 free ( $6^{\text {th }}$ place) and 100 back ( $4^{\text {th }}$ place).

Joining Bernice at The Senior Olympics were two other PNA members. Seventy-one-year-old Karen Bryce, who swims with

Green Lake Aqua Ducks swam in the (70-74) 50 breaststroke ( $6^{\text {th }}$ place), 100 breaststroke ( $8^{\text {th }}$ place) and 100 IM ( $9^{\text {th }}$ place). Marion Chadwick, who is 83 and swims with the Bellevue Club, swam the (80-84) 100 free ( $4^{\text {th }}$ place), 200 free ( $4^{\text {th }}$ place), 500 free ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ place) and 200 back ( ${ }^{\text {th }}$ place).

In addition to medals for the top three finishers in each event, ribbons were awarded to those that placed fourth through eighth.

Swimming at The Senior Olympics isn't automatic. To qualify for the event, Bernice, Karen and Marion had to have placed first or second at a State Senior Games Competition in the year before The Senior Olympics. All three accomplished this feat at the 2004 Huntsman World Senior Games at St. George, UT, in October 2004.

Congratulations to the three of you, who proved that age is no boundary to being an Olympian.

# Bainbridge I sland Swimmers Prepare for the Puget Sound Crossing for Kids Event 

Visit Mazanita Bay early Sunday morning and you'll find more than seals swimming in the chilly water. Twelve Bainbridge Island swimmers have signed up for Puget Sound Crossing For Kids, a 3.5 mile swim across Puget Sound in mid-August. The Sunday morning swims are part of their training program for this event.
"I swim in the Sound every summer, but l've never lasted more than 10 or 15 minutes, so the cold water was my biggest concern," says one of the swimmers, 54 -yearold Rita Belserene. "My first day out in a wetsuit, I was relieved to discover that it really kept me warm. Once your face adjusts to the cold, it's great fun. And the view is beautiful."

Rita and the other swimmers are often accompanied by Lynn Wells, coach of the Bainbridge Aquatic Masters (BAM) swim team, to which most of the swimmers belong. Lynn provides backup and encouragement from her surfboard.

The Crossing for Kids swim, which will start at Bainbridge Island's Restoration Point and finish
at West Seattle's Alki Beach, is a fundraiser for Junior Achievement of Washington. Each participating swimmer agrees to use his or her best efforts to raise $\$ 2,500$ from sponsors. The 12 Bainbridge Island swimmers collectively have pledged to raise $\$ 25,000$.

There's also an entry fee of $\$ 250$. But in return each swimmer receives an Ironman "Stealth" full body wetsuit worth nearly twice that amount. Swimmers will cross Puget Sound in groups, or "pods," of seven, with each pod escorted by a boat.

Kevin Rabourn, the event's founder, sees the swim as more than a fundraiser. "Junior Achievement motivates kids to see their potential, making their future a brighter place to be. We're thrilled to see so many adults leading by example as swimmers, volunteers and sponsors."

There's still time to sign up for the swim. But it's limited to the first 250 people, so don't delay. For more information, see www.crossingforkids.org.

## Welcome New PNA Swimmers

Lilliam Ambroggio
Dana C.M. Bridge
Shaun Cain
Christin Carey
Kevin Conroy
Harmony Danner
Lance David
Robert Dean
Danielle Dodgson
Shauna Eggen
Christabel Fowler
Alicia Gramann
Kathleen Jobe
Mike Kennedy
Tom Kerfonta
Malia Kim
Donna Klein
Eric Lewis
Iris Lima
David Lium
Steve Nicholls
Christopher Peabody
Jerry Richmond
Stephanie Roth
Michael Schutzler
Judith Sentz
McGregor Snow
Rachel Sparks
Kathryn Stamey
Jennifer Stapp
Thomas Taylor
Kristin Veal
Stephanie Wright
Buster Yonych
Slobodan Zemva

## Looking for a Pool to Swim the USMS Annual 5 K and 10 K Postal Swims?

PNA has reserved pool space at West Seattle's Colman Pool on Saturday, August 27.
For more information and an entry form, see page 15.


## Wanted: Your Story I deas

- he WetSet is always looking for story ideas. So if you've done something interesting involving swimming or you know someone else who has, please pass along the information to The WetSet editor, who will be eternally grateful to you.


