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"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CROWD THAT ATTENDED THE COCKTAIL PARTY AND DANCE LAST NIGHT?"

The National AAU Convention was held in Kansas City this year. Some of our Masters swimmers attended their first AAU Convention. The Masters Swimming Committee was to meet at 8 P.M. on Thursday, November 30th. Ransom Arthur, John Spannuth and I went to the room listed on our Aquatic Program and were greatly disappointed at the size of the group - just we three! We waited awhile and then someone found us and informed us that everyone was in another room - the room listed on our overall schedule. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting including Mildred and Ham Anderson from Houston, Dorothy Donnelley from Connecticut, Watson Lawrence from Chicago, Bill Williams from Denver, Ray Jutkins from Los Angeles, Olive Mucha from Portland and George Ressiguiue from North Carolina. As you can see, the United States was well represented.

Ransom gave a short report. Swim-Master reported approximately 800 subscriptions. We held both Short Course and Long Course National Championships in 1972. The 1973 Short Course meet has not yet been awarded but the 1973 Long Course Masters Swimming Championships was awarded to the Central AAU and will be held sometime in August at the new 50 meter indoor pool at the University of Illinois, Circle Campus.

The AAU Secretary, Richard Harkins, was kind enough to arrange for guest passes to the pool at the Kansas City Club so that some of us could get in a little training during Convention week. The 1973 National AAU Convention will be held in Montana next October. Please plan to attend.

The major portion of our meeting consisted of the items of legislation. They were all discussed and voted upon. We thank Watson Lawrence for his contribution to get this "extra" Swim-Master published so that the new rules could be viewed by all and the Top Ten Times. The new rules as incorporated in our existing rules will read as follows:

MASTERS SWIMMING

A. OBJECTIVES OF MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAMS:

1. To offer the opportunity to continue conditioning or reinstitute conditioning in those over 25 years of age who were formerly athletes or swimming enthusiasts.
2. To encourage and promote physical fitness and improvements in health in those older individuals not previously involved in competitive or recreational programs.
3. To offer encouragement to individuals, clubs, organizations, and communities in the organizing and conducting of life-long physical, recreational, and competitive masters programs.
4. To enhance fellowship amongst participants in masters programs.
5. To stimulate interest in masters programs at all levels of involvement—physical educators, clubs, organizations, recreation directors, communities, medical societies, and higher educational institutions.
6. To stimulate research in the physiology and psychology of masters participation at basic and clinical research levels, and further to investigate the benefits of continued exercise programs on aging processes, cardiopulmonary involvement, orthopedic problems, and other preventable debilitating processes.

B. GOALS OF MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAMS:

1. To outline safe masters programs in swimming for individuals over 25 years of age, taking cognizance of previous swimming prowess or participation, non-participation, gradual programming, physical condition, and "medical wellness" of proposed participants.
2. To propose proper swim training for older age groups.
3. To consider programs which will provide goals towards which older participants can work, and motivation for continuing exercise regimens in spite of the inconveniences and the stresses of adult life.
4. To set up proper age and ability groupings in the establishment of masters swimming programs, with well planned balancing of events, and limitation of duration and stresses of competitive programs with relation to these factors.
5. To promote adequate medical examination, and certification of participants for masters programs, and suggest minimal requirements (standardized or otherwise).
6. To seek assistance for research programs in the medical aspects of masters programs, and coordinate, if possible, present research programs in these areas.

C. RULES FOR MASTERS SWIMMING:

1. REGISTRATION - Masters competition is open to all registered athletes possessing a regular AAU card or a Masters AAU registration card (only those swimmers who are professional for some reason should register as a masters swimmer and persons registered with masters registration cards may compete in masters swimming events only). These cards are available from the AAU District Registration Chairman.
2. AGE GROUPS:
 - a. Group I - 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55 and older for individual events. Relays, 25 and over, 35 and over, and 45 and over.
 - b. Group II - 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-79, 80 and over for individual events.

