

## WHEN GIRLS HAD ONE AND BOYS DIDN'T

UNITED STATES - In 1926, the American Public Health Association published the first guide for swimming pool management. Much of this document continues to be the standard by which today's pool operations are governed with the exception of two notable guidelines. The first is the depth of water required for a given height of a diving board; this necessitated by improved materials that increased the spring rate of a board over the traditional laminated wood.

The second was the use of bathing suits.

The requirement that men swim naked and women shall wear suits of the "simplest type" was de rigueur and not removed from the recommendation until 1962. The requirement went on to say that suits worn by women should be laundered and stored at the pool facility and "cared for by the management".

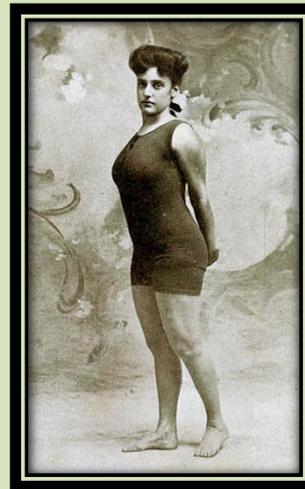
The practice appeared for the first time forty years earlier at the Brooklyn YMCA in 1885 when the United States had its first indoor pool. With wool being the predominant fabric of swim suits at the time, the fibers would clog the filters necessitating extensive shut-downs and, submerged wool was a breeding ground for cholera and typhus. With the YMCA solely a men's organization in the late 19th century, the requirement for nude swimming seemed to bother few although one person commented, "back dives were especially revealing."

Although one may think that modesty was the primary reason for women to have a swim suit while men did not, the real reason was that naked women swimmers could not be accommodated during their monthly cycle.

Women swam nude until about 1670 at which point a canvas drape was invented that wouldn't cling to the form thus revealing any particulars. Passing into the 18th century, bathing suits (they were not referred to as "swim suits"

until the late 20's) became elaborate affairs with English men being required to wear waistcoats.

In 1907, the swimmer Annette Kellerman invented the one-piece tank suit and was promptly arrested for wearing it on a Boston beach for indecent exposure. Her suit inspired the women's swimsuits of the 1912 Olympics, and it is the design basis for the modern kneeskin. It was unfortunate that the material used in 1912 became translucent when wet with the United States calling swim events "obscene" and refusing to send a women's team until 1920.



*Anette Kellerman modeling her swimsuit, circa 1908.*

Requiring men to swim naked wasn't limited to the YMCA. With the APHA guidelines, many public and private schools implemented the "no suit" policy. Prior to 1926, the 1909 New York Times published an article about a city-wide swimming competition where boys swam nude with public spectators. The article went on to claim that "*of less moment to the spectators...the enthusiasm of the youngster, who discovered their swimming trunks impeded them and that they could swim faster nude. Thereafter the rule about trunks went into discard...*"

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## Suit

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In 1940, the Sheboygan Press published an article on swim classes that occupied nearly one quarter of the entire daily edition with full-scale photographs clearly showing nude boys in their swim class. They went as far as to publish the names of the boys and their addresses.

Even Dear Abby (aka Abigail VanBuren) in 1968 published a response to a mother who had written her about her son's discomfort with nude swimming said in part, "your average 14-year-old lad had better overcome his shyness about nudity in the presence of other boys."

### Boys Will Continue to Swim Nude at Menasha High Pool

#### Board of Education Rejects Suits Despite Objections From Parents

MENASHA — No changes will be made, and no trunks will be worn by high school boys in the Menasha High School pool after the 22 minute consideration of the matter by the Menasha board of education Monday evening.

Appearing before the board were seven parents of Menasha students with Mrs. James Hermesen, 206 Water St., as spokesman for the group. They presented to the board a petition with 271 names, including other parents, ministers, and some aldermen, who took exception to the practice of swimming in the nude. Mrs. Hermesen stated that it was their belief "The boys were affected morally, physically and psychologically by forcing them to swim in the nude."

The case was presented by reading the editor's point of view from "The Register of Nov. 9" which frowned on the practice because the boys do not learn to respect each other and their own bodies.

Attending as an interested citizen, Robert H. Mott, 218 Willow Lane, Menasha, expressed his

real significance since the boys undress in a body, use gang showers after swimming and dress in a body.

"To be consistent would mean the outfit of considerable thickness to rebuild individual showers." A letter was read from the Department of Public Instruction stating that experience throughout the state showed swimming in the nude to promote sanitation, cleanliness, time saving and the development of good physical education attitudes.

In a survey where 34 schools were contacted, 31 schools answered: Eleven of these schools require suits and 29 schools do not. The schools requiring suits do so because they are combination indoor-outdoor types, or are located near girls locker rooms. The matter of morals was not given consideration.

