"Swimming For Life" is the OMS motto, and in that spirit we feature the following narrative from fellow OMS swimmer, Robin Bragg. —kah

Swimming Saved My Life!

by Robin Bragg

Lets face it, life can get pretty stormy. Economic downturn, loss of family members, divorce, stress-related mystery illness, short sale, new hips needed - all of the above! I found myself hanging on for dear life! My friends, my faith, and swimming, yes swimming, pulled me through. Perhaps by sharing my story I can help someone else who feels like they are drowning.

I started swimming in 1995. I was 35 and could not see past my belly to check the scale. I ran into a Masters team and started to work out with them. The first year was an exercise in survival. I had to use fins just to make the last 20 minutes of a one hour workout. Most of my 40 pound excess came off in six months and I entered my first open water swim.

I was late to the lake so the only swim left

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was a two miler. I was allowed to do a one mile loop of a two mile race. My time was a stunning 46 minutes. The leader was about 44 minutes for 2 miles. The next year I shaved 12 minutes off my time with a 34 minute swim, and since then have gradually improved to

sub-30 minute times. I even remember one magical day at Applegate Lake: I caught a great draft off Mike Carew and went under 28 minutes! Thanks Mike!

Bill Holman convinced me to try "just one event" at a pool meet. I went all in! I swam 5 or 6 events and have been hooked ever since. For many years I have entered many pool events and most of the open water swims. Last year I did every open water swim that scored points for the season, including the Elk Lake "Survivor" series.

The highlight of my pool swims was a 7th place in the 1500 meter freestyle at 2008 LCM Nationals at Mt. Hood pool. It was a beautiful sunny day in that gorgeous, outdoor 50 meter pool. My time was 29:54:36.

One really cool thing about Masters swimming is that even if you are a "middle of the pack guy" like me, everybody cheers you on. I have made some great friends through Masters swimming - people who really care. My fondest memories over the years have come from camping surrounding the lake swims, kicking back with friends and sharing the stories of how we are kicking each others rears. So many of

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Added Fees, Are They Necessary?

An opinion from: Rich Juhala (senzriich@q.com)

I have OMS Board permission to opine on the latest increase in OMS swim meet fees. My other focus here is the ever-increasing USMS registration fee. Most swimmers just want to pay their fees, attend workouts, swim, and let the board worry about these matters. Please hear me out.

As a past board member, I still receive Board email chatter so I have some insight on Board decisions. My heartburn lately has been on the increasing cost of organized swimming. I've written the Board several emails protesting recent fee increases and have had no success; so now, I'm trying to rally the membership. Many of the factors that drive these costs are out of our direct control; some we can affect. I believe these added costs for online registration are unnecessary, and it's time for the membership to speak up.

OMS Board chairman, Jody Welborn, is planning to conduct an OMS member satisfaction survey in an upcoming issue of the *Aquamaster*. This is the first time the board has solicited feedback on satisfaction and performance. All of you eight hundred plus (800+) members, please participate! Respond to the questions asked and write-in your comments on issues not covered but have your concern.

Keeping and timely posting all Board meeting minutes and annual financial reports are two functions that come to mind for me. Since OMS is a tax-exempt charitable organization, I would think state and federal statutes would require these two items as a minimum.

Shortly after our delegates and attendees returned from the 2009 USMS convention, there was Board discussion about a need for online meet registration. During my stint on the Board the topic was never raised at a Board meeting or from a member. Three vendors were interested in providing OMS an online registration service. After some discussion an east coast service was chosen. There are similar vendors in the Northwest that provide online payment services; why doesn't OMS support the local online service?

Originally, swimmers had a choice of whether to use the online service or not. That, however, changed to all entrants must pay an added \$3.00 cost whether the online service was used or not. That's a twenty percent (20%) cost increase on our typical \$15.00 meet entry fee. Now bear in mind that all previous mail entries (check

deposit, data entry & meet timing) were handled at the cost of \$1.00 per entry. Now we have a system that costs everybody four dollars (\$4.00) per entrant with \$3.00 of computer entrant dollars skimmed off by the online service back east.

Online registration is a definite advantage for those who want to register on their home computer or, heaven forbid, at their workstation. I estimate there might be thirty percent (30%) of us who find it just as convenient to mail it in via US Postal Service, but we are forced to pay a \$3.00 premium per entry. I always thought technology was supposed to save us money. It's also unusual to punish (\$3.00 added cost) members who want to conduct a typical payment transaction in the way we've done it for over the fifteen years I've been a member.

As a matter of disclosure, I have never paid the \$3.00 online fee. I've stopped attending OMS events since the mandatory \$3.00 online registration started, and prior to this time I've been a strong supporter of Gold or Diamond sponsorship, a volunteer, and a fundraiser for this organization. To me, it's not so much about the added cost as it is about OMS dictating the use of online service. It leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

I suspect there are a significant number of swimmers who don't care to use the online service either; some may be retired or someone who is currently in an economic bind and would prefer to save money. These members must make your preference known to the board. To me, it makes sense for the online service to be an option. Let those who want to use it pay for it. Given the amount of money USMS members pay in annual membership fees (\$27.00), I see no reason why online registration shouldn't be a free USMS service to all local master swim clubs (LMSC).

The other issue that should have pushback is the \$2.00 per year USMS annual registration increase scheduled for the next eight years (We've already had the first \$2.00 bump). The \$2.00 per swimmer fee adds another \$100,000 a year to USMS coffers.