# Charlotte Davis: Olympic Coach, Nationals Record-Breaker and Cook Extraordinaire 

When Charlotte Davis steps on the starting blocks, she's often struck by how much taller and muscular the other women competing with her are. "I see these women, who are big and buff," she says. But size - Charlotte is a diminutive 5 '2" - didn't stop this 55 -year-old from setting five national records at short course nationals in May. (See the article on the front page.)

## Coaching is Key

What makes Charlotte such an awesome swimmer? Coaching, for one thing. Charlotte, who swims with the North End Otters in Shoreline, can't say enough about the team's coach, Robin O'Leary. "She's one of the top Masters coaches in the country."

## Synchronized Swimming

Charlotte also credits her synchronized swimming experience with helping her develop excellent swimming technique. Charlotte started competing in synchronized swimming when she was 12 . She was good enough that in both 1984 and 1988 she coached the U.S. Olympic synchronized swimming team. Later, she became director of the country's national synchronized swimming program. Although retired from that position since 2000, Charlotte continues to consult on synchronized swimming around the country.

Before starting synchronized swimming, Charlotte competed for a couple of years as an age grouper. And she swam in summer league until she was 18. She started doing Masters swimming when she was 30 , after having her two children.

Charlotte tries to swim six days a week. She also walks her dogs couple of miles every day and works with stretch bands to strengthen her shoulders, which were injured two years ago.

## Gourmet Cook

In addition to being a great swimmer, Charlotte is an excellent cook. At Nationals, she did all the cooking for her NEO teammates.

Charlotte and her husband used to own two restaurants, the Old Town Café in Pioneer Square and the Hungry $U$ in the Seattle's University District. Charlotte and her sister also conduct immersion cooking weekends at a retirement home they own on Discovery Bay in Port Townsend. "We do a whole Northwest cuisine cooking school kind of thing," she says.

Charlotte already is looking ahead to the 2006 FINA World Masters Championships at Stanford University. "The biggest challenge will be the 50 meter pool," she says, explaining that she has virtually no experience swimming in such a pool. "Swimming a 400 IM will be quite difficult."

But it's a safe bet Charlotte will be up to the challenge.



Charlotte and her grandson, Beckham Davis

> Volunteer Wanted To Compile Archives

PNA is looking for a volunteer to help compile a list of PNA archive records. This job consists of contacting several long-time PNA members, finding out from them what archive materials they possess and then compiling of list of these records. If you're interested, please contact PNA president, Jeanne Ensign, (206) 324-1354 Jeanne@raincity.com.

## Be a "Brute"

Remember to sign up for this year's Pentathlon, which includes a new "brute" category: 1500 free, 200 fly and 400 IM .

You can find an entry from on page 17.

## Health and Fitness

## Sleep

Editor's Note: The following article, by Jani and Sara, appeared in the JuneJuly issue of Aqua Master, the newsletter of Oregon Master Swimmers.

Arecent poll for the National Sleep Foundation (NSF) reports that $75 \%$ of America's adults are not getting enough sleep and that they have symptoms of sleep problems. Such symptoms can include waking a lot during the night and/or snoring and are frequently ignored as potential sleep problems.

Why the concern? Poor sleep affects every part of our lives:

1. Driving hazards and safety concerns when drivers are drowsy.
2. Tardiness to work or the kids to school.
3. Missing work and activities or making errors at work.
4. Disrupting your partner's sleep.
5. Relationships can be affected if one partner has abnormal sleep.

These were only a few that were on the list.


