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Atlantic Co-Chair Report by Roberto Mantaci

Hello Folks! It has been quite a busy first half of the year both for IGLA and for myself. I have spent the first three months of 1996 in Paris and then at the end of March, I moved to San Diego, California, where I am temporarily working until July. This move has allowed me to have close contacts with both the teams of my region (Europe) and those of the Pacific Basin.

My staying in San Diego has also allowed frequent meetings with other members of the Board, in particular, with my esteemed Pacific counterparts, Jon Bauer and Brian Thompson. These meetings will hopefully be beneficial for the structure and life of IGLA. Let me give you some of the latest information about the Board's actions, IGLA activity in Europe and IGLA activity in the American Atlantic Basin (I am covering this region due to the absence of another Atlantic Co-Chair. The newly appointed Atlantic Co-Chair, John Culhane, will take care of this in the next issue of *Wetnotes*).

IGLA BOARD:

- The Board is complete again (yeah!). We have appointed *Marcy Yeisley* (TNYA) for the interim as Secretary and *John Culhane* (Philadelphia FINS) for the interim as Atlantic Co-Chair and Co-President.
- We have been working (and still are) to make e-mail our major communication channel. We have made the position of Internet Coordinator official, and have asked *Paul Boisvert* (À Contre-Courant) to fill this position until October, which he accepted. We are trying to have all the teams online to be able to communicate mainly by e-mail. The Co-Chairs have written and sent a letter to the eight IGLA teams which do not yet have an Internet Rep.
- We have realized that some teams have not renewed their IGLA membership this year. Wishing to keep our organization growing stronger, the Co-Chairs have written a letter to encourage these teams to renew as soon as possible.

EUROPE:

Paris Aquatique held its Trophee the second weekend of March, as usual. More than 230 swimmers participated (about 20 were Americans, 14 from DCAC), making it the second largest gay swim meet ever held in Europe (at Eurogames '95, in Frankfurt, just about 10 more swimmers registered).

Several teams participated in this event for the first time. Namely, a new team from Amsterdam, Havana-Thermos, the second gay swim team in the Dutch capital, and newly formed teams from Brussels and Antwerpen, Belgium. It is our job (mostly mine, I guess) now to have these new teams join IGLA.

The Havana-Thermos team looked really strong and ranked third. They even found a sponsor who supports them by paying for their uniforms and suits, as well as the trip and hotel accommodations when they participate in a meet. *Chic, n'est pas?* Folks, fold your sleeves and start looking for one for your team!

Atlantic Co-Chair Report, con't

As I am writing, the Eurogames '96 are being held in Berlin. I'll tell you more about them in the next issue. For now, I can anticipate that Eurogames '97 will be in Paris and that the Paris Aquatique Board has decided to do all it can to have them sanctioned. If it works, that will be the first gay swim meet ever sanctioned in Europe. We are also trying to find a way to open Eurogames to American swimmers as well. I'll keep you posted.

AMERICAN ATLANTIC BASIN:

- Rideau Speedeaus (Ottawa) held its annual meet in February.
- Atlanta Rainbow Trout has hosted (and won) a "coming out" meet that saw the participation of several "straight" teams in their region. You should know that lots of IGLA swimmers/athletes are presently in Atlanta and they are already working for the organization of the Olympics. Good luck to them!
- Philadelphia FINS, the team of our new Atlantic Co-President, hosted its ABFAB meet in the month of May. John will give us a more detailed report about the meet, and will take over the report about this region in the next issue.

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Co-President's Report by Brian Thompson (Pacific)

Hello! I want to welcome several new teams to the IGLA family. We now have a team in Salt Lake City, Utah!! We have a new team forming in Miami, Florida with about 10 swimmers and growing!! We have a team located in Atlanta, Georgia!! I hope that sometime in the future, Team Atlanta will be able to host a meet in the new Olympic pool. Wouldn't that be great!

As for news about IGLA ... As you know, Jacques resigned as Secretary earlier this year. The IGLA Board has appointed Marcy Yeisley as the interim Secretary. Marcy is from Team New York Aquatics, and has been an IGLA Secretary in the past, so we know that she does an excellent job. Also, Kevin Grenier resigned as Atlantic Co-Chair. Sorry to see him go, and we on the Board wish him well. Hope to see him at meets in the future.

