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Australian Sports Foundation

AUSSI Masters Swimming's submission seeking registration with the Australian Sports Foundation has been accepted. The ASF is a public company that has been established by the Federal Government to assist sporting organisations raise funds through public and corporate donations. Donations to the ASF are tax deductible and it is possible for donors to indicate a preference as to how donations are to be used, i.e. to what organisation they are to be paid.

Swimming

by Pulitzer Prize winner - Dave Barry

Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise, provided you remember to follow these simple safety rules:

1. NEVER SWIM IN A LAKE OR RIVER.

These contain snapping turtles, which have no natural enemies and therefore grow to the size of motel units, plus they tend to be irritable because they mate for life. Lakes also contain giant lake-dwelling carp, which will watch you from the gloomy depths with their buggy eyes, wondering with their tiny brains whether you would fit into their mouths.

2. NEVER SWIM IN THE OCEAN.

The ocean contains creatures that make the giant lake-dwelling carp look like Bambi.

3. NEVER SWIM IN A SWIMMING POOL.

People pee in swimming pools. Oh, I know you don't pee in swimming pools, and I certainly don't, but somebody does, which promotes the growth of bacteria, which is why swimming pool owners are always dumping in toxic chemicals, to the point where there is virtually no actual water in the pool, just toxic chemicals and dead bacteria and old pee. This is why, as you may have noticed, the actual owner never gets into the pool. He's always off pretending he has to do something important involving the filter.

Courtesy Swim-Master, January 1991.

1990 ABC Sports Awards

36 year old Queenslander, Gary Henry, has been nominated for the above Sports Awards by AUSSI. He broke the World Record for 100m freestyle in his age group at the National Swim on 5th April, 1990, in a time of 55.08 which would be the envy of many younger swimmers. He belongs to Miami Club on the Gold Coast, is married with three children and works full time.

The 1990 ABC Sports Awards program is scheduled for telecast on 27th February 1991.

What 5,724 Members Each Got for His/Her \$12 for the 9 Months 1 January 1990 to 30 September 1990.

1. Services of a central national coordinating office, the Executive Director and staff.	\$ 5.02
2. Bank charges, telephone calls, postage, printing, stationery, repairs, etc.	\$ 1.53
3. Payment for expenses for your Branch representative to National Board Meetings, etc.	\$ 1.95
4. Payment for expenses for AUSSI representative to international FINA/MSI meetings.	\$.79
5. Your accident insurance (\$2 for full year)	\$ 1.65
6. Members research (survey), coaching and technical research and development, subscriptions and affiliations to Aust Survey Inc. etc.	\$.86
7. Registration services, Top Ten and Aerobic recording and printing	\$.67
8. Your share of savings for future investments (Reserves)	\$ 1.16
9. Your 1/5,724th share of National Computer and programmes	\$ 2.15
	<u>\$15.78</u>

This is for 9 months: Say 12 months =	\$21.04
Your contribution pays 57% =	<u>\$12.00</u>
Contribution by Board of Directors and Management Committee from past reserves and current Investments pays 43% =	\$ 9.04

PLUS you get twelve months a year unpaid service from eight Directors, three Management Committee and the members of the Technical, Computer, Finance and Coaching Committees.
For your \$12.00 **ISN'T THAT VALUE FOR MONEY?**

Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS)

At its Annual General Meeting in late 1990 the Confederation's members voted to establish a sub-committee to examine and comment on all aspect of Masters Sport in Australia. Our own National Executive Director, Ivan Wingate, is one of four (4) members of veterans sports nominated to this committee.

An article from Wave Lengths (Canada) may be of interest now the World Swimming Championships have just concluded in Perth.

Davis Inquest Cliff Barry Appeals for Funds

I marvelled watching this young athlete swim his heart out for Canada and stood in awe while Victor achieved performances that I could only dream about. I watched a restless youth struggle to become an outstanding young man and a hero to his country. I also watched this young man whom I had grown to love so much slowly die in the Notre Dame Hospital after sustaining severe

brain damage from an incident which remains vague with many unanswered questions.

Victor was pure class. Victor gave as much as he received, and even at his death, five of his organs were successfully transplanted to grateful recipients.

I think we all know what Victor stood for and how he affected each one of us in a different way. I realize we can never bring Victor back, but I know that I will never be able to rest until a just and legal inquiry is carried out on Victor's behalf.

