2020 LMSC BANQUET

Just a reminder to save the date May 31, 2020 when our annual LMSC banquet will be held at Galuppi’s in Pompano Beach! Join us with friends and teammates to celebrate our accomplishments and USMS 50th Anniversary.

This year the LMSC will begin to award the June Krauser Service Award to a person who has given their time and commitment whether it be Club, LMSC or national level to their Club, LMSC and USMS. Details on how to nominate coming soon.

A special feature is planned for this year’s LMSC Banquet. Since this is the 50th anniversary of USMS, we are having a Throw-Back game. Everyone is requested to submit an old photo of themselves, preferably a childhood or college swimming photo if you can find one. Or for our older swimmers, a photo before you went gray or when you still had hair! The photos will be displayed at the banquet and you will need to match the photo to a list of swimmer names. There will be a special prize for the person who gets the most correct.

Send your photos to Barb Protzman at swimbarb@hotmail.com or via text at 954-675-1833. Barb will be the only person to see your photos before the banquet. Your photos will not be used for any other purpose without your written consent.

LMSC ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual LMSC meeting on Dec. 8, elections were held for our LMSC officers. Three officers were re-elected for another 2-year term:

Chair – Barb Protzman
Vice-chair – Linda Bostic
Treasurer – Eddie Ames

Elected as our new Secretary – Chris Rieder.

Special thanks go out to Sarah Bennett who had served as secretary for the past two years.

SWIM MEET RECAP

Since the last newsletter, there was one meet scheduled in our LMSC. The Coral Springs SCM Meet had to be cancelled due to repairs to the pool. The pool finally re-opened on Feb. 4 and should now be good for the next 20 years.

Upcoming meets in the FGC LMSC are:
- March 6-8 – 6th Annual Snag Holmes Masters Invitational – Jupiter, FL
- April 4-5 – Coral Springs SCY Meet

The LMSC encourages all swimmers to support all the meets in their home LMSC. These meets attract first-time competitors as well as seasoned veterans. It is always fun to try new events and meet new people.

REGISTRATION UPDATE

We ended the 2019 registration year with a total of 1552 swimmers. This was 35 less than in 2018.

As of February 16, there are 1,089 swimmers registered in the FGC LMSC. There are 24 clubs registered for 2020.

There are over 650 swimmers from 2019 who have not yet renewed for 2020. If you are one of them, please be sure to renew soon!

2019 USMS CONVENTION

The 2019 USMS Convention was held in St. Louis, MO on Sept. 13-17. The FGC LMSC delegates were Eddie Ames, Linda Bostic, Martha Fowler, Chris Rieder, Catherine Rust, and Barb Protzman.

New officers were elected:
- President: Peter Guadagni.
- Secretary: Greg Danner
- Treasurer: Teddy Decker
- VP of Programs: Donn Livoni
- VP of Community Services: Chris Campbell
- VP of Administration: Chris Colburn
- VP of Local Operations: Ed Coates

Updates to Rules: No material changes were made. The following summarizes the updates:
- Clarify rules regarding relay entries for both national championship meets and other sanctioned meets.
- Clarify the prohibition of fasteners and ties in swimwear per FINA specifications.
- Clarify organizations for qualification of officials.
• Change bid deadline for national championship meets. Update language for consistency in national championship information.
• Clarify the term “foreign swimmers” with respect to national championships.
• Move requirement for 15-meter marks on the deck to a different article for greater clarity.
• Clarify requirement that the length of the course must not be less than the minimum when touchpads are in place.

Updates to Legislation:
• Title change from “Registrar” to “Membership Coordinator”
• Specifies that a meet announcement must include a statement regarding pool length for each course intended to be used for competition in a sanctioned event.
• Cannot use “Olympic” or “Paralympic” in recognized events.
• The Board of Directors will now have responsibility for approving the USMS budget, not the House of Delegates.

At the Dixie Zone meeting, Dick Brewer (GOLD) was recognized for his work in maintaining the Dixie Zone website. The zone meets for 2020 were chosen:
• SCY - Cary, NC March 21 & 22
• LCM - Sarasota, Florida June 6&7
• SCM - Charleston, SC date TBA
• Open Water - Chattanooga, TN May 31 5k swim

The USMS Volunteer Task Force has spent the past 2 years examining the organization and making proposals for changes. There was much discussion about some of the proposed changes. This includes changes to national committees and responsibilities of the LMSCs and the national office. There will be more discussion at the 2020 convention.

