

Meeting of the Federation of Gay Games. This was the first meeting at which both the IGLA delegate and the alternate were able to attend at the same time. Tom was the voting member for this year. Several other IGLA members were present. Randy Spicochi represented Gay and Lesbian Sports Alliance of Greater Los Angeles (GLSAGLA! which we decided was a Norwegian drinking toast). Gilles Pettigrew from Equipe Montréal was also present. Both GLSAGLA (Skoal!) and Equipe Montreal were accepted as members. Charlie Carson (Team New York) attended an observer.

Tom and Terry will report in more detail in the next IGLA newsletter, but we want to report immediately that

was selected

as the site for Gay Games V in 1998 contingent upon final contract negotiations. Other bidding cities included Atlanta and Sydney. Since IGLA had five members present, we caucused (Tom loves that word — and have you ever seen the "I Love Lucy" episode when she caucuses?) and cast our vote based on consensus. Both of the cities that did not receive the award made very strong presentations. All IGLA members present at the meeting strongly encourage Atlanta and Sydney to make their bids again.

IGLA teams and individuals should remember that Tom and Terry are available (at all times) to hear your comments about Gay Games. That is our function as your delegates to the Federation. Tom can be reached at (213) 667-0702 and Terry at (619) 299-0108.

Gay Games is just around the corner. Don't get caught short. Get those entry forms filled out

After much reflection on the IGLA meet in Chicago, and with the Gay Games looming in our future, let's discuss

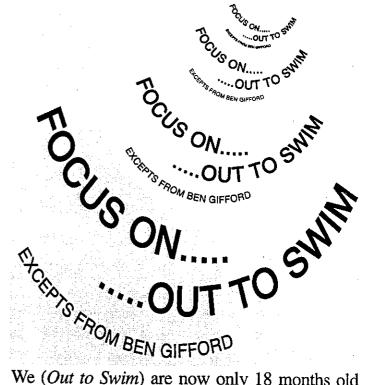
LESBIANS Who Swim.

Three years ago I joined the Philadelphia FINS primarily because I wanted to join a masters swim team. The fact that it was a gay team was too good to be true. I was the only woman on the team for two and a half years. I have come to appreciate those years as my introduction to "boy" bonding, and my educational awakening about gay men. Being one of those open minded, culturally diverse and politically aware lesbians, I thought this new world of chlorinated queers was created equal. To my dismay, I realized sexism was alive and well in my gay community. In my own way I rebeled against these attitudes, and basically would not leave.

When another woman finally joined our team, and decided to go to IGLA in Chicago, I was thrilled. You can imagine my disappointment at the lack of mixed relays in Chicago. Isn't participation the ultimate goal of organized sports? What better way to make women feel welcome and a part of the team, then to participate in a relay? Maybe more women would take the plunge and join our swim teams if they felt equal in every aspect and opportunity available to the men.

The men I have met in the past three years have enriched my life as teammates and friends. Why not give lesbians a chance to become part of something we've all dreamed about, organized queer athletics.

by Merrill Hilf



We (Out to Swim) are now only 18 months old and starting to become fairly stable. Financially it's still hand to mouth, as they say. We're currently running 4 sessions a week though that drops back to 3 at the beginning of August. A club spirit and identity has started to take shape with a logo, T-shirts, and lots of socializing.

Our membership has a broad range of ability ranging from those new to swimming training through to competitive swimmers of old. We are actively encouraging everybody to try competing in preparation for Unity '94 and even the FINA World Master's Championships.

Most importantly, we have developed a good relationship with some of the other London teams. This has included shared transport to various competitions and combined social events. Our active participation in regional masters swimming has certainly made a lot of people aware of our presence

(Ed. note: Out to Swim includes in its flyer a particular welcome for women swimmers.)

13 people will be allowed on each roster per game.....

If you have more than 13 people on your roster

You may change which 13 people go in from game to game.....

