

NJ LMSC Newsletter

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## Fun stuff in this issue!



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#### **USMS Go The Distance 2023**

All 2023 USMS swimmers are eligible to enter this free event! <u>More</u> <u>information</u> GTD Support Team email: <u>events@usmastersswimming.org</u> **2023 USMS Fitness Series** held throughout the year. <u>Event</u> <u>information</u>.



9-time Olympic champion Mark Spitz jokingly told the Russian swim team coach in 1972 that his moustache increased his speed in the water. The next year, every Russian swimmer was sporting a moustache. Say Happy Birthday to these fellow swimmers when you see them! ()

## **NOVEMBER**

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...and to these swimmers when you see them!

### DECEMBER

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## Coach and Swimmer Stroke Development weekend scholarship reimbursement Recipients!

In March, the NJ LMSC sponsored a Coach and Swimmer Stroke Development weekend. NJ LMSC attendees (who were registered NJ LMSC members and successfully completed the certification courses) were offered the chance to get a scholarship reimbursement for the courses.

Besides passing the course exams, each scholarship applicant had to fulfill one of the following requirements:

1) Write an article for NJ Masters Fastlane newsletter

- 2) Volunteer at a NJ LMSC sponsored event
- 3) Verification of active or substitute on-deck coaching

#### Kudos to the following USMS Coaches!

#### **Eddie Filipovic**

~ serves as a substitute on-deck coach for Mike Gemelli at Rutherford Masters Club.

#### Mike Gemelli

~ serves as the head coach of the Rutherford Masters Club in Rutherford, NJ.

#### Ester Kim

~ submitted a May/June Fastlane Newsletter article "THE INNER GAME".

#### Anne C. Laurita

~ submitted a March/April Fastlane Newsletter article "Just Keep Swimming & Just Keep Learning -- A few reflections on the USMS Coach Certification Weekend".

#### Chris McGiffin

- serves as a JAC Masters Coach and volunteered at the SCYM Summer Tsunami Meet (6/17).

#### Eugene Sharp

~ serves as a substitute on-deck coach for Ed Tsuzuki at Somerset County YMCA Masters.

## **Great job everyone!**

# Last Chance End of the Summer 5K Pool Swim

Twenty-six swimmers participated in the 2023 Last Chance End of the Summer 5K Pool Swim on a sultry September 9<sup>th</sup> morning. This year the event (free to all 2023 registered NJ Masters members) was held at the 6-lane long course New Providence Community Pool.

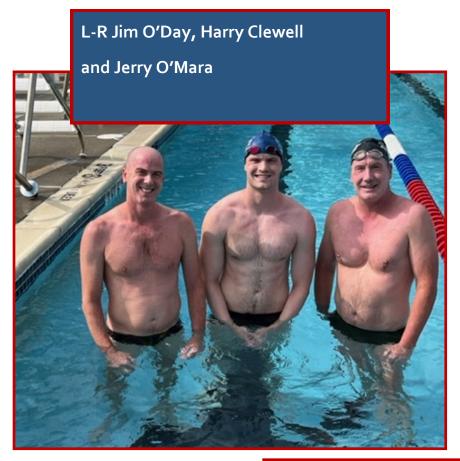
Special thanks to Bill Reichle for his invaluable assistance as well as to Jen Bauman, Beth Maloney, Jerry O'Mara, Dave Feldman, Jim O'Day, Richard Wallace and anyone else I have forgotten to mention who helped with the lane lines before and after the swim.

--Linda Brown-Kuhn, Fitness Chair



Photos by Linda Brown-Kuhn







Front I to r: Susan Howley, Mary Breslin, Laura Tyson

Back row: Michelle Ray, Richard Wallace



Albie Ashbrook, Ashley Pertsemlidis, David O'Dougherty

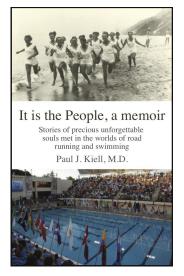
Beth Maloney, Donna Adamoli, Sarah Sangree, Bill Reichle, Jen Bauman





Dave Feldman Barbara McGregor, John Przedpelski and Yves Baeyens in the back





# Thanks Paul Kiell for sharing a chapter from your book!

#### If only it could be ...

How many times and in how many situations do we utter that phrase, "if only it could be?" Let me tell you of a time it came home to me.