One proposed change is the Unified Fee. Currently, the amount paid to register with USMS varies among the LMSCs. A portion of the fee is set at the national level and a portion by each LMSC. The proposal is to have the same fee for all LMSCs. There is a pilot this year which some LMSCs opted into which charges $60. The LMSC gets $12 of that money.

Complete convention information and meeting minutes can be found at https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2019-annual-meeting

The Florida Gold Coast LMSC (FGC) membership increased from 657 members in 2004 to a peak of 1,856 in 2017. Membership has since dropped by several hundred people the past two years to 1,587 and 1,552, respectively.

United States Masters Swimming (USMS) membership was similarly increasing every year through 2016. The peak membership was 65,783. Membership has now declined every year since 2016 and fell by almost 6,000 to 59,797 in 2019.

USMS is predicting an Olympic year bump in membership. I hope that is correct! I was anticipating that too, but now that I look at the numbers since 2004, I think there are probably other factors. For example, increasing annual dues might be slowing down / stopping new membership. What are your thoughts? I would love to hear from you.

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DO YOU KNOW?
Do you know the proper etiquette for warmup at a swim meet??
• First and most important – Enter the pool feet-first in a cautious manner. Diving is only allowed in the one-way sprint lane which is designated by the meet officials.
• Pick a lane in which the swimmers look to be about the same speed as you. Some meets even mark a lane for 65+ only.
• No equipment should be used during meet warmups. This includes paddles, fins and kickboards.
• When you stop, stay in the corner of the lane. Be sure to allow space for swimmers who are continuing to do their turn in the middle of the lane.
• Be aware of the other swimmers in your lane. If someone taps your foot, stop at the end of the pool and let them pass.
• Do not push off the wall when a swimmer is coming in to turn.

In general, observe the Golden Rule. Treat other swimmers as you would like to be treated. Also, safety first! This helps keep our USMS insurance rates low.

PAQ REPORT
By: Rory Grigull - Head Coach, PAQ Masters

Now in my second year serving on the USMS Open Water Committee, I'm happy to report to our FGC members that great things are happening to increase both the number and the quality of OW events locally and nationally. Guidelines for a "Start-Up" fund for new events is being developed as well as efforts to simplify and lessen the cost of the sanctioning process for event hosts. There is an Open Water Results Database in the works and as always we are working to update the safety of sanctioned competitions. USMS is also seeking to partner or even "dual-sanction" events along with USA Swimming, USA Triathlon and WOWSA (for example, at some USAT OW events the membership requirement is now waived for USMS members).

Given the increase in OW opportunities and participation, I'm asked more and more frequently by athletes how to train for these events. While there's no substitute for getting out in the ocean, some swimmers aren't able to do so as often as they'd like. Luckily there are easy ways to work OW training into pool swimming, from sharing a crowded lane to picking objects on deck to practice sighting and practicing pace work. In 2019 one of our PAQ Masters swimmers, Eddie Ames (also our LMSC Treasurer), had tremendous success at the 12.5 mile Swim Around Key West despite the vast majority of his training taking place in the pool and most workouts in the 2-3K range, proving that it doesn't take tons of volume in the ocean to be successful and enjoy OW swimming. In my opinion consistent, quality training is more important than volume, so if you're someone who swims 3-4 days a week don't be afraid to try racing a mile or even a 5k open water this season! We here in South Florida are extremely lucky to have such fantastic venues for Open Water Swimming and I encourage everyone to take advantage!

OPEN WATER
By: Catherine Rust, LMSC Open Water Chair

The 2020 Open Water schedule has been posted to the FGC website – Thank you Dale for getting this up. If anyone is aware of other Open Water events in the area, send me the information and links so we can get the word out to everyone. Registration has opened for several Dixie Zone events and USMS Open Water National Championships registrations are starting to roll out. Keep checking USMS and Dixie Zone websites for information.

USMS is now recognizing those swimmers who have completed at least 5 or 10 years (non-consecutive) of completing the ePostal Challenge, swimming all 5 ePostals for the year. There are 2 USMS swimmers who have completed all 18 years. To date our LMSC only has 1 swimmer who has completed 5 years with several on the brink.