As you may know, IGLA is now into the computer age. We have a home page on the Internet (<http://www.kwic.net/igla.html>). If you have a computer, you should take a look at it. The home page has some very good information about IGLA. In addition, the IGLA Board corresponds through e-mail to save money and time, which has been working very well. We are corresponding also with member teams who have an e-mail representative. Teams who need to update our e-mail representative directory, please contact Paul Boisvert, our Internet Coordinator.

I would like to give my very heartfelt thanks to two persons who have done a fantastic job for IGLA. Without them we would not be moving ahead as we are. These persons have put in many hours of work, and should be congratulated. Please say thanks to Phil Hayman and Jessica Seaton of the Sanctions Committee when you see them at a swim meet.

Speaking of the Sanctions Committee—they have put together our policy and procedures manual, which is available for any member team for \$5 US. Please let Brigitte Bassac, Treasurer, know if your team wishes to order one. If you plan to run a meet in the future, then your team should have one.

Lastly, this is just a reminder that IGLA team membership dues are due. We hope that all the teams will renew their memberships. The late fee has been suspended for this year. However, if you wait until the championship meet in October to renew your membership, the late fee *will* be applied.

Hope to see everyone in Washington DC!!!

* REMINDER *

There will be a General Meeting for IGLA Reps in Washington, D.C. during the IGLA '96 Championships, Oct. 11-14. Time, date and location of the meeting are to be announced.

Pacific Co-Chair Report by Jon Bauer

I had the good fortune of traveling to Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras this past winter and met up with our friends on Sydney's "Wett Ones." Fellow WH2O teammate, Kurt Smith, and I were treated to a Wett Ones workout where we were introduced to their tradition of letting the guests lead the lanes. We accepted their hospitality and in spite of our jet lag, managed to survive. This particular workout was well attended and high-spirited.

Wett Ones had just competed in their own Mardi Gras masters sanctioned meet the week before, and they were tapering for the Mardi Gras Swim Festival. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, it is a rather loosely run swim competition consisting of three age groups: 19-28, 29-36, and 37 and up. Men and women swim in separate events. The pool is on the gorgeous Sydney Bay and filled with icy, chlorinated salt water. IGLA was well represented on the medal stand, in the grand stand, and in the theme relays. The "Wett Ones" would do IGLA justice by hosting an IGLA Championship in the future. Their city and country is as charming as it is beautiful.

Team Seattle will hold its traditional "Northwest Gay/Lesbian Summer Sports Festival," July 3-7. Contact Team Seattle, 1202 East Pike St., #515, Seattle, WA 98122, USA. Tel: (206) 322-7769. I have attended this festival in the past and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Seattle is a terrific city, and the festival is first class.

West Hollywood held its 3rd Rafael Montijo Relay meet, April 6. The meet was well attended by IGLA athletes. Our new IGLA friends from Utah, "Queer Utah Aquatics" (QUAC) were there in force. WH2O swimmers really enjoyed their presence at workouts and at the meet. Forty-two of our established friends from San Diego attended and they are stronger than ever.

Adrian Kalil from Team Portland recently e-mailed me and reports that Team Portland (TPAC) is typically slow between Games years. However, a coach from another team (Portland Parks Masters) is very interested in being involved with TPAC Portland in their preparation for Gay Games. She is also a water polo player, and she will try to organize a water polo team for TPAC. Adrian reports that this would be a first for their team.

I encourage the other teams in the Pacific Region to send your team's happenings (especially any meets you are planning) to Brian Thompson or me. It would be great to see a series of meets being planned in the Pacific Region similar to those that have been happening in the Atlantic Region.

Please keep in mind that your aquatics issues for Gay Games in Amsterdam are best represented by your IGLA Federation of Gay Games Reps, Charlie Carson and Suzanne Shriner. Please contact them regarding any advice or information you would like to pass along to the Amsterdam organizers.

Treasurer's Report by Brigitte Bassac

Let me introduce myself. My name is Brigitte and I have been a member of Paris Aquatique for three years. I am also the club treasurer. At the Montréal meet in October 1995, I was elected to be IGLA's Treasurer. The previous Treasurer was Mark Spratt, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for handing over very well kept books and all the information I need to carry on with the job.

This year, according to my information, we have the joy of welcoming two new clubs to IGLA. They are the Queer Aquatics Club from Salt Lake City in the USA and HH2V Plons from the Hague in the Netherlands. We hope that more new clubs will join IGLA this year. You can help by spreading the word.

We would also like to thank all of the clubs that have renewed their support. I urge those clubs that still haven't renewed their membership to do it as soon as possible.

IGLA's revenue comes from membership fees (as of today US\$ 2,115 from 24 teams and 2 individual members) and from the sale of IGLA products at the annual meet. At this time, the accounts show a credit balance of US\$ 5,483 (not including the sales at Montréal).

One of the major expense items in the IGLA budget is the production and mailing of *Wetneates*, the newsletter that keeps us in touch and carries information about the clubs' meets.

Part of this year's budget will be used to send our Delegate, Charlie Carson, and our Alternate Delegate, Suzanne Shriner, to the Federation of Gay Games Annual Meeting in Sydney, Australia. They represent the aquatics sports and are our voice in the Federation. They are working very hard to make all of the aquatics events quality championships and internally sanctioned.

A major effort is being made to have all of the IGLA clubs join their national federations so that they can compete in international meets. IGLA surveyed the European clubs to find out more about the specific features of each country's federation. Bringing all of these clubs into harmony is turning out to be a difficult job, but we've made a good start. Of course, there are also administrative costs in running IGLA: postage, internet, telephone calls, and so on.

As you can see, IGLA has a small budget because it is an umbrella organization, but its role and its existence are vital.

I would like to conclude by saying how happy I am to be a part of this movement for the recognition and visibility to gay sports (and swimming in particular).

See you by the pool, and I look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Update from the Sanctions Committee

At the IGLA General Meeting in Montréal, the Sanctions Committee outlined several priorities for the current year. To date we have accomplished the following:

- The *Rules and Recommendations* handbook has been totally reformatted. The new edition is modeled on the *FINA* handbook. Each item is now specifically numbered for easy reference. While the content has not changed, the approved amendments have been incorporated. It is recommended that each team purchase at least one copy of the *Rules and Recommendations* handbook. The current edition is available for \$5US by contacting the IGLA Treasurer, Brigitte Bassac.
- An edited and revised edition of the *Rules and Recommendations* handbook was submitted to the Federation of Gay Games Sports Committee at their Annual Meeting in Amsterdam last November. They were impressed and our suggestions were immediately forwarded to the Amsterdam organizing committee.
- One of our goals for the year was to develop a permanent 2½ day meet schedule for the IGLA Championships. Upon reflection, it seems that the size of the IGLA Championships has outgrown a 2½ day championship, and we feel the host committee needs the freedom to be creative with the schedule. However, the host committee still needs to receive approval from the IGLA Executive Board prior to mailing its entry form.
- The Sanctions Committee is still looking for representatives from the sports of Diving and Synchronized Swimming to prepare guidelines for the *Rules and Recommendations* handbook.

The committee is currently creating amendments to the handbook for consideration at this year's IGLA General Meeting. A copy of these proposed amendments will be mailed to all of the IGLA Representatives one month prior to the General Meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Philip Hayman or Jessica Seaton at jseaton@aol.com.

Federation of Gay Games Update by Charles Carson

The organizers of Amsterdam 1998 Gay Games (Stichting) have sent the first written communication to the Federation's Sports Committee regarding the swimming competition. They have confirmed their plans to offer both a sanctioned meet and separate non-sanctioned races.

In their letter, Stichting outlined proposed age groups for the sanctioned meet and informed us that they would like to televise some of the races live via their television network sponsor. This is an exciting opportunity and we will be corresponding back to Stichting through the Sports Committee to clarify some issues this raises with FINA's rules for masters swimming. Phil Hayman and Jessica Seaton of IGLA's Sanctions Committee are helping me and Suzanne Shriner with these communications.