You may not change the roster once the game has started

You may not change the roster once the game has started have enough players or have too many players

.....call John Goodwin (212) 889-0801 and he will try to assist you with player placements.

RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS. RELAYS.

I have received several phone calls from US swimmers regarding how relay teams would be organized at Gay Games IV. This will be the first Gay Games in the US with a sanctioned swimming competition and therefore we must follow the rules of United States Masters Swimming (USMS). This requires that, as stated on the swimming information page in the Gay Games IV registration book, "Relay swimmers must all be members of the same USMS club or its foreign equivalent."

For United States swimmers, an example is that swimmers from West Hollywood Aquatics and Southern California Aquatics cannot create relays among their swimmers, all of whom live in the Los Angeles area but work out and compete locally for two different clubs. During the opening and closing Ceromonies at Gay Games IV, they will all march in together as part of the Los Angeles athletes, but in the swimming competition they must compete separately.

Another example: say four swimmers from Ohio know each other and two of them currently belong to a club in Columbus and two belong to a club in Cleveland. If two of them are willing to transfer their membership to the other club, they can all swim relays together at the Games. You do not have to reside in the geographic area of a USMS club in order to represent it. However, if you do transfer your membership, you cannot swim for your old club fewer than 60 days prior to the start of the swimming competition (in our case, that is April 18).

As to the term "foreign equivalent," we have received a list of FINA affiliates in countries around the world so that we can guide non-US and Canadian swimmers so that they will be in compliance with this requirement if there are any questions.

I could write many lines about why USMS has this rule (inhibits recruitment of swimmers at whim, fosters team spirit, etc.) and the fact that it has proven to work well over the years. Regardless, all of it is laid out in section 102.9.1 of the 1993 USMS rulebook, there were no major changes made to it for 1994, and we have to follow it to be in compliance with our sanction. Please feel free to cal me or Paul Fortoul if you still have questions, and we will do our best to answer them.

CHARLIE CARSON

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RELAYS AT GAY GAMES IV

GAY GAMES IV UPDATE

by Charles Carson

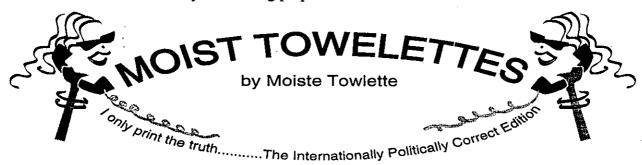
Six months away from Gay Games IV! Team New York Aquatics continues to organize the swimming and water polo events and assist with the diving events. Most of our committees handling registration, meet personnel, fundraising and social events are active and busy preparing to host 1500 people. Here is the latest news, in no particular order...

- Scoring the Gay Games as an IGLA Championship. Ottawa's Rideau Speedos has proposed that we score the swimming events as an IGLA meet. This has been discussed several times over the years and as the Gay Games has grown some of the reasons pro and con have changed. I looked into the matter at the November Federation of Gay Games meeting in Washington, D.C., and there are currently no Federation regulations covering recognition of outstanding achievement for performances at the Gay Games by outside groups (such as IGLA). We feel that it is up to IGLA to decide, so expect to be contacted by the IGLA officers regarding this issue at the beginning of the year.
- Open Water Swim. We're working on it, but cannot at this time guarantee that it will happen. The event would be run as part of the Swimming competition, not as a separate sport, so you would not have to register with Unity '94 separately to participate. It has not been determined if it would be counted as part of the six event limit in Swimming, or how long the course and what the age groups would be. We may be forced to hold it at the same site and on the same day as the Triathlon (Sun. June 19), in which case it would conflict with one of the Swimming days at Asphalt Green. This will depend upon the cost and effort required to staff it on Wed. June 22 the planned break day from Swimming which had been the day we originally planned it. Of course if we hold it that day it conflicts with Water Polo, so you can seen how complicated it gets. We will announce our decision as soon as possible, but no later than in the Official Event Entry mailing that registered athletes will receive in March.
- Meet Personnel. We are looking for certified swimming, diving and water polo officials, and we welcome non-New Yorkers who might want to work in these capacities at the Games. We need to know the names of such people as soon as possible because they will need to go through the Games volunteer data base to be properly accredited upon arrival in New York. See the "request for meet personnel volunteers" elsewhere in this issue for more information.
- Registration News. Send in your registration NOW! Tennis is almost full already, and swimming has received a lot of entries. In fact, as to be expected, all of the sports where people compete as individuals have had a good response. The team sports entries are expected to get heavier nearer the deadline, since many of the teams are still just being put together. As of mid-November, 4 out of 10 entries were for two sports.
- Ticketing. Ticket policies are not set yet, but should be in January. Look for information in the Unity '94 newsletters. Most events will have a \$10 per day charge for spectators, with athletes paying half price to most events. This policy covers swimming sessions (there may be two sessions per day on some days), diving, and the water polo semifinals and finals. All of this, however, is subject to change. Your accreditation will get you into some events free, but most not. In some events, athletes will have to pay full price, such as Physique, where ticket prices will average \$40.

