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## 2ND FINA/Masters Swimming International World Meters Swimming Championships

Brisbane, Australia October, 1988 $1988^{\text {C }}$ by Dr. Jane Katz*

G'Day and Welcome to the 2nd FINA/MSI World Masters Swin Chaspionships in Brisbane, Australia.

The 2nd FINA/MSI Horld Swiming Championships drew 3750 swimers, divers and water polo players from 26 countries; it was the largest swir competition ever to take place as measured by number of participants. Australia's history of International Masters Suin competition dates back to 1974 when the first U.S. tean visited. Since then there have been $\mathrm{two} \mathrm{Pan-Pacific} \mathrm{meets}$ held in
Australia,
Brisbane, in Queensland Australia, was the perfect host to the seet. Queensland is Australia's Sunshine State. The northern area is the magical kaleidoscope of color that coaprises the Great Barrier Reef. The south-east corner is the Gold Coast region including the capital city of Brisbane - home of "World Expo 88". This was the first world's fair held in the southern hemisphere and the largest single event in Australia's 200 year history. Approximately 30 nations were represented at the Expo under the theme of "Leisure in the Age of Technology".

THE JOURNEY - Travelling across the Southern Pacific is a $24+$ hour journey. One (this one!) was not totally prepared for what awaits beyond, in the land "Down Under". Our fall is their spring - our north their south - hence "down under". Most transpacific flights originate in the evening from the U.S., crossing the international date line and arrive in Australia one day later in the daytime. Timewise when its aidnight in Australia is 10 A.M. in New York the previous day and 7 A.M. in Los Angeles. This flight was jan packed with swimers and tourists alike.

In flight we had to fill out a custons declaration. I stated that I had nothing to declare but forgot that I had a banana in ny bag. On clearing custons by teanaates were let through quickly, but I was detained for a thorough baggage search. All seemed okay until the customs agent discovered the BANANA "Aah!" he gasped as if to say - "Now I've got you!" He summoned his supervisor and I was suddenly surrounded by three custons agents who seemed ready to pounce on me. However, through some
niracle, they allowed me to clear. WHAT A BANANA! That was my initial introduction to Australia.
But the friendliness of the cab driver to Brisbane soon made ae forget the unpleasant incident.

CITY IMPRESSIONS - The modern vast skyline of skyscrapers is a surprise, with the Expo exhibits gracing the south Bank of the Brisbane river, just opposite the city. The people and service are nost polite (even if they talk funny!). Many Australians are ready to engage in conversation.

Driving in Australia is a trip. It's a airror inage of our okn driving to the left with the steering wheel on the right. The same held true in the pool i.e. circle swinaing CLOCKWISE, and staying to the left when sharing a lane (for distance events). And I keep saying that swianing isn't a contact sport!

The main railaroad complex fanned out like the spokes of a wheel to the various suburbs of Brisbane. The shopping malls offered a wide variety of goods and the food was easily available but was mainly fast food. With the World Masters Swim Championship synchronizing with the World Expo 88, a myriad of people from around the world were present. The futuristic-leisure theae of the Expo was highlighted by the U.S.A. pavilion whose thene was sports. This included the latest equipaent, sports aedicine and Olympic highlights. California was heavily represented in outdoor mater-sports and recreation activities. This of course is a common bond between Australia and the U.S.A.

THE COMPETIIION - The countries participating in the World Masters Championships included: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgiun, Brazil, Canada, Fiji, Finland, Germany (West), England, Guam, Hong Kong, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, New lealand, Scotland, Switzerland, Sweden, Taiwan, and the U.S. The largest contingents were frow Japan and Australia, each with over 1000 participants. The opening celebration was an authentic Aussie Barbecue just outside the lovely grounds of the pool, including Kaola bears!

The setting for the swimaing and diving events was the Chandler complex, which included a 10 lane 50 meter pool, diving well and 5 lane, 25 yard pool warm-up. This complex was constructed for international competition. The spectators (mainly tean meabers) were nunerous and supportive, with ample space to observe.

