



Georgia Masters Newsletter

Swimming in Georgia

September 2022

Don't Miss These Events

Southside Pentathlon Meet & Annual Meeting – September 10



There's still time to send in your entry for the SouthSide Pentathlon swim meet which will be held in the Kedron pool in Peachtree City. The meet will be held on September 10. Warm-ups at 11:30am, meet starts at 12:15pm. There are three categories of swims:

- Sprint Pentathlon (50s of each stroke)
- Middle Distance (100s)
- Iron Man (200s).

Or, you can swim any events you want!

Deadlines for online entries

(<https://www.georgiamasters.org/page.cfm?pagetitle=Meet+Schedule>) and paper entries is September 8.

Immediately following the meet, we'll hold our annual meeting. Foods and drinks will be provided while we socialize and conduct LMSC business.

Meet entry form is attached.

Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet October 23

The Short Course Meters (SCM) season is fast approaching. Get a good start by participating in the annual Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet, scheduled for Sunday morning, October 23. Warmups at 9:00am and the meet starts at 9:30am. We should be done by noon, so you'll still have a free afternoon for other Sunday activities! This meet is sponsored by the **Georgia Killer Whales**.

This is a practice meet with the purpose of getting practice times for larger upcoming SCM meets, such as the St Nick SCM meet at Georgia Tech on December 10.

It's also a great opportunity for new swimmers or swimmers returning after a long hiatus to get used to competition again in a relaxed, low stress atmosphere. These are relatively small meets (typically around 30-40 swimmers), and hand-held watches are used for timing. We also have 25-meter events for those who want a really short distance to swim!

You can easily access the meet info and entry on our Georgia Masters website at www.georgiamasters.org. Go to 'Meet Schedule' at the top of the home page, then scroll down to October on the calendar. For your convenience, we've attached the entry form.

For questions, contact meet director **Lisa Watson** at (770) 497-1901 (please, no calls after 8:00pm) or by email at lisa.watson@ung.edu

Volunteers Needed - We need volunteer timers for the meet. If you are bringing family or friends who want something to do, or if you don't plan to

compete but have a few free hours on that Sunday morning, please contact **Lisa**. Any help is most appreciated!

USMS Fall Fitness Challenge: 1-Mile Swim



The last event of the USMS Fitness Challenge Series takes place in the month of October with the 1-mile swim. The objective of the fitness events is just to DO IT- doesn't matter how. It can be a straight swim, broken up into sets, done any stroke, whatever you want. You can swim it alone or with a group.

Coaches, this would be a great opportunity to encourage participation by incorporating this into one or more of your workouts in October. It's more fun to do it with teammates! We are also trying to promote some friendly competition between LMSCs in terms of how many participants each LMSC can produce. Let's let Georgia lead the way!

It's easy to enter. Go to the USMS website at www.usms.org and click 'Events' at the top of the home page, then click 'Virtual & Fitness Events', and you'll see it pop up. Entry fee is \$10 through September 15, then \$12 until October 31. All proceeds go to support the Adult Learn to Swim Program. You'll be contributing to a worthy cause while getting in a nice workout!

Meet Recaps

2022 Greenville Splash LCM

This meet was held on June 17-18. We had a number of Georgia swimmers participating in the meet. Here's a brief summary of the results:

Women

- Sarah Eichenberger 1st in 200 fly, 200 IM, 200 free, 400 free
- Julia Smithing 1st in 50 breast, 100 breast, 200 breast
- Angeline Trichler 1st in 50 fly, 50 free
- Lauren French 1st in 50 back, 100 back 2nd in 50 back, 400 free
- Elizabeth Elco 1st in 100 back; 2nd in 50 back, 400 free
- Pam Rogan 1st in 50 free, 200 free, 200 IM
- Adrienne Sek 1st in 1500 free, 200 back 2nd in 200free,400free
- Myrna Yarbrough 1st 50 back, 50 breast
- Barbara Ingold 3rd in 200 free,100 free.
- Judith Haase 1st in 200 back, 200 free, 400 free; 2nd in 100 back

