

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings from the National Office...

Here in New England our leaves are about at the end of their peak color and we are into our SCM swimming season. It is hard to believe that it is almost November and 2003 is just around a short time away!

It is quite a task to keep track of all our LMSC Officers and their contact information. On **page 2** is a list of "Contact Updates" and on **page 3** are the "New LMSC Officers". Those listed have been received by the National Office after the Summer issue of Streamlines was published. The most up-to-date information we have is on the USMS website. This can be viewed at www.usms.org/usmsdirsearch.htm. We do have a process in place for updating and it starts with YOU. If your LMSC has a new officer or if you have new contact information, please contact the National Office with this information so that we can update the database. Thank you Michael Moore and Jim Matysek for assisting with this ongoing task.

The theme of this year's convention in Dallas/Ft Worth was "TEAMING TOGETHER" and you can read June Krauser's "Convention Notes" beginning on **page 4**. Thank you June for summarizing all of the meetings for our readers, especially those who were not able to attend!

We are into a new registration year as of November 1st. Therefore your 2003 LMSC Registration and 2003 Club registrations are due! Esther Lyman, our Database Administrator has put together some nifty "2002 Registration Facts" for you that can be viewed, beginning on **page 6**.

For those of you who will be in Florida in early January, the 1st Annual International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree Induction Ceremony will be taking place at the ISHOF in Ft Lauderdale on Saturday, January 11th. More information can be found on **page 7**.

There are a number of other important announcements in this issue so please be sure to read it in its entirety. Feel free to put any of this information into your newsletter so that all our members are informed.

I hope all is well with you and your LMSC.

Tracy

WEB SITE FEEDBACK

The USMS Web Site Administrators are interested in improving communications with BOD members, Committee Chairs, Special Assignments, LMSCs, and members of USMS. Whether you have continuing business with the web site, or you have a new project, we want to hear from you. There is a new feedback form which can be accessed from the "Contact USMS" page at <http://www.usms.org/admin/contactusms.htm>. Messages sent using this form will be read daily. Topics can include routine maintenance, new projects, web page updates, and other suggestions.

THINGS TO DO...

Listed are **all deadlines** from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2002/2003 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org under Administration

NOVEMBER – 2002

1st

- 2003 Registration year begins
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office
- 2003 LMSC Handbook section updates due to National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli)
- Minutes of House Of Delegates, 2003 Budget and FOG mailed to all who attended convention

2nd

- National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli) sends Rule Book Appendix E Committees and Chairmen to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)
- Final copies of Rules/Long Distance/Legislation changes to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath) from appropriate committee Chair (Leo Letendre, Peter Crumbine & Rob Copeland)

9th

- Records and Tabulation Chair (Pieter Cath) sends National Records to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)

16th

- Final proofreading of Rule Book due to Rule Book Editor

23rd

- All camera ready copy and artwork due to Rule Book printer

30th

- Deadline for LMSC Registrations to be submitted to the National Office

DECEMBER ~ 2002

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office

8th

- Zone Reps submit events for SWIM calendar to Zone Chair – Lynn Hazlewood

15th

- Mailing labels for 2003 Rule Books due to printer (Board of Directors, LMSC Registrars, LMSC Officials Chairs, members of Rules, Legislation, Long Distance and Rule Book Committees, registered Clubs, Sponsors and individual orders)
- Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather) sends out preliminary room set-up requirement information for 2003 convention to all Committee Chairs

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DECEMBER ~ 2002 continued

- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor for March/April issue

30th

- Mailing of 2003 LMSC Handbooks – Full handbook is posted on the USMS website under Administration
- Mailing of USMS Directory
- First mailing of 2003 Rule Books – Full 2003 Rule Book is posted on the USMS website

31st

- End of Short Course Meter season
- End of 2002 Fiscal Year

Other deadlines this month ~

- USMS Secretary mails Working Calendar and Committee Chairman Handbook to new committee chairs
- LCM Top Ten Issue send out

JANUARY ~ 2003

1st

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office
- Signed contracts for Long Distance National Championship events due to Long Distance Committee Chair (Peter Crumbine)

15th

- Room set-up requirements for 2003 Convention due from Committee Chairs to Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather)

