

GERMANTOWN MARYLAND MASTERS SWIMMING
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WINTER-SPRING WORKOUTS

Winter/spring workouts begin at Quince Orchard Swim and Tennis Club on January 2, 2018. The GISC workouts will begin on December 26, 2017. The Q.O. workouts will run through May 13th and the GISC workouts run through April 14th. We will take a week off at Q.O. during MCPS spring break. The entire workout schedule and cost for each pool can be found at the very bottom of "Team News" on our web page. You can sign up on the web page (either or both pools) or at the GISC front desk for GISC workouts only. As always, **you will need to be registered with USMS for 2018 to participate before your first 2018 workout.** Insurance provided by USMS does not cover the workout even if just one swimmer is not registered with USMS (or USA swimming for those under 18). You can register with USMS on line at our website.

BOBBY LEWIS CONTAGIOUS GERM AWARD

This year's winners of our team spirit award -- the Bobby Lewis Contagious GERM Award -- were announced at the Solstice Meet on December 2nd. They are **Lisa Chin** and **Kempsey Clark**. The engraved award is on display at Quince Orchard.

NEW RECORD FOR MEMBERSHIP (AGAIN)

For the second year in a row, we set a new record for team membership. We finished the 2017 season with 173 swimmers. Our previous high was 165 (2016). This made us the fourth largest team (out of 31) in Potomac Valley, behind Lane 4 Swimming, Ancient Mariners, and D.C. Aquatic Club. We were well behind the first two, but only 7 behind DCAC.

TARGET MEETS FOR WINTER-SPRING

Our winter/spring target meets will be: the **ANCM Albatross Open, Saturday, March 3 in Bethesda**, and the **Colonies Zone Championships, Friday-Sunday, April 13-15**, at GMU in Fairfax, VA. Watch your email for target meet information. Entry forms for all meets are linked to the Potomac Valley website. Go to: www.pvmasters.org/entry.htm

TEAM DUES

Thanks to income from the 2017 Solstice Meet, there will be no team dues in 2018.

2018 OFFICERS

All incumbents are returning for 2018: President - **Mark Walters**; VP - **David Robinson**; VP for Community Service - **Mark Young**; Treasurer - **Denise Dombay**.

MASTERS MEET RESULTS

Third Annual Solstice Meet *Germantown, MD* *Dec. 2017*

First, the meet records. Many were set, and quite a few are getting very tough to beat. GERM swimmers who set new meet records were: **Jason George** (M30-34 200m fly); **Linda Carter** (W75-79 50m back and 100m free); **Jenny Carswell** (W40-44 200m fly); **Terri Postma** (W45-49 200m

fly); Jeff Jarczynski (M40-44 50m breast); Samantha Greenwald (W18-24 100m back); **Deborah Gayle** (W35-39 400m free); **Dorota Hassett** (W40-44 50m free); **Ken Wall** (M75-79 50m free); and the mixed 200m medley relay team (240-279) of **Stephen Wright, James Hillman, Denise Dombay, and Valerie Hall**

New team records were set by the following GERM's: **Jeff Jarczynski** (M40-44 100m breast); **Jenny Carswell** (W40-44 200m fly); **Linda Carter** (W75-79 50m back and free, 100m back and free); **Samantha Greenwald** (W18-24 50 and 100m free); **Deborah Gilgore** (W55-59 50m free); **Richard Durham** (M75-79 50m breast), **Johanna Schneider** (W40-44 200m breast). Two GERM relays set new team records: Women 120-159 200m free: **Denise Dombay, Carswell, Greenwald, Dorota Hassett**; Women 160-199 800m free: **Dombay, Terri Postma, Hassett, Schneider**. Many other swimmers placed well and contributed to GERM's point total.

GERM had the high combined point total again. UMAC took the Crescendo Relay again. GERM men and ANCM women won those divisions.

Place Team Points

1 Germantown Maryland Masters	2,365
2 Montgomery Ancient Mariners	1,708
3 Merritt Marlins	738
4 Umac-Terrapin Masters	735
5 Reston Masters Swim Team	700
6 Lane 4 Swimming	611
7 Club Tribe	438
8 Virginia Masters Swim Team	364
9 Maryland Masters	227
9 Freedom Aquatic Club	167
11 Fort Belvoir Masters	145
12 Patriot Masters Swim Team	120
12 Alexandria Masters Swimming	120
14 Team Pittsburgh Masters	116
15 Colonials 1776	80
16 Crozet Parc YMCA Masters	74
17 Bearcat Masters	71
18 Swim Fort Lauderdale	70
18 Team New York Aquatics	70
20 District Of Columbia Aquatics	60
21 Dumpster Fish	57
21 Santa Cruz Masters Aquatics	57
23 Maryland Suburban Swim Club	54
24 Gold Coast Masters	40
24 W5N (NZL)	40
26 North Carolina Masters Swimmin	37
26 Medina Masters Swim Club	37
28 DC Dept Of Recreation & Parks	20
28 DDP Swim	20

Great swims by seven GERMs (**Farol Tomson** was injured during warm-ups) at the Patriot Masters Sprint Classic, including **Barbara Mallon, David Robinson, Mike Boyle, Dorota Hassett**, and swimming their first meets for GERM, **Marija Lukic, Stephen Michaels and Matthew Paushter**. New team records were set by **Mallon** (W50-54 100 breast), **Lukic** (W30-34 50 free and 50 breast), **Hassett** (W40-44 50 free, 50 back, 100 IM), and **Michaels** (M35-39 50 fly).

NATIONAL TOP TEN RANKINGS

SC-yards National Top Ten rankings are out, and we had 1 relay make it. Women 35+ 800 yard free:

1. Walnut Creek
2. Spring Valley Y
3. Minnesota
4. Marcia's Enthusiastic Masters
5. Team Texas
6. **Germantown Masters**
Barbara Mallon, Johanna Schneider, Terri Postma, Caren Bancroft
7. Missouri Valley
8. Tampa Bay Aquatic
9. Anne Arundel Amphibians
10. Whitefish Bay

LC-meters National Top Ten rankings are also out. We had two individual swimmers and one relay make it.

Individual top ten swims were by Terri Postma, 7th in the women's 45-49 200m fly, and Lynne Andrews, 8th in the women's 70-74 50m back.

Mixed 160-199 800m free:

1. Southern California Aquatic
2. Las Vegas Masters
3. Palmetto Masters
4. Golden Road Aquatics
5. **Germantown Masters**
Terri Postma, Farol Tomson, Johanna Schneider, Kempsey Clark
6. University of San Francisco
7. Hammerhead Aquatics

RUNNING, BIKING, AND MULTISPORT EVENTS

Caren Bancroft swam 1.2 miles and biked 56, finishing 6th in her age Group.