

## **US MASTERS Synchronized Swimming CONVENTION REPORT 2004**

The US Masters SS Championship was held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 23-26, 2003. Twenty-eight Clubs with 243 athletes competed. The Dayton Synchronettes received the High Point Trophy; the Unsyncables received second place and MAC Synchro Masters placed third.

There were 50 solos, 73 duets, 33 trios and 36 team free routines. 100 competed in figure competition, 56 C fig., 35 B figs & 9 A figs. 115 competed in the tech solo event.

An auction in support of US Team II, was held at the Banquet with Carole Mitchell, Technical VP presiding. The Snow White's Seven Dwarfs were raffled off as part of the festivities. The May McEwan Memorial Award was presented to Marian Larson

A survey was taken questioning the prospect of aligning the US Masters Program with the FINA Masters Program. One Hundred forty-four responses were received. 89 preferred to have a tech element added to their free routine for placement. Of the 89, 49 selected Tech solo, duet, trio & team routines. 40 selected tech solo routines. 55 preferred to leave the meet as is. Of the 55, 25 prefer to do figures.

The 10<sup>th</sup> FINA World Masters were held June 3-13 in Riccione, Italy. Barbara McNamee served as the designated US judge for the event. Don Kane also served as a US judge and attended as the next Synchro event manager for the World Masters 2006 to be held at Stanford.

Congratulations to the members of the Alpine Angelfish, AquaSprite Masters, Arizona Desert Gems, DC Synchro Masters, MAC Synchro, Ramo Aqua Masters, Redwood Empire & the Unsyncables that competed.

### **Placement**

Solo: Mary McBain 70-79 2<sup>nd</sup>, Arizona Desert Gems, 60-69 Holly Kyle 1<sup>st</sup>, Redwood, 50-59 Carol Mellow, 1<sup>st</sup>, Redwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Weiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> DC Synchromasters, Rebecca Meitin, 5<sup>th</sup> Alpine Angelfish.

Duet: 50-59 Redwood Empire 1<sup>st</sup> Schroeder/Kyle, DC Synchromasters 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thomson/, 60-69 Ramo Aquamasters 1<sup>st</sup>, Carey/Motyka-Miller

Trio: 35-49 SC Unsyncables 1<sup>st</sup>, Bean/Beay/Rosolowski, Redwood Empire 3rd, Schroeder/Smonnet/Mellows, 65-79 Ramo 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stener/Whalen/Sima.

Team: 20-34 Arizona Desert Gems 12<sup>th</sup>, 35-39 Unsyncables, 4<sup>th</sup>, 50-59 Redwood Empire 1<sup>st</sup>, Ramo Aquamasters 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Masters Committee after studying the options, elected to keep the US Masters Funds in the Masters Restricted Fund. The proposal will be voted on at convention.

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