It was 2006, and the place was the international masters swimming contest, held that year at the state-of-the-art swimming complex of the Stanford University Avery Aquatic Center, Qualified Masters swimmers from all over the world would enter. Competitors qualified by their performance in competition over the past 12 months of 2005-2006. I made it in the 75-79-year-old group for the 200-meter backstroke and the 800meter freestyle.

It would be a gathering of more than 8,000 "world-class athletes" in swimming, water polo, and synchronized swimming competitive events. But the overall atmosphere made it hard to believe it was actually competitive. It was the World Series for the little guy, in a contest considered then to be the world's largest competitive aquatic event.

A wonderful note was struck right at the opening ceremonies that took place in one of the warmups pools the evening of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006:

Over the loud speaker the president of the United States Master's Swimming organization asked everyone to yell "Welcome" in their native tongue. He gave the signal and what came forth was a harmony in cacophony, setting the tone for what was to come in the next days.



I was in two events and competing within one of the older age groups. Medals were given to those finishing in the first **eight** places. I was able to garner two medals and was celebrating with Jeff Jotz and another of my younger teammates:



While posing on this elevated grassy knoll, a swimmer standing at pool level was enthusiastically signaling with upturned thumbs. Smiling broadly, he came up to us and said "We take picture with you!" He was a swimmer from Slovenia, a country once part of Yugoslavia. With a few of his teammates, someone from his **Team Slovenia** clicked his camera and this picture was later dispatched to my e-mail address.



I look back now at that day. I wasn't thinking about issues so much then as now but within that moment we had a harmony, we had the answer, that we're all part of the same team, that we're all in this thing together, one people, one team. We had it then if just for the instant. It was one of those rare magic moments. If only it could be ...



Happy October fellow swimmers!

I hope that you are finding time to swim this fall! In early September, I was lucky enough to attend the American Swim Coaches' (ASCA) International Meeting in Dallas, Texas. I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting even though I did not know a soul! I met terrific people and learned a lot about swimming from some of the finest coaches in the sport. Several things kept reappearing in coaches' discussions of their workout seasons...kicking in workout OFTEN and A LOT especially in the beginning of the season and consistent dryland training over the whole season-keep both in mind for new depth in your training! So give this workout a try! ~~~ Deirdre O'Mara

Warm up: 400 Free 4 X 50 Drill swim by 25 300 Free 4 X 75 as 25 Breaststroke arms with free kick, 25 backstroke, 25 free 1200/1200

Preset: 2 times thru-3\* 75 1 easy on 1:15, 1 build on 1:10, 1 fast 1:00 25 easy 750/1950

Main Set 6X 50's 25 zombie kick (on your back, arms out of the water extending to ceiling and perpendicular to water) then 25 free 1:00 200 Free smooth free, focus on kicking past the flags! 3:00 3 X 100's with descended interval by 10 seconds so 1:30, 1:20, 1:10 50 easy, reset (maybe second round with fins, and fly kick with arms at your side!) 1700/ 3650

With fins:

5 X 50 Free with a flipturn BEFORE the T on the bottom of the pool! Use your fly kick legs to recover the streamline body position :50 with effort.

250/ 3900

Warm down 100 easy 4000 total



## We love when readers send in

## pics and stories!

Thanks Linda Brown-Kuhn for sending the Fastlane this awesome story!

## **Click the bubble for the story**!





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Congratulations to all our 2022 **NJ Masters** Swimming Continuous Membership Recognition **Award Recipients!** 





## Judy Lee Richard Wallace



## Scott Yeomans Jack Zakim



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# **December 1, 2023**

U.S. Masters Swimming, founded in 1970, is a membership-operated national governing body that promotes health, wellness, fitness and competition for adults swimming. It does so by partnering with more than 1,500 adult swim programs across the country; promoting information via the bimonthly member magazine, SWIMMER, monthly enewsletters, STREAMLINES, and website, usms.org; and by sanctioning and promoting pool, open water and virtual events and competitions. More than 60,000 adults are registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming