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Message from the IGLA Board

On behalf of the IGLA Board, we hope that you all had a safe and relaxing holiday spent with your friends and loved ones. We have been working closely with the Icelandic host committee in regards to our Championship to be held in Reykjavik from May 30th through June 2nd. The website igla2012.org is up and running, but there a few more changes that need to be made, so please be patient as we work on this. We are all go and are excited to see the progress Iceland has made, as we know this is going to be a Championship that is not to be missed.

Our IGLA website has been updated and has various events that are going on throughout the year in various cities, so please be sure to visit often for more information. If you or your club have anything to add or submit, please do not hesitate to forward that to us so we can add it to our site. We continue to grow as an organization and look forward to an even brighter future.

Best Regards,

Carlos A. Obando and Dennis Kristoffers
Co-Presidents



IGLA Long Course Meter Swimming Records have been updated.
[View them here.](#)



IGLA Teams are hosting some awesome events this month.
[Check out who's doing what.](#)
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IGLA 2012 Championships - Reykjavik, Iceland



We look forward to welcoming you to the 2012 IGLA championships in Reykjavik Iceland. We proudly invite you to the coolest capital in world for fantastic championships from 30th of May to 2nd of June. Experience unique nature and enjoy local hospitality as well as a top standard competition on the roof of the world. Prepare yourself for a new experience in our fantastic geothermal pools and some serious fun and activities lined up for the championship.

The IGLA Championships in Reykjavik at the end of May 2012 will coincide with Reykjavik Arts Festival, which is one of Northern Europe's the oldest and most respected arts festivals. The purpose of the Festival is to promote Icelandic and international culture in all fields of art. The programs offer a range of concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions, dance and opera. In combination with its focus on Icelandic culture, past and present, the Festival has hosted many outstanding international artists and performers, for example Amaduo & Mariam, San Francisco Ballet, Goran Breovic and Pavarotti.



The swimming competition as well as the water polo will be held in a 50 meter indoor pool in Laugardalur, and swum in ten lanes. All events will be conducted according to the IGLA Championship rules as well as FINA rules. Heats will be seated according to age groups. However, all heats will be filled. The coaches meeting will be held in the morning and warm up will start at 8.00. The outdoor pool will be available for warm-ups and cool-downs during the whole competition. As well as the hot tubs and the water slide.



The 25m meter charismatic indoor swimming pool will be perfect for hosting the diving and synchronized swimming. The pool is situated down town Reykjavik and was built in 1937. It includes private changing facilities, two outdoor hot tubs and a steam bath. It is a bright and friendly facility loaded with history and character. This gorgeous pool is a testimony of Iceland's most prestigious Icelandic architect, Guðjón Samúelsson who also created the National Theatre building and main building of University of Iceland. The pool was Iceland's first indoor pool and a great ...for a community that wasn't so keen on taking regular baths.



The IGLA 2012 calendar is full of great events! The championships start on the morning of May 30th and the Opening Party is in the famous Blue Lagoon that same night. IGLA's partner Pink Iceland offers daily tours during the whole week. The Pink Tours are specially put together for IGLA guests and will therefore be very queer, fun and fabulous.

We look forward to seeing you all in Reykjavic!

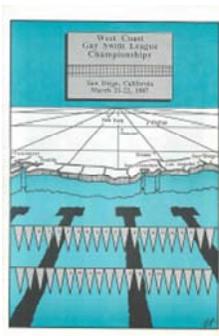




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25 Years of IGLA Championships

Excerpted from a history of IGLA written by Charlie Carson of TNYA



The first gay swim team with its own practices and coach began in Los Angeles some months prior to 1982's Gay Games I. Most of the 125 swimmers at those Games were in fact from teams in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas. There were enough of us, though, from places like Honolulu, Tucson, Minneapolis, Edmonton, Sydney and New York to keep it from being an entirely local phenomenon. Before the meet was over, team leaders had exchanged phone numbers and addresses and an informal network of gay swimmers had begun.

By 1986 and Gay Games II, gay and lesbian teams included San Diego, Seattle and Vancouver. With more than 400 swimmers at those Games, the team leaders decided that we were both enjoying the exercise and having too much fun to wait four years to get together again. San Diego's team volunteered to host a meet in early 1987.

About 120 showed up in March, 1987 at the Allied Gardens Pool for what was called the "West Coast Gay Swim League Championships." The fact that it was as large as Gay Games I was an encouraging sign. Rafael led the team leaders' meeting of about 15 people, and he and his West Hollywood team volunteered to collect information to publish a directory of gay and lesbian swimming contacts.