Men

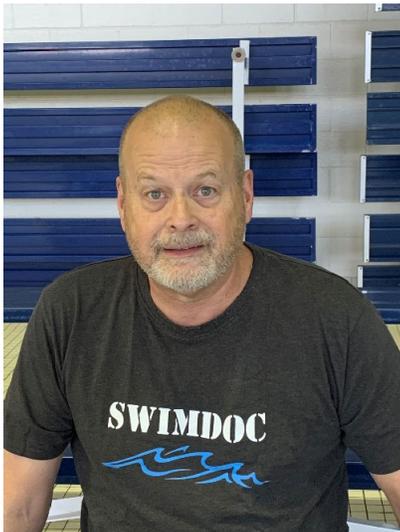
- John Lose 1st in 50 fly; 2nd in 200 free, 400 free; 3rd 100 back
- James Dickey 2nd in 100 free, 200 free
- Dan Snyder 1st 50 fly, 50 free, 100 fly
- Steve Hill 1st in 1500 free 2nd in 400 free, 200 IM
- Matt Mills 1st 50 fly, 100 fly, 50 free, 100 free
- Russ Merritt 1st 50 fly, 50 back; 2nd in 100 fly
- Ken Koontz 1st in 1500 free 200 free; 2nd 50 free, 100 free
- William Doupe 1st in 100 back, 200 back; 2nd 100 free
- David Hilderbrandt 1st in 50 fly, 50 back, 50 free second in 100 free

- Joe Reid 1st in 50 back, 100 back, 200 back 3rd in 50 breast
- John Zeiger 1st in 50 breast 2nd in 100 breast, 200 breast, 200 IM

Other News

Swimmer Profile – Mike Martin

By Elaine Krugman



Last year, I profiled two members of the Olympic Nopefuls: Jay Scovill and Bruce Johnson. Now, it's time to write about the creator of this quirky crew from Gainesville.

Mike Martin coined the name for the group of Masters swimmers who get up bright and early in the morning to swim together at the Francis Meadows Aquatic Center with Bruce as their coach. He cheerfully told me during our phone interview, "I have a Facebook page, the 'Olympic Nopefuls Swim Group,' which probably has about six followers, but I decided we would name ourselves that, because that's what we are. We are certainly not hopefuls!" It helps to have a sense of humor when that alarm

clock goes off early enough to arrive for a 5:00 am swim, four mornings a week...

You also have to love swimming to stay motivated enough not to rip the alarm clock out of the wall and heave it (or your cell phone) across the room, and that's definitely the case with Mike, a lifelong swimmer.

The Nopeful moved to Gainesville in 1967 as a child and joined the Gainesville swim team. "I always enjoyed swimming—I loved doing 'Superman' off the walls because I was a big comic book reader, and Superman was my favorite character." Mike wasn't a top-tier swimmer, but good enough to make the finals in competitions.

The love of swimming brought Mike back into the pool after he graduated from Emory University Dental School, in 1982, and set up his dental practice (which he retired from in 2019). He joined Masters and has been swimming ever since, although he didn't compete for most of those years. After participating in a meet in 1983, it wasn't until the 2016 St. Nick's meet at Georgia Tech that he raced again, competing in three events, including the 800-meter freestyle against (Georgia Masters Board of Directors Member) Rob Copeland. As Mike described the race, "[Rob] took off, and I tried as hard as I could to stay up with him, but he touched me out by a mere 57 seconds, hardly a blink of the eye. Since there were only two people in our age group, I got second place, and Rob got next to last..."

Returning to competition after 33 years was a great experience for Mike, and he especially enjoyed meeting the other swimmers in his age group. In addition to having nice things to say about Rob, he mentioned meeting Pat Eddy, saying, “[He] is as friendly as you can be. He cheered for me in one of my races, and I felt part of the group.”

It wasn't long after that meet that Mike had to have open heart surgery, but it only kept him out of the pool for one month. “After I got to where I could swim, (Coach) Bruce said, ‘You're looking pretty good in the water, so let's do a set of 5 x100's and see how you do.’ We were both sucking wind at the time, but he's a good coach... It has been a great experience swimming with [Bruce], Tim Erickson, Jay Scovill, and whoever else wants to sign up (for the Olympic Nopefuls).”

After five years away from swim meets, Mike swam in the St. Nick's meet, last December. He raced the 800-meter freestyle again, this time in the 65-69 age group, and not against Rob Copeland. His 12:04.96 time earned him a Georgia Masters record. This time, he came in first AND last place, since he swam unopposed.

At the time of our interview (which took place before that meet), Mike said, “My goal this year is to match my 2016 time in the 800-meter. That's what I'm looking for. I feel like I'm in better physical shape, but I'm five years older.” Although he didn't match that 11:55.61 time, his record-breaking swim was quite an

accomplishment. After all, Georgia Masters' motto is, “The older we get, the faster we were.”

Training 3-4,000 yards per day, four times a week, Mike was well-prepared for that record-breaking swim, although he really considers himself just a fitness swimmer. He doesn't swim more than that, because he feels he needs a day to recover both physically and mentally. On those off days, however, he likes to take walks with his wife Abby.

