

DISTANCE SWIMMING



1974 WORLD RATINGS

MEN

1. John Kinsella (U.S.A.)	2,769
2. Claudio Plitt (Arg.)	2,689
3. Marwan Ghazzawi (Egypt)	2,543
4. Rogosic Veljko (Yugo.)	2,389
5. Raul Villagomez (Mex.)	1,891
6. Johan Schans (Holland)	1,661
7. Horatio Iglesias (Arg.)	1,609
8. Marwan Saleh (Syria)	1,520
9. Jon Erikson (U.S.A.)	1,499
10. Ossama Raschad (Egypt)	1,313 1/2
11. Magdy Mandour (Egypt)	1,202
12. Mahmoud Khamis (Syria)	965 1/2
13. Amin Youssef (Egypt)	924 1/2
14. Marwan Shedid (Egypt)	918
15. Maher Saleh (Syria)	675 1/2
16. Dennis Matuch (U.S.A.)	652
17. Hany Hemmat (Egypt)	542
18. Yvon Montpetit (Canada)	538
19. Baher Hamid (Egypt)	521
20. Carlos Aguirre (Arg.)	512
21. Marcello Guiscardo (Arg.)	476
22. Castagna (Italy)	428
23. Dennis Brittain (U.S.A.)	395
24. Raymond Dixon England	365
25. Riccardo Carne (Arg.)	364
26. Marchetti (Arg.)	338
27. Barregro (Arg.)	331
28. Carrizo (Arg.)	315
29. Venturini (Arg.)	285
30. Alzugaray (Arg.)	271
31. Conte (Arg.)	265
32. Marzo (Arg.)	257
33. Oscar Bernatene (Arg.)	250
34. Osvaldo Schelleberg (Arg.)	247
35. Miguel Cruz (Arg.)	240
36. Romero (Arg.)	235
37. Meza (Arg.)	230
38. Taby El Enin (Egypt)	230
39. Garrido (Arg.)	225
40. Romero (Arg.)	220
41. Upton (Arg.)	215
42. Cerliani (Arg.)	210
43. Naste Jonceski (Yugoslavia)	200
44. Nagim Abdullah (Egypt)	185
45. Brahim Falsdellah (Egypt)	180
46. Mowis Gad (Egypt)	170
47. Guy Montpetit (Canada)	135

WOMEN

1. Diana Nyad (U.S.A.)	2,695
2. Sandra Bucha (U.S.A.)	2,485
3. Corrie Dixon (Holland)	1,884
4. Sahar Mansour (Egypt)	1,495
5. Gisselle Ghehardt (Germany)	350
6. Angela Merketi (Arg.)	340

John Kinsella, the new world champion, is a 22-year-old graduate student at Harvard University. He attained international fame as an amateur which ended with his appearances at two Olympics. He won a gold medal in 1972. Earlier in his career he became the first man to swim the 1500 meters in under 16 minutes. John's earnings this year (his first professional year) top \$12,000. John is 6-4 and weighs 205 pounds. He is the first American to win the world championship in 40 years.

Diana Nyad is also a 22-year-old graduate student. She attends New York University. She has been swimming professionally since she was 18. Because she swam and completed more races this year, she was able to amass more points than Sandra Bucha.

Ray Dixon, our Federation representative in England, has been elected to a Channel Swimming Association Committee which is currently discussing the prospects of a pro race across the English Channel in 1975. The swim would celebrate the 100th anniversary of Captain Webb's conquest in 1875.

A meeting of the Quebec Swim Federation will be held on November 12th to discuss (among other things) our requests (increased prize money, private contracting of pro swimmers with merchants, etc.). Since the Quebec Federation is a sponsor-oriented one, there will no doubt be some bargaining to come. Raul Villagomez, our President, sent the Quebec Federation a special letter with our requests about six weeks ago. Raul is also meeting with potential sponsors for two Mexican pro races next year.

Horacio Iglesias has told President Villagomez that there will be two pro races again in Argentina. If so, money is escrow will be assured.

We have had a great deal of correspondence with the Egyptian Federation. Our Vice President, Marwan Ghazzawi, and myself are doing all we can to persuade General Zorkani and his Federation to increase the prize money in order that the Egyptian races can be truly considered pro races. General Zorkani says the prize money will be increased but does not say how much.

A committee has been formed by the Ontario Provincial Government to discuss ways and means of protecting solo swimmers attempting to swim across Lake Ontario. After Cindy Nicholas set a new record across the lake last August, there followed many wild-cat attempts by inexperienced amateurs. One of them drowned. The committee is formed mainly of our members. Since there has never been a death or serious injury in any pro race sanctioned by our Federation, we hope that our consultants will help foster a return of the great Canadian National Exhibition swims.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

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Women's Water Polo National Committee

Women's water polo! What is it? Where do teams play and who do you talk to about it?

Believe it or not, many girls' teams are now playing water polo avidly — Hawaii, Arizona and Texas have just started teams. The East coast and Florida, long since the backbone of women's polo, are increasing in numbers. Teams in Ohio, Nebraska, New Mexico, Virginia and even an extensive age group program in California are being initiated. Talk of teams from Canada, Venezuela, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Holland and Denmark give it an international flavor.

This discourse in addition to the main theme of promoting women's water polo set the tenor of the Women's National Committee meeting in Washington, D. C.

Ably chaired by Chuck Hines, 17 people comprised the committee's quorum.

The first items of business moved very easily as the committee voted to approve and accept the recommendations pertaining to Law and Legislation adopted by the Men's Water Polo Committee.

Sports rules and changes were discussed in great length. The philosophy of the sport which projected from the ensuing discussion shows, I feel, great insight and initiative; the committee was

very progressive and many sport rules were discussed trying to find an avenue for the game to evolve and not become static but more exciting for both spectator and the player. The one rule which did pass was: "For all ordinary fouls rewarded by a free throw, the throw may be taken by ANY member of the offended team in the area of the foul." This change will go into effect on Jan. 1, 1975. The general feeling was that with the committee's willingness to change the game's complexity, it was hoped that the Men's Committee would watch and possibly change their game if the results were beneficial.

Games and tournaments were next on the agenda and already three of the four major women's tournaments have been concluded.

- The senior Nationals in Fresno were won by North Dade Y. The November issue of *Swimming World* provides a complete report on page 24.

- Junior Nationals in Albuquerque — Dick Simmons reported that the host Coronado team won the championship title followed by Arizona State and two Texas teams. This was the first time the Texas and Arizona teams had entered into any type of national competition. (The committee expressed its pleasure in seeing the emergence of new teams and hoped that they would continue their playing to ensure further success in their participation at the local and national level.)

- Junior Olympics at Cerritos, California — Dave Timpone, the Junior Olympic National Water Polo chairman, reported the results with the Coronado team winning the title over Cerritos