In recent years, USMS has switched from an all-volunteer organization to professional management. This change, supposedly, had been under consideration for many



Fitness What To Do At 1 AM?



by Helen Thurlow

At 1 A.M., many of you are asleep, resting up after the previous days hard work. For me, I'm up. With my crazy work schedule and my crazy allergies this summer, there is nothing better for me to do but be wide eyed and bushy tailed at an ungodly hour.

In my fantasy world, I would work and then bolt to make it to an evening practice. But I don't live in a fantasy world and neither do the rest of us. We do what we can to make it to practice. Some of us swim before or after practice is over, but we get our swim in. I know some of my teammates, myself included, swim at other pools to get our workouts in.

Two days a week I swim at the pool that I work at. The lifeguards don't like it one bit. They're scared that I'm going to V.A.T.* them and sometimes I do, but the majority of the time I'm just swimming.

It's summer, vacations are being planned and you wonder if it's a good idea to skip your workouts for just pure pleasure of being away from it all. For some, escaping from everything is key; hence the reason for going on vacation. But for those who are die-hards, there is nothing betting than getting a workout in at a location you are not familiar with. Hey, I have even signed up for races in different states to get both a fun workout in and a vacation in.

So, back to what I was doing up at 1 AM. I got ready for swim practice. It didn't start until 530 AM, but I didn't want to leave anything behind since I was going to work right after. It was surreal and peaceful organizing my gear and work clothes, then made my lunch and dinner for that day (I eat all my meals at work, in case you were wondering).

5:30 AM, fun, but hey I got to get them in. Hopefully, by the end of summer, my work schedule won't be that crazy. But I would be going crazy at work if I didn't get my workouts in.

Get your workouts in any way you can this summer, because you never know what your Fall my look like.

*V.A.T. means vigilance awareness test. As part of their lifeguard training they are required to do live action audits, which means that any one of the staff goes in and starts drowning and the lifeguard needs to see and respond in less than 20 seconds.

Swim Bits

by Ralph Mohr

I found the items below in a list of "100 Best Fitness Tips" on Men's Health.com.

To build speed in swimming, develop your ankle flexibility. Flexible feet will act like flippers and propel you faster through the water. To increase your flipper flex, do this: Sit on the floor with your shoes off. Extend your legs in front of you, heels on the floor. Point your toes straight out as far as possible, then flex them toward your shins as far as you can. Repeat for 1 minute.

Drink low-fat milk. Scientists in Canada found that people who consumed more than 600 milligrams of calcium a day—roughly the amount in 2 cups of milk, a cup of broccoli, and a half cup of cottage cheese—had lower body fat than those who consumed less than 600 milligrams a day. It helps with bones, too.

Test yourself often. Every 4 weeks, measure a variable—waist size, body fat, sprint time—that equates to your end goal.

"It'll show you the tangible results of your training," says Craig Ballantyne, C.S.C.S., a trainer in Canada. And that translates into motivation.

Do the same amount of exercise in 10 percent less time. It forces your muscles to work harder and improves your endurance at the same time. If it takes you 60 minutes to do a basic workout on Monday, try to do the same workout later in the week in 54 minutes.

Satisfy your sugar cravings immediately after your workout. Eat at least 20 grams along with some protein. The sugar will help carry protein to the muscles you've just worked. So have a soda with your tuna sandwich, but limit your sugar intake the rest of the day.

Shake and Swim with "Bake"

Life Without the Tech Suits

Coach Dennis Baker

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Whatever side you stood on, keep the new suits or they should have never been allowed in the first place, they are gone. How do we as Masters Swimmers deal without a definite aid to our swimming? We must adjust our physical training and our mental focus. Here are some tips and helpful insights on how to proceed without the tech suit.

1. The tech suit made you float higher in water. Without it you must work to replace that flotation aid with better technique and strength to help you ride higher in the water. In the water at practice do more distance per stroke (DPS) work. This means fewer strokes per length with a stronger pull and kick at a strong speed. Start with smaller sets of 25s and build up to 100s with plenty of rest. Visualize and try to be and feel higher in the water. Your muscles will ache more for a while but this is part of the adjustment. The suits made you weaker at critical power points of your stroke. Out of the water, work on general arm and leg strength. Core

- strength should also be addressed.
- 2. Ninety percent of you will go slower without the suit. Don't be discouraged. This could be a great thing. Readjust your goals to get back to the times you did with the tech suit on and then go forward from there. The tech suit made us lazy. So it will take a little extra pool time and weight room time to get back to where we want to be.
- 3. The tech suit affected all swimmers differently. For some it helped a lot and for some it only helped a little. It really has to do with body type and where you were with your training and fitness. Wherever you stand, the bottom line is that we really don't do this sport to go fast times; we do it for our health and competition and friendships.

Try these tips. Readjust your mental frame of mind on your overall swimming and why you do it. Life without tech suits; yeah it's still a great life swimming, being healthy and having fun with your friends.

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you helped me through "the storm" that I cannot mention you all, but you know who you are! A special thanks to my team mates: Keith, Jackie, Ron, Charlie, Lou, Dan and Lynn.

My only regret: I stopped swimming for a few months in the thick of the storm. Big mistake! My hips started hurting more, my mood got horrible and the weight came back at an alarming rate. It was a horrible downward spiral. When I realized what was happening I did the only things I knew how to do: SWIM and keep moving! Even when I did not feel like it, I got into the water anyway. I went at it with a new resolve. I quickly worked my way up to six days a week. The formula was simple: double my yardage and cut calories in half. This time the weight came off in half the time. My hips got less

sore and my emotions smoothed out. I had my best season ever, reaching some goals sooner than I thought possible.