FINA rules were in effect and the heats were run with precision. However, because of the record number of participants, (e.g. there were 99 heats in the mens 50 meter freestyle!), many days began at 7:30 A.M. while some of the slower heats in the distance events were at midnight. Future international Masters meets may need to consider alternatives to help alleviate the long days. Many World Masters records were broken and there were some photo finishes. One in particular was
representative of the any excellent performances ade. Sandy Neilson-Bell ( $30-34$ age group) won her 100 neter
freestyle in a faster tiae than she swan in the 197201 yapics. So as the saying goes, "older can be better""

Midway during the competition an evening event included the Brazilian contingent who introduced their country to everyone with music, drink, video and song. The closing party took place at Dreaworld outside the city near the Gold Coast, which is similar to our Disney World and was enjoyed by all.

SAME TIME - NEXT YEARS... The 2nd FINA/MSI World Masters will be followed by several international upcoaing swiming events. They are:

July 1989 - World Masters (all sports) in Denmark
Oct. 1989 - Pan Pacific Aquatic Masters Ganes in Indiana
Aug. 1990 - 3rd FINA/MSI World Masters Championships in Rio
So rest up and save your travelling aoney. Perhaps we'll aeet poolside in another country in the near future. And G'Day!

*Dr. Jane Katz won the 400 M . Freestyle in the 45-49 year age group in the World Masters Swimming Championships. She also placed 2nd in the 400 M . I.M., 200 M . Butterfly and 3rd in the 200 M . Backstrake. She is the author of Swimming For Total Fitness, the W.E.T. Workout and Fitness Works!


Peter Koliros ... in the swim at Brisbane's Chandier Pool during the World Masters competition

## Red tape swamps swimmer

WORLD swimming delayed his departure berecord holder Czechoslo- yond his visa date.
vakian professor Petr Kollros, 31, can stay in Kollros took endless trou- Australia until October 23, ble to leave his homeland but his visa to re-enter to get back in.

Kollros arrived in Brisbane last Sunday for the world masters swim championships where he set world records of 4 min 43.93 secs in the 400 m individual medley and 4 min 50.95 secs in the 200 m individual medley for the 30-34 years age group this week.

He was only 4 secs away from his third yesterday in the 800 m freestyle, in which he was so far ahead that he swam 900 m .

This was the swim that
masters championships. He Kollros said: "After I ar-
was not allowed to take any rived in Brisbane I was so was not allowed to take any rived in Brisbane I was so
money out of the country. tired I was walking and Kollros said he went by Germany where a friend paid his airfare to Brisbane via Dubai, Malaysia, Melbourne and Sydney.
The trip took two days, he did not sleep and as he had no spare money he did not eat either.
In Brisbane he was able to make a taxi driver understand that he wanted to go to the Chandler swimming complex where an official was able to speak to him in
Polish. Polish.
Arrangements were made for him to be billetted with a Czech family at Rochedale. Through an interpreter
sleeping at the same time."
"I was free to come here, but no one wanted to help but no one wanted to help
me with anything financialme with anything financial-
ly. The passport was no y. The passport was no
problem. My swimming problem. My swimming good enough to come to the world masters.
"It was a shock for me when I arrived. I like the atmosphere in Australia and the people are friendly and helpful. I am happy to have come here and competed."

He said the government looked after sport in school very well in Czechoslovakia
but the standard of swim ming was lower than here.


Anita Hazen from Sacramento California has been collecting pins since 1962. Her pin-jacket has 2500 pins and weighs 821bs - 'Swimming pins from all over the World and Olympic pins from World-class athletes. Anita swims in th $60-64$ age group. She is more serious about pin collectiong than her swimming at times.