26th

- LMSC SCM Top Ten Reports due to Top Ten Chair (Pieter Cath)

30th

- Open Water Clinic application distributed to clubs and LMSCs

31st

- Final requests for reimbursement for 2002 expenses due to the Controller (Cathy Pennington) from all cost center heads

Other deadlines this month ~

- Bid packets sent to interested bidders for USMS 2004 SCY & LCM National Championships and Long Distance Championships
- Solicitation of information for 2003 Long Distance Calendar
- Winter Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed

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- Colorado – Vice Chair – Marcia Anziano
- Colorado – Editor, Long Distance, Safety - vacant
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- Florida Gold Coast – Vice Chair – Jeff Stafford, 611 NE 14th Ave #205, Ft lauderdale, FL 33304, 654-764-6130, jeffs@ci.fort-lauderdal.fl.us
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- Georgia – Long Distance – Rob Copeland
- Gulf – Chairman – Kelly Cooper, 3322 Oak Dr, Dickinson, TX 77539-4506, 281-337-2493, waterweezel@hotmail.com
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**PACIFIC MASTERS
REACHES 10,000
SWIMMERS –
10/11/02**

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USMS CONVENTION NOTES

Compiled by June Krauser

September 11-15, 2002

CHAMPIONSHIP – Approved an early check in policy and the use of heat sheets for Days 24 at 2003 SC Nationals in Tempe. A five-day format was approved for the 2003 LC Nationals with the 1500 free on day 1 and the 800 free on day 2. Bids were awarded to Indianapolis for SC 2004 and Savannah, GA for LC 2004. A swimmer must make a NQT in either the 800 of 1500m free in order to be able to swim both distance events at the 2003 LC Nationals.

COACHES – Nearly all LMSCs have a coach's representative. Clinics, Camps & Schools were discussed. Coaching programs include International Coaching and Online Coaching.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Webmaster position was expanded to a full time position with compensation of \$60,000 per year. The new level of compensation for the USMS Webmaster and USMS Magazine Editor to be effective 10-01-02. Webmaster reported that we could save as much as \$4,000 per year by purchasing our own server. SPAM and virus are out of control and Jim advises that you should never respond to unsolicited e-mails and that you should never click on 'REMOVE' on a SPAM e-mail.

CONVENTION – next year directions on registration/certification will be included in the 2003 USMS convention packet. 233 delegates were registered for the convention. Next convention is in San Diego. 2004 convention is in Orlando and Debbie Cavanaugh will take over certification table in Orlando.

FINANCE – USMS dues have been increased \$5, from \$15 to \$20. Zone Representatives were added to the list of those who are eligible for reimbursement of convention expenses under FOG. The contribution to ISHOF will now be \$.25 per swimmer.

FITNESS – 3 new Fitness events have been established – 30 Minute Swim, Check-Off Challenge and The Virtual Swim Series. The 2002 Fitness Award was presented to Bill Volckening. The committee is developing a Fitness Handbook to be published. An "Article of the Month" will be placed on the fitness website.

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES – Procedures for LMSCs will be developed so that there will be a suggested format for local groups to archive local history. All LMSCs are encouraged to develop histories of the LMSC, and to collect stories about individuals in the LMSC. A CD demonstration showed that our maintenance procedures can be put on a CD in a

Windows format where they are not yet developed for use directly on the web or where content cannot be put on the web. The committee urges that we move forward to convert digital archives to more conventional formats and affirms the general direction of 'minimal RFP'.

INSURANCE – The larger the organization gets with an increase in personnel the more insurance is required. Our liability loss experience has been excellent. Losses for Secondary Personal Accident continue to come from slips and falls, and strains. The liability insurance carriers will not provide a quote more than 30 days prior to the policy expiration date of 1/1/03 due to climate of the insurance industry.

INTERNATIONAL – USMS will ascertain a bid for the FINA 2006 World Masters Championships. We will not entertain a bid for a Pan Am meet until there is more discussion with ASUA. We envision bidding for a Pan-Pac meet in 2005 and have had several venues express an interest, including the new pool in Maui, HI. If we bid for the FINA 2006 World Masters Championships, both the International committee and Championship committee will be involved.