Through it all, I realized there is a side of swimming that is hard to describe. When I swim, the cares of the world simply wash away. It sounds corny I know, but really, swimming saved my life. Had I not found swimming, God only knows where I would be. The storm might have swallowed me up. Swimming has it all: the workout, the solitude, the friends, the endorphins, emotional healing. Swimming has given me so much: friends, fitness, fun, sanity,

joy and healing.
At times the
storm still rages
and I say "bring
it!" When the
waves are big,
the swimming
just gets better.



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1 Dowd, Mike	52	OREG	7:27.78	
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2 Larson, Allen	57	OREG	32.53	
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F	30-34	1	Bassett, Susannah	UNAT	10:37.96	×	1	3	F	35-39	2	Edwards, Bonnie	OREG-orm	51:55.19	×
W	35-39	1	Rasmussen, Jeremy	UNAT	7:14.70	×	2	2	F	35-39	3	Kay, Starla	UNAT	84:11.18	
W	50-54	1	Bingle, Michael	SWMS-vsc	7:10.88	×	1	1	F			Young, Susie	OREG-thb	43:07.20	X
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F	50-54	2	Hollingsworth, Lori	OREG-lcm	13:54.66	×	3	3	F	50-54	1	Schob, Laura	OREG-coma	51:16.02	×
F	50-54	3	Kimberling, Gail	OREG-lcm	15:12.59	×	4	5	F	55-59	1	Budd, Elizabeth	OREG-cat	51:09.49	×
F	65-69	1	Whiter, Peggy	OREG-coma	24:33.72	×	5	6				Chapin, Joe	UNAT	44:11.97	×
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W	50-54	2	Allender, Patrick	OREG-unat	21:50.51		4	6				Allender, Patrick		44:13.97	
W	50-54	3	Dow, Keith	OREG-open	22:40.16	×	5	9				Dow, Keith	OREG-open	47:13.19	×
W	50-54	4	Cespedes, Tim	OREG-thb	23:44.01		7	11				Cespedes, Tim	OREG-thb	47:38.32	
			Ramsey, Ed	OREG-thb	24:10.64	×	9	14				Bingle, Michael	SWMS-vsc	57:21.45	×
W	50-54	6	Bragg, Robin	OREG-open	32:43.79	×	14	23				Bragg, Robin	OREG-open	64:07.53	×
W	50-54	7	Carter, Walt	OREG-coma	32:59.24	×	15	25				Carter, Walt	OREG-coma		×
W	60-64	1	Carew, Michael	OREG-coma	24:04.65	×	8	13		-		Needham, Bob	OREG-open	57:07.92	×
W	65-69	1	Mohr, Ralph	OREG-coma	27:55.68	×	12	20				Bruce, Bob	OREG-coma		×
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F 45-49 1 Delmage, Arlene	OREG-orm	32:49	w	1	4					7	Tara Hare &						
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years before it was finally instituted. I wonder how many USMS members were even aware of this change beforehand and would have wanted their USMS convention delegates to vote for it. By doing so, USMS now needs hundreds of thousands of dollars more to cover annual overhead for salaries, a building lease, and equipment costs which we members fund. The amount of revenue USMS currently receives from membership registration alone is around \$1,350,000 (based on 50,000 members @ \$27.00 per member). How much do they need? In seven more years USMS registration revenues will be over \$2,000,000.

In scouring the USMS website, committee meeting minutes, and budget swimmers can see committees that have line items of thousands of dollars. In one set of minutes, I noticed that the Executive Director thought he should have a bonus clause in his compensation package for increases in USMS membership. Give me a break. Coaches, individual members, and LMSC's have a

greater positive impact on membership than he does.

USMS currently has an endowment fund of \$250,000 with a goal of raising \$10,000,000 for the endowment and, I believe a more than adequate amount (around \$2 million) in available cash. USMS is a non-profit tax-exempt organization. How much do they need to operate and still have an emergency contingency? My theory is that the larger the USMS bank accounts and endowments become, the less responsive they will be to their swimmers and more will go into overhead.

On Oct. 16, 2009, I sent USMS president, Jeff Moxie, an e-mail questioning him about the \$2.00 per year registration increases and other issues. To date, I've received no answer. I'm just suggesting our organizations should be disclosing their goals, budgets and finances in a more apparent and visible manner to its membership.

Board members donate their time, and we thank them for and appreciate their service. My feeling, however, is that the board's primary allegiance should be to its membership and OMS Board/USMS organizational goals should be secondary.

Swimming in Namibia

by Joe Oakes

Lets start with this question: Where the heck is Namibia? If you said that it was in Africa, you would get part credit. Once known as German Southwest Africa, Namibia sits on the southwest Atlantic coast of Africa, just above the border with South Africa. This desert nation is larger than many African countries, with a relatively low population, and its Kalahari Desert is one of the driest

places on earth.
The chilly Benguela
Current runs up
the coast from the
Antarctic, keeping
temperatures cool.
Other than mining
(de Beers has



ripped a lot of diamonds from Namibia's soil) there is little industry. Tourist infrastructure is sparse except for a few quaint old German towns catering to nostalgic Europeans. Unemployment hovers somewhere around 60%, and the impoverished population suffers from one of the highest rates of AIDS in the world.