## HOLMES SETS THE

## RECORD STRAIGHT

The charge in the Sunday morning article in the Brisbane newspaper suggesting that Tiger Holmes is in Australia to lure Duncan Armstrong to the United States was today described as ludicrous'. Mr Holmes said that the National Collegiate Athiete Association rules strictly forbid anyone other than a college coach to recruit any athlete. And even then only specifically approved NCAA scholarships are offered!
Unfortunately the reporter misquoted and misunderstood the mportance of these rules

The Holmes Lumber Jax team
was concelved to help boost the Masters Swim program. Seed money was contributed by Holmes to induce swimmers to raise enough money to make the costly trip to Australia. Many innovative programs were instituted and worked on for one year to make it possible for many to come to Australia who might not have come otherwise. A golf tournament and corporate solicitations involving swimmers produced a great feeling of camaraderie for all. Holmes Lumber is proud of its contribution o swimming and hopes that it can continue to help all levels of this fine sport.


FORMER 100 m freestyle world record-holder, American Jim Montgomery, at Chandler this week.

By GEOFF STEAD
JIM MONTGOMERY, the first man to crack 50 seconds for the 100 m freestyle, has taken on a winning gold at the 1976 Olympic Games.
The 33 -year-old giant from Dallas, Texas, is out to encourage adults back into swimming in a similar way the
jogging take off around the world a decade ago.
And he believes Queenslanders can be among the first to set the trend.
"The climate here is ideal to become involved in swimming in a big way," he said. "The secret is to enjoy swimming for the fun of it. If you slot the sport into your priorities rather than let it override everything, it can become an enjoyable part of your life.'
Montgomery, who clocked a world record 49.99 sec in winning the 100 m freestyle in Montreal, quit the sport in 1980 but came
back six months later after gaining 20 kg and "losing a lot of selfesteem".
He took up masters swimming and has set world age records in every freestyle event, but unlike as incidental.
"I wanted to get back int swimming because it had been a to change my goals and enjoy it in

## Big Jim out to get adults back in pool

different way," Montgomery bane competing at the world mas said. "I started doing a lot of the ters championships, plans to esvents I did before, but just tried to have fun."
Montgomery believes the sport wimmers bom rain ".Some people could swim just as fast ipeoply did quality ust as fast peopley did quality heir lifestyle rather than struc ure their lifestyle around traing." he said.

I think I would get bored coaching potential Olympic champions the way it's done now it just doesn't excite me.

1 find it more of a challenge to get people who haven't exercised in 20 years to change their lifetyle and get back into regular, joyable swimming.
Montgomery, who is in Bris-
tablish an adult swimming centre when he returns to Dallas. He will oach and design programs for born-again swimmers.

There are 30,000 registered masters swimmers in the US, but our research shows that the poential market is up to 12 million. lot of these people have never een coached or shown how to ain properly.
While Montgomery's time in Montreal was a landmark swim nd has since been sliced by a furher 1.57 sec , he sees the world ecord dropping by another sec ond.
Someone will swim inside 47.5. It doesn't matter how fas you go, there always will be some ne who comes along who is big er and stronger and knocks off your time," he said.

AMERICAN millionaire Tiger Holmes isn't about to let a newspaper report spoil a
great stay in Queensland. The 66 -year-old lumber The 66 -year-old lumber Sunday Mail story which sald he was "a signature away" from securing a contract with Queensland super swimmer Duncan Armstrong the reporte make Duncan offer, but sail three-year the University of was aware made a bid for the Olymad pold medalist.
"T'm just an alumni (old boy) of the University of lorida. We're not allowed to contact prospects
recruiting." he said.

This girl from The Sunday Mail asked me 'How much are you going to pay Dun"I told her alumnis weren't allowed to do any recruiting. but there it was on the front page of Sunday's pape Mr Holmes said it was
strictly against National Col legiate Athletics Association rules for anyone other than coaches to make an offer.
"The offer made to Duncan was done strictly through of Florida," he said The sponsor and competitor of the US contingent at
the World Masters Swim 88 at Chandler said the report would not spoil his stay.



Barbara Saunders, World Record holder, Jan Mcleod, and top ten medal winner, John Bonning take time out from competition to help timekeep. Actually, John was looking for the slot car track!