There were no major open water or long distance rules changes adopted at convention. Let me know if anyone has concerns or questions on rules or procedures.

Open Water season if just around the corner!

SWIM 4 NICK
A one-mile ocean swim will be held on Saturday, March 21 in honor of Nick Dworet who lost his life at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14, 2018.

Nick loved to swim. He started swimming when he was just seven years old. Nick flourished his last few years in high school and became an amazing student athlete, earning a swimming scholarship to the University of Indianapolis,

The inaugural Swim With Nick is open to all levels of swimmers. In addition to the race, there will be an open water workshop for those new to swimming in the open water. Landlubbers can register for the beach cleanup and enjoy T-shirts and the festivities.

Visit www.victorysportsmgmt.com/event/swim4nick for more event information and to register.

1. How do I Sign Up?

2. What if I don't want to swim? Try It, You'll Like It

You can take our open water clinic which will be taught by open water instructors, or you can sign up to be a non-swimmer “landlubber” – also on the ACTIVE website. All participants will receive an event T-Shirt. Swimmers will receive an event bag, finishers medal and place awards. All participants will be eligible for raffle items and snacks. All participants will be granted free entry to the park. You can also make a donation on Active.com.

3. What if the swim conditions on race day are rough?

We have an alternate creek/intracoastal route which is guaranteed to be smooth. This route will begin at the same starting line and will be used at the race director’s discretion. Victory Sports Management also has a way to communicate with all race participants through email and text message, in the event that race day messages will be necessary. Be sure to keep your phones close by.

4. How are the proceeds used?

The Nicholas Dworet Memorial Fund is dedicated to promoting swimming through education and scholarships for college bound swimmers. 100% of proceeds from fundraisers are used to fund swimming clinics, stroke clinics for competitive swimmers and scholarships. The Fund does not currently have any overhead; all management and organization is on a volunteer basis.

Questions: Carla Albano (954) 253-2021

JUNE KRAUSER

Our new June Krauser Service Award will be given at the LMSC banquet this year. Some of you may not have had the privilege of meeting June, the Mother of Masters swimming. June passed away in 2014 at the age of 88, and last competed in 2007. Following are reprints of some articles about June that can be found on the USMS website.

June Krauser Gets Her Own Lane

by Carl House January 7, 2003

2001 Masters swimmer of the year.

Now it looks like she'll be fixed in the record books for some time. In 2001, June Krauser earned 13 new world records and 27 number one rankings. She started the year at the top of her 70-74 age group and still managed to capture three number one rankings.

When she aged-up to 75-79 in time for long course, she promptly set seven world records, nine national records and captured 12 number one rankings. She's something of the sport's Ironwoman and dominates all distance freestyle events from 400 to 1500 meters. She also owns the 100-, and 200-meter butterfly.

Perhaps her most astounding swim of 2001 was the 400-meter IM, where she became the first woman over 75 to break eight minutes. A bit of perspective here: no woman over 75 has ever broken four minutes for the 200 IM, let alone eight minutes for the 400 IM, the sport's most demanding event.

Lest we forget, Krauser continued her winning ways in short course meters, taking another six world records, eight national records and 13 number one rankings.

by P.H. Mullen, published in Swim magazine, May-June, 2002

Induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame

June Krauser (USA) was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Contributor in 1994. The following text was included in the program for the induction ceremony of that year:

For the record: influential in establishing the Masters swimming program (1972); wrote the first rule book for Masters swimming; one U.S. national championship (1943, breaststroke); U.S. representative to FINA Masters Swimming Committee; World Masters Swimming Champion; Editor of Swim Master, Masters first newsletter.

June Krauser learned to swim in Lake Michigan at age four and has made a splash ever since. First coached by Hall of Famer Dick Papenguth at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, June went on to swim for Bud Sawin at the Riviera Club as a member of the three time winning senior national team in 1941, 42 and 43. At age 16, June won a national championship in the 220-yard breaststroke. She and her sister Joan, the famed Fogel sisters, won nationals on the same day. A graduate of Purdue, June swam for Pappy's famed Lafayette Swim Club for two years and then retired from workouts for close to 30 years.