An old friend from San Francisco, Marybeth Gallagher, followed a circuitous path before finally settling down several years ago in Namibia, where she has found her life's work. Marybeth runs a program for AIDS orphans, and there are plenty of them all over Africa. She and I used to belong to a running and beer drinking club in San Francisco, the Hash House Harriers. Every Monday evening a bunch of us would work up our appetites by cavorting semi-naked through the streets of Baghdad-by-the-Bay then go out for dinner and a few noisy brews.

Those days are long gone.

Today Marybeth lives in the center of Namibia in a town called Katatura. She is the only white person in town. She has no car, telephone or computer. Her transportation is a bicycle and when she wants to contact the outside world she rides into the capitol city, Windhoek, where friends allow her to send and receive messages. She finds family-situation homes for the children, gets them schooling and one good meal each day.

Last February Sylvia and I spent a few days with Marybeth and the kids. We arrived on a cruise ship at the coastal city of Walvis Bay, where we had arranged for the kids to come onto the MS Amsterdam to sing and dance for the passengers.

I will paint a scene for you. The children, in the company of five escorts, have been driven from their home in the desert, several hours to the Atlantic, which they have never seen. They are awed on approaching the sea and a ship that is ten decks high, bigger than any building in their entire country. Their eyes get huge when they enter an elevator for the first time and come out in a different place. As they move around the ship automatic doors magically open for them: one marvel after another. The dining room crew, family men far from their families back in the Philippines, lovingly feed the kids before their



afternoon performance: chicken nuggets and fries, then a special treat, something that they had never tasted: ice cream. (seven-year-old Rosie downed three bowls of it!) I suspect that this might have been the best and most amazing day of their young and troubled lives.

They sang a cappella, five boys and 26 girls ranging from 7 to 14 years in age. Seventeen-year-old Salome was the choirmaster, the only adult on stage with them. Most of their songs were in native languages, of which there are several in Namibia. They also sang a few in English, which they have learned to speak fluently. The mostly-American audience was captivated by these beautiful, clean, polite and enthusiastic children. When Marybeth and the kids left the ship she had donations totaling about ten thousand dollars from the passengers, the crew and Holland America Lines. That is a huge amount of money in a country where people work hard for a dollar a day. For Marybeth's 200+ kids it means things like food, soccer uniforms and hiring a part time teacher.

We stayed with the kids on the wharf as they serenaded the ship while it sailed away, with passengers leaning over the rails to wave goodbye, and more than a few tears. It was too late to start the long drive to Katatura, so we spent the night at a seaside campground where we watched hundreds of flamingoes feeding in the shallow bay. The next morning we went to a white sand beach in Swakopmund, an old German village. My job was to show them how to enter the surf and swim in the waves. The cold water, about 65 F, didnt deter these desert kids, who ran and played in the water until we feared that we would have to deal with a few cases of hypothermia, but they left the water in a hurry when we told them that we were headed for the sand dunes.

Namibia has some of the biggest dunes in the world. Our plan was to use flattened cardboard boxes to sled down the tallest of the dunes. After a long climb through soft sand, two steps forward and one slide back, several kids, Marybeth and I finally made it to the top. Looking down the 45 degree slope, our two vans looked really small, and the people at the bottom seemed ant-sized. The smallest kids went first. With little weight, their cardboard sleds took them smoothly down the hill, screeching all the way. When my turn came, the cardboard dug into the sand under my weight and wouldnt move. How frustrating! What to do? I could walk or roll down, but there had to be a more dignified way. *Creative solution:*



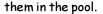
Hey, I am a swimmer! Maybe I can swim down the dune, freestyle. Down I went, holding my head high like a water polo player to keep the sand out of my eyes and mouth. As I stroked wide and shallow in the sand, I plowed

down the hill creating my own mini-avalanche. What a gas! I will not tell you how many places sand can find to hide on and in the human body, but it was worth it. I believe that I set a new world record, any age group, for the 200 meter-freestyle-downhill-sand -swim.

We shook out as much sand as we could return to the desert and piled into the two 12-passenger non-air-conditioned vans: seven adults and 31 kids. I will never complain about crowded buses again. We rode across the arid country for almost six hours, making one gas-and-pit stop. For the first hour or so the kids were active, singing, chatting and jumping around. After the pit stop they went silent and most of them drifted into slumber land, arms and legs sprawling in all directions. Swimming in the sea and sliding down the dunes wore them out. Before dark we reached Katatura and there was a mob of children lining the street to greet the returning travelers. Sylvia and I retreated to a bed and breakfast to get ready for tomorrows activities.

A big part of the program for the kids is soccer. They play on a rock-strewn field, some barefoot, a few with uniforms, all of them, boys and girls, playing with lots of spirit. In the broiling afternoon sun I watched two games from the shade of a scraggly tree. That was exercise enough for me.

There is one swimming pool in Namibia, built many years ago by the German Army, and it is made available to the kids a few hours a week on Saturdays. I watched them playing navy games with a bunch of plastic boats that they had been given by the Amsterdams Captain. Like kids anywhere in the world, they were having a great time inventing games, playing pranks and letting off energy in God's gift of water. You can guess who frolicked with





But our time with the kids was over and it was time for us to go. Sylvia and I flew from Windhoek to Cape Town where we rejoined the Amsterdam. It was fantastic to spend a few days with these wonderful children, but frankly, I could not take it for more than a few days. But there are a few people who can, and we owe them our admiration and support.

Talk To The Hand!

by Hermine Terhorst

Think about it ... no, really!

The largest part of the brain controls the upper body, a fact anyone reading this article should know.

