



# Oregon Swimming News

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## **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

*Jeff Gudman, General Chair*

The April 14 scheduling meeting was a success. Virtually all of the meets for the 2002 calendar were identified, some of the conflicts were worked out, several good suggestions for addressing the problems of the Spring Championship meets were brought up and a committee was appointed to bring to the fall House of Delegates meeting some recommendations concerning the Spring LSC Championship meets. Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting. Thanks also for everyone who turned in their meet requests in advance of the meeting. It made the scheduling meeting go much more smoothly. The draft 2002 calendar will be posted on the Oregon Swimming website and will be updated as additional change are received. Final approval will be at the fall House of Delegates meeting.

Many times I receive comments about the lack of newspaper coverage of swimming. Recently I received a terrific article about swimming that appeared in a local paper. I got the phone number of the paper and called the writer of the column to thank him for highlighting our sport. He was astonished and appreciative that someone had taken time to call him with a thank you for an article. Usually he receives calls with complaints about what he has written. There is a story here. Rather than complaining about the lack of coverage the next time a note thanking the reporter for the article. I will bet the next time swimming will be covered. If there are no articles, write one for the paper and tell the writer they can edit it in any way they see fit. After the article appears thank the paper for running it.

At the recently completed Spring National Championship 50 clubs were able to send in their entries on an experimental basis. This summer the goal is for all clubs to be able to send in their entries electronically. The program still has a few bugs to work out but the goal is to ultimately provide the software to all LSC's. One more step down the road of complete electronic for all clubs all the time.

Speaking of entries for meets and meet scheduling. Sometimes clubs get closed out of meets because of too many entries or a BC meet runs a lot longer than four hours. These problems are partially addressed through Oregon Swimming trying to have meet schedules established at least a year in advance. At the club level what can be done is to start processing entries as soon as they are received. This accomplishes two things. First, you have a running timeline of the meet as entries are received and entered. Second, if the meet does fill up the host club has more time to contact clubs whose entries came in later to let them know the meet is full. It is not a perfect solution but through a lot of small actions it is possible to improve.

The ad hoc committee on the process for selecting the officials chair is well on their way to bringing a recommendation to the board and to the House of Delegates. Fifteen LSC's have been contacted about their procedures and many more will be contacted by the time the process is done. At least nine different ways of selecting an Officials Chair are being examined. The committee is doing a good job of thoroughly and thoughtfully examining the question of how best will Oregon Swimming be served through its selection of an Officials Chair.

Every year USA Swimming runs one Officials clinic somewhere in the country. Generally, Oregon

Swimming sends one person to the clinic. This year USA Swimming decided to have two clinics, one in the East and one in the West. Because of the change Oregon Swimming will be able to send two officials to the clinic in Salt Lake City May 25 - 27. Dick Crim from Tigard

Tualatin and Bruce Ludwig from Cascade will be Oregon Swimming's representatives in 2001. Hopefully, USA Swimming will continue to offer two clinics in future years. Not only do the Oregon Swimming representatives benefit from the education but the opportunity to exchange ideas with other officials from around the country is a great way of improving officiating in Oregon Swimming.

Last year, with help from the Phillips Petroleum Company, USA Swimming produced a twenty minute video that featured an Olympics by Olympics historical highlight film of swimming. It is a terrific video. The video carries the title "The Race is in Your Heart" and was shown to the 2000 Olympic Team in advance of their trip to Sydney. The video received rave reviews from athletes and coaches. Highlights of the 2000 Olympic Swimming competition have now been added. Now, thanks to a special grant from the Gould Foundation, USA Swimming is arranging to produce 3,000 copies of the video and a copy will be sent to the head coach of every member club. I think the video will be a great tool for enhancing the historical appreciation for our sport and motivating today's athletes. The targeted mailing date is the end of May.