LEGISLATION – The Executive committee and the Board of Directors will be involved in the BOD/Governance Task Force. Several housekeeping items were passed as legislation. Next year will be a Legislation year. It was suggested that the Legal Counselors committee look into the possibility of developing model LMSC by-laws.

LONG DISTANCE – 2004 bids awarded:
3/6000 yd postal – Central Oregon
3-6 mile OW – Fernandina Beach
2 Mile cable – Indy Swim Fit
One-Hour Postal – Tamalpais
5K/10K Postal – St. Louis Area Masters
1 Mile OW – Hopkins/Maryland Masters
6+ Mile OW – Metropolitan Swimming
1-3 Mile OW – Rogue Valley Masters
Two objectives upon taking over committee both reached. Maximize use of electronic communication and delegating.

MARKETING – A new brochure will be designed, written and printed by December 31st. There will be no planner for 2003. The committee will design and produce stock ads with camera-ready art and made available on the web. The committee will design and print hang tags to promote Masters Swimming that will be distributed to retailers and distributors to place on their products. To make larger sponsorships attractive we have to give them something – like access to our mailing list.

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CONVENTION NOTES Cont.

OFFICIALS – A proposed policy for the naming of officials for the SC and LC National Champ. meets was developed for review and approval by the Championship Committee and USA-S. The Committee passed the USMS Officials Certification Procedure. Officials Committee liaisons for 2002 are SC at Tempe – Ted Haartz and LC at Rutgers – David Diehl.

PLANNING – Hints from the summary of a survey will be sent to all LMSC editors. Exchange newsletters with other clubs or LMSCs especially within the Zone. Download other newsletters from the web. A Checklist for LMSCs is being prepared for the purpose to help LMSCs identify weaknesses and strengths. The committee will create materials for local swimmers to sell advantages of program to various types of facilities.

PUBLICATION – The committee had the luxury of choosing from 13 outstanding cover designs for the 2003 Rule Book – the winner was Alison Moore of Hillsboro, OR. The book will be dedicated to Tom Boak. Cheryl Gettefinger will be the Ad coordinator and has suggested considering personal ads in addition to merchandise ads. Committee recommends that all USMS committees compile a policy manual. The committee will review the indexing of the rulebook for next year. It was suggested that the committee work with Rules & Officials to investigate compiling a case studies publication.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS – Starting next year there will be a perpetual Ransom J. Arthur award to present at the Awards Banquet. The Raleigh Area Masters National Championship Award will be an official USMS Award presented annually at the House of Delegates meeting and winners listed in the rule book. Up to fifteen Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Awards will be given annually. In addition to publishing the list of all Ransom J. Arthur Award winners, factual narratives detailing the reasons each award winner received the award and picture will be published. The committee will consider the suggestion that a patch for years of service to USMS be designed and made available for volunteers.

RECORDS & TABULATION – New rule regarding pool length (as defined by Rules Committee) will go into effect Jan. 1, 2003. It is recommended that a pool with a bulkhead be measured before and after every meet. A copy of birth certificate or passport will be required for National records. New forms for National and World Record Applications and Pool Length Certification will be published.

REGISTRATION – Total registrations to date are at 40,224 – just a few under last year's total. South Carolina is at 130% of last year. 12 LMSCs do not use

Leoware. A few don't do registrations on a computer. Esther has volunteered to do the processing for small LMSCs. Help will be given others to get them up and running on the software. Legal Counsel is looking into online registration. A permanent ID number will be included in Leo's software. The target date is November 1, 2002 or as soon as possible.

RULES – The sense of the house on pool length issues were: 1. All official times should be obtained in pools that meet the length standard. USMS needs to continue to sanction meets in facilities that do not meet the standards but we should not recognize these results for official purposes. 2. USMS must enforce pool length and starting blocks. 3. Enforce these rules by using the sanctioning process. 4. All lanes need to be measured for certification and re-certification. A certified Surveyor should not be required. For Nationals the order of both distance events may be changed. For Nationals, Heat Sheets for pre-seeded events shall be made available at time of registration.