believe me, New Yorkers aren't any happier than you are about it, but everyone acknowledged four years ago this was going to be an expensive Gay Games and ticket policies for athletes are reflecting it; we simply do not have government-managed athletic sites we can use cheaply. I don't like having to say this, but bring money.

Getting the Word Out. We have been receiving questions from around the country and overseas (such as Moscow!). We expect more inquires as a result of an ad we've placed in the January-February issue of Swim Magazine. Yes, it will be too late for the December 31 deadline, but we decided to go ahead and place it anyway in the name of outreach since every registered U.S. Masters Swimmer receives it.

That's all for now. All the best in your training preparations!



I have been globetrotting around the world, but I haven't been doing it alone. Here's the scoop ...

What former IGLA board member was recently "cruising" on the Nile. He opened "Doors" he never dreamed existed. I heard from one of my Satellite Dishettes that he played pyramid games on ancient sites. He also visited the sister city of Alexandria, Virginia. Can you guess which Egyptian city this is?

The Auckland, New Zealand swimmers are busy getting ready for the Gay Games. At a recent party hosted by one of their swimmers the President of the swim club and Team Auckland donned an entire outfit made of leather. This can be verified ... I was there when he made his selections. It seems he made quite a splash with his new-found image. Look for him swimming *breaststroke* at Gay Games, NYC.

I heard that Montréal had another very successful swim meet. A West coast board member was also there. It seems some introductions were made and there was a summit in Quebec with our friend and his new found Canadian friend. Shhh ... They don't want anyone to know what happened. I do.

Call me at 1-800-HOT-DISH. Collect!

The head of the Montréal swim team informed me he met a man named Jack. It puts a whole new meaning to "Jack and ___ went up the hill to fetch a pail of water."

That's it for now. I'm always looking for new dish. Would you like to become a Dishette? Write for an application. You must be able to obtain a security clearance (this means you are secure with department store clearance sales). Pass a polygraph test (this means you expose all of your relatives named Polly, male or female). You must look good in drag (this means you are willing to be pulled for 10K behind my 1965 red Corvette). I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Stay rich in Moisture.

Love,

Ms. Moiste

MESSAGE FROM MARCY

Marcy Yeisley

I'd like to thank the teams who have put me on their mailing lists and kept me informed of their team and local events. This keeps me in touch with what's going on—and, when the timing works out, I can place meet/event notices in WetNotes.

Please note several deadlines: First, the membership renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. It must be returned to Mark Spratt by February 1. After that date, a late fee must be paid.

Second, the next issue of WetNotes will come out early spring. Submissions (articles, meet/event notices, etc.) are welcome.

I need to receive them by March 15th to include them.

Send submissions to: 99 Claremont Ave., #125, New York NY 10027. I can be reached at (212) 316-0192.

