

## 2008 CALTECH PENTATHLON SWIMMERS MAKE A BIG SPLASH

A warm and sunny morning greeted swimmers on March 9 for the annual Caltech Masters Pentathlon Swim meet. 179 masters swimmers entered the meet, ranging in age from 18 to 86 years old. Each entrant swam five races: 50 fly, 50 back, 50 breast, 50 free, and 100 IM. The total times were added together to determine the age group winners.

The women's events were dominated by Cynthia Lewin, 32, of the Mission Viejo. Cynthia had the fastest time in every event and took home the overall fastest female trophy. Cynthia's times were: 27.81 50 fly, 31.22 50 back, 31.07 50 breast, 25.76 50 free, and 1:02.66 100 IM. The second and third fastest women overall were Sian Romoli, 36, from Caltech, and Ahelee Sue Osborn, 50, from NOVA. Maurine Kornfeld, 86, from Mission Viejo was the oldest competitor in the meet. She completed all 5 races and was awarded the first place trophy in the 85-90 age group.

The overall men's winner for the second year in a row was JR DeSouza, 36, of Rosebowl Aquatics. JR swam the fastest times in the 50 fly (23.80), 50 back (25.86), and 100 IM (54.76) and was the winner in the 35-39 age group. The fastest 50 free swim was done by Kip Fulbeck, 42, unattached, in a time of 22.18. Kip took first in the 40-44 age group and finished second overall behind JR. The fastest 50 breast time, 27.44, went to Steve Stehrenberger, 30, from Caltech Masters. Steve finished second in the 30-34 age group behind Jason Fox, 30, of Rosebowl Aquatics, who was the third fastest swimmer overall.

There were several close overall results, proving that the start, turn, and finish of a race are very important. Christina Poon of Caltech beat out Jacqueline Cole of Long Beach Grunion by 0.87 seconds in the 25-29 age group, while Janice Brooksby of SOCAL out raced Judith Nakamatsu of UCLA by 0.18 seconds (!) in the 40-44 age group. The largest age group was the men 50-54 years old with 21 swimmers. The first 10 finishers in that age group were separated by less than 20 seconds overall.

The Caltech Masters team wishes to congratulate all the competitors on a job well done.

### Caltech Results:

David Pekarek	2nd	18-24 age group
Christina Poon	1st	25-29 age group
Andrea Azuma	4th	25-29 age group
Jessica Krick	5th	25-29 age group
Ben Cone	1st	25-29 age group
Jon Matson	2nd	25-29 age group
Mikel Johnson	5th	25-29 age group
Steve Stehrenberger	2nd	30-34 age group
Steve Bergen	3rd	30-34 age group
Sian Romoli	1st	35-39 age group
Nikki Takarabe	3rd	40-44 age group
Cooper Thornton	3rd	45-49 age group