This is the year that cities wishing to host Gay Games VI must begin the paperwork required to bid. We should have a good indication of who the candidates will be at the Federation's annual meeting in Sydney this September. Montréal announced its intent at the IGLA Championships last fall, and San Jose may try to bring the Games back to the San Francisco Bay Area since 2002 will be 20 years since the event's founding. Sydney may also bid again. The bids themselves will take place at the 1997 annual meeting.

I want to stress how important our attendance is at the Federation meetings, and put in a plug here to be sure your team is up to date on its IGLA dues. Transportation costs will be high this year, but with issues such as whether or not to include diving still hot Federation topics, it is critical that our collective voices be heard. We have yet to have any IGLA team hosting a meet to add a nominal charge per person to go back to IGLA (such as \$1 per swimmer), although this has been discussed at the last two annual meetings and will probably be again this year. IGLA's expenses continue to rise as we grow, and our increasing role as the governing body for our sports within the Federation is a large part of that growth.

Remember, too, that Suzanne and I will have just returned from Sydney the week before this year's IGLA Championships. We will have the absolute latest developments on Gay Games V to report. Be sure you have a voice in our discussions by planning now to be in D.C. for the IGLA Reps meeting before the meet begins!

* Pink Flamingo History *

June 5th *Newsday* reports from Leominster, MA that "the plastic pink flamingo lawn ornament turns 40 next year. Some may think them tacky, but more than 500,000 are sold each year, according to the manufacturer." [something to celebrate in '97?]

IGLA Water Polo Report

by Charley Sullivan,
Water Polo Chair

Water Polo seems to be on the mend in IGLA. Going into the IGLA Championships in Montréal, the health of water polo in IGLA seemed questionable. Only six teams had registered for the Montréal tournament. Both the silver and bronze medal teams from Gay Games IV had not sent teams, and the long-established team from Philadelphia announced its demise.

The tournament in Montréal, however, showed that there was still life in IGLA polo. West Hollywood continued the domination it had demonstrated since before Gay Games IV, winning the tournament undefeated. Newly formed Montréal, drawing on experienced players, took the silver, positioning itself as a new power to be reckoned with in IGLA, and introducing a multi-lingual élan to the tournament. Seattle, which had never won a medal in previous IGLA competition, took a well-earned bronze. The rest of the field—Washington, New York and Chicago—all played close games. The polo players also discovered a new sense of solidarity as they never knew what delays in the swimming schedule would do to their own start times, and as they played to almost empty stands, late at night, but full of the love of their sport.

Since IGLA-Montréal, polo has taken the energy from the tournament and is rebuilding. Mike and Kelly from West Hollywood have taken their show on the road, visiting Chicago and Washington to hold clinics, the first of which also drew players from New York. Seattle now has two teams, both of which have been playing tournaments as far away as Canada and California, including a women's tournament in Berkeley. Vancouver has been in the water again, playing in their provincial championships. Montréal is planning on coming to IGLA-DC, showing that they are not just a flash in the pan, and there are both rumors and sightings of our first European team in Amsterdam. There are stirrings, at least in discussions, of water polo developing in Atlanta, Ann Arbor and Paris. Who knows?

Meanwhile, IGLA polo is working on establishing itself fully within IGLA. Phil Hayman and Jessica Seaton have been extremely inclusive of polo's concerns and needs as they have been working on IGLA sanctions. As Water Polo Chair, I have been working closely with them, and with the DC organizing committee to make sure that a quality tournament will occur in October. Polo will have its own facility, separate from the swimming in DC, and this facility will also host the Pink Flamingo Relay at the conclusion of the meet. We are working on developing a consistent corps of referees who understand the issues facing IGLA polo, and we are looking into the advantages good software might bring to our tournaments.

A short note to any "non-affiliated" polo players out there who might want to play in Washington. You must be registered in advance with one of the teams playing in the tournament to be able to play. Because of pool-time limitations, the field will be limited to eight teams in DC [six teams have committed to come, one or two others are likely]. We will be glad to help you hook up and register with one of the teams who will be playing. Simply contact Charley Sullivan (see below), and I will be glad to help you find a team.