## Sandy's record getting better with age

By GEOFF STEAD CALIFORNIAN housewife Sandy Neilson-Bell continued one of swimming's greatest comebacks at Chandier pool yesterday.
The 32-year-old, who 16 years ago beat Australia's Shane Gould
to win the 100 m freestyle at the Munich Olympics, yesterday swam faster than she did to win the gold medal.
She set an age group world record at the week-long masters championships which started at
the aquatic centre on Monday he aquatic centre on Monday.
Her effort helped compensate Ior the disappointment of missing Seoul Olympic selection by just . sec at the US leam trials two
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life life, she said. "I came back to
swimming because of a love of the sport and a lot of new-found enthusiasm."
Neilson-Bell yesterday swam the 100 m in 58.09 secs, blitzing the Olympic record 58.59 she swam as a 16 -year-old ahead off of teammate Shirley Babashoff and Gould in Munich.

She attributes her marriage to lop American sports psycholgist Dr Keith Bell as the main reason behind her comeback.
"He has made it easy to challenge myself, and enjoy it," she said. "Together we look for goals and then belp each other achiere them.


CALIFORNIAN housewife Sandy Neilson-Bell . . . her masters championships 100 m victory at Chandler yesterday was faster than her gold-winning time at the Munich Olympics.

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JUDY Priestly with her son, Mark, at Chandler.

## Mum's in the swim as well <br> competitors aged between 25 and 90

AFTER spending almost 20 years watching her children swim, Judy Priestley, 58, has taken the plunge. The Sydney mo
training last year.
This week she is competing in the world masters swimming championship at Chandler along with her son, dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist Mark Morgan, 30, and daughter Sally, 25.
"After watching the kids swim for so long, I decided it was time to participate," she said. "I feel great an
many new people" I have met so
many new people."
The Priestleys are among 4000
years from around the world contesting the week-long meet at the aquatic
Mergan, the 1978 Fdmonton Comnonwealth Games 100 m freestyle and $4 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ relay gold medallist, has set his mother a special target. He began teaching her butterfly just three months ago and has set her a goal of completing 50 m in the diffi-
cult stroke.
"At the moment I can only do 25 m but I am determined to do a full ength," she said.
Veteran aims for Barcelona,
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AUSSI President, Ivan Wingate, performing one of the 3500 medal water-logged egos! They deserve

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# MASTERS WORLD SWIMMING RECORDS RELAYS-LONG COURSE AT NOV. 1st. '88 

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## Gary Gazes Into the Future

## by Gary Stutsel OAM <br> President of Masters Swimming International (MSI)

The II FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championship truly was awesome. Whilst the number of competitors (3800) was only 300 more than in Tokyo, the number of races (heats) swum almost doubled (1867 in Brisbane v 1040 in Tokyo) in spite of using 10 lanes instead of 8.

The huge increase in individual swims ( $15,000 \vee 8000$ in Tokyo) brought some obvious problems, most notable being the Monday which started at 7.30 am and finished 17.5 hours later.

The challenge now facing us is the future. We must always keep in mind our MSI motto "to promote Fitness, Friendship and Understanding through Swimming" and our philosophy that we are not elite swimmers, that Masters is for everyone. This being the case, rules and meet format may well need to be revised even before Rio which should attract 4500 to 5000
competitors. The real problem will be 1992, where with 40,000 plus registered swimmers we could attract 10,000.

Some obvious rule changes are
(a) introduction of the US no false start rule and
(b) all swimmers to step forward to the front of their blocks on command to mount the blocks

These changes would virtually eliminate time consuming false starts.

Format changes will also be needed. Kevin Kelly's Championship Committee will be looking at
(a) reversing the order so that it will be oldest to youngest - slowest to fastest.
(b) holding the 400 m on a day by itself
(c) holding all relays on the one day
(d) women sharing with women and men with men in the 400 m and 800 m .
(e) grouping style events, sprint freestyles ( $50,100,200 \mathrm{~m}$ ) into 3 day periods with the relays between the two periods.