- Relays, 25 and over, 35 and over, and 45 and over.
- c. National Championship meets shall consist of the age groupings in Group II above.
3. ELIGIBILITY - The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by his age as of the first day of the meet.
4. SWIMMING RULES - Articles I, II and III of the AAU Swimming Rules to govern all Masters competitions with the following exceptions:
- Times shall not be subject to the provisions of Article XXI, Section A-11 of PART TWO - as it concerns placement in such race.
 - Times may be submitted for MASTERS records only.
 - Breaststroke kick may be used when doing the butterfly.
 - Age groups and sexes may be combined so that no swimmer has to swim alone and lanes may be filled.
5. TIMES - The ten best times nationally in each division shall be published annually for the events listed under Section 6 below.
- All times must be made in actual sanctioned AAU competitive meets (Senior events, Masters events, or sanctioned International competition.)
 - Times are to be forwarded not later than September 15 of each year to the National Masters Chairman and the National Masters Archivist. Times to be submitted for national records are to be sent to the National Masters Archivist within 30 days from date accomplished.
 - Each association is responsible for reporting the top ten times in each event made in its association area only, even though the times were made by swimmers from other associations.
 - All times shall be submitted on the special standard time card.
6. EVENTS - The following events may be conducted for each age group:
- | <u>SHORT COURSE (25 yds)</u> | <u>LONG COURSE (50 mtr)</u> |
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| 50-100-200-500-1650 Free | 50-100-200-400-1500 Free |
| 100-200 Backstroke | 100-200 Backstroke |
| 100-200 Breaststroke | 100-200 Breaststroke |
| 50-100 Butterfly | 50-100 Butterfly |
| 100-200 Ind. Medley | 200 Individual Medley |
| 200 Medley Relay | 200 Medley Relay |
| 200 Free Relay | 200 Free Relay |
| 200 Free Relay Mixed
(2 female & 2 male) | 200 Free Relay Mixed
(2 female & 2 male) |
- (25 & over age group only) (25 & over age group only)
- NOTE: It is not necessary to conduct all of the above events in meets. However, each age division shall include the shorter distance freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly event plus the individual medley and relays.
7. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS:
- National AAU Masters Swimming Championships shall be awarded in the following categories:
 - Men's & Women's Short Course Swimming Championships.
 - Men's & Women's Long Course Swimming Championships.
 - Starting in 1973, the Short Course meet shall be held between April 15 and May 30.

- c. Starting in 1973, the Long Course meet shall be held between July 15 and September 15.
- NOTE: Check National Senior LC dates and National Junior Olympic dates for conflict.
- d. The following rotation system shall be used when awarding the National Championships:

YEAR	ZONE I (west)	ZONE II (central)	ZONE III (east)
1973	Short Course	Long Course	
1974	Long Course		Short Course
1975		Short Course	Long Course
1976	Short Course	Long Course	
1977	Long Course		Short Course
1978		Short Course	Long Course

- If an adequate facility is not available in the zone designated to receive the meet, either one of the other zones may bid for the meet.
- Meets may be awarded three years in advance.
- Competitors may not swim in more than five (5) individual events in the national meet but shall not swim in more than 3 individual events per day. Competitors may swim in any number of relays.
- Entry fees for National Championship meets shall be \$2.00 for individual events and \$5.00 for relays. The entry fee shall remain the property of the National AAU. A \$10.00 per person surtax per swimmer may be charged (for national championship meets only). Five dollars of the fee shall be used by the meet sponsor to pay meet expenses and at least \$5.00 shall be used to provide each contestant with a free banquet ticket for the Saturday evening banquet.
- THREE DAY PROGRAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS
(Women's events shall precede Men's)
FIRST DAY - 1650 yd free or 1500 mtr free
SECOND DAY - To be submitted later
THIRD DAY - To be submitted later
- ALL AMERICAN TEAM - An All American team shall be selected each year. Any individual who has won a total of four (4) events in the Short Course and/or Long Course National AAU Masters Swimming Championships shall automatically qualify for the All American Masters Swimming Team. At least one man and women in each age group (Group II age groups) shall be named to the team. The Masters Swimming All-American Selection Sub-Committee shall select a person or persons so that every age group is represented and may name additional people to an age group with automatic qualifiers should the circumstances warrant it.
- MEDICAL EXAMINATION - Each competitor is strongly encouraged to have a complete medical evaluation before beginning Masters training. In addition, it is also recommended that each competitor have a physical check up immediately prior to Masters competition in order to insure his physical readiness for participation. Medical evaluation forms are available upon request by writing to the National AAU Aquatic Office.