How many hours each night do you sleep? Sleep experts recommend $7-9$ hours of sleep a night. According to the poll, America's adults average 6.9 hours of sleep a night. And, since 1998, more people are sleeping less than 6 hours a night. It was reported that 6.5 hours a night is the minimum requirement for optimal function the next day, and only three quarters of respondents actually get this amount of sleep or more. Respondents also report feeling tired and fatigued at least one day a week. The conclusion: we are not getting enough sleep



The poll also gathered information on people with medical conditions (high blood pressure, arthritis, depression, heartburn) revealing that this group experiences only a few good nights sleep and commonly experiences daytime sleepiness. These groups of respondents are more likely to experience apnea, insomnia, restless leg syndrome and are more likely to think that they have a sleep problem.
What about naps? Naps were enjoyed by approximately $50 \%$ of the poll respondents and average around 50 minutes with a good size group napping 60 minutes or more. The recommended nap is 20-45 minutes. Are we trying to catch-up with longer naps?
and the quality of it is poor.
How well we are rested directly affects our health. It is known that being overweight may impact sleep. The results of the poll gathered body mass index (BMI) measurements from respondents and approximately two-thirds of the respondents were overweight or obese. This group of respondents also averaged less than 6 hours of sleep a night and experienced more episodes of daytime sleepiness.

Active masters swimmers can always enjoy a nap - it comes down to finding the time to fit one in between work, family and (over) training!

To conclude, Americans need more sleep. By reducing our sleep we challenge our safety, health and happiness.

Happy Siesta!!!

## USMS National Championship 5 \& 10 K Postal Swims

PNA has reserved pool space at Colman Pool Saturday, August 27, to provide PNA swimmers the opportunity to swim and enter the annual $5 \& 10$ K postal swims.


| Purpose: | The 5K \& 10K USMS National Championship Postal Swims require a 50-meter pool. PNA's, "Away-From- <br> Home" Postal Swims provide 50-meter pool space that enables PNA swimmers an opportunity to <br> participate in the events. |
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| Rules: $\quad$USMS Postal Rules apply. Refer to the official 5/10 K entry form published in this WetSet. First-come, <br> first-served sign-up; day-of-event sign up accepted only IF space permits. Each swimmer must provide <br> someone 12 years or older to count laps and record splits. If need be, events will be run 2-per-lane. <br> Each swimmer will be required to sign the USMS Liability Release at the event. |  |
| Fees: $\quad$\$10/swimmer pool fee to help defray our pool rental costs. If you wish to enter the National <br> Championship event, please also bring a photocopy of your USMS card, the additional \$10 event entry <br> fee, and a completed event entry form. |  |
| Sign up: $\quad$Mail this form and your fees (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PNA) to the event coordinator: <br> Sally Dillon, PO Box 845, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Questions: 360-679-5038, salswmr@verizon.net. |  |

Sign-up deadline for Colman pool is August 23

Team event: Teams are formed of 3 men, 3 women, or 4 mixed ( 2 men, 2 women). Results from each person's INDIVIDUAL swim will be used for the teams. The swims do not need to take place at the same time or place. PNA WILL FORM RELAY TEAMS FOR THIS EVENT just as we have done for the One Hour and the 3000/6000 yard postal swims. Anyone who participates at Colman on the $27^{\text {th }}$ will be included. If a PNA member swims the 5 K or 10 K at any other time (or 50 meter pool) during the summer, they can be included in the PNA teams as well.

Please contact Sally Dillon (above) by August 31 if you swim either event so you can be included.


# 2005 UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING 5K \& 10K National Postal Championships Sponsored by the St. Pete Masters 

Sanctioned by the Florida LMSC for USMS, Inc. Sanction \#: 145-001P

EVENTS: National Championships 5 Kilometer (5,000 meters) and 10 Kilometer (10,000 meters) timed swims. Submit official splits and entry form by mail.

LOCATION: To be swum in any 50-meter pool. The 5 K is equal to 100 lengths and the 10 K is equal to 200 lengths.

DATE: The swim must be completed on or between May 15 and September 15. THE EVENT DIRECTOR MUST RECEIVE YOUR ENTRY BY OCTOBER 1, 2005.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all USMS members with a valid 2005 registration card. A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR 2005 USMS CARD MUST BE SENT WITH YOUR ENTRY. Foreign swimmers 18 years or older are invited to participate. Proof of membership in your nation's recognized Masters swimming organization is required. Foreign swimmers are not eligible for USMS records or All-American selection.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES: Men and women compete separately in five year age groups: 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, ...100+. The swimmer's actual age on the day of their swim determines their age group. Individuals who change age groups during the time of the event may enter twice but must swim the event twice, one time in each age group.