A note to swimmers who play polo as well. There will be conflicts in the schedules between swimming and polo in DC. I will be sending out a preliminary tournament schedule around the time the DC committee sends out registration materials for October. This will allow you to make the best guesses about which events you may be able to swim within the constraints of the polo schedule, or to decide which polo games you might have to miss. I am working with the DC committee to see how flexible individual player registrations might be once the polo schedule is finalized, to assure the best possible combination of swimming and polo.

I hope this finds you all well and training hard. Remember that the DC tournament will be run under the new FINA/USWP rules, most of which are just window-dressing changes.

Any questions, don't hesitate to call at (313) 482-2450, or to send e-mail through "rkoplan@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu." Snail mail can be addressed to: 217 Oak, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, USA. Be in contact before July, since I will be in Atlanta announcing swimming at the Olympic Games. Take care and play safely. Go Homopolo!

* DEADLINE *

Submissions for the next issue of *Wetnotes* are due no later than: **July 1.**

Please send to: Marcy Yeisley
639 West 204 St., #2D
New York, NY 10034
tel: (212) 567-2987
e-mail: yeisley@is2.nyu.edu

Team News

From Toronto by Joe Wearing

The IGLA members will want to hear about a close brush with tragedy experienced by the Downtown Swim Club at our practice last Sunday [date?]. We were well into our length swimming and I was nearing a turn, when I heard a loud crash at the other end of the pool. I looked around to see with horror that the ceiling was crashing into the pool. By the time I had leapt out of the pool, the ceiling had stabilized and swimmers were trying to punch their way through huge slabs of fibreglass and plaster that were floating on top of the water. Our initial fear was that some swimmers might have been knocked out and were lying at the bottom, but fortunately everyone either fought their way to the surface or were pulled out. A number of our group were badly scraped and everyone was quite shaken. At least two had trouble coming up for air and thought they were going to drown. We have had several group meetings since then, so that those who were particularly traumatized can talk out their feelings. We are also trying to grapple with the problem of where we relocate our practices, since Jimmie Simpson pool will no doubt be closed for several months. We are hoping that the City of Toronto will be cooperative in finding us times at the other pools, but with all the city's pools being heavily used, this will not be easy.

It is alarming to realize that there have been ongoing problems with the Jimmie Simpson ceiling. It was replaced just three years ago and regular leakage had been noticed. One of the lucky aspects of this mishap is that it did not happen an hour earlier, when a lot of children were in the pool.

It takes more than a collapsing ceiling to sink a bunch of lesbian and gay swimmers. Also, have no fear that this will interfere with our swim meet planned for Gay Pride Weekend the end of June. The meet will be held at the University of Toronto pool, and the ceiling there looks very secure!

Rafael Montijo Relay Meet Frolicking Success by Neal Wiener

The Saturday before Easter, WH2O put on its 4th annual Rafael Montijo Relay meet by the beach in Long Beach, to the delight of over 200 swimmers. Nine different teams competed, including four IGLA clubs. In the IGLA contingent, Different Strokes brought 45 spirited entrants north from San Diego, outnumbering the 43 swimmers from the host team, West Hollywood Aquatics. Tsunami brought several relay teams from San Francisco, and the fresh-faced swimmers of QUAC recruited a majority—16 of 30—of their team to QUAC's first largely gay swim meet.

6 Who and what is QUAC? It is probably the newest IGLA team, having been founded in the Summer of 1995. It is an acronym for Queer Utah Aquatics. They had a

wonderful time, as did many other IGLA swimmers for whom the Relay meet was not their first day on the beach, so to speak. Unlike urban centers on the US East and West Coast, it is no small achievement to have a gay and lesbian anything in a place like Utah. When we are out in Utah, can Albania be far behind? Three cheers and a quack for QUAC!

Back to the meet. The Rafael Montijo Relay meet is unique because all the races are relays. There were relays for each of the strokes, even a 200 yard backstroke relay, which starts in the water, but the other three swimmers do a racing dive and some cockamamie technique for turning over on their back. Two of the relays, to 4 x 100 freestyle and 4 x 100 medley, were part of our Masters Regionals.