100 mtr Backstroke
 Women - 70-79..... 6/24.. 3:46.3
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200 mtr Free Relay
 Women - 25-34..... San Mateo Marlins..... 6/24.. 2:29.1
 (C.Skolnick, S.Antonchuk,
 L.DeVictoria, T.Mejia)
200 mtr Free Relay
 Women - 25+..... Waikiki SC..... 9/03.. 2:17.1
 (B.Cary, J.Werner, I.Hoe, J.Rasmussen)
 Bristol Girls Club..... 7/22.. 2:28.4

200 mtr Free Relay
 Women - 140+..... San Fernando Valley AC.... 7/15.. 2:46.5
 (H.Geoffrion, B.Crowel,
 B.Talbot, A.Adams)
 Alfred Corning Clark Gym. 8/12.. 2:49.72
 (J.Hanson, J.Huber,
 R.Ashford, P.Clinton)
 Phillips 66..... 6/24.. 2:54.7
 (Hageman, V.Thompson,
 R.Simonton, R.Alexander)
 Surfside Mothers..... 6/24.. 3:05.3
 (Groves, Gagnon, Fonimoana, Baaden)
 Topeka SC..... 6/24.. 3:27.82
 (A.Parman, R.Lawson),

A.Vernon, F.Smith)
 Greater Pittsburg SC.... 8/13.. 3:48.6
 (N.Janiszewski, S.Dietrich,
 C.Frank, B.Bosse)
 WM & WHA..... 8/13.. 4:45.2
 (E.Ross, M.Gable,
 J.Young, J.Moberg)
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200 mtr Medley Relay
 Women 25+..... Waikiki SC "A"..... 9/03.. 2:26.7
 (B.Cary, J.Rasmussen, I.Hoe, J.Werner)
200 mtr Medley Relay

Women 140+..... San Mateo Marlins "A"..... 8/27.. 2:53.2
 Fremont Hills CC..... 8/27.. 2:58.7
 San Fernando Valley AC.... 7/15.. 3:00.4
 (S.Clavin, B.Crowell,
 H.Geoffrion, A.Adams)
 Alfred Corning Clark Gym. 8/12.. 3:04.93
 (J.Huber, P.Clinton,
 R.Ashford, J.Hanson)
 Phillips 66..... 7/15.. 3:20.8
 (M.Merlino, R.Mills,
 V.Thompson, R.Alexander)
 San Mateo Marlins "B".... 8/27.. 3:48.6
 Topeka SC..... 6/24.. 4:07.10
 (A.Parman, R.Lawson, A.Vernon, F.Smith)

Swim Along For Health, Happiness

Capt. Ransom Arthur, commanding officer of the Navy Medical Neuropsychiatric Research Unit at San Diego, Calif., visited his friend, Circuit Judge Robert E. Beach, last week in St. Petersburg. Instead of inviting Arthur to lunch, Beach took him to North Shore Pool for a swim.

Beach has been spending his lunch hours in the water ever since he was inspired by a paper written by Arthur in 1968. The eight-page paper carried the imposing title of "Swimming and Cardiovascular Fitness in the Older Age Group," but to Beach it might as well have been titled "Revelations."

In his paper, Arthur addressed the problem of heart attacks among American men and suggested a vigorous swimming program to promote the health of heart and lungs. Beach, who had reached a personal, if debatable, decision that he was fast becoming "a slob," read Arthur's paper and said, "Amen!" Soon he was swimming a daily mile instead of eating lunch and in time he talked several friends into joining him at North Shore.

The "carrot" in Arthur's carrot-and-stick approach to good health is competitive swimming for what he calls the "older age group." In the last two years, Masters swimming meets for athletes 25 to 69 have been conducted all over the United States. The 41-year-old Beach, who has carried his swimming far beyond mere fitness, has won numerous prizes in meets from San Mateo, Calif., to Bloomington, Ind.

Even Arthur is slightly flabbergasted at the amazing growth of his program since it began attracting attention. "We had inquiries from 1,300 swimmers for our last national championships in Indiana, and we estimate 4,000-to-5,000 members by the end of this year," he said with the faintly amused smile of a man who wonders why it took so long for the world to recognize his good idea.

Arthur will be 47 on Dec. 5, but he has a physique that would be the envy of a man 20 years younger. He is his own best advertisement for the program he developed as an alternative to jogging or stick-and-ball sports.