TEAM EVENTS: Team events will be contested in three categories: 3 men, 3 women and 4 mixed ( 2 men $/ 2$ women). Each team member must enter the individual event and be registered with the same club. Unattached teams are not permitted. The youngest team member's age shall determine the team's age group. Teams must swim in the youngest age group for which they are eligible. Age groups are 18+, 25+, ..95+. The cumulative time for the individual swims will be the team time.

SCORING: Club scoring will be tabulated based on the top ten individual finishers in each age group (11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1). Scores will be tabulated for the men women and combined in both 5 k and 10k events.

AWARDS: The top six finishers in each age group in the individual and top three in team events will receive USMS Long Distance National Championship medals. The first place finisher in each age group will also receive a USMS Championship patch.

RULES: The 2005 USMS Rules govern these events. Drafting, floatation and propulsive devices (pull buoys, fins, paddles, wet suits, etc.) are not permitted. When two swimmers share the same lane, each swimmer shall swim on one side of the lane during the entire race (no circle swimming). The referee shall establish procedures to prevent drafting if more than two swimmers are competing in a lane. An adult acting as a starter/head timer/referee shall be present at all times during the swim. Each swimmer shall have a counter to record split times for every two lengths ( 100 meters). One person may serve as a counter for no more than two swimmers per heat. The counter's name and phone number must be included on the entry form. Stopwatches or electronic timing must be used to ensure that an official swim can be recorded to the nearest hundredth of a second. Backup stopwatches should be started and left running in case the official timing system fails. A 5K split in the 10 K event may be submitted for a record if requested in writing. It will not be accepted as an entry for the 5 K ; the events must be swum separately.

FEES: $\$ 10$ for each individual entry and $\$ 15$ for each team entry. Fees are non-refundable; do not send cash. Foreign entrants must submit fees in USA funds via international money order or bank check drawn on a bank with a USA affiliate.

RESULTS: Complete results will be available by mail, via e-mail and on the Internet at www.stpetemasters.com. Awards and a commemorative swim cap will be mailed by November 1, 2005.

T-Shirts and Caps: Additional swim caps can be purchased with your entry for $\$ 5.00$. A special event designed T-shirt can be purchased for $\$ 16$ with your entry.

Questions: Contact event directors, Christine Swanson \& Livia Zien (before 9 PM Eastern Time) (813) 340-9124 or (727) 641-6909
E-mail: stpetemasters@yahoo.com
TEAM ENTRY FORM: EVENT: $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~K} \quad 3 \times 10 \mathrm{~K} \quad 4 \times 5 \mathrm{~K} \quad 4 \times 10 \mathrm{~K}$



# 2005 UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING <br> 5K \& 10K Postal National Championships <br> INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM <br> Please fill out completely and legibly 

Name: $\qquad$ Gender: (circle) M F Age: $\qquad$ Birthdate: ___ $/$ ___ $/$
Address: $\qquad$ Club: $\qquad$ Abbr. $\qquad$
City: $\qquad$ State: $\qquad$ ZIP $\qquad$ Country: $\qquad$ USMS\# $\qquad$ - $\qquad$
Phone: (___) $\qquad$ - $\qquad$ E-Mail address:
I would like to receive the official results via: (please check only one box) E-Mail Mailed hard copy

Name of your Timer / Counter: $\qquad$ Timer's Phone $\qquad$ ) $\qquad$ $-$

LIABILITY RELEASE: 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 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.
SIGNATURE
DATE
Final Time must be recorded to the nearest one-hundredth of a second.
I certify that I have read the rules of this event on $\qquad$ 1 $\qquad$ 2005, I swam the 5K $\qquad$ 10K $\qquad$ (check only one), in the time of:
$\qquad$ h $\qquad$ m $\qquad$ s $\qquad$ at (pool location/address)

Signature of Swimmer
Signature of Timer

|  | $=\$ 10$ Individual Entry Fee |
| ---: | :--- |
|  | $=\$ 15$ Entry Fee per team |
|  | $=\$ 5.00$ for extra swim cap \#__________ Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL |
|  | $=\$ 16$ T-Shirt \#_____ |
| $=\$ 3.00$ POSTAGE (NON-US Mailing Address) |  |
|  | $=$ TOTAL enclosed with entry |

Make check payable to:
St. Pete Masters
Mail to: St. Pete Masters USMS 5K / 10K Swim PO Box 1070 St. Pete, FL 33731