Once Mike is in the pool, though, he doesn't like getting out. “I remember thinking I owned the pool when I was a teenager. Some of the F.R.O.G.S.—that's what I call Bruce and me, which means fairly rotund old guy—will complain when we have to get out of the pool (for the high school team's training session) ... I guess the main reason we swim at 5:00 am is that Jay Scovill's wife is still a teacher (and they like to train together before she goes to work).”

In addition to training with the Olympic Nopefuls, Mike has given open water swimming a try, joining a group at a local lake. “I was able to keep up with most everybody in the group, and it was fun, but I missed the line on the bottom of the pool. There wasn't a line on the bottom of the lake!”

He still decided to try a couple of open water competitions, though. “I've done the Georgia Games Open Water Meet twice, and of course, Pat Eddy won all his races.

The last time I swam, I swam the 3,000 meters, and he beat me by five minutes on that.”

Mike loves those long yardage swims, so one of his goals is to participate in the 2022 Go the Distance event, “to see how many miles I rack up... I’m swimming 8-10 miles a week, and that’s probably more than 90-95% of 66- year-olds are exercising... I want to be in the pool until I’m 90 years old, just chuggin’ along,” he laughed.

Asked what he enjoys most about swimming the miles he racks up, he explained, “I enjoy when I first jump in, particularly in 77 or 78-degree water, I enjoy the sensation that almost takes your breath away when you jump in. I enjoy that, because I know when I swim hard, that cold water is going to soothe me on my workout. When the water is 82 or 83, I know I’m going to feel like a wet noodle. I love the sensation of flying through the water. And, I love that even though I’m 66 years old, I am faster than most of the super in shape, super intense triathletes that are in the pool, too. It really gives me a false sense of accomplishment, but just knowing that I can stay ahead of those guys... I just think of all of the things that swimming has done for me. It has definitely been a stress reliever.”

It's Masters Swimming in particular—especially the Olympic Nopefuls—that Mike loves. “The camaraderie is probably

the most important thing for me right now.” The more the merrier, so he is actively working on getting swimmers he has met at the pool to join his Olympic Nopeful group.

As he further explained about his love for Masters, Mike said, “Because I don’t (usually) swim in meets, the thing I like about Masters, though, is that I belong to a large group that have an interest in swimming... I like the resource (Swimmer Magazine and USMS.org) of reading about Masters and who is showing up to the meets, particularly the bigger meets like the Rowdy Gaines meet and Auburn. I like to see who shows up, and of course I like to compare myself to the guys who show up to that. To me, there’s always, WOW, look at them; they are great! Super! I can only dream about swimming like that. Those guys are animals, and it just makes me smile to be a small part of the group that is Masters swimming.”



Here’s a great opportunity to show that you’re a Georgia Masters swimmer. SwimOutlet has shirts, swim suits and more with our logo. Check out what they have to offer at:

<https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/georgiamasters>

Upcoming Events

September			
10*	Southside Seals SCY Pentathlon (see attached entry)		
October			
1-31	USM Fall Fitness Challenge – 1-mile swim	14-16	Rowdy Gaines SCM – Orlando, FL
*23	Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet; contact Lisa Watson at lisa.watson@ung.edu		
November			
TBA	Georgia LMSC monthly Zoom meeting	3-4	SCM meet – Sarasota, FL
December			
TBA	Georgia LMSC monthly Zoom meeting	*10	St Nicholas SCM Invitational Meet at Georgia Tech

Information on these and other Dixie Zone events can be found on the Dixie Zone website at www.dixiezone.org/Meets.htm.

*Dates in red are Georgia LMSC events.

Swim Websites

ARP Blue Tides	https://www.augustaga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12491/ARP-Blue-Tides-flyer
Athens Bulldog Swim Club	http://www.athensbulldogs.com
Atlanta Rainbow Trout	https://www.atlantarainbowtrout.com
Atlanta Water Jocks	http://www.atlantawaterjocks.com
Chastain Park Athletic Club	www.ChastainParkAthleticClub.org
Columbus Aquatic Club	http://www.swimhurricanes.com
Concourse Athletic Club	wellbridge.com/concourse-athletic-club/sandy-springs
Cumming Waves Swim Team	www.cummingwaves.net
Decatur Family YMCA	ddy.ymcaatlanta.org
DeKalb Aquatics Masters	http://daqswim.com
Douglas County Stingrays	www.swimdcs.com
Dynamo Swim Club Masters	http://dynamoswimclub.com
Fyns	http://www.fynsmasters.com
Great White Shark Aquatics	www.gwsaswim.com
John P. Thayer YMCA Masters Swim	Columbusymca.com
Savannah Masters	http://www.tlb975.wix.com/mastersswimming
Stingrays Masters Swimming	http://www.stingraysswimming.com
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