On April 13, 2009, "60 Minutes" did a segment on artificial limbs. I sat mesmerized by what was being reported. Demonstrated for all to see was a robotic arm sitting on a table two feet away from the solider who would be using it eventually. It was connected to him via wires and electrodes to his nerves that existed for the arm that "used to be there." Here is the conversation that followed between the soldier and the interviewer:

Interviewer: "Explain to me what you're doing with your right arm and the sensors, and how that relates to your new right hand."

Soldier: "I'm imagining performing movements with my right hand, and when I do that I am moving the muscles that remain here in my arm. When those muscles move they make little electrical impulses that we can detect with these electrodes."

He controls a robotic arm simply by thinking about moving his own hand that no longer exists.

Asked how much training is involved to learn how to move the hand, the soldier explained, "I'm not really learning, so much as the computer is. I'm doing what I imagine I'd like to do. And we've taught the computer to interpret the signals and do what it is." He said it almost feels natural to him.

Bingo, hallelujah, damn the torpedoes, bulls eye, God loves me, you name it ... so, if one thinks about how one wants his/her hand to move, how fast one wants his/ her hand to move, where one wants his/her hand to go that fast and override any negative thought that might want to disagree with the above then one can think about it and do it. How simple is that?

Time and time again the most simple is the most profound and usually the last thing we try. So I tried it. The program aired on April 13, 2009. I had just returned from Pacific Masters Swimmings Short Course Championships. I did lousy, repeat, lousy. Two and one half weeks later I would be going to Nationals in Clovis, Calif. I had wanted to go under a minute in the 100-yard free. Although I coach, I did not swim past 12 years old, so I had not done it yet. When I got to Clovis, I made the decision to watch one person swim the 100 free before me and then I would tell my brain to make my hands move just like that. At Nationals sometimes men swim before women, so I took a moment to look around and there, standing before me about to ascend the blocks, was the master himself, Rowdy Gaines. "God loves me," I thought, as I watched him go a forty something as a fifty something.

So here goes: "OK self, 'brain, talk to the hand,'" 59:01

So, just think about it, then, and only then, just do it!

Hermine Terhorst is the head coach of the Santa Rosa Masters, in Santa Rosa, Calif. She told all three of her daughters that as a single mom, on her salary, the only way they were going to college was if they got scholarships. All three of them, swimmers, did just that.

The Magic Carpet

by Sue Calnek

2-26-05 Destination Ceuta. First swim meet of the year. Our team left Cadiz at 6:30 a.m. in three cars, headed for Algecerias to board a hydrofoil for Ceuta. Many times I have taken a ship out of Gibralter to visit Morocco and the sea was often choppy, but this hydrofoil ride to Ceuta was like flying on a Magic Carpet.

The Ceuta pool is an older 25 meter pool in a totally idyllic setting overlooking the Mediterranean. No electronic timing and as customary, one heat sheet given to each team captain. We could all see his heat sheet and knew when to approach the "waiting corner" where an official gives each person a pink entry card with name, age, event and lane. This card goes to the timer as we stood ready by our block; never empty lanes. When the starter said "listo" (ready), they don't fool around. Same whistle sequence, but there is almost no hesitation before the ready, set and the go! Not being accustomed to the boom-boom take offs, I was late on the first dive. Across the starting end was a short plastic fence reminding everyone to exit the pool to the Right or Left ladder. No one was ever allowed to exit the pool until all swimmers were in. The only people located at the starting end were the judges, timers and the one swimmer per lane. There was none of the usual socializing or crowds; no confusion or trip hazards to get to the block. The end was organized, quiet and focused.

There were no counting cards for the 1500, however they do ring the last lap cow bell. At first I was nervous with no counting cards and lacked self-confidence, but I quickly learned to focus much more on my long distance strategy and by counting myself, focused on being faster in and out of the wall, and then the normal mid-swim cadence. The stuff my Coach Dennis Baker always taught!

After the meet, our team walked to a patio cafe for lunch. I found a bit of humor when a Mercedes slowly drove by, the husband driving, wearing a white head piece and the wife was in the back passenger side wearing a black head covering. There was no doubt about the nonverbal conversation. The husband was catching trouble for something. Her arms and head were angrily moving and the husband just slowly nodded and kept driving.

The Cadiz newspaper printed a nice story about our meet with the Headliner: "Grand and Magnificent" meet listing all the participants and times. Next meet would be in Algecerias, Cuenca and the Festival de fondo de Torremolinos.

Our Cadiz pool held an Open Championship with all the young Spanish Olympic hopefuls, and members of the Olympic committee present. This event used electronic timing as well as block sensors. The same weekend, they held a children's event in the 3 ft. pool. Each child was awarded a small trophy ... after making a grand entrance to the awards table while walking to the recorded Spanish National Anthem. This anthem has no words, and is always played at all sporting events when winning. The music is like the solemn march of pomp and circumstance of the Grand March in Aida. Each child walked to this music and

accepted the trophy separately, and everyone respectfully celebrated in their success.

Walking out on the avenue in the evening one had to be careful of racing quads that looked like spiders or the crotch rockets getting ready for the Jerez Cycle Races. Definitely the time to Stop, Look and Listen, before crossing a street here. The police would stand by their station smoking and talking; often watching the women, never giving chase to the racing through the city street — but, all through the night one could hear ambulance travel to the hospital.