CALENDAR

UP-COMING EVENTS

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The same weekend as West Hollywood Aquatics' Swim Meet the east coast returns to Northern Exposure

presented by Rideau Speedeaus:
Swimmers in Heats IV, February 4-6, 1994.
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Short course meters.
Registration must be postmarked by January 17, 1994.
Women's participation is encouraged.
The women's coordinator is Lisa Heinricks, who may be contacted at tel: (613) 236-3305.

For more information, contact: Swimmers in Heats IV

c/o Shawn Leclaire
Unit #1 - 575 Old Saint Patrick St.
Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA
K1N 9H5
tel: (613) 789-5138



Several New York swimmers are interested in an open water swim in Gay Games IV, and would like to know if there is wider interest in such an event. If you are interested or would like to know more about open water competition or have any questions,

please contact

Mark Schaeffer,

ASAP at (212) 787-9178 (evenings).

★SPORTS FESTIVAL AT PFINGSTEN ★

(That's Pentacost or Whitsuntide, reason enough for a public holiday in Germany)

May 20th - 23rd

Sports events included in the 1994 Sports Festival will include:

Volleyball (A,B,C)

Badmitton (A,B,C – singles/doubles)

Basketball

Soccer

Swimming

Keeping to tradition, the Gay European Championship will be decided at this tournament. Non-European teams are of course invited to participate as in the preceding years.

Tournament and Festival Program

FRIDAY MAY 20TH

Opening Bash

Dinner Buffet; Meet your host: Stage Performance and Disco

SATURDAY MAY 21ST

Preliminary Sports Competitions Open Air Festival at Fuhlinger See

(A gigantic gay blowout and disco at a nearby lake with internationally acclaimed artists and entertainers. Shuttle bus service will be provided.)

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

Final Sports Competitions 15th Anniversary Party for S.C. Janus Awards Ceremony, Disco, shuttle bus will be provided

MONDAY MAY 23RD

Farewell Brunch and Final Get Together

Registration Fee: \$50 per person; Housing; Admission to all Tournament and Festival Events.

Please Address inquiries to

Peter Mows Sailierring 6

50677 Cologne, Germany Tel: (49) 221-324 222

Fax: (49) 221-313745

QUESTIONS ? ? JOHN GOODWIN (212) 889-0801

INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN AQUATICS

CLUB MEMEBERSHIP FORM CALENDAR YEAR 1994

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RAFAEL MONTIJO RELAY MEET

Sponsored by West Hollywood Aquatics

WARM UP 9 AM, START 11 AM
Deck entries

Deck entries by 9:30 am

● See Map On Back ●

Saturday, February 5, 1994
Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool
4000 Olympic Plaza
Long Beach, CA 90803
Sanction # 334-001

An accomplished, spirited and very determined athlete, Rafael Montijo began his California swimming career at USC in 1971. Upon his return in 1982 from the very first Gay Games competition in San Francisco, Rafael carried out his love for swimming by

founding West Hollywood Aquatics (WH2O). His enthusiasm and faithful attendance at workouts was an inspiration to many of his fellow athletes. On March 4, 1993, one day before his 44th birthday, Rafael died of AIDS. Throughout his life, Rafael shared his time, knowledge, and wisdom with many of his local and international swimming friends. Rafael was a wonderful friend whom many of us miss. In Rafael's memory, WH2O proudly presents the Rafael Montijo Relay Meet.

POOL: Belmont Plaza is an indoor 50 meter by 25 yard pool. The meet will be run in eight 25 yard lanes with eight 25 yard warm-up/warm-down lanes.