Commissioner Thomas Woodrow asked, "Is there a real threat to the morals of the boys?" He inquired of Mrs. Hermesen if she knew of any instance and she was unable to give any specific incident. "Physical education considers that this experience is a good one for later life, for example the armed services, where the disregard for privacy is real and serious." He further commended Mrs. Hermesen and her group for expressing their views and went on to say he wished their coming had been in the cause for increased curriculum or improving facilities.

enough factual evidence exists to state that indeed, mixed gender observation of nude, male swimmers of all ages did occur and was not isolated to a few rare accounts.



Unknown public swim meet, 1962.

Using today's cultural standards, it is hard to imagine that as late as 1974 there were pools that required men to swim nude. 🇺🇸

## Back By Popular Demand

by Barb Ship

As many of you know, your PVS Officials' Committee developed a PVS apparel line. Initially demand was low and the vendor considered discontinuing this service.

However, due to a big uptick in demand at the start of the season, the customized apparel line continues. There are a wide range of options, including white polo shirts, blue championship button-down shirts, sweatshirts, caps, bags and outerwear. The apparel includes the PVS logo, and for a small additional fee, you can have the items customized with your name.

Please feel free to provide feedback to either Barb Ship ([barb@ships3.com](mailto:barb@ships3.com)) or the vendor, Vicki Townsend (317-986-6070). And for those who have utilized this service, thanks for your participation! 🇺🇸

The educational boards of many major cities all endorsed the "no swim suit" rule with the Menasha High School of Menasha Wisconsin rejecting the appeal of parents in 1961 to allow boys to wear swimsuits.

In 1960, Walt Disney studios produced the G-rated film "Polyanna", whose opening scene is that of boys swimming nude. This piece of cultural trivia tells us that watching naked boys swimming was deemed acceptable, regardless of the age or gender watching.

The age level of the boys when it was considered inappropriate is uncertain, but

## Have You Ever Operated a Recall Rope?

By Izumi Horikawa

While the USA Swimming Rulebook 102.10.5B lists a Recall Rope Operator as one of the required officials for USA Swimming Championships, we may rarely find such a device at local swim meets.

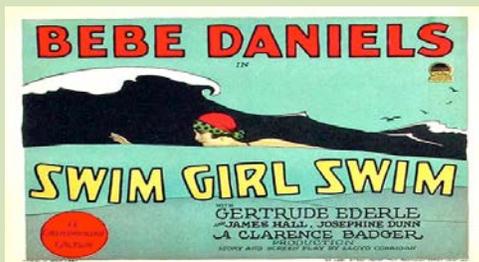
I would like to share with you a small episode I had with Steed Edwards during a morning preliminary session of the 2008 Eastern Zone Long Course Championships in Rockville.

Assigned as a side stroke judge and, just several minutes before the session started, I found a yellow rope hung across the width of the pool. I assumed it was the so-called "recall rope," but not being sure and having no idea how it operated, off I was to a Chief Judge. Steed happened to be the closest in that session and I asked him about it.

He kindly instructed me how to pull the stopper to drop the rope onto the water surface. Finding it interesting and now focusing on the task at hand, I thought no more about until it was needed that session.

A race was being re-called and being nearest to it, I was able to promptly operate the recall rope with confidence and calmness. It successfully brought all unaware swimmers to a stop and they didn't have to waste extra energy.

Since then, I have never operated it by myself or seen it operated by other. I am fortunate for the experience to learn the importance of not leaving an ambiguity or hesitating to ask. Thanks again Steed! It's already more than 10 years ago.... 🙏



## 50+ Club

PVS Officials with 50+ Sessions at PVS Meets in 2018

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 Tim Husson (UN)  
 Jack Neill (UN)  
 Jan van Nimwegen (SNOW)  
 Courtney Johnston (MACH)  
 Spencer Quinn (NCAP)  
 Scott Witkin (RMSC)  
 Steve Kaiser (RMSC)  
 Eric Ramey (SNOW)  
 Jorge Zamora (OCCS)  
 John Kost (PM)  
 Kelly Rowell (UN)     KT Zamora (OCCS)  
 Carolyn Kotarski (YORK)

## Tales From The Dry Side

By Chris Bowman

The dry side is often briskly passed by those working the deck, but those staffing it are among the first to arrive and among the last to leave. And just what is "dry side"? Most officials and swimmers know us as "the table." The table consists of the timing operator, computer operator, the Administrative Official, and Meet Referee. These officials do more than print heat sheets.