SAFETY & EDUCATION – The committee recommended that time be scheduled for CPR training for delegates at next year's convention. The USMS Safety Handbook as of 2001 will be distributed electronically. Make us of the LMSC Safety Chairmen. Appoint a committee member to be a liaison to the Open Water Safety sub-committee, if Open Water so desires. Provide safety 'blurbs' and 'fill' articles for newsletter editors.

ZONE – Requested an opinion from Legal Council to the Zone Committee as to the status of separate zone funds. The committee will work to further define their role and develop written guidelines. The Zone reps will have the same status as standing committee chairs when funding convention expenses. It was suggested that our Zone meetings not be scheduled at lunchtime. Only one person is running for Zone Chairman – Lynn Hazelwood.

AD HOC LEGAL COUNSELORS – The chairman gave an explanation of the types of legal issues that USMS Legal Counsel encounters regularly. Discussion of electronic transactions statues and their impact on the ability to have on-line registration for USMS. Need to find legal expertise in the area of information technology and electronic transactions. The committee leans toward encouragement of safety training rather than specific requirements.

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING – Frank Piemme was selected as the USMS nominee to be submitted to the ISHOF for consideration for induction in 2004. Revised the USMS Candidate Selection Policy/Procedures to align with that of ISHOF.

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USMS CONVENTION NOTES cont.

ENDOWMENT FUND BOG – As of June 30, 2002, the Fund balance stood at \$110,987.28. The initial grant of 2,500.00 has been made to Indiana University for the benefit of the Counsilman Center for the Study of Swimming. The grant for the essential tremor is still looking for a sponsor. No USMS matching funds will be requested for 2003. Current budgeting matching funds will be suspended for the balance of 2002. The check-off program on registrations should be encouraged. A draft of criteria for grants by Sports Medicine and others is being worked on.

DATABASE TASK FORCE – The first task is to create a uniform ID or 'Permanent ID' for each swimmer. It is understood that it would cost the organization less money to create one main database rather than continue to update the current individual databases. Needed right now is a Project Administrator.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Reports were given. Approval was given for the actions of the EC during the past year. Governance was a concern of the Board. USA-Swimming is also discussing governance and has items on their agenda. It was emphasized that all committees are expected to do their work during the year and not just at the convention. Scott Rabalais presented a new Mission Statement – "To promote swimming for life among adults in the United States". The theme of this year's convention was "TEAMING TOGETHER". The committees were divided into five blocks.

Block 1 – Teaming Together – to bring out the best! Championship, Coaches, International, Officials, & Rules.

Block 2 – Teaming Together – to take care of business! Finance, Ad Hoc Legal Counselors, Legislation & Planning.

Block 3 – Teaming Together – to spread the word! Communications, Marketing, Publications & Registration.

Block 4 – Teaming Together – to strengthen and protect! Fitness, Insurance, Long Distance, Safety Education, Sports Medicine.

Block 5 – Teaming Together – to preserve and honor! ISHOF Nominating, History & Archives, Recognition & Awards, and Records & Tabulation.

EDITOR'S NOTE – It was nice to see that a couple of our chairmen had their offspring at the convention! We always need new ideas and new blood coming up. One daughter is on a USMS committee and was secretary. She is good on the computer. The other daughter was an athlete's rep for USA – Swimming. I find that my son is an LMSC Secretary. Keeps the kids busy!

2002 REGISTRATION FACTS

Esther Lyman, USMS Database Administrator

At this time, the national office has received and booked registrations thru approximately mid-October. Since there is generally a one-month lag between the date of registration and receipt by the national office, more in the slow part of the year, it is hard to say what the 1.8% growth rate for 2002 to date will translate into at year-end. Growth was 4.6% in 2001.

Gross registrations include some 120 mid-year transfers which are counted by more than one LMSC. These transfers have doubled over the past two years, as have the number of address changes. We have averaged some 225 changes a month this year.

We are currently at 41,331 memberships (net of mid-year transfers) registered with 518 clubs within 53 LMSCs.

- 24,823 or 60% are under age 45 and
- 16,507 or 40% age 45 and up.
- 6,546 or 15.8% of total members are age 55 and up.
- 2,513 or 6.1% are age 65 and over.