The most memorable part of the meet was the fun and the spirit. Relays are always fun, and rooting for your own relay team adds to the spirit. The spirit and fun rose to a high peak for the final relay, two heats of 8 x 50 freestyle. If four is fun, eight is at least double. With 64 swimmers per heat (8 lanes x 8 swimmers), cheering was intense. Quite simply, the meet was great fun. Following the meet, IGLA team swimmers went to a beer best and barbecue down the road at Ripples.

The meet ran very smoothly, with no delays, results were posted in short order, and no nagging calls for swimmers to time because there were three volunteer timers per lane for every race. WH2O is planning its 5th Relay meet next year, so plan to FIT IT IN!

In Memoriam

Team New York Aquatics is sad to report the death of our first team president, Rick Reynolds, at the end of April.

Many of you may remember Rick from Gay Games IV when he read the names of IGLA's deceased teammates during the Pink Flamingo event. At that time, Rick had already been living with HIV for a number of years. Rick set numerous IGLA records representing TNYA between 1990-1992. Shortly before GGIV, he moved back to his home state of Texas. We were all happy he was able to return to New York to share the Gay Games with us.

Rick served two terms as TNYA President during the years when we finally had enough swimmers to begin our own workouts as a team. Rick was a full participant—swimmer, coach, board member, volunteer, and an outstanding Marlo at Gay Games III. His experience and knowledge of the sport—and his smile—helped give our new gay and lesbian team credibility in the eyes of the local masters swimming community. We made and cemented many friendships in our region through Rick's efforts, and we look forward to honoring him during the Quilt display this fall.

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THE MEET WILL BE FAST, THE TIMES WILL TOO! JOIN US FOR A GAY OLD TIME.

Questions? Contact: Rob Koplan at (313) 482-2450 or
Linda Jarvie and Michelle Williams at (313) 332-0144 or
e-mail us at "rkoplan@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu"

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LA COMPÉTITION SERA CHALEUREUSE. L'AMITIÉ AUSSI. TOUT SERA TRÈS GAI!

Questions? N'hésitez pas à contacter Charley Sullivan au (313) 482-2450 ou
Linda Jarvie et Michelle Williams au (313) 332-0144 (Anglais) ou
contactez-nous par "e-mail": "rkoplan@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu"

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J'aurai besoin de la place pour ____ personne(s). Veuillez nommer les autres personnes qui vous accompagneront: _____

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J'ai des allergies à/Je préfère ne pas être hébergé ou hébergée dans une maison ou il y a _____

Avez-vous des besoins ou demandes spéciaux? _____

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Veuillez poster avant le 20 Juillet à: Rob Koplan
217 Oak
Ypsilanti, MI 48198 USA

Swim Meets: Upcoming

The Masters Swim Club *À Contre-Courant* from Montréal is proud to invite masters swimmers from all around the world for "La Coupe de Montréal des Maîtres-Nageurs Gais et Lesbiennes" called **L'Île aux Tresors** on August 31, 1996 (Labor Day weekend super mega party). Ideal preparation for the IGLA Championships 1996 in Washington, DC in October.

Swim Meet Information

POOL: Hochelaga pool, located in downtown Montréal, 25 meters, 8 lanes, electronic timing. Warmup 10:00am, meet 11:00am-6:00pm

EVENTS: 200 Free, 50 Breast, 100 Back, 50 Fly, 100 Free, 200 Free Relay
200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 50 Back, 100 Breast, 50 Free, 100 Fly

Note: The Pink Flamingo Relay will be replaced by a "Treasure Relay" (relais aux tresors)

ENTRY FEES: \$25 CDN or \$20 US

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 10

HOSTED HOUSING AVAILABLE

**** Swimmers MUST be registered with a swimming federation like MSO, FNQ, USMS or equivalent masters swimming organization ****

Social Activities

Saturday pm: Supper banquet and entertainment following the meet
Sunday afternoon: Expedition on Islands around Montréal
Sunday pm: 5 - 7 cocktail and supper
Monday: Brunch and cultural excursion

For More Information

Coordinator: Jacques Leroux
Registrar: Martin Cardinal

Write: 1860, boul. René-Lévesque Est #304, Montréal QC H2K 4P1
Phone: (514) 844-3700
E-mail: mcardina@ulix.net

Swim Meets: Upcoming (con't)

TORONTO: June 29 - Proud T.O. Swim Meet (warmup 10am, meet 11am-5pm) / June 30 - Pride Parade

Once again, Toronto's Downtown Swim Club is welcoming Masters swimmers from around the world to its annual meet on Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend. Come swim, party then parade with us at Toronto's huge, festive and fabulous lesbian and gay event. Toronto's Pride Parade drew 600,000 people in 1995. This year, come for the swim meet, stay for the celebration!