See you at the next meet. **Jeff**

## MAY NOTICES

**New Office Address:** The Oregon Swimming Office has moved January 7<sup>th</sup> to the main floor of the building. Address is 1750 SW Skyline Blvd #103, Portland OR 97221. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND MAIL TO THE NEW ADDRESS.** We have a couple of tables too many. If you are interested in them please call the office at 503-297-6027 for more information. They are free, but need to be picked up.

**New OSI Record – Congratulations to the following athletes and their coaches for setting a new Oregon Swimming Record:**

Morgan Scroggy (LOSC) 11-12 girls 50 yd. Free **24.96**

THSC A (Jordan King, Kath Liggett, Elica Sharifnia, Michelle Needham):

9-10 girls 200 yd freestyle relay **1:56.18**

THSC A (Michelle Needham, Elica Sharifnia, Jordan King, Kath Liggett):

9-10 girls 200 yd medley relay **2:11.31**

THSC A (Lindsey King, Parissa Andideh, Morgen Hersberger, Erin Kilroy):

11-12 girls 400 yd medley relay **4:19.24**

THSC A (Sarah Fausel, Anne Liggett, Mary Patterson, Caitlin Summers):

13-14 girls 400 yd freestyle relay **3:33.88**

**Region XII All Star Team.** Congratulations to the 30 athletes who were representing Oregon Swimming at the Region XII All Star Meet in Spokane WA, April 21-22, 2001.

**11-12 GIRLS:** Kate Alexander-TTSC, Brittney Iverson-CAT, Cattie Chaicharn-CAT, Alison Nordin-MSA, Ellie Bradley-TTSC, Aubrey Vaughn-SCAT, Anna Humphrey-DDSC, Kristy Adams-DDSC.

**11-12 BOYS:** Ryan Anderson-MHST, Jared Maricle-MHST, Noah Brokaw-SAC, Ricky Rogers-CST, Chris Canary-TTSC, Justin Krettler-CB, Danny Recordon-LOSC, Luke Fuller-LOSC.

**13-14 GIRLS:** Marissa Eng-CAT, Virginia Connell-MAC, Robin Klein-MSA, Amanda Neubig-MSA, Chloe Thulstrup-EA, Sarah Boam-EA, Kaylin Hutchinson-MSA.

**13-14 BOYS:** Albert Cho-HEAT, Elliot Bishow-EYAC, Eric Kowalski-SAC, Andrew Aylor-CST, Jackson Kowalski-SAC, Casey Dilg-PPST, Shawn Miller-SCAT.

**2001 Mini rule books (\$3.00) and 2001 Swim Guides (\$5.00) are available** through the Oregon Swimming office. Send payment to 1750 W Skyline Blvd, #103, Portland OR 97221 to order your copy. Swim Guides are also available through JD Pence.

**Meet Results.** Oregon Swimming has compiled a CD of all meet results from as far back as our archive goes. The data on this CD can be used by OSI members to get meet results for team manager, via CommLink (.CL2) files, or just plain text files for viewing results. It is our goal to maintain an active archive of all meets held within OSI as well as the bigger meets outside (such as Nationals, Sectionals, Zones, etc.).

In order for this process to be successful, we ask all teams that host meets submit meet results to the OSI office either via floppy disk or e-mail (the preferred method). Files can be e-mailed to the OSI office at swim@oregonswim.org or robbertv@oregonswim.org. For meets using the **Meet Manager for Windows** software, the most useful file to send to the OSI Office is a full backup of the database. We can create the necessary files for inclusion in the archive using this backup.

For meets using the **Meet Manager for DOS** software, the most useful file to send is a CL2 file (preferably zipped) which includes results for the entire meet. Please submit a CL2 file that can be directly imported

into Team Manager. In addition, a text file of the full results would be useful but not necessary.

CBSL dual meets, Trophy League meets, other league meets, and any non-sanctioned meets, while not necessary, can be submitted as well in the above-described formats.