DIRECTIONS: Take the 710 FWY south to Shoreline Drive. Stay on Shoreline Drive until reaching Ocean Avenue. Turn right (south) and go 2.2 miles to Termino Avenue. Turn right (toward the ocean). Termino Avenue dead ends at Belmont Plaza. PARKING IS BY METER ONLY, 25¢ FOR 30 MINUTES. QUARTERS ONLY.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any current USMS registered swimmer or a foreign swimmer with a valid travel permit. SPMA swimmers may submit a registration application with the submitted entry card. There is on deck registration permitted. Current US Masters rules will govern the meet. Age on February 5, 1994 determines age for the meet.

AFFILIATION: A swimmer's affiliation as stated on the consolidated entry card, if valid as of the first day of the meet, will apply throughout the meet, except that swimmers may unattach at any time.

ENTRIES AND SEEDING: To enter, fill out and sign a consolidated entry card without entering specific events. Coaches will enter all relays, including 4x4° entrants.

To assist coaches in their entries, a list of all participants and their meet ID numbers will be mailed seven (7) days prior to the meet. Coaches must submit all entries on SPMA relay entry forms beginning at 9 am the day of the meet. Only the top half of the form needs to be completed at the time of entry. In addition, the name and meet ID number of at least one swimmer must be on the card to enter. To help alleviate excessive open lanes, only the swimmer on the card will be allowed to pick up the entry from the clerk of course. The full names and meet ID numbers of all swimmers must appear on the relay form before the first swimmer is called to the blocks.

Clubs with less than four entries and unattached swimmers may participate on relays together, but all times will be ineligible for Masters Top 10 rankings and all records. These entries are due beginning at 9:00 am on the day of the meet. FEES: A flat fee of US\$15 is due with your consolidated entry card. This fee applies to the 4x4 as well. Entry must be postmarked no later than January 22, 1994. Participants entering the day of the meet or anytime after January 22, 1994 must pay an additional US\$5 late entry charge. Deck entries will close promptly at 9:30 am on the day of the meet.

POINTS: Club points will be awarded according to age and gender. In order to maximize participation mixed relays will be allowed (any male/female combination), but they will be scored as a male relay. Scoring will be first through sixth place, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 points, respectively. Age groups are 19+, 25+, 35+, 45+, etc.

AWARDS:

Team Trophies

High Point-Large Club (20 or more participants) FIRST - THIRD

High Point-Small Club (19 or fewer participants) FIRST

Medals

4x4-Special Event* (see back) FIRST - THIRD by AGE/GENDER

*Participants in the 4x4 event will score points.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WH20.

MAIL CHECKS AND CONSOLIDATED ENTRY CARDS TO:

WH20 Relays-Meet Processing

c/o Phil Hayman 1538 N. Martel #108 Los Angeles, CA 90046

WEST HOLLYWOOD AQUATICS - P.O. Box 691651 - West Hollywood, CA 90069

*4x4 RULES:

The 4x4 is a special event run similar to the Caltech Pentathlon, but in a relay format. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW CHANGES IN THE 4X4, so please read <u>all</u> rules carefully. They are as follows:

A participating team shall be defined as four swimmers competing in four predetermined relays for the lowest cumulative time. The same four swimmers will swim all four events. When the times are added, the relay team with the lowest time wins. The relays in the 4x4 are:

WOMEN	EVENTS	MEN or MIXED
1	200 Medley Relay	2
7 、:	500 Freestyle Ladder (50,100,150,200) Relay	8
9`	400 Freestyle Relay	10
13	400 I.M. (4x100 I.M.) Relay	14

- To enter, fill out and sign a consolidated entry card and mail with your check for US\$15 by January 22, 1994 or deck enter on the day of the meet. Participants entering on the day of the meet or any time after January 22, 1994 must pay an additional US\$5 late entry charge.
- 4x4 relay entry forms will be pink. All four entry cards must be submitted complete and at the same time by 9:30 am on the day of the meet. Entries submitted on any color but pink will be invalid.
- 4x4 relays will be seeded by time and swum as a part of the meet at large. Club points will be awarded based on each relays placement in each of the four events. Participants may also score club points by swimming on other relays in different events.
- Any substitutions made after the first event has been swum will result in disqualification from the 4x4.
- Awards will be medals, FIRST-THIRD by AGE/GENDER.
- In order to maximize participation, mixed relays will be allowed (any male/female combination), but will compete in the male category.
- Age groups are 19+, 25+, 35+, 45+, etc.