South Carolina, Allegheny and Wyoming grew close to 30% or more. Pacific reminded us why we have 5 digits in the registration number, hitting 10,000 for the first time. Congratulations! 32% live in California. Other top locations are: Texas, Florida, New York, Virginia, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, Maryland, Massachusetts — same as last year. Age group with the most members remains 40-44 (same for men and women).

USMS averages 54.5% male and 45.5% female swimmers. This ratio has been shifting gradually since 1994 (the first year we have electronic records) when the membership was about 59.6% male and 40.4% female.

USMS retains about 2/3 of its members from year to year. Using 2001 as the base year, 26,056 or 64.2% of the 40,576 members renewed with the same LMSC in 2002.

Using 2002 as the base year,

- 26,056 or 63% of the 41,331 members to date came from renewals;
- 11,556 or 28% were all-new to USMS and the remaining
- 3,719 or 9% relocated from other associations or were 'recovered' from the same association's prior membership, including 87 who were registered for one event in 2001.

Approximately 120,000 individuals have passed through the program since 1994. Exact number depends on resolution of overlap from name changes by marriage and errors in birthdates.

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2002 REGISTRATION FACTS cont.

Well over one-third of the membership renewed or registered for 2002 before 12/31/2001.

- 36% registered by the end of December
 - By the end of January, 60% had registered and
 - over 90% had registration dates before July 1, 2002.
- These percentages may drop a few points based on the final total for the year.

About 70% of the membership is reachable by email, but not necessarily dependably. Educational email addresses are very volatile (students move a lot), business sites often off-limits, and free services like Juno and Yahoo have many constraints, notably on storage allotments and sending attachments.

Details of above statistics can be requested from the national office, as well as new reports drilling down to where your members live by city within 3-digit zip codes and comparing both 2001 and 2002. The breakdown can be by State or by Club. Just let us know what you need.

THE SIX FASTEST POOLS

Sports Illustrated – October 7, 2002

1. IUPUI – Ten world and 88 US records have been set in the IUPUI pool, which has hosted 16 NCAA championship and four US Olympic swim trials.
2. Texas – High filtration rate and oversized lane lines reduce wave action; can't argue with the Longhorns' 18 national titles; has underwater speakers and spectators' viewing windows.
3. Auburn – Excellent gutter system absorbs waves rather than letting them rebound into swimmers
4. Texas A&M – Site of the 2001 men's NAAs, at which nine US records fell and the Aggies won their first team title
5. Stanford – Avery Aquatic Center boasts three 50-meter pools, including the country's fastest outdoor one
6. Cleveland State – Fastest older pool (built in 1973), it's deeper at one end; home to annual underwater jigsaw puzzle assembly contest

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FIRST CLASS OF HONOREES

From Meg Keller-Marvin

WHAT: 1st Annual International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree Induction Ceremony

WHEN: Saturday, January 11, 2003

WHERE: The International Swimming Hall of Fame, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

On Saturday evening, January 11, 2003, the International Swimming Hall of Fame, located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will induct its first class of Honorees into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. The group consists of 15 outstanding Masters athletes. They are Dr. Ransom Arthur*, June Krauser, Gus Langner*, Clara Lamore Walker, Ray Taft*, Jayne Bruner, Graham Johnson, Tim Garton, Gail Roper, Kelley Lemmon, Ardeth Mueller, Barbara Dunbar, Maxine Merlino, Patty Robinson Fulton and Peg Hogan. * deceased

This first-time ever induction class was selected by the IMSHOF Selection Committee and this induction will be held in conjunction with the semi-annual ISHOF Board of Directors meeting.

The Induction is open to the public and all Masters' athletes, family, friends and aquatic enthusiasts are invited to join in this wonderful celebration. Admission for the event is \$100 per person (portion tax-deductible), which includes a cocktail reception, full course (semi-formal) dinner and the induction ceremony. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending only the induction ceremony, the cost is \$25. For reservations, please contact ISHOF at (954) 462-6536 or e-mail us at megkelmar@ishof.org – Space is limited so make your reservations now. For discounted hotel information contact the Doubletree Oceanfront Hotel at (954) 524-8733 and ask for ISHOF Masters to receive the special rate.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame is the not-for-profit shrine dedicated to the heroes in aquatics. Located on Fort Lauderdale beach, the facility features exhibits on more than 500 honorees, the most extensive Olympic collection of any sport, and is highlighted by the Henning Library and Archive Center for research. Exhibits open daily.

