

TYMS Times January 2002

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the Toronto Y Masters Swim Club, (TYMS), born January 1, 2002.

TYMS has evolved out of the Master Blasters Swim Club, formed at the North York YMCA in 1985. It serves the many masters swimmers who train at the various campuses of the Greater Toronto YMCA. In order to compete in meets sanctioned by Masters Swimming Ontario (MSO) and participate in certain other activities, swimmers must be registered with MSO. The Club does not have its own coaches or programs but uses the volunteer coaches and programs at the various YMCA campuses. The Club does provide most of the volunteer coaches for the Y programs and does participate extensively in the promotion and organization of these programs.

The Club attracts swimmers at all levels, top ranked Canadian, in some cases, World ranked swimmers, many who are just starting out in their swimming career and everyone in between. All are welcome, none are excluded. There is great comradery and motivation in swimming with a group. Our more experienced swimmers are always willing to share their knowledge and assist anyone who wishes to improve. Not all members of the Club compete but join the Club and MSO to support the work they do at the Y and throughout Ontario in supporting fitness through swimming. The Club will have socials and other activities of interest to the members.

Under Master Blasters, the masters at the Y provided some excellent programs, produced some excellent swimmers and gave great support to the Y and to Master Swimming Ontario through running the Provincial Championships, providing MSO Board members and swim officials. We are sure this tradition will continue. In the fall of 2001 the members of Master Blasters Swim Club, with over 90% support, voted to change their name to TYMS and set up the current multi-campus structure.

To TYMS, for a long and prosperous life!

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To all registered master swimmers, who all change age on January 1 each year. Your age in masters swimming for the year is your age on December 31 of that year. In particular we would like to extend good wishes to “the new kids on the block”, all those who changed age groups this January. These include; Rebecca Lam 25 – 29, Troy Austrins, George Babits and Jake Nesovic, 35 – 39, David Purchas, 40 – 45, Greg

Allan, Nancy Decaire, Mark Erwin, Wes Musial and Peter Terp, 45 – 49, George Gross, 50 – 55, Hugh Clarkson, 65 – 69, George Milne and Chris Smith, 70 –75. Go get'm guys! **Things to do!** In order to set up the new club and get it fully operational, we have taken a number of steps and still have several things to do. Once the members made it clear on the direction they wished to go, the new club was set up and members transferred their membership to TYMS. MSO will be issuing new TYMS cards to all transferring members. For those members who have not renewed for 2002, the fee is \$25.00 per year to join the club or renew your membership, which includes your MSO registration fee.

New Board. The club will have one board member for each campus, two board members for campuses with ten or over registered club members and three board members for each campus with twenty or over registered club members. Currently North York will have three board members, Metro Central will have two board members and Mississauga and Scarborough will have one board member each, for a total of seven. We currently have two Board members, Lois Adams and Chris Smith and are looking for the other five. If you are interested and willing to serve on the Board please contact Lois or Chris.

Board Function. The Board will be responsible for the operation of the club and will report to the club membership on all matters relating to the club. In particular they will;

- Promote the club and the YMCA programs,
- Register members with the club and with MSO,
- Assist the YMCA in organizing adult swim programs,
- Where possible provide volunteer coaches to run the programs,
- Inform members of upcoming meets, organize relays when requested,
- Organize socials, an annual meeting and other activities for members, and
- Deal with member's questions and concerns.

Coaches. We are most fortunate that a number of excellent coaches have volunteered to run the YMCA programs, including Konstantin Danailov, Mark Erwin, Claus Koch, Wes Musial and Cameron Rothery. They have established a coaching strategy that will satisfy the needs of all swimmers in the program. If for some reason, none of the above are at a workout, there are many members of the club who have the experience to run a workout.

Meets and Programs. We will attempt to keep the membership informed of program changes and upcoming meets. Please see the notice boards in the pools for this information. The information is also available on the MSO website, www.sentex.net/mso.

Program Additions. North York Y has added a Friday 8:00 to 10:00 pm program, also a Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 to 11:00 am program. Mississauga Y has a 9:15 to 10:15 pm program on Tuesday, a 9:00 to 10:00 pm program on Thursday and a 7:15 to 8:15 am program on Saturday. Scarborough Y has added a 8:00 to 10:00 pm program on Thursday. All the above start the week of January 7, 2002.

Club Website. The Club requires a website which will be linked to MSO. The site will contain information on the club, the workouts, upcoming meets and other events, club records and other information. We are looking for a volunteer to design and run the site.

Contacts. For more information, contact Lois, 416 481-0722 or Chris, 416 444-1885.