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### 35 Years of Service to PVS

JANUARY: Al Betts (NCAP)

### 30 Years of Service to PVS

JANUARY: Jack Schaeffer (UN)

### 20 Years of Service to PVS

JANUARY: Jack Neill (UN)

### 15 Years of Service to PVS - 2018

October: Bob Vincent (NCAP)

December: Steven Green (HACC)

### 15 Years of Service to PVS - 2019

February: John Fraser (BWST)

### 10 Years of Service to PVS - 2018

October: Rob Ellett (RMSC)

November: Rod Fillinger (NCAP)

December: Lori Cuomo (MAKO)

Ron Hong (MSSC)

Mila Mladenovic (AAC)

Karl Vilbig (RMSC)

### 10 Years of Service to PVS - 2019

January: Randy Bowman (FAST)

Stewart Gordon (MACH)

February: Vycke Horback (NCAP)

### 5 Years of Service to PVS - 2018

June: George Casimates (RMSC)

Randy Nunes (NCAP)

July: Bill Romine (OCCS)

August: Akin Harrison (NCAP)

October: Xiaoping Bai (NCAP)

Betsy Geddes (MAKO)

Stephanie Green (UN)

Jonalyn Greene (MACH)

Karyn McCannon (UN)

Paul Prevost (PM)

Jim Smith (RMSC)

Dean Webb (PAC)

November: George Casimates (RMSC)

Randy Nunes (NCAP)

Kevin Anderson (YORK)

Pierre-Alain Auroux (TOLL)

### 5 Years of Service to PVS - 2018

November (con):

Beth Emanuel (FISH)

Steven Franklin (NCAP)

Jen Harrington (SNOW)

Kimberly Harter (NCAP)

Marcy Hemminger (FISH)

Amy Hutcherson (NCAP)

Matt James (RMSC)

Courtney Johnston (MACH)

Steve Kaiser (RMSC)

Nicholas Kwari (OCCS)

Tom Lang (RMSC)

Mami Martin (FISH)

Paul Misener (NCAP)

Mel Quinn (NCAP)

Bill Redman (FISH)

Kim Smith (RMSC)

Eugene Soh (CSC)

Troy Stovall (NCAP)

Pete Toman (AAC)

Mira Valko (FISH)

Bob Windus (NCAP)

Anna Zelinsky (MACH)

December: Dmitriy Bityutskiy (RMSC)

Chris Caponiti (RMSC)

Lucy Fitch (NCAP)

Debra Kathman (MAKO)

Cynthia Kopac (NCAP)

Chris Krug (NCAP)

Brad Mason (MAKO)

Keith Tucker (MACH)

### 5 Years of Service to PVS - 2019

January: David Costanza (RIPS)

Phyllis Cuttino (AAC)

Charles Kaczor (RMSC)

Peter Nachod (RMSC)

Alvin Ong (JFD)

Elsa Ong (JFD)

Missy Park (AAC)

February: Trish Buswell (NCAP)

David Hofmann (ASA)

Carolyn Kotarski (YORK)

Tukkie McMillan (SNOW)

Mel Thomas (NCAP)

CONTINUUM

# Dry

*(Continued from Page ONE)*

The news magazine has granted me column inches to start a new series featuring interesting items from officials that work "the table" and, in this first installment, I'd like to introduce the "ready for dry time" players.

Dry-side officials interact with almost everyone on deck; from providing officials with the necessary paperwork, to ensuring the electronics are functioning, to the swimmers who think scratches and DFS are as easy to do as they are to say.

The timing official has the best seat on deck. They are located on the start side of the pool, typically along lane eight, so they can watch everything. From empty lanes, missed pad touches, timers hitting the buttons accidentally, to insufficient number of laps swam in a lane; they see it all. Best of all, they are privy to the final swim times simply by the nature of their job. I like to call this the best seat in the house.

Swimmers times are recorded by the timing system and then passed to the computer operator electronically. The computer operator, typically sitting to the timing operator's left, has the job of putting recorded swim times with the correct swimmer. This can involve a lot of paperwork if a swimmer switches lanes or heats.

This computer operator is also responsible for printing all that paper. The next time you wonder why heat sheets are delayed, it's most likely because the computer operator received a raft of last minute changes and is scrambling to accurately enter them into the system.

The Administrative Official (AO) validates the times from the timing system, order of finish, and the lane timer sheets. The AO has the responsibility for overseeing the other two positions at the table and gives direction to them based on changes to the meet sheets. The AO is also responsible for resolving discrepancies and providing solutions when timing systems or other procedures come up short. To do this, the AO coordinates with the starter and deck referee for reseeds, DQs, event closeouts and timing system

issues. Information is then brought to the Meet Referee who is responsible for the overall correctness of the meet.

One of the last people to be considered dry-side is the Head Timer and nothing causes a Domino effect across the table more than a bad head timer. Interview any timing operator and they will tell you it is easy to see who has worked the position before. Those that do it well tend to stick with it meet after meet and it's saddening to see those outstanding individuals leave when their child ages out. So, if you happen to see the Head Timer or any dry-side official, be cognizant of the effort they provide to a swim meet and thank them as well when you leave the deck. 😊

## Thoughts From the Chair

Normally, words of wisdom are illustriously written in this column. In this month's edition, we show you, through the miracle of modern publishing, exactly how this process operates. 😊



*Official...chair...thoughts...*



*Official... (off to the side) chair ...thoughts...*

## FINALE



## NEW CERTIFICATIONS

MAY 2018 – FEBRUARY 14, 2019

(Includes Transfers)

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## FINALE

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