Many of our swimmers are tourists who want to have a good time and see as much as possible of the city/country they are visiting. We need to provide more entertainment and shopping access to overseas visitors, preferably at the pool so that the organisers can gain sponsorship benefits.

Ideally, we will programme for earlier finishing times each day so that low-key parties can be held (as in Toronto in 1985) to promote friendship and understanding.

Finally, I have heard many comments about "Tiger" Holmes Lumberjax. Whilst this type of quasinational team will lead to the demise of the relays, I see potential good for the movement. Anyone who cares so much about our sport to invest so much in it needs only to be shown another way of channelling their energy.

SEE YOU AT THE PAN PACIFIC IN 1989 !

GARY STUTSEL

TRAINING TIPS - FIN-FLY
by Eric Snyder
Using fins for some of your butterly training can bring stroke improvement, build leg strength, enable you to increase the amount of fly work in your training regimen, and introduce variety to your workouts.

As always, warm up thoroughly and take care to prevent injury! Some butterfliers have lower back or knee pain attributable to the whipping and undulating motion of the body through the stroke. If fly kicking without fins causes pain, then the same work with the fins is likely to hurt even more.

Fins will aid the development of correct stroke mechanics: Fly swimming makes some of us so tired, so fast, that we simply cannot concentrate on technique. Let the fins do the work for you while you focus on hand-entry, stroke pattern, and perfecting the timing of your breathing and kicking. Gentle one-arm fly is an effective way to self-coach (extend your unused arm to the front). As a drill or a warm-up, try a relaxed 200-300 yards, repeating a pattern of 3 rightarm strokes/3 left-arm strokes/3 full strokes.

> "Speed-assisted Training": To increase their leg speed, track sprinters are towed or then run downhill. You will achieve the same effect by letting the fins propel you while you boost your stroke rate as high as possible (without sacrificing good mechanics or distance-per-stroke!). Try well-rested 25 s, alternating $2 \times 25$ with fins, then $2 \times 25$ without the fins. The idea is to keep the stroke rate very high on the $25 ' s$ swum without the fins.

Kicking with fins seems to increase desirable ankle flexibility and will build strength, particularly in the front of the thighs (the quadriceps mescles). You will maintain better body position and experience the resistance of the water appropriately if you don't use a kickboard (streamline your arms in fron of you). Kick FinFly 100's (or 75's) on an interval that permits you a work-to-rest ratio of about 6:1. Swim hard throughout the set, but apply maximum POWER on lap 3 (or lap 2 on 75's). Example: $5 \times 100 / 1: 45$ $--1: 30$ (100 yards repeated 5 times, leaving every 1:45, holding 1:30's for the set.)

Your Fin-Fly may permit you to keep up with the freestyle intervals of your teammates. (In lane circles, use one-arm technique to pass.) You may find that Fin-Fly is so easy and graceful (and aesthetically appealing) that you swim less and less butterfly without fins and don't apply what
you've felt and learned: Try to do at least an equal amount of the same drill or set after removing the fins, or alternate between swims with and without fins.

Finally, when you've becoem so weary that your butterfly falls apart, and you can't bring it back, you're practicing a whole 'nother stroke, and it's time to five the fly a rest until tomorrow.
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## THE DILEMMA

by Ed Nessel
To laugh is to rish appearing a fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out for another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk rejection. To place your dreams before the crowd is to risk ridicule. To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure. But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing. Has nothing. Is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel, change, grow or love. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave. He has forfeited his freedom. Only a person who takes risks is free.

Ed has used "The Dilemma" and the words below as his credo for engaging in Masters Swimming and for seeking to push himself to new goals and challenges.

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind, a product of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity--an appetite for adventure.

Nobody grows old by living a number of years. People grow old when they desert their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Worry, self-doubt, fear and anziety--these are the culprits that bow the head and break the spirit.

Whether 16 or 70 , there exists in the heart of every person who loves life, the thrill of a new challenge, the insatiable appetite for what is coming next. You are as young as your faith and as old as your doubts.