One evening I walked to the far end of Cadiz to the Barrio and stopped by a family sitting on the beach by the big rocks having a picnic. They invited me to share their food. The bill of fare was conch shell animals and "Erizos;" "Sea Hedge Hogs" or to you and to me — regular old run-of-the-mill Sea Urchins! I wanted to exit stage right, but could not refuse their hospitality. They demonstrated how to eat the urchin by slicing it in half, squeezing a bit of fresh lime or lemon on it and scooping out the animal with my lips and teeth; of course, making the requisite slurping noises. The urchins were mildly salty and looked like lung type tissue — you know, "When in Rome ..."

Shopping was often in the open stalls. Signs everywhere, "NO Toca" (no touch). The displays were artistic, but only the produce person could handle each



Chickens in a market - the FDA in the USA would not approve!

fruit or vegetable. Cadiz is a farming community, and there were marvelous foods. The vendor would put each item on the scale and we could both see the weight. Fish would be the same; fresh daily. Love the Dorados. What a happy day for me to discover lovely, exquisite Cheremoyas brought to Cadiz, from, possibly the Canary Islands. The fruits here were not dumped in a plastic bag, or even a paper bag. We all know what happens then — the fruit "mushes" into preserves or jam. What does the market here, in the U>S., care if we bring our fruits home and they are fermented preserves? Each fruit is carefully encased in individually configured cardboard shapes to ensure that the purchase from that vendor makes it home in the same form. Love it. What a surprise when I took a trip up the Costa Blanca, and followed a sign to a valley near Guadelest. Caliosa de en Sarria. Nirvana! My favorite fruits in the world. A Valley of

Loquat trees. "Nisparos." I grew up in Hollywood California with this semi-tropical Loquat in my yard and school. My heart skipped beats with excitement visiting all the stands selling Loquat jams, wine, syrups, preserves; you name it. This was Loquat central and my Magic Carpet had landed!



Loquats

The Torremolinos Meet, March 19, 2005, was outstanding The largest team was always Jerez. They tried to recruit me to their team, but of course, I declined. This newer modern pool is 50 meters right next to the Mediterranean. Here again, the rules were strictly enforced, for no street shoes and no bare feet on the deck. The counter manager did pass out a few hospital type shoe covers for officials. Everyone respected these rules and I feel that if the King of Spain were here, he would gladly accept the shoe covers: it was just the thing to do.

The Spanish Masters President came down from Barcelona to award the trophies. When my name was called, my teammates walked up to the award table with me. He offered congratulations for breaking five Spanish records and handed me a beautiful silver trophy and gorgeous glass trophies with my name and the events. PLUS, Spanish (besos) lovely kisses on each cheek. With silent tears streaming down my cheeks from their kindness and warmth I said, "Kind sir, you are the first and most handsome gentleman to kiss me since coming to live in Spain." He made a sweeping motion of one arm and said something very kind, and next thing I knew, every man in the pool and on the deck had formed a long queue behind me to offer cheek kisses; the swim meet had paused for this. My team mates walked me back to the side and they also received trophies. A small fiesta followed in the outside patio. We all drew numbers out of a bowl for a prize. The lucky numbers would get wines from the Jerez Winery, cheeses, olive oils, olives, etc. The fiesta was replete with clapping, music, fun and people getting to know one another. One remarkable thing I noticed at this meet, and every meet, no one would leave the pool or the bleachers until every person had swum their event and the meet was finished; only then would they pack up.

Driving back to Cadiz, we all stopped for a most remarkable meal at a famous countryside restaurant, serving only game meats. Several cork trucks were parked close-by. Not log trucks — cork trucks. Cork was piled high with large slabs of cork bark. I had seen these cork forests and now to see the loaded trucks. I broke off a few chunks to save. It is fascinating how the cork is grown and harvested.

Early one morning I visited two men fishing for Dorados from the shore. I watched them fill their ice chest with these mild and tasty fish. In Brookings I use the same method for Surf Perch. Needing to complete some paperwork at the police station, I walked down the beach to the main station. I asked one policeman for directions to the bathroom. He showed me to the room: one large room for both men and women. There were 12 stalls with wooden doors that shut; there were no urinals,

no soap, no paper towels, but there were sinks. I proceeded to stall #12. Next to me in #11 was an Arab man, talking loudly to himself; very angry and upset over something. Finally, surprise surprise, no toilet paper! Trees are not a natural resource here!



Festival dress



Wine barrels



Snake charmers



Olives



Sintra — Palacio de Pena

The Queen's toilet was over a deep trench where water would be pushed through at one end to wash it out periodically. The toilet was a flat board over the hole and covered all in mink.













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GIL YOUNG MEMORIAL LONG COURSE METERS MEET

Sanctioned by Oregon Masters Swimming, Inc. for USMS, Inc. • Sanction #370-08 Eligibility: Currently registered USMS swimmers, 18 years and older.

Swimmers must submit a copy of their 2010 card and unregistered swimmers must submit a 2010 registration form and fee with this entry.

Location: Mt. Hood Community College

Outdoor pool 26000 SÉ Stark Gresham, Oregon

7 lanes competition, elec. timing, Lane 8 for warm-up/down

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, August 7-8, 2010

SATURDAY WARM-UPS AT NOON MEET STARTS AT 1PM SUNDAY WARM-UPS AT 9AM MEET STARTS AT 10AM

Meet Director: Aubree Gustafson • 971-404-6968 • aubree.gustafson@gmail.com

Directions to the pool: Take I-84. Use Exit 17. Follow Frontage Road to 257th and take a right. Follow 257th past Stark

ENTRY DEADLINE: I	POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010
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	USMS CLUB (OREG, PNA, SWMS)
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-MAIL	IS THIS YOUR FIRST MASTERS MEET? YES NO
Saturday, Aug 7, 2010	Sunday, Aug 8, 2010
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SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.