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BE PREPARED FOR CARDIAC EMERGENCIES

From Katherine Branch

Newsletter editors – Here's a short item about CPR training that you may want to put in your LMSC or team newsletter. All you have to do is insert local telephone numbers or other information for the organizations offering CPR training that are listed in the article.

Within the past year, the Baltimore Sun ran a story about a very fit male swimmer and runner in his mid-40s who passed out after workout in the locker room. It took more than twenty minutes for the ambulance to arrive. Fortunately three physicians administered CPR to him and he made a full recovery.

This past summer, a Masters coach sent an email to a list of friends describing an incident in which a man who she described as "an extraordinarily fit runner" passed out in the pool after warm-up with no prior symptoms. He had had a cardiac arrest and, once again, luckily recovered.

How many times have you imagined what you would do if your friend in the next lane suddenly stopped swimming and clutched his or her chest? Are you adequately trained to handle this situation so that you can maximize the chances that your friend will survive his or her cardiac episode?

Although most of us don't like to think about these situations, incidents do occur. One way that Masters teams and workout groups can be prepared for a cardiac incident is to encourage each swimmer in the group to get CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training. There are many inexpensive options and there couldn't be a better investment of time and money. Well-recognized organizations offering training include:

American Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org/>
[insert local phone number here]

American Heart Association.
<http://www.americanheart.org/>
[insert local phone number here]

National Safety Council. <http://www.nsc.org/>
[insert local phone number here]

USMS RINGS

From Marcia Cleveland

Ed Nessel, a USMS Coach of the Year, has seen through, from the ground up, the idea of creating USMS Rings. He has partnered with Hasty Awards to make this vision a wearable reality.

If you are interested and would like to purchase one, please read on for more information. These would make excellent gifts at any time of the year!

"Hasty Awards, one of USMS' top supporters and the company that sponsors the Swimmers of the Year Awards, offers you a life-long reminder of your aquatic efforts in Masters Swimming. All of us will appreciate a dazzling exclamation of a high-honor achievement; one that can be semi-customized by your choice of stone, honor(s), date, and either a shadowing of the USMS logo under the brilliant stone or one that is gold emblazoned on it.

Every detail of design is incomparably sharp, a tribute to the artisan's masterful use of precious metals and crystal clear stones...allowing for a dramatic expression of an aquatic effort of which to be proud. The result, a lifetime of beauty, durability, & distinction, which in the years to come will only grow as a proud symbol of personal achievement in the water."

Any swimmer can purchase and proudly wear one of the high-recognition rings. To qualify, please submit proof of achievement by photocopying the listings of All-America, National Championship, Swimmer of the Year, National or World Record Holder, etc. and send it with the order form to Hasty Awards.

To order, go to the HastyAwards.com web site and seek out the ring order form. Rings are made from Sterling Silver, 10K gold, 14K gold, for both men and women. Prices currently range from \$325 to \$584. Men's rings are more expensive due to the larger size.)

RING PRICES AS OF SEPT 30, 2002

	Men's Rings	Women's Rings
Sterling	\$339.00	\$325.00
10K	\$515.00	\$475.00
14K	\$584.00	\$515.00

Contact Steve Hasty for ordering information. Either call toll free 1-800-448-7714 or by e-mail Steven@hastyawards.com.

Another style is currently in the works for Top-10, as well as a nice ring for the general USMS membership. There have been many requests from swimmers simply proud to belong to USMS, and we think this is a great display of our membership's enthusiasm!

If you desire to add to your ring, lashed etching of the USMS logo is available. This would be etched onto the colored stone of your choice and then filled in with gold plate to make it even more outstanding. Of course, shadowing will still be available. The thickness of the bottom of the ring will be altered, making it thicker for added balance to the outsized bezel. You may also have your name or initials engraved inside the ring body, or a specific swimming event may be engraved around the victory torch and/or year. Your last name will go on the opposite flange with the USMS logo.

It would be nice to support this program, as Steve Hasty has invested enormously in it, just to get it off the ground.