Just as Gay Games II was held in San Francisco to "smooth out the kinks" from the first one, San Diego volunteered to host a second gay championships in 1988 with plans to include water polo. Vancouver agreed to host a meet in 1989 so that everyone could get used to the pool and as a practice for themselves prior to Gay Games III in 1990.

Meanwhile, Team Seattle's first Northwest Gay & Lesbian Sports Festival — which included swimming — began in July 1987. It was at that meet that GLINDA got the shove and the name IGLA was adopted. There was much hopeful talk that the word "international" would soon encompass more than the U.S. and Canada. Also, a retroactive decision was made to call San Diego's 1987 meet the first official IGLA Championships, beginning a tradition that is now [25 years] old.



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New Records Set in 2011 at IGLA XIX in Hawaii



There were outstanding performances at the IGLA championships in Honolulu Hawaii. We want to take a moment and recognize outstanding record breaking performances by the following people:

- Adrienne Pipes, 50m Fly, 200m Free, 400m Free, 800m Free
- Amy Dantzier, 400m Free, 800m Free, 1500m Free
- Brian Jacobson, 50m Breast, 50m Fly, 50m Free
- Erik Scollon, 100m Fly, 800m Free, 400m IM
- Ernie Leskovitz, 100m Free, 200m Free, 400m Free, 800m Free, 1500m Free
- Johan Steiner, 800m Free, 1500m Free, 400m IM
- Kaeti Ecker, 200m Back, 200m Free, 400m Free, 800m Free
- Linda Webb, 100m Breast, 200m Breast, 50m Free, 100m Free
- Lindsey Warren-Shriner, 400m Free, 800m Free, 1500m Free, 400m IM
- Lisa Dahl, 50m Back, 50m Breast, 50m Fly, 50m Free, 100m Free
- Michele Huyette, 100m Breast, 50m Fly, 50m Free, 200m IM
- Nadine Day, 200m Breast, 100m Fly, 200m Free, 400m Free, 400m IM
- Paulo Figueiredo, 50m Back, 100m Back, 200m Back, 50m Fly, 400m Free
- Sarah Welch, 50m Fly, 100m Fly, 200m Fly, 200m IM, 400m IM

All the records broken in 2011 at IGLA XIX in Honolulu Hawaii can be found at records.igla.org.

The IGLA Long Course Meters records have all been update by the tireless work of Neill Williams from DCAC. If you see Neill, be sure to thank him!

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TNYA to Host Diving Competition

On Saturday March 10th, Team New York Aquatics will host Aquapalooza II, a masters level swimming and diving invitational meet. This will be New York City's first ever LGBT Masters Diving Competition.

TNYA launched their diving program in January 2011 headed by Coach Croft Vaughn. TNYA was the most represented diving team at IGLA 2011 in Hawaii, with nearly all gold medals. Aquapalooza II will feature 1 meter and 3 meter diving competitions. Interested divers should contact diving@tnya.org for registration information.

Continuing to lead in IGLA diving, TNYA will be hosting a Dive Camp in connection with the Swim Camp in Florida at the end of March. "It's going to be a lot of fun and an excellent opportunity for divers to train for IGLA Reykjavic," says TNYA Diving Coach Croft Vaughn.

Visit the TNYA website www.tnya.org or the [Facebook event](#) page for details.

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QUAC's Ski-n-Swim in Salt Lake City

QUAC's is proud to announce our Ski-n-Swim 2012! Save the date the Ski-n-Swim extravaganza will be held February 17-19. We will have the opening social Friday night, Swim meet on Saturday and skiing on Sunday. Please pass the event along and let's get as many of our clubs across the nation to come swim with us!

Visit QUAC's Ski-n-Swim website www.ski-n-swim.org or the [Facebook event](#) page for registration details.

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12th Annual Tsunami de Mayo Tournament

A long running tradition spanning over a decade, San Francisco Tsunami is hosting the 12th Annual Tsunami de Mayo Water polo tournament.

Save the date: May 4-5, 2012 and hone your team's skills before IGLA 2012 in Reykjavic.

Visit Tsunami's website www.tsunamipolo.org or email ktcosgrove11@gmail.com or inherentvirtue@yahoo.com for more information.

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IGLA is the world's foremost international organization solely devoted to developing and promoting gay and lesbian swimming, water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming.

Our mission is to promote participation in aquatic sports among lesbians and gay men and friends of our community, and to ensure maintenance of the highest standards for aquatic competitions and international standards for all Gay Games and IGLA Championships.

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