She may have left the water, but certainly not the sport. June switched from swimsuit (silk and sheer black back then) to business suit. Moving to Florida with her husband Jack in 1955, June got her feet wet as an age group mother when daughter Janice turned five and swam in her first AAU meet. Son Larry followed and later became a Purdue captain. June became an official, and after helping to formulate the Florida Gold Coast Swimming Committee, she was elected secretary/treasurer, a post she held for nine years.
June's administrative and organizational skills were immediately acclaimed, and she moved quickly to the national level. In 1959, June was named delegate for the AAU Convention and has represented South Florida every year since in AAU, USS or USAS.

In 1964, June was named as a member of the U.S. Olympic Women's Swim Committee and in 1968 took on the unpopular but necessary role of re-organizing and enforcing the rule book as the Swimming Rules Chairman. She also served as manager on six international AAU trips.

Twenty-five years after her "retirement" from active senior competition, June got back into the pool as a Masters swimmer—a concept and program she helped to pioneer in 1971. Krauser was the first and only rules chairman for United States Masters swimming, and the founder/editor of their first national newsletter, SwimMaster, for its 20 years. For her untiring devotion to the sport, June was named the second recipient of the Capt. Ransom J. Arthur Award, and the first USMS rule book was dedicated in her name.

In addition, June served as president of AAU Masters, was five-time national meet director and most recently was named to her second consecutive four-year term on the FINA Masters Swimming Committee. June has swimming friends around the globe from her many travels, as team manager, committee representative and competitor. As her friends have said, "Mother Masters is one of the most dedicated people we know. If you need something done right, you call June Krauser."

June has never missed a USMS national competition—44 in all. Overall, she has won 65 short course and 71 long course championship titles. She has competed in four world championships and touts 11 titles and five Masters world records. A Hall of Fame Dame President, long time International Congress member and College Coaches Swim Forum member since 1955, you can find June looking young, tan and physically fit swimming her 2.5 miles at the Hall of Fame pool seven days a week. "Mother Masters" is truly a tribute to our sport as a competitor, administrator and pioneer.

**August, 1996: June Krauser's Phenomenal Winning Streak**

*published in "Florida Gold Coast LMSC News"*

June Krauser started swimming at age six. She had the advantage that her mother had captained her high school swimming team and her father was a swimming and water polo official. She and her sister, Cynthia Bruce, were both national champions and likely to be Olympians in 1940 and 1944 except that the Olympics were cancelled during WWII. June swam in college at Purdue, then dropped out of swimming for 25 years, and began again at age 44. She has two children. Janice is active in our LMSC and also in water polo. Larry was an All-American swimmer at Purdue and now lives in San Jose.

June literally wrote the rules for Masters swimming. When the USMS was formed in 1971, she wrote the first rule book and has chaired the Rules Committee since that time. She holds positions on other committees as well, and is the USMS delegate to FINA, the world governing body for aquatic sports. She
published *Swim-Master* for twenty years and thus provided the major source of information on Top Ten and other Masters news. She founded the Gold Coast Masters Swim Team in 1972 and has led it ever since.

Ransom J. Arthur was acknowledged as the founder of Master's swimming in 1973 and an annual award bearing his name has been given every year since. June was given the first of those annual awards in 1974 in recognition of having done the most to further the objectives of Masters swimming. She has always been a leading competitor in Masters swimming, and last year posted the fastest times in the nation in 13 events. She placed in the Top Ten in 52 individual events last year. June doesn't count the world records that she holds ("it keeps changing"), but Brigitte Edelmaier says the number is 22. We are indeed lucky to have June in our LMSC.

**June Krauser: Mother of Masters Swimming**

_by Michael J. Stott, Swim Magazine, Jan-Feb 2003._

June Krauser had been making waves in USS and Masters swimming for years before I was shown a 1979 issue of *Swim-Master*. Like thousands before me, what I saw changed my life, and a resulting trek to the 1979 YMCA Nationals in Catonsville, Md., where I finished third in the 1650—gave my life a new competitive and social direction.