POOL: University of Toronto pool (located in downtown Toronto), 25 meter, 8 lane pool, electronic timing

ENTRY FEE: \$30 CDN or \$25 US (\$25 CDN or \$20 US if registered before June 1)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 8

EVENTS: 200 Free, 50 Fly, 100 Back, 200 IM, 50 Breast, 200 Medley Relay, 50 Back, 100 Fly, 50 Free, 100 Breast, 200 Free Relay, 800 Free (may be swum 2 per lane), *Pink Flamingo Relay*

A supper banquet follows the meet (\$25 CDN/\$20 US). Hosted housing is available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Write: Downtown Swim Club
P.O. Box 1112, Station "F"
Toronto, Canada M4Y 2T8

Phone: Ron Coughlin, (416) 466-1489
(this is a home #, please call before 11:00 pm EST)

E-Mail: beadie@astral.magic.ca

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5TH ANNUAL SUMMER'S END SWIM MEET - August 31, 1996 (Labor Day Weekend)

Sponsored by Team Portland Aquatics Club, this is a sanctioned "FUN" meet with the usual events, plus some "just for fun" relays. A social/pot luck will follow in the evening. Home stay is available.

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Letters to the Editor

Hi, boys

I wanted to take a moment to thank you three [Roberto Mantaci, Jon Bauer, Brian Thompson] for sending a very thoughtful and complete letter of explanation regarding the controversy at the recent IGLA championship.

After hearing bits and pieces, rumor and innuendo, it was very nice to hear the story in a factual manner, replete with reference to history and eventual outcome.

Tense moments can bring about many reactions, and your cogent and objective approach was appreciated. Many of us are not privy to the inner workings of the IGLA board, and this recent letter has helped me (as a Team

Representative, swimmer, and coach) to realize how complicated and difficult your tasks really are.

I applaud all of you for the work you are doing and support your future efforts.

Let us learn from past experiences and look forward to the Games in Amsterdam. Let it be the BEST ever.

Sincerely,

Adrian Kalil
Team Portland Aquatic Club

Letters to the Editor (con't)

Dear Editor of Wetneutes,

As current President of West Hollywood Aquatics, I feel compelled to respond to accusations made in the January 1996 edition of Wetneutes.

I would first like to apologize for any hurtful or inappropriate remarks made by members of West Hollywood Aquatics. While it is not an excuse, under the pressure of competition and with a time change not in our favor, many of us having less than four hours of sleep, some people do not always show their best side. When that happens, I believe it is unfortunate, however I do not think singling out an entire organization, as Jacques Leroux did in the last IGLA newsletter, is fair.

West Hollywood Aquatics has been an integral part of IGLA from the very beginning. The late Rafael Montijo was the original IGLA Secretary, and went on to become IGLA Treasurer. Morri Sprang was and Jon Bauer currently is Pacific Co-Chair. Tom Wilson and the late Richard DeFabees have been FoGG delegates and currently Suzanne Shriner is the Alternate FoGG delegate. Philip Hayman and I have co-chaired the IGLA Sanctions Committee for the past year and a half. West Hollywood Aquatics hosted the IGLA Championship meet in Long Beach, California in 1991. Furthermore, we have always sent a large contingent of swimmers and water polo players to other IGLA Championship events.

While I feel that lively discussion has a place in a newsletter, accusations and negative innuendo only serve to foster strife and resentment.