SIGNATURE -

2010 OPEN WATER SWIM — COTTAGE GROVE LAKE SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 SPONSORED BY EMERALD AQUATICS WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

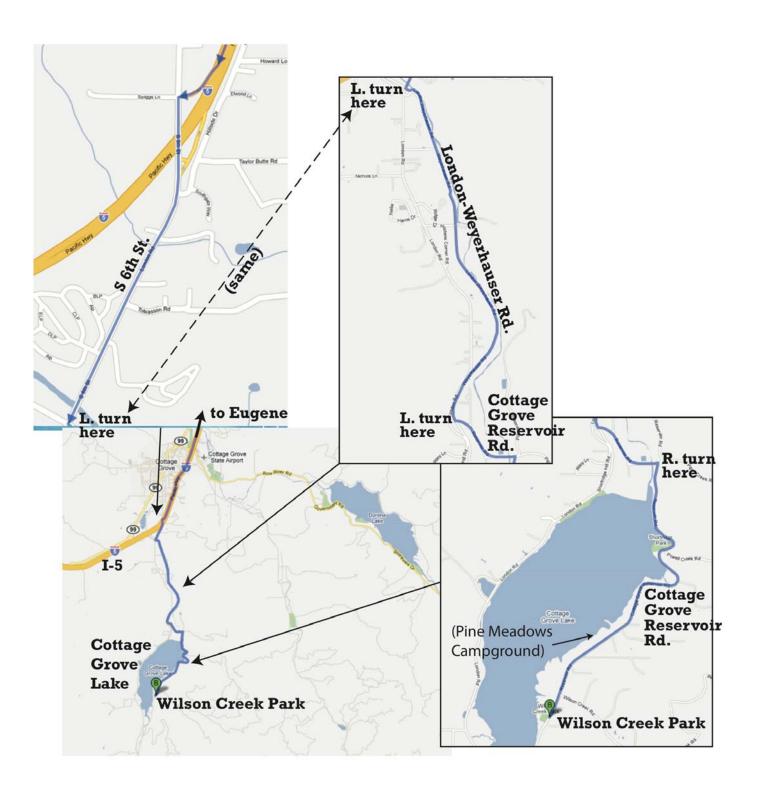
Sanctioned by OMS, Inc. for USMS, Inc. All swimmers must be current USMS member to compete. **USMS Sanction #: 370-0W6** One-day registration will be available at the meet for \$18.00.

Schedule: 1500 Open W Whiteley 100 Flatfoot Kick	00		Check-in closes 8:30 am Check-in closes 10:30 an Check-in closes 11:30 an	n Pre-ra	ace instructions ace instructions ace instructions	10:45 am	Race starts 9:00 am Race starts11:00 am Race starts12:00 am		
Course:	The course wi		ked by buoys. Water tem	perature	is expected to b	e 74-76 de	egrees and will be		
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Safety:	The course will have safety marshals, lifeguards, a boat patrol (including a lead boat, a chase boat, perimeter boats, and an "ambulance" boat). In addition, paramedics and an ambulance will be on boat ramp during the swim. No pets at the race, please.								
Eligibility:	Open to all US	SMS (U.	S. Masters Swimming) me	mbers o	nly.				
Awards:	Prizes will be	raffled d	uring picnic after swim; y	ou must	be present to wi	n.			
Picnic:	Following the Flatfoot Kick, around 12:30, Emerald Aquatics will host a finger-food picnic. All are invited (\$5 donation for non-swimmers).								
Directions:	Directions: From I-5 take exit 172 and go south 0.7 miles on S 6 th St. Turn left on London Weyerhauser Rd and go 3.0 miles. Turn left on Cottage Grove Reservoir/Reservoir Rd. After 0.6 miles turn right to stay on CGR/Reservoir Rd. Go 2.8 miles to park (see map, opposite).								
<u>Information</u>	: Steve Johnson	, Race D	Director, (541) 683-5758 (see over	for camping inf	ormation)			
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Camping: Individual camping sites can be reserved for Pine Meadows Campground. To reserve your campsite, go to www.reserveamerica.com and use the search engine to go to Pine Meadows in Oregon. You can also call 1-877-444-6777. The rules require a minimum two night stay and you can have 3 vehicles and 3 tents with up to 8 people, or one camper/trailer/RV and two tents for each site. The cost is \$16 per night. Directions: Same as to race site, Pine Meadows is approx. 0.5 miles before (N of) race site.



The Eel Lake Open Water Swims on the Southern Oregon Coast

What: Three Open Water Swims – 3000 & 1500-meter Swims and a 500-meter Predicted Time Swim. We will start with a 3000-meter swim on a triangular course, twice around the buoys. Then we will have a 500-meter Predicted Time Swim, free, no entry fee. Last will be the 1500-meter swim, once around the same course as the 3000. All swims are held under the sanctions of United States Masters Swimming (370-OW7) and USA-Swimming, Inc. (10-065).

When: Saturday, August 21, 2010, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Eel Lake at William M. Tugman State Park is a freshwater lake on the Oregon coast on U.S. Highway 101 halfway between Reedsport and Coos Bay. Expected water temperature is 67 to 71 degrees Fahrenheit. Campground has both reservable and first-come first-served campsites, as well as reservable yurts. Call 1-800-452-5687 for reservations.