"I have been interested in coronary artery disease ever since I learned that Americans are in pretty poor physical condition," Arthur said. "Autopsies performed on victims of the Korean War showed that the coronary arteries of 18- and 19-year-old American soldiers demonstrated significant atherosclerosis (condition characterized by deposits of fatty substances). To me, it was an indictment of the American way of life — diet, exercise, the whole middle-class experience. Here were young men — supposedly fit young men — in the beginning stages of coronary dis-

ease.

"The more I looked into it, the more I found this condition to be an epidemic in the United States," Arthur said. "It's particularly horrifying to stand on a beach and see 18-year-olds with the body shapes of 40-to-45-year-old men. Those fatty bulges at the waistline are a sure sign that there's cholesterol in the coronary arteries."

Arthur hit on swimming as the perfect form of exercise for out-of-shape Americans. "I have no objections against running or jogging," he said, "but many people can't perform these exercises without foot, shin, knee and joint problems. I consider jogging a tooth gear and swimming a rheostat that can be adjusted to an infinitely variable rhythm."

"Swimming itself is a pleasurable experience. There is a rhythmical sensation not dissimilar to dancing and there is the pleasant feel of the water. A beautiful pool such as North Shore is actually a very seductive thing. Swimming employs a wider variety of muscle groups than does running. The water serves to hold up the joints and muscles, so that the likelihood of injury is lessened."

"Swimming is an absolutely superb way of exercise and it can be adjusted to each individual. It can be extremely taxing or a very pleasant workout. It's as easy for an 80-year-old as for a 10-year-old. I've used swimming as therapy for many patients with depressive illnesses and it not only reduces the depression, but it relaxes the muscle tension common to these individuals."

Arthur was predisposed toward swimming, since he had been a varsity swimmer for the University of California at Berkeley. "I was good, but not great," he said in appraising his own ability. "I have a feeling I might have been a national breaststroke champion, but my career was blighted by World War II and I never had a crack at it." Arthur served as a Marine intelligence officer from 1942-45 and spent 88 days on Okinawa in the last major battle of the war. He transferred to the medical corps when he returned to the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1960.

Arthur skin-dives, surfs, sails and writes poetry along with his swimming regimen, but he admits to being a frustrated cricket player at heart. Somehow, he also finds time to be at the center of several major military-medical projects.

He headed the team that prepared the still-classified program for rehabilitation of Vietnam prisoners of war. Alvin Tofler's "Future Shock" quoted from a study of "life-change situations" performed by Arthur. He currently is involved in a project dealing with the biochemistry of stress on military men in high-risk jobs, such as combat troops and underwater demolition teams.

He admitted with some chagrin that he pushed his swim-for-health program for 10 years without making ripple until John Spannuth, aquatics director of the Amateur Athletic Union, tried it and liked it in 1970. "I just had to hang in there," Arthur said. "I'm a very tenacious person."

Although exercise has earned thousands of dollars for Maj. Kenneth Cooper, the Air Force doctor whose book on aerobics launched the jogging craze of the mid-1960's, Arthur said the Masters swimming program has "made me not one farthing." He doesn't seem to care.

Arthur welcomes inquiries about the Masters program. Write to Capt. Ransom J. Arthur, M.D., 4961 Ocean Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92109. AAU membership costs \$3.

The next step for Masters swimmers is international competition similar to the Olympic Games. Already, there are Masters groups in 11 foreign countries.

Most of the current Masters already are in good physical condition, particularly such notable members as 64-year-old Buster Crabbe, a former movie Tarzan. Arthur is more concerned with reaching the potential heart attack victim who thinks he's getting sufficient exercise because he plays a weekly round of golf.

"Golf puts no stress on the heart and lungs," Arthur said. "You must make the heart beat over 120 times a minute for beneficial results. Of course, if you're playing for \$100 a hole, you might have a pulse rate of 120, but it would be unhealthy. Golf is a pleasant game, but it's certainly not exercise."

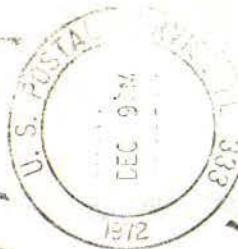


Staff Photo
Arthur (Left), Beach At North Shore Pool

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