This request is in addition to the requirement of sending results to the records chair. OSI would like to thank everyone ahead of time with their help in maintaining our archive of meet results.

Teams may request files from our database either by coming to the office or by e-mailing swim@oregonswim.org. Please be aware, however, that our archive is incomplete and many of the meets we have are database files from Meet Manager for DOS.

**Athlete Membership Requirements.** According to Oregon Swimming Standing Rules the Membership Requirements are:

All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned or approved competition are to be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.

Athletes competing in OSI Championships must be USA Swimming athlete members registered in OSI.

**Registration forms and fees must arrive in the OSI office prior to an athlete's participation in an OSI Sanctioned or Approved meet.**

Athletes competing in Region XII Senior Championships, Western Zone Championships, or any USA Swimming Championship level competition shall be full year athlete members. (i.e., not Seasonal)

**Enforcement** - The person signing the entry form will be required to verify that all athletes entered are members (in the appropriate category) of USA Swimming.

**Penalties** - per Article 302.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, OSI may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the person signing the entry form

**Oregon Swimming Board of Directors Meeting.** The next meeting is May 2, 7:00PM at the Eugene Hilton. The meeting is open to everybody who is interested. An officials meeting is held the same day before the Board meeting. Please call the office for more information.

## Awards Ceremony

### HELP!!!!

I am looking for a generous soul to agree to coordinate the annual Awards Reception. I need to pass the torch, but currently I have no one to pass it to. I will be very willing to be an advisor to whomever is willing to accept the position. I have enjoyed the five years I have been involved with the

"Top Five" recognition reception. The opportunity to meet and work with people from all over Oregon Swimming has been really fun. The time commitment is limited, and it is a really rewarding job! There are already some volunteers willing to help! Please call me if you would be interested.

Christi McCauley (503) 691-5753

**Office Assistant.** Oregon Swimming is accepting applications for an office assistant, for about 8-10 hours a week. And occasional more hours could be necessary. If you are interested or need more information call Coby at 503-297-6027 or send a resume to Oregon Swimming, 1750 SW Skyline Blvd. #103, Portland OR 97221.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**River Place Athletic Club** is seeking an enthusiastic reliable assistant coach to help coach a growing team of about 20-25 swimmers. The position entails 7-10 hours on deck a week and about two weekends a month. Certification requirements are current CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches, and first year coaches certification. LFT and WSI would be great. Other job opportunities at the RAC include teaching swimming, life guarding, and personal training. This year-round position is available now. Pay scale \$9-12 D.O.E.

Please send resume and references to:

River Place Athletic Club  
Jeremy Hyatt - Aquatics Director  
0150 SW Montgomery  
Portland, OR 97201  
Ph. (503) 221-1212 ext. 318

**Woodburn Barracuda Swim Team** is experiencing rapid growth and is need of an additional assistant coach. No coaching experience necessary, but teaching experience (WSI) and Club swimming background helpful. Must be coachable, ambitious, dependable, enthusiastic, and every other characteristic we want modeled for our young student athletes. Must be willing to aggressively pursue certifications if not already certified. CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches. Lifeguard Certification is helpful. WBST will reimburse certification costs after probation period. Hourly compensation through probation period leading to salary. A great place to launch a rewarding coaching career! Additional opportunities in the area of Masters, Water Polo, Life guarding, and Swim Instruction may become available for the right candidate. For more info see: [www.CudaClub.com](http://www.CudaClub.com)

Send Resumes to:

Head Coach Steve Roth  
1210 Pennington South #B  
Newberg, OR 97132  
or Stegroth@aol.com

**West Hills Aquatic Team (WHAT)** is seeking an assistant coach for its growing program. The qualified candidate should be familiar with competitive swimming, be able to provide good instruction technique in the four basic strokes, and have current Oregon/USA swimming certifications. The candidate must also demonstrate positive communication

skills and a desire to work with swimmers of all ages. Work expectation an average of 12-15 hours per week. Salary negotiable.