So I blame it on June—as do others. Rightfully called the "Mother of Masters Swimming," June is a cross between Douglas MacArthur and Joan Rivers. Not always beloved, but a leader in every sense, she has earned all the accolades—and abuse—tossed her way. The accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- Current registrar, treasurer and sanction chairman for Florida Gold Coast Masters
- Being named SWIM magazine's Swimmer of the Year in 1997 and 2001
- Participation in every short and long course nationals since 1972
- Setting 66 new world records, holding 144 number one world rankings (351 Top threes) from 1986 to 2002
- Induction (1994) into the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) as an Honor Contributor
- U.S. Representative to FINA Masters Swimming Committee (three four-year terms)
- President of AAU Masters
- First and only Rules chairman for United States Masters swimming for first 20 years
- The second recipient of the Capt. Ransom J. Arthur Award

**The Many Faces of June**

June the Character

"She personifies Ransom Arthur 's idea that Masters swimming is a program designed to encourage people to swim on a regular basis and be concerned about their physical fitness level. When you look at the shape she keeps herself in, it's just terrific. She's a real example of what the program is all about."—John Spannuth, president & CEO of U.S. Water Fitness Association.

"June's original history, while colorful, is not particularly complimentary... In my view she will go down as one of the legends of the sport."—Jorge Gonzalez , 1968 Olympian and friend of the family.

"June can be quite abrupt...She has a lot of people who hate her, but that's because they are usually guilty of something."—Buck Dawson, first executive director of ISHOF.

"She's an inspiration and carried the torch for Masters swimming in Florida forever. She's also kind of a curmudgeon... You know what you are dealing with. If there is something out of place, she'll let you know."—Stu Marvin, aquatics complex manager for City of Ft. Lauderdale.

"She's a tough mother, but she has greatly mellowed and all look upon her in the fondest way. Probably out of relief that we don't have to deal with her as we used to."—Carl House, Masters historian.

Competitor June

From 1972 through 2002 she has set 46 SCY, 46 LCM and 43 SCM USMS records in every stroke but back.

"June is a record counter. There are a lot of people like that."—John Spannuth.

"Every time she falls in the water we expect a national record."—John Grzeszczak, Florida Gold Coast Masters coach.

"In almost every event June is in a league by herself. I admire her consistency in the pool and her dedication to the entire Masters program...I feel lucky that I am a backstroker because I never could be a winner in all her specialties.—Doris Steadman, longtime friend and multi-time national backstroker record holder.
"I beat her when I was younger and healthier...In the butterfly she just seems to lie on top of the water and move her arms and everyone else fights and splashes, but she doesn't. I don't know how she gets there, but she gets there first."—Florence Carr, a competitor in childhood and today. Kids also swam together.

“She's the last one out (of workout); then goes into the weight room, then works the steps in the stands.”—Tracie Moll, national champion 100-meter butterfly.

“She's always been a rules person. You can like the rule or hate the rule, but as long as it's the rule, you follow the rule and you try to fix it. She's very black and white in that respect. And that gets her in trouble with the majority of the world that's willing to do gray...That's not mom.”—Janice Krauser, daughter.

“When it comes to the law, she knows. She's written most of them.”—Buck Dawson.

“She can cut through the emotional arguments on swimming related issues and get to the bottom line on what is the right thing to do.”—Randy Nutt, open water chairman for Florida Gold Coast Masters Swimming.

When John Spannuth was the national aquatics administrator for the AAU, he wrote down ideas for rules for swimming, diving and synchronized swimming and asked June to organize them as a rulebook for AAU approval. She did, as well as later assembling the general rules and specific sport rules for the Special Olympics.

“She did a fabulous job.”—John Spannuth.

“When you have an argument her knowledge is so vast, she's usually right.”—Deb Cavanaugh, friend.

“I went to a meet last weekend and the first thing I said was "Your blocks are numbered wrong." They said, 'Oh, they are?' They didn't even know. They are supposed to follow USMS rules when they run a meet. That's the second pool this year I've found the lanes numbered wrong.”—June Krauser.

Mysterious June (things you may not know about her)

- Is skilled at sewing, knitting and crochet
- Plays golf (and does not swim) every Tuesday. In her early years was an 11 handicap at golf and has made two holes in one
- Hates ocean swimming and gets seasick on a dock
- Began swimming at age five and trained under legendary coach Dick Papenguth at the Indianapolis Athletic Club from ages six to 12 and then as a student at Purdue University
- Won in 1943, at age 16, a national championship in the 220-yard breaststroke. (Her sister won nationals on the same day)
- Ran husband's steel tubing business for 20 years after he had a stroke
- Son Larry was swim captain at Purdue and has won national championships in freestyle. He is also a member of the Pinecrest Hall of Fame
- Daughter Janice was accomplished butterlyer and is a member of the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame

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