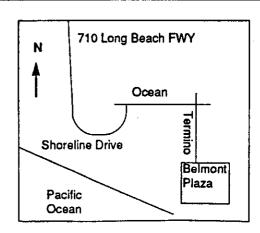
RELAY EVENTS

Saturday, February 5, 1994 Warm up 9:00 am, Start 11:00 am

	MEN
200 YD MEDLEY RELAY	24
200 YD BACKSTROKE RELAY	4
200 YD BREASTSTROKE RELAY	6
500 YD FREESTYLE LADDER RELAY (50,100,150,200)	8\$
BREAK	
400 YD FREESTYLE RELAY	10�
200 YD BUTTERFLY RELAY	12
400 YD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY RELAY (4x100 i.M.)	14\$
8x50 YD FREESTYLE RELAY	16
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QUESTIONS: Meet Director – Philip Hayman (213) 876-6442 Meet Director – Tom Wilson (213) 667-0702

WH20 Hot Line - (310) 288-6555



1994 IGLA BOARD ELECTIONS

Several IGLA Board positions are opening for election at the upcoming Gay Games meeting. Candidates for an office will be given three minutes during the meeting to present their bio. All candidates are encouraged to have a bio handout prepared for all IGLA representatives to review.

The following outlines the duties of the various offices:

Secretary:

- · serves for a period of two years, elected in even-numbered years
- · is responsible for all necessary correspondence
- · takes and maintains the minutes of general membership
- · maintains the membership roster

Atlantic and Pacific Co-Chairs:

- · serve for a period of two years in staggered terms
- oversee and coordinate the activities of the Board of Directors and Committees
- the Co-Chair in the 2nd year of the term from each region will serve as Co-President of IGLA
- in all other ways not mentioned, Co-Chairs manage the affairs of IGLA within the limits established by the by-laws

Representatives to the Federation of Gay Games:

- serve for a period of four years, elected at the IGLA meeting at Gay Games
- attend all Federation of Gay Games general meetings or designate a substitute
- · represent IGLA in all the business of the Federation of Gay Games
- prepare and submit a report on the meetings of the Federation and submit a report to the Board of Directors

Message from Marcy (Part II)

As you are aware from reading the IGLA Board officer position descriptions, as Secretary I am responsible for maintaining the membership roster. I cannot do this without your help. Please complete the following form, and return to me by February 15, 1994. Please type or print clearly. Thanks.

Team mailing address:							
Team contact or Secretary (name, address and phone number):							
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IGLA Reps' names, addresses, phone numbers (continue on other sid as necessary):	е						
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LA FIÈVRE DE LA JUNGLE!

by Jacques Leroux (28 Sept. 1993)

The 3rd Coupe de Montréal (la fièvre de la Jungle!) was a big event and a success, according to the reports we had from guest swimmers.

We were particularly proud of the turn-out: 14 teams, of which Paris aquatique, a première in America (or at least in Canada); 10 women this year (we had 1 woman swimming at our 1992 Meet and none the year before).

Keep coming to us, womyn!

Toronto put up a great show, coming to Montréal, to win the Pink Flamingo relay.

Everybody had a great time cruising the "village" on Saturday night at the Banana Jones Rallye for the guys and the Bar Hop and Surprise Party for the girls.

Altogether a great 2-day Meet and 4-day party before hitting Autumn and going back to our regular activities.

For more information on the club (Montréal Equipe Natation) activities, contact:

Dominique Lampron 1860, boul. René-Lévesque, app. 304 Montréal (Quebec) Canada H2K 4P1

tel: (514) 522-9323