If interested, please contact Gwen Woods, 15520 SW Breccia Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97007. 503-524-6421.

**John Day Swim Team** is seeking an energetic, motivated person to coach our summer program. The coach will work with all age-group swimmers. Summer program runs from June - Aug 15, 2001. Please send resume before March 22, 2001 to John Day Swim Team P.O. Box 132, John Day, OR 97845.

**Blue Marlin Aquatic Club**, Sandy, OR, has an immediate opening for a motivated and experienced head coach of our year round competitive age group program. Position requires about 10 hours on deck weekly, prep time, plus about 1 weekend meet monthly. The Blue Marlins have the potential for substantial growth and applicants should possess strong recruitment abilities. Current OSI and USA certification required. ASCA certification preferred. Salary negotiable based on coaching experience.

Resumes, with references, should be mailed to:

BLUE MARLIN AQUATIC CLUB - Coach Search  
PO Box 162  
Sandy, OR 97055

**Albany Aquatic Association**, a year-round competitive swim team, is seeking an enthusiastic assistant coach. Qualified candidates should have experience with competitive swimming, be able to teach the four strokes, and have the ability to communicate with children age 9 to 12. Position requires approx. 10 hours per week of coaching and at least one weekend swim meet per month, plus prep time. Current CPR and First Aid and Safety Training for swim coaches required. Salary range \$500 to \$800 per month depending on qualifications. Persons able to make a long-term commitment to the position are preferred. Position has potential for growth.

Send resume, references and letter of interest to:

Albany Aquatic Association  
Head Coach Russell Eidman  
2150 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Albany OR 97321

**Pendleton Swim Association** has an Assistant Coach opening for our summer program. We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic person to assist the Head Coach with the competitive team and work with our developing swimmers and fishies. Our summer program runs June through August. Please send resumes to Pendleton Swim Association, PO Box 431, Pendleton, OR 97801 or e-mail mlkl@ucinet.com

**The Tualatin Hills Swim Club** seeks to fill the position of developmental director. The director is responsible for all aspects of the team's learn to swim and pre-competitive programs. Currently 60+ swimmers. Responsibilities include 8-10 hours teaching per week, basic administrative duties, recruiting and communication (swimmer, parent and staff). A base salary, dependent on experience, and a bonus incentive package, based on number of participants, will be offered. Please contact Linck Bergen

Tualatin Hills Swim Club  
15707 SW Walker Rd., Beaverton, OR 97006  
503.629.5568 linckbergen@swimmail.com

## Officiating at 2001 Spring Nationals

Jeff Gudman and I recently had the privilege of working at the 2001 Winter National Championships at the Jamail Swim Center at the University of Texas. Jeff asked if I would share some of my thoughts about the meet with the Oregon Swimming community.

In one word: WOW! We saw four world record swims in this great meet. On Wednesday, the first full day of competition, Ed Moses set a new world record of 1:00.29 in the men's 100 meter breaststroke; in time trials on Thursday, Anthony Robinson declared his intent to attempt a new world record for the 50 meter breaststroke in the first 50 of the 100 meter time trial and was successful at 27.49 (NOTE: FINA recognizes world records for 50 meter stroke events); on Friday evening Michael Phelps surged past Tom Malchow in the last 50 for a new world record of 1:54.92 in the 200 meter butterfly; and finally at time trials on Saturday, Ed Moses bettered Robinson's two day old 50 meter record by 0.1 seconds at 27.39.

We saw the changing of the guard in swimming with Michael Phelps in the butterfly events and Aaron Piersoll in the backstroke. Michael already has the 200 fly record and Aaron is threatening Lenny Krazelburg's records.

The competition was exciting, the swimming fast, and the facility first class.