Who: Open to all USMS registered swimmers 18 years or older. USA-Swimming registered swimmers 13 years or older may enter any of the swims, while USA-Swimming registered swimmers 10 years or older may enter only the 500 & 1500-meter swims—a parent or guardian must sign the liability waver for all swimmers under 18. A photocopy of your USMS or USS Swimming registration card or proof of membership in a foreign Masters organization must accompany your entry. A single event USMS registration, covering all races, will be available at the race site for adults 18 years or older for \$18.

Rules: Current USMS rules shall govern these swims.

Wet Suit Rules: Wetsuits are allowed and welcomed in all events, but scored in a separate wetsuit category.

Procedure: The 3000 and 1500 swims will use a mass start. The 500 swim will use individual starts, seeded fastest to slowest based upon the swimmer's estimated 500 meter entry time. Day of Race entries or those not submitting a seed time will not be seeded in advance and will swim last in order of registration. No changes will be allowed in 500 seeding at the race.

Safety: Lifeguards and safety boats will monitor the entire course. Swimmers must wear a bright colored swim cap (provided or use your own) and have a race number on their arms or hands. Medical personnel will available near the site.

Entry Fee: The entry fee for one race (either the 1500 or 3000) is \$25; the entry fee for both the 1500 and 3000 races is \$30. There is no fee for 500-meter Predicted Time Swim. Entry fee includes a swim cap in a goody bag. Entries must be postmarked by Monday, August 9, 2010, or swimmers must pay an additional late fee of \$10. Beverages, brownies, cookies and fruit will be available, but lunch will not be provided.

Awards: There will be awards for each race for first through third places for USMS & USA-Swimming swimmers. Awards for the 3000 and 1500 swims will be based upon finish order. Awards for the 500 Predicted Time Swim will be based on how close each swimmer comes to predicted time.

Schedule: 8:00-8:45 A.M. Registration/Check in & warm-up for all races

8:50 A.M. Pre-race meeting for 3000-meter swim

9:00 A. M. 3000-meter swim

9:45-10:45 A.M. Check in for 500 and 1500-meter swims

10:50 A.M. Pre-race meeting for the 500-meter Predicted Time Swim

11:00 A.M. 500-meter Predicted Time Swim 11:50 A.M. Pre-race meeting for 1500-meter swim

12:00 Noon 1500-meter swim

1:00 P.M. Awards

Information: Contact Ralph Mohr at rmohr1565@charter.net or 541-269-1565.

Other Fun Things to Do On the Coast!

Charleston Seafood Festival - Charleston Marina – August 21 & 22 - 7:00am-6:00pm. A festival of fun and families! Live Entertainment both days, a variety of bands from Country to Jazz, singing and more. Contests for kids and adults including fish fling and crab race. Variety of vendors, arts and crafts and lots of different kinds of food. Beer & wine garden, harbor tours and a Coast Guard Open House. For more information contact the Charleston Visitor Center, 541-888-2311 or Coos Bay Visitor Center, 541-269-0215 (Directions: drive to Coos Bay/North Bend – Follow the signs for Empire/Charleston)

Sunday Morning Lake Swim – An Eel Lake tradition! Join us on Sunday, August 21, at 9:00 A.M. for a leisurely swim (about 2000 meters) across Eel Lake from the boat ramp to the walking trail rest stop on the other side.

Beach walks – Starting at Eel Creek Campgrounds across 101 from Tugman Park, there are at least seven different beach walks available within 30 miles. Walk across the dunes at Eel Creek. Go to Horsfall Beach north of McCullough Bridge. Drive through Charleston to Bastendorff Beach, Sunset Bay, and Shore Acres Gardens. At Cape Arago walk down to South Cove where Sir Francis Drake supposedly harbored one day. Go further south on Highway 101 for Bandon Old Town, beaches, and numerous golf courses.

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The Eel Lake Open Water Swims on the Southern Oregon Coast

Registration Form

What: Open Water Swims (check the appropriate boxes) □ 3000-meter Swim – USMS □ 1500-meter Swim – USMS □ 500-meter Predicted Time Swim – USMS Predict your 500-meter Time:	□ 3000-meter Swim – USA-Swimming □ 1500-meter Swim – USA-Swimming □ 500-meter Predicted Time Swim – USA-Swimming Predict your 500-meter Time:						
Where: Eel Lake							
When: Saturday, August 21, 2009 starting at 9:00 A.M.							
	JSA-Swimming swimmer, aged 13 and over, is eligible to swim mer aged 10-12 may swim the 500m and/or 1500m events only.						
Information: Contact Ralph Mohr at							

Mail entries postmarked by Monday, August 9, 2010 to:

Ralph Mohr P.O. Box 186 Coos Bay, OR 97420



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SWIMMING RESULTS:

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Date	**Type	Meet/Location	Deadline/Website
*Aug 7-8	LCM	Gil Young/Gresham	https://www.ClubAssistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1352∣=2450
Aug. 9-13	LCM	USMS Nationals/Puerto Rico	
*Aug 15	OW	Cottage Grove Lake	
*Aug 21	OW	Eel Lake/Lakeside	Aug. 9: Late or day-of-race \$10 extra

*ENTRY BLANK INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE AQUA-MASTER

**OW — Open Water

LCM — Long Course Meters

Oregon Masters Swimming entry forms are available online at http://www.swimoregon.org USMS entry forms are available at http://www.usms.org

Board Meetings

All Board Meetings are open and OMS members are encouraged to attend. Contact Jody Welborn, OMS Chair, or Tim Waud, OMS Vice Chair, for details.

Meeting Dates Location
August 24, 2010 Oregon Clinic