So long as your heart receives from your head, messages that reflect beauty, courage, joy and excitement, you are young. When your thinking becomes clouded with pessimism and prevents you from taking risks, then you are old--and may God have mercy on your soul.

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FINA/MSI 2nd WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Had hoped to have the results by now but have not yet received my $\$ 47.00$ copy! Received a notice from the World Swim Secretary, Rhonda Searle, that the result books and outstanding medals would be posted early 1989. Hope to get them soon....... WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING RECORDS - A clarification has been received by Gary Stutsel as to the requirement to qualify for a World Masters Swimming Record: "FINA Masters Rule MS8. Technical Swimming Rules - The swimming rules in Part III of this Handbook shall apply to Masters with the following exceptions..." - none of which refer to backstroke. MSI Technical Swimming Rules states: "1. Strokes, starts and turns shall be swum in accordance with the fules of FINA: SW6, SW8, SW9, SW2. The following exceptions shall obtain for Masters Competition:" but no further reference to backstroke. Clearly, FINA rules for backstroke starting, stroking and turning apply to International Masters competitions. "Whilst such changes cannot be enforced for US domestic competitions there is no doubt that their adoption by USMS is essential to the integrity of our World Records." May I (June Krauser, Rules Chairman) suggest, if you think you can break a World Record in backstroke for either 25 meter short course or long course, please use the FINA start (toes must be placed under the surface of the water - you cannot curl the toes over the lip of the gutter)................ TOP TEN PATCHES - Harry Fox has turned over the
reins of Lake Erie Masters Swimming to Darlynne Ferguson as well as Top Ten Patches. So, if you wish to purchase any Top Ten Patches, please contact Darlynne at P.O. Box 8005, Canton, OH 44711. CLARIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OF CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS - Individual swimmers may register with any LMSC. Clubs must register in their geographic LMSC. This clarification comes from Jack Geoghegan, Legal Counsel for USMS
CARE OF YOUR SWIM SUIT - (from the PNA WET SET) SUITS WITH LYCRA/SPANDEX: 1) Soak one hour in solution of cold salt water to set dye. (1 cup salt to sink). 2) Wash with mild soap. Rinse well after use. 3) Suits will deteriorate FAST in chlorinated pool, hot tub, etc. 4) Do not roll up suit in wet towel after use. 5) Competitors: do not wear LYcra suits all day at meets. SUITS WITH 100\% NYLON: 1) Soak overnight in white vinegar and water solution to set dye; 1st time only. (1 cup vinegar). 2) Wash with mild soap and rinse well after use. 3) These suits are excellent for water exercise, lap swimming, hot tubs, jacuzzis. 4) Do not put any swim suit in washer or dryer........................................ DID YOU KNOW? - On May 18, 1956, Robin Moore set a new American record of :48.9 in the 100-yard freestyle. During 1986, 30 years later, more than 12 swimmers OVER 30 beat that time. The record for the $30-34$ age group is :45.3 (Jim Montgomery, 30, 1985). Again in 1956, George Breen set a world record at New Haven of 18:05.9 in the 1500 -meter freestyle. Breen's distance mark has fared no better than Moore's. The 30-34 men's record is almost a minute under Breen, and even the supposedly weaker set has beaten the mark (Susan Pamelia, 34, 1986)


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## swim for the health of it!





[^0]:    Under her husband's guidance, Neilson-Bell believes there is no such thing as pain in competitive swimming.
    "What most swimmers call pain is only discomfort through a buildup of lactic acid. Keith and I don't call it pain, we say it's feeling acidotic," she said.

    Despite 12 years out of the water after the 1972 Olympics, Neil-son-Bell was sixth in 26.04 secs in a blanket finish to the 50 m free style at the US Olympic team se lection trials in August. Her time was faster than Australia's best entrant at Seoul.
    "I was disappointed to be so close and miss out. But it was the
    fastest 50 m swum in America so I was in good company in coming sixth," she said.
    Six age group world records were broken yesterday, including who was among the 12 record breakers among the 12 record The Masters competition continues today from 7.30 am .