About 90 USA Swimming officials from across the U.S. staffed the meet. It was an opportunity to renew friendships, make new ones, and discuss what's going on in officiating. Pat Lunsford, National Officials Chair, led one session to discuss initiatives the officials committee has underway and another to discuss sectionals.

One of the things we can expect to see in the near future is the capability to take our certification (and re-certification) tests on-line. Hard copies of the tests will still be available from the LSC Officials Chair for those without internet access or who simply prefer to take the tests in the traditional manner.

The committee has been working hard to implement minimum standards for certification across all LSC's. Almost all now meet the requirements and the others are rapidly getting there. Along with minimum standards will come reciprocity where certified officials from one LSC who move to another LSC should be able to be automatically certified at the same level within the new

LSC. While this is a goal, we should probably not expect it to happen in all cases in the immediate future.

Swimming World magazine has agreed to a bi-monthly column for the Maxwell award that recognizes outstanding contributions by officials in the sport. These officials may come from the ranks of USA Swimming, YMCA, high school, or NCAA certified officials. Nominations for USA Swimming officials will go through the LSC Officials Chair. A regular column presenting rules situations is planned for Splash magazine. The column would present the situation and the reader would then consider the rules and decide what the proper resolution might be. The best answer would appear later in the magazine or perhaps in the next issue and would probably also be on the USA Swimming website.

Finally, Pat discussed the "Our Kids" initiative. This initiative includes Pat and his counterparts in the high school, NCAA, and YMCA organizations with one focus being on resolving current rules differences. There are strong feelings from the different groups and it will be a slow process. Pat said that one person in the group raised the question about how innovations might be introduced if there is just one set of rules. Pat acknowledged that this was a valid concern. He is encouraged that everyone is willing to talk but does not expect to see much change in the near term.

In the discussion on sectionals many of the comments related to confusion as to the level of certifications that officials might be able to achieve. At many of the sectionals (ours included) officials had been led to believe that new national championship stroke and turn certifications could be achieved. This was not the case as those of you who were at Federal Way learned. Pat went to some length discussing the background of this issue. Many of the individuals in favor of establishing the sectional meets initially wanted no involvement from the national level of USA Swimming, i.e., they wanted a meet very much like the senior regionals we have had for years. After many discussions and an eleventh hour conference call the committee responsible for the sectionals format agreed that some provision needed to be made to address valid concerns about the officials national championship certification process. The compromise reached was the decision to allow officials in assigned positions (chief judge, starter, and referee) to re-certify at their highest current level of national championship certification. No new national championship certifications could be achieved and no provision was made for national championship certified stroke and turn officials not working in assigned positions to renew their certifications. New national championship certifications cannot be achieved at a sectional meet because by definition in the USA

Swimming rulebook, sectionals are not national championship meets. Pat said that no changes would be made for the summer sectionals, however consideration will be given to allowing national championship certified stroke and turn officials to re-certify at that level at sectionals in 2002. Once the long term future of sectionals becomes more clear, Pat will work to address the overall issue of level of certification that may be achieved at sectionals. One possibility might be a certification level between national and national championship. It seems likely, however, new officials selected for assigned positions at national championship meets will come from those who have been in assigned positions at sectionals. More information is available in the officials section of the USA Swimming website, [www.usa-swimming.org](http://www.usa-swimming.org).

Finally, just a comment about applying to officiate at national championship meets. Please take the opportunity to officiate at these meets whenever possible. Being on deck with world class athletes, the potential for seeing world records, and the knowledge and understanding gained by working with the best officials in the world is an incomparable experience. Howard Jones

## Coaches Corner

Welcome back from a well deserved break (those of you who took one)! Where did the time go? Like most of you, I am looking forward to an exciting long course season. Many long course entries are already out - keep an eye out for the rest. This year's long course schedule seems to have a little more breathing room, but I am already hearing stories of those teams shut out of early May long course meets. As always, please consider looking outside the LSC for long course opportunities. There are some great venues - both indoors and out - that are within a moderate drive.