## BE SURE TO INCLUDE:

- Photocopy of 2005 registration card
- Check for total fees
- Completed form and split sheet
- Self addressed \& stamped envelope for entry receipt verification or specify e-mail verification of entry


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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR BY OCTOBER 1, 2005
Split Sheet: Record CUMULATIVE (not split) time for each 100 meter (to 10ths) and final time (to 100ths).

| 100 | 2100 | 4100 | 6100 | 8100 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 200 | 2200 | 4200 | 6200 | 8200 |
| 300 | 2300 | 4300 | 6300 | 8300 |
| 400 | 2400 | 4400 | 6400 | 8400 |
| 500 | 2500 | 4500 | 6500 | 8500 |
| 600 | 2600 | 4600 | 6600 | 8600 |
| 700 | 2700 | 4700 | 6700 | 8700 |
| 800 | 2800 | 4800 | 6800 | 8800 |
| 900 | 2900 | 4900 | 6900 | 8900 |
| 1000 | 3000 | 5000 | 7000 | 9000 |
| 1100 | 3100 | 5100 | 7100 | 9100 |
| 1200 | 3200 | 5200 | 7200 | 9200 |
| 1300 | 3300 | 5300 | 7300 | 9300 |
| 1400 | 3400 | 5400 | 7400 | 9400 |
| 1500 | 3500 | 5500 | 7500 | 9500 |
| 1600 | 3600 | 5600 | 7600 | 9600 |
| 1700 | 3700 | 5700 | 7700 | 9700 |
| 1800 | 3800 | 5800 | 7800 | 9800 |
| 1900 | 3900 | 5900 | 7900 | 9900 |
| 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | 8000 | 10000 |

## Annual Lake Padden 2.5K and 5K Open Water Swims <br> $5^{\text {th }}$

 Saturday, July 30, 2005Hosted by Bellingham Masters Swim Club
Sanctioned by PNA for USMS \# 053606
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## Check-in for all swimmers Pre-race briefing

 5K start2.5 K start course in frest whe finish on the beach.
Schedule: $\quad 8: 00-8: 45$ a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
Location: Lake Padden Park, Bellingham, WA. Hiking, biking, running trails, a large barbecue, and play area for the family are available. Restrooms, showers, and changing facilities are located at the start/finish area.
Eligibility: USMS or Canadian Masters registered swimmers 18 years of age and older as of July 30, 2005, are eligible to compete. All competitors without a USMS or Canadian Masters registration must pay a $\$ 10$ one-event USMS registration fee at check-in. Non-PNA swimmers must submit a copy of their current registration card with their entry.
Entry Fee: The $\$ 25$ (\$30 CAN) entry fee includes a long sleeved t-shirt. All
entrants will receive and be required to wear the official race cap.
Entry deadline: Received by: 07/25/05. You may register race day for an additional $\$ 3$ but at-shirt will NOT be included with your entry fee.
Rules: Current USMS rules will govern this event. The use of neoprene wetsuits is allowed. No individual awards will be presented.
Safety: Lifeguards and safety boats will monitor the entire racecourse. Swimmers must wear the swim cap provided and their race number on their upper arm, leg, or hand.
Results: Results will be posted after each event and be available on the
PNA web site shortly after the event. Age groups: 18-24, 25-29 . . 100+.
Directions: Southbound I-5 take Exit 254. Follow exit to the light and stay in the left lane. Left at light onto Samish Way. Go across freeway and turn right at light. Follow road to entrance to Lake Padden - on the right about 2 miles. Northbound I-5 take exit 246. Follow exit right to stop sign. Turn left and follow road to the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Lake Padden entrance. Park in the lots available.
Registration will be by the building with the changing rooms.

State:___Z______

Gender (circle): M F Make checks payable and mail to: Bellingham Masters Swim Club Bob Fish 1000 Racine Street 360-733-2385 therealfish@msn.com Liability Release: "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
 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

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MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically swimming and agree to assume those risks."

Must be signed and dated for acceptance.