Sincerely,

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1996 IGLA Board Elections

Following are descriptions of each of the Board positions which are up for election at our October meeting:

Secretary:

- Serves for a period of two years, elected in even-numbered years
- Is responsible for all necessary correspondence (and produces *Wetnotes*)
- Takes and maintains the minutes of the annual general membership meeting
- Maintains 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 second year of the term from each region serves as Co-President
- In other ways not mentioned, Co-Chairs manage the affairs of IGLA within the limits established by the by-laws

Swim Meets: Past

May 4 Philadelphia FINS hosted ABFAB "A Big FINS Aquatic Bash," held at the University of Pennsylvania's swimming facility. This was the FINS first meet.

May 9-12 San Francisco Tsunami extended an invitation to host IGLA-affiliated swimmers who participated in the 1996 USMS Short Course Yard Nationals, held at DeAnza College in Cupertino, California. Tsunami also planned a social event for after the meet.

May 16-19 Vorspiel SSV Berlin sent an announcement about the Eurogames, held in Berlin. This event was not more widely advertised because the Eurogames organizers did not feel ready to enter the current sanctioning debate (this meet was not sanctioned).

IGLA 1996 World Championships Washington, DC - October 11-14, 1996

This year's championships will be held Columbus Day weekend in Washington, DC, on October 11, 12, 13, & 14, 1996. As hosts of the championships, the District of Columbia Aquatics Club (DCAC) and the Washington Wetskins Water Polo Teams (Wetskins) invite you to participate in the event and to visit our beautiful city for four days of aquatic competition, fellowship, and fun. Washington, DC has a lot to offer gay and lesbian visitors, and there are several exciting social events planned for the participants of the championships. The registration and information packet for the meet will be mailed in early June to all registered IGLA teams, as well as other teams and individuals, as requested. To register for an entry packet, please see the section below for communicating with IGLA '96.

Please be aware that the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be in town the same weekend as IGLA '96. We urge all participants who plan to stay in a hotel to begin reserving space now as it will be scarce for this weekend. Hosted housing will be offered to participating athletes only, since we are expecting a record number of entrants this year and we simply do not have enough space for athletes and friends. If you can afford to stay in a hotel, we strongly encourage this avenue of accommodations. Also, the event venues are spread out over a wide area of Washington, and neither of the pools are close to downtown. We highly recommend that you get with some of your fellow athletes and rent a car. This is especially important for swimmers who will be competing at a venue which has no Metro access. The following travel agency may be contacted to make arrangements for the host hotel, The Omni Shoreham in Woodley Park: **Just Corporate Travel Agency, tel: 1-800-926-2631.**

For other hotels throughout DC which have blocked rooms for IGLA '96, contact:

Advance Damron Vacations
1-800-695-0880
Robert Bois x 106
Donnie Angelle x 105

Identify yourself as part of the IGLA/DCAC room block. Rates vary from \$105-125 per night.

For travel arrangements to get to Washington, DC, contact:

Travel-On
8405 Ramsey Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
8:30 am - 5:30 pm EST, Monday-Friday
tel: 800-333-1225 or 301-495-5990
fax: 800-308-7819 or 301-495-0715

Communicating with IGLA '96

If you have access to the Internet, you can E-Mail your questions to our Internet address: igla96@nicom.com. Please leave your full name, country, and telephone number in your E-Mail message so we may reply to you by telephone, if necessary. If you cannot E-Mail us, you can call our IGLA '96 hotline and leave a message or fax. The telephone number to call in the USA is: **202-544-9278.**

This telephone number is answered 24-hours a day by computer. To leave a message, follow the instructions when the system answers. Please use the following mailbox numbers for your questions:

- 1 - General information
- 2 - Registration/Entry forms
- 3 - Hosted Housing/Accommodations
- 4 - Events
- 5 - Women's Concerns
- 6 - Pink Flamingo

These telephone mailboxes will be checked periodically. Please allow 3-5 days for a return phone call. Before leaving a message, be sure to state your full name, country, and complete telephone number (please speak slowly and clearly). This information is vital to getting a return phone call. To send a fax, simply dial the number on your fax machine and the computer will take care of everything else.

You can also visit our World Wide Web site at: <http://www.igla96.nicom.com>. Other bits of fun and interesting data will be available at the Web site soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at IGLA '96 in Washington, DC!!