Nationals were exciting as always! Congratulations to all the Oregon athletes who participated! Many who participated in the inaugural Senior Sectional meet will agree that the meet was a success. PNS did a good job running this new meet and many Oregon swimmers had outstanding performances.

Hats off to Skip Runkle for running an efficient scheduling meeting. I think we all appreciated setting the meet schedule and then taking the time to air our personal views on the state of our championship meets and how we can improve the quality of these experiences for the athletes. I continue to believe that coming together in the Spring to hammer out ideas will work to benefit the LSC, the coaches and the athletes making us all stronger. **Beth**

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Dear Oregon Swimming

My name is Melissa Ghiglieri and I am nine years old. I swim for the YMCA Stingrays in Medford OR. I attended a swim camp in Portland. It was fun. I especially liked the swimming sessions. Thank you for

providing camps like this for young swimmers.

Sincerely

**Melissa Ghiglieri**

## 2001 WESTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### CHAPERONE APPLICATION

The 2001 Western Zone Championships will be held August 7–12<sup>th</sup> in Maui, Hawaii. Persons interested in serving as chaperones (expenses paid) are encouraged to complete the application, FAX to 503-297-8498 or mail, by June 15, to: Oregon Swimming, 1750 SW Skyline Blvd. Suite 103, Portland, OR 97221.

**Qualifications:**

- Current First Aid & CPR
- Must be Oregon Swimming parent or coach
- Enjoy working with age group athletes
- Knowledgeable of the sport
- Organized, adaptable, flexible, not easily stressed
- Current Driver's License

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PH: (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_

Shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Best time/place to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include copies of:**

- Valid Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_
- Current CPR Certification
- Current First Aid Certification

Note: If you do not have current certifications, but are willing to obtain them as a condition of your participation, please check here

Do you have children that expect to attend Zones?

Yes  No

Will this affect your decision to serve as chaperone?

Yes  No

What is your current or past involvement with Oregon Swimming? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously been involved with Zones? Y N

If yes, what year and in what capacity?

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Questions, please call 503 297 6027. Thank you!

2001 Western Zone Swimming Championship

Application to Officiate

August 7-11, 2001

Dear Official:

You are invited to work the **2001 Western Zone Swimming Championship** in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii (Kihei Aquatic Center, 303 East Lipoa St., Kihei, Maui, HI). The meet begins Tuesday, August 7, 2001 and runs through Saturday, August 11, 2001. Timed finals for the 1500 meter Freestyle will begin at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Preliminaries on all other days of the meet will begin at 8:30am. Finals will begin at least two hours after the completion of the preliminaries each day.

**The Western Zone Swimming Championship is a designated National Official Certification Meet.** A required meeting for all officials will be conducted prior to each session. Attendance is mandatory for all officials. The dress is white shirts/blouses and navy pants/shorts/skirts at prelims. Long pants or skirts required for finals. White, deck friendly shoes for all sessions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Officials Certifications:**

LSC \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Certifications:** please check your highest current certifications and expiration date.

Position	LSC	National	Nat. Championship
Referee			
Starter			
Stroke and Turn			
Chief Judge			
Recorder			
Clerk of Course			
Timing Judge			
Timer			

**I will work all sessions. [ ]**

I will work only at:

- Wed. Prelims [ ]**
- Thurs. Prelims [ ]**
- Friday Prelims [ ]**
- Sat. Prelims [ ]**

- Tuesday Finals [ ]**
- Wednesday Finals [ ]**
- Thursday Finals [ ]**
- Friday Finals [ ]**
- Saturday Finals [ ]**

Adult Polo Shirt Size:  
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 Large [ ] XL [ ] XXL [ ]

THIS APPLICATION IS  
 DUE BY JUNE 30, 2001.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Larry Johnson  
 101 Blackmore Mountain Drive  
 Bozeman, MT 59718  
 Email: larrywjohnson@hotmail.com

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