## Email address:

## Emergency contact \& phone:

## ndicate event choice (circle):

Entry fee: \$25
Race Day Entry fee: \$28 (\$35 CAN)
One-event USMS fee: \$10
T-shirt size (circle) M L XL
For more information go to the PNA
Web site at www.swimpna.org

## $8^{\text {th }}$ ANNUAL Short COURSE METERS PENTATHLON MEET

 WITH ADDITIONAL "BRUTE" DIVISION (new in 2005)Hosted by North Whidbey Masters (Sanction \#053607)

| ODER OF EVENTS (\#1) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\#$ | Event |
| 1 | 1500 free |
| 2 | 200 fly |
| 3 | 100 fly |
| 4 | 50 fly |
| 5 | 200 back |
| 6 | 100 back |
| 7 | 50 back |
| 8 | 200 breast |
| 9 | 100 breast |
| 10 | 50 breast |
| 11 | 200 free |
| 12 | 100 free |
| 13 | 50 free |
| 14 | 400 IM |
| 15 | 200 IM |
| 16 | 100 IM |

DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2005
TIME: $\quad \mathbf{1 5 0 0}$ - Warm-up at 9 am, meet starts at 10 am check-in by 9:30 am
Pentathlon - Warm-up 12 pm Meet starts 1:00 pm Check-in by 12:30 pm

LOCATION: John Vanderzicht Memorial Pool
85 SE Jerome St
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Phone: 360-675-POOL
MEET DIRECTOR: Sally Dillon
Phone: (360) 679-5038
E-mail: salswmr@ verizon.net
FACILITY: $\quad$ Six lane, 25 m course. Lane 6 will be available for continuous warm-up/warm-down. Lanes 1-5 will be used for competition.

RULES: Current USMS Rules will govern the meet.
ELIGIBILITY: Open to all year 2005 USMS or MSC registered swimmers 18 and above as of 9/24/2005 Age groups based upon the swimmer's age as of $12 / 31 / 05$. Entries must be received by the meet director by Saturday, September 17 with the following exception: Race day entries will be accepted until 12:30 pm for an additional \$5.00 (US) late fee (9:30 am for the 1500 free).
SEEDING: Slow to fast. ALL EVENTS WILL BE DECK SEEDED - CHECK-IN IS REQUIRED TIMING: Electronic timing will be used.
THE COMPETITION: In order to receive awards, swimmers must enter all of the events that "complete" a division. The devisions are:
"Sprinters Choice" Pentathlon Division
"Middle Masters" Pentathlon Division
"Animal" Pentathlon Division
"Brute" Division
50 each of fly, back, breast, and free plus a 100 IM 100 each of fly, back, breast, and free plus a 200 IM 200 each of fly, back, breast, and free plus a 400 IM

There will be a short break after each stroke. Pentathlon/brute results will be calculated by adding the total time swum in the division's events. Swimmers competing will have a "time penalty" if they are disqualified in an event. It will be assessed as follows: ADD 5 seconds for each 50 of the event. Swimmers who try to abuse the disqualification system will be eliminated from the competition.

AWARDS: All participants will receive a certificate. Special awards will be presented to the fastest 3 swimmers in each age group for each division of competition. No separate awards will be given for individual events.

WEB SITE: Visit the PNA website at www.swimpna.org for updated information.
DIRECTIONS: Take highway 20 to Oak Harbor. Turn east onto Whidbey Avenue. Proceed $1 / 2$ mile to SE Jerome St. Turn right onto Jerome-the pool will be on the right.

## $8^{\text {th }}$ Annual Short Course Meters Pentathlon + Brute event Hosted by North Whidbey Masters (Sanction \#053607)

NAME: $\qquad$ M F AGE as of 12/31/2005: $\qquad$
ADDRESS: $\qquad$ CITY: $\qquad$ STATE: $\qquad$ ZIP: $\qquad$
E-MAIL ADDRESS: $\qquad$ BIRTHDATE $\qquad$ USMS or MSC \#: $\qquad$
Local Team $\qquad$ or UNATTACHED $\qquad$ LMSC $\qquad$
USMS Club Abbrev: $\qquad$ USMS Club Name: _or UNATTACHED $\qquad$
EMERGENCY CONTACT: $\qquad$ PHONE:

| AGE GROUP | (Circle one - determined by your age as of December 31, 2005) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $19-24$ | $25-29$ | $30-34$ | $35-39$ | $40-44$ | $45-49$ | $50-54$ | $55-59$ |
| $60-64$ | $65-69$ | $70-74$ | $75-79$ | $80-84$ | $85-89$ | $90-94$ | $95+$ |