The moment Mel Davis made the decision to take his son off the life support system and give the doctors permission to use Victor's organs, contact was made with Rafael Schacter, one of Canada's most respected criminal lawyers in Canada. Mr. Schacter agreed to take the case because "the surrounding circumstances made his hair stand on end." Mr. Schacter was made aware that there were not great funds available and stated he would try to keep his fees to a minimum. However, one never knows how long not how slowly the wheels of justice grind on and after countless consultations, research, three days in court last April followed by a postponement due to a legal strike and the rescheduled week this September, the account continues to rise.

At this moment, Mr. Schacter and his thorough knowledge of the legal system is invaluable. If we are to succeed in our pursuit of a just and legal inquiry, followed by prosecution, it is paramount that Victor's legal fees be paid. So far only Alex Baumann and myself have made contributions to the account and we cannot carry the load ourselves. I am asking each and every club or individual to carry out a little fundraising project to help support the cause. Any funds are welcome, unfortunately due to the nature of the need, tax receipts cannot be given out.

All donations can be paid directly in any branch of the:
The Bank of Montreal,
Victor Davis Legal Defense Fund,
Account #418-8029-400

Any money that is left over will be directed into the Victor Davis Fund for needy swimmers, which will be unveiled this autumn.

Bondi Amateur Swimming Club

The above club is looking for all its past members to help celebrate its 100th birthday in the 1991-92 season. Are you one of their old members? Please let the secretary, Marge Keeble, know your whereabouts, and also that of any friends with whom you are still in contact.

Marge Keeble, PO Box 2, Bondi Beach, NSW 2026, or phone Marge on 02 30 3784 (home) or 02 391 7108 (bus).

or Phil Rothman 02 30 2983 or Robin Carroll 02 905 3723

Why Your Name Does Not Appear in the Top Ten

Courtesy Beryl Stenhouse, NSW Top Ten Recorder

1. You didn't swim fast enough. However, take heart, some categories never contain 10 swimmers. Start training now and maybe your name will appear next year in 800m butterfly.
2. You looked in the wrong book. There are four separate lists - long and short course, male and female.
3. Your club Top Ten recorder did not submit your times. This can happen in longer swims where splits are eligible for submission, but are overlooked. Before you complain to the recorder, consider offering to help with this time-consuming job, or take it over yourself.
4. The cards were submitted too late for consideration. They are due by October 7 each year, but may be submitted at any time to ease the end of season rush.
5. The times were swum outside NSW. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make sure that such swims are submitted. Many people failed to submit times done in Rio at the World Swim.
6. The cards were filled in wrongly - long or short course omitted, other details missing. B/S is not an acceptable abbreviation for any stroke.
7. The State Top Ten Recorder made a mistake. During the year, some 15,000 cards were processed, and I apologise for any omissions or mistakes caused by me.
8. You did not swim that stroke or distance during the season. For example, no carnival last season offered 400m short course races.
9. The card was rejected because there was obviously an error in the validity of the time, e.g. a time faster than the current World Record, etc.

Swimming Style Abbreviations

Just a quick reminder of the standardised abbreviations used throughout AUSSI. They are as follows:

Freestyle	FREE
Backstroke	BACK
Breaststroke	BREAST
Butterfly	FLY
Individual Medley	IM

3rd Australian Masters Games

The swimming section of the Games will be held on 11th, 12th and 13th October 1991. The Festival ceremony will be on the Saturday morning, 12th, and it will include a march past by all the elite athletes, the Masters and the Sport for All at the Q.E. II stadium, followed by a light lunch. Look for more information on the Games in the next National Newsheet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1991

5 - 10	February	NZ Masters Games, Wanganui
12 - 16	March	16th AUSSI National Swim, Devonport, Tas
29 - 31	March	NZ Masters Nationals, Dunedin
16 - 19	May	USMS S.C. Nationals, Nashville, TN
12 - 17	July	4th Pan Pacific Masters, Tokyo, Japan
22 - 25	August	USMS L.C. Nationals, Elizabethtown, KY
5 - 19	October	3rd Australian Masters Games, Brisbane

1992

11 - 15	March	17th AUSSI National Swim, Melbourne, Vic
26 June - 5 July		4th FINA/MSI World Swim, Indianapolis USA

1993

10 - 15 April		5th Pan Pacific Masters, New Zealand
16 - 18 April		Swimming, Diving, Synchro - Hamilton
May		Water Polo and Open Water Swim, Auckland
		18th AUSSI National Swim, Darwin, NT

1994

June/July		5th FINA/MSI World Swim, Montreal, CAN
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