ENTRY LIMIT: 5 EVENTS
Circle if your first Masters meet: Yes
ENTRY LIMIT: 5 EVENTS
SEED TIME (for SC METERS)

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ENTRY FEES:

## \$14 (\$17 Canadian)

\$10 (\$13 Canadian) for seniors ( 65 \& over)
\$10 (\$13 Canadian) for entering only the 1500 meter free
Race day entries will be accepted until 12:30 AM for an additional US\$5.00 late fee
Please make checks payable to:
NWAC
Direct questions to Sally at:
Mail this entry form and fees to:

## Sally Dillon <br> PO Box 845

 salswmr@verizon.net 360-679-5038Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Pre-entries must be received no later than Saturday, September 17, 2005. Add $\mathbf{\$ 5}$ late fee for all others.
Please include a copy of your Masters registration card if you're NOT a PNA member.
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, 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: $\qquad$ DATE: $\qquad$
SAFETY FIRST!
NO DIVING DURING WARM-UP EXCEPT INTO DESIGNATED SPRINT LANES.

PNA Local Masters Swimming Committee
4th Annual BAMFEST SCY Swim Meet- Sanction \#053608 Hosted by the Bainbridge Aquatic Masters

| ORDER OF EVENTS <br> "High School" Format |  |
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| \# | EVENT |
| $1 \& 2$ | 200 MEDLEY <br> RELAY W/M |
| 3 | 200 FREE |
| 4 | 200 IM |
| 5 | 50 FREE |
| 15 minute Break |  |
| 6 | 100 FLY |
| 7 | 100 FREE |
| 8 | 500 FREE |
| $9 \&$ | 200 FREE |
| 10 | RELAY W/M |
| 11 | 100 BACK |
| 12 | 100 BREAST |
| 13 | 200 Mixed |
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DATE \& TIME:
Saturday, October 15, 2005
Warm-up: 9:00 AM Meet starts10:00 AM.
Check-in with Clerk of Course upon arrival and positive
check-in required for the $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ Free prior to the break.

## LOCATION:

Bainbridge Island Aquatic Center: High School Road \& Madison Ave., @ the East campus entrance, Bainbridge Island WA phone: 206-842-2302-pool
***25-yard course with six lanes used for competition and two lanes for continuous warm-up. The spa will be available during the meet for competitors only. Electronic timing will be used.

## DIRECTIONS:

From Seattle: Take the ferry to Bainbridge Island. Proceed straight from the ferry terminal on SR305 exactly one mile to NE High School Road. Turn left (west) and proceed $1 / 4$ mile. Turn right (north) at traffic circle onto Madison Ave. Proceed $1 / 4$ mile - take first left for driveway entrance to pool.
From Westsound: Take SR305 to Madison Ave. N and turn right (south). Proceed 0.6 miles to the pool.

ELIGIBILITY:
Open to all 2004 USMS or MSC registered swimmers age 18 and above on 10/15/05. Age groups determined by the swimmer's age on 10/15/05.

RULES: Current USMS rules will govern the meet.
AGE GROUPS (individual events): 19-24, 25-29, and 5-year age groups as high as necessary.
RELAYS: Deck-enter relays at the meet. Age groups 19+, $25+, 35+$, and 10 -year increments as high as necessary. Age of the youngest relay swimmer determines the age group of the relay. Fantasy Relay instructions to be announced at the meet.

SEEDING: Slow to fast. Check-in with the clerk of course.
MEET DIRECTOR: Brian Russell, (425) 985-2677, brian.russell@earthtech.com
WEBSITE: For more information, visit the PNA website (www.swimpna.org)

## SAFETY FIRST!

NO DIVING DURING WARM-UP EXCEPT INTO DESIGNATED SPRINT LANES.

PNA LOCAL MASTERS SWMMMING COMMITTEE
MEET ENTRY FORME October 15, 2005 4th Annual BAMFEST Hosted by BAM (Bainbridge Aquatic Masters) - Sanction \#053608

NAME: $\qquad$ M F AGE (on10/15/05) $\qquad$
ADDRESS: $\qquad$
E-MAIL ADDRESS: $\qquad$
PHONE $\qquad$ BIRTHDATE: $\qquad$ USMS or MSC \#

Team Name, Club Name or Unattached:
Include a copy of your current Masters registration card if you are not a PNA member.
ENTRY LIMIT: Five individual events, plus relays. Circle if your first Masters meet: Y

| EVENT \# | EVENT NAME | SEED TIME |
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ENTRY FEES: \$ 9.00USD/\$14.00CAD Surcharge
(Includes electronic timing and facility rental surcharges)
\$ Individual events:
(\$1 per event for swimmers under 65.)
No charge for swimmers 65 or over. No charge for relays.
TOTAL \$ $\qquad$ Please make checks payable to: BAM

Mail this entry form and fees to: BAM
BAM
P.O. Box 10848
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
***Entries must be received by Wed. Oct. 5, 2005
Waiver: 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, 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: $\qquad$ DATE: $\qquad$
EMERGENCY CONTACT: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$

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.


2005 Annual Fee: Of your membership fee $\$ 20$ 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).

Choose a membership level below.

Regular: 11/01/04 thru 12/31/05 \$35
Need-based or Seniors (65 \& over): \$25
Foreign address, add US\$10
Optional Donations:
USMS Endowment Fund
\$
TOTAL
\$ $\qquad$

Make check payable to: PNA
Mail to: Arni H. Litt, Registrar
1920 10th Ave E
Seattle, WA 98102-4253
Questions: (206) 323-4712, arni@qwest.net

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## Signature

Date
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|  |  | TEAMS |  |  |  |
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| BAM: | Bainbridge Area Masters | MIR: | Mercer Island Redwoods | TIG: | Tigers |
| BC: | Bellevue Club | NEO: | North End Otters | TMS: | Thorbecke's Masters Swimming |
| BEST | Bellevue Eastside Masters | NHM: | Newport Hills Masters | TOSC: | Thurston Olympians Swim Club |
| BMSC: | Bellingham Masters Swim Club | NSYG: | Northshore Y's Guys | TSC: | Tacoma Swim Club |
| CAC: | Columbia Athletic Masters | NWM: | North Whidbey Masters | TUMV: | Tumwater Valley Masters |
| DSYM: | Downtown Seattle YMCA Masters | OOPS: | Old Olympic Peninsula Swimmers | UNAT: | Unattached to a Team |
| EM: | Evergreen Masters | ORCA: | Orca Swim Club | UPAC: | University Place Aquatic Club |
| FSJ: | Fins of the San Juans | PRO: | Pro Sports Club | VAM: | Vashon Aquatic Masters |
| FTSW: | Ft. Steilacoom - WAKO | PSC: | Phinney Ridge Swim Club | VAST | Valley Aquatic Swim Team |
| FWM: | Federal Way Master | PTMS: | Port Townsend Master Swimmers | VFC: | Valley Fitness Center |
| GACM: | Gateway Athletic Club | QASC: | Queen Anne Swim Club | WAC: | Washington Athetic Club |
| GCMS: | Gold Creek Masters (GCM) | RAH: | Redmond Aqua Hotshots | WCY: | Whatcom County YMCA |
| GLAD: | Greenlake Aquaducks | RTB: | Raise the Bar | WEST: | West coast Aquatics Masters |
| HMST: | Husky Masters | SAC: | Seattle Athletic Club | WIS: | S Whidbey Island Swells |
| ISST: | Issaquah Swim Team Masters | SAM: | Samena Club | WSAS: Wes Seattle All-Stars |  |
| JAM: | Juanita Aquatic Masters | SSEA: | Swim Seattle | WSYD: West Seatle YMCA Dolphins |  |
| LUNA: | Team Luna | SVM: | Skagit Valley YMCA Chinooks | WWUS: | Western WA U Masters Swimming |
| LWS: | Lynnwood Sharks | TACM: | Thunderbird Aquatic Masters | YNOT: | Y Nauts |
| MILL: | Mill Creek Masters | TACY: | Tacoma Pierce County YMCA |  |  |

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