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Dear Member:

This bulletin has been delayed due to the confirming of scheduled marathons. I was also working hard on the return of the Chicago 10-mile Marathon (with over \$15,000 in prizes) which was not confirmed until the first week in May. Below you will find a complete list of scheduled 1977 professional marathons. Please note that only the Chibougamau, St. John, Chicago marathons are definitely sanctioned at this time. A sanction means that the sponsors of a race have the prize money in escrow (guaranteed) and it meets the minimum purse standards; they have never cancelled a scheduled race; they have superb safety and technical direction of their marathon. The other marathons are not confirmed. However, even if confirmed at a later date they do not meet Federation sanction requirements. They have in the past either: defaulted on giving the prize money; cancelled a scheduled marathon after some of the swimmers have spent money getting to the location; have poor technical control of their marathon; are below the minimum prize standards as voted upon by our members last year. Members may of course enter these un-sanctioned marathons but no points will be awarded for these swims. As determined by our meetings if a swimmer chooses to spend money entering these marathons he is entitled to call himself a tourist rather than a professional swimmer who likes the possibility of at least making expenses. For those of you who have received the Australian newsletter please disregard the date listings of the pro swims. There are a few errors. They are doing an excellent job in attempting to bring some sort of unity in information gathering and it will take some time to work out the kinks.

We are sending our membership list to the sanctioned swim sponsors. However as a double caution we advise you to also write for an entry form to the sponsors. You must write to the sponsors or directors of all other swims for an entry form.

CHIBOUGAMAU: July 10; Water T°: 60-70; a three part rate; \$12, 675 purse.

First Race: 10 miles

1-\$1500	6.\$600	11.\$100
2.\$1200	7.\$500	thru 20th
3.\$1000	8.\$400	
4.\$800	9.\$300	
5.\$700	10.\$200	

Second Race: 5 miles (2 hours after First Race; First 12 of First Race qualify.

1. \$700	6.\$200
2. \$600	7. thru 12 \$100
3. \$500	
4. \$400	
5. \$300	

Third Race: 1.23 miles (2 hours after Second Race; First 6 of Second Race Qualify.

1. \$300	4. \$175
2. \$250	5. \$150
3. \$200	6. \$100

LE MARATHON INTERNATIONAL DE CHIBOUGAMAU
as Surete Municipale
Ville de Chibougamau
650, 31em Rue
Chibougamau, Quebec Canada

LA FEDERATION MONDIALE DES MARATHONS DE NAGE PROFESSIONELLE
FEDERACIÒN MUNDIAL DE MARATÒN DE NATACIÒN PROFESIONAL

CAPRI-NAPLES: July 10; 18 miles; Water T°: 65-75

Since this race is organized and run by the Egyptian Federation and General Zorkani and is by invitation only there is little chance of competent foreign swimmers being accepted. It offers the lowest prize money of all the races with \$925 for first place.

INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING FEDERATION

8 Abdula Nadijm Street
Heliopolis, Egypt

LA TUQUE: This year the sponsors have changed the format of their marathon.
July 16-17 Instead of a 24-hour team swim as in the past this years event will be a three part individual swimmer event with an unpaid one-hour qualifying event on the 16th. Only the first 18 swimmers will be allowed to enter the First Race on the SAME day(16th). Water T°: 72.

First Race: 3-hour duration (Sat. 16th)

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| 1. \$1000 | 6. \$200 | 11. \$110 |
| 2. \$700 | 7. \$150 | 12. \$100 |
| 3. \$500 | 8. \$140 | 13. thru 18th \$100 |
| 4. \$300 | 9. \$130 | |
| 5. \$250 | 10. \$120 | |

Second Race: 3-hour duration. First 12 of First race qualify. (Sat. 16th)

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| 1. \$1500 | 6. \$300 | 11. \$135 |
| 2. \$1000 | 7. \$200 | 12. \$100 |
| 3. \$800 | 8. \$175 | |
| 4. \$500 | 9. \$150 | |
| 5. \$400 | 10. \$140 | |

Third Race: 2-hour duration(Sunday 17th). First 6 of Second Race qualify.

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| 1. \$2500 | 4. \$1000 |
| 2. \$1500 | 5. \$600 |
| 3. \$1200 | 6. \$500 |

Throughout the two day event there will also be special sprint prizes. This experimental event is poorly designed for the true marathon swimmer. The construction is much like a training event for sprint swimmer. It appears that the sponsors are not differentiating between a marathon event and a sprint event.

24 Heures La Tuque Inc.
a/s Gilles Verreault
Directeur du Marathon
C.P. 24
LaTuque, Quebec Canada

SAGUENAY RIVER: 28 miles; Water T° 58-72; TENTATIVE AND UNCONFIRMED: July 24th
Quebec, Canada Sponsors have made no decision as of yet. If this swim is confirmed representatives will contact you at the other confirmed swims in Canada.

LAKE ST. JOHN: July 31; Water T°: 60-72; 19 miles(across the Lake).

This is the oldest(23rd annual)and most prestigious marathon race in the world. There is over \$30,000 in prizes. The race is under superb direction and has the attention of the world press.

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| 1. \$7,000 | 6. \$1000 |
| 2. \$4,000 | 7. \$800 |
| 3. \$3,000 | 8th thru 10 hour time limit: \$500 |
| 4. \$2,000 | Any swimmer not completing crossing in 10 hours will receive |
| 5. \$1500 | \$35/hr if he/she has gone at least one-half way. |
- There is also \$2000 in sprint prizes and woman prizes.

LA TRAVERSEE INTERNATIONALE DU LAC-ST-JEAN INC.
698, Rue Otis
Roberval, Quebec Canada G8H 2J4

PASPEBIAC: August 7; Quebec, Canada; A new TENTATIVE AND UNCONFIRMED MARATHON. No facts available at this time. If confirmed sponsors will contact you at other confirmed swims in Canada.

CHICAGO LAKEFRONT FESTIVAL: August 21; Water T° 60-72; 10 miles. Over \$15,000 purse; I will be the swim director and I guarantee any Federation member entry into this swim as well as any other qualified swimmer in the world.

1. \$3000	6. \$700	11th thru 23rd \$200
2. \$2,000	7. \$600	
3. \$1500	8. \$500	1st woman \$1000
4. \$1000	9. \$400	2nd " \$500
5. \$800	10. \$300	3rd " \$250

CHICAGO LAKEFRONT FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL MARATHON SWIM

Mayor's Office

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ENGLISH CHANNEL PROFESSIONAL RACE: TENTATIVE AND UNCONFIRMED; Water T° 56-68

If confirmed this swim will be held sometime between August 22 and 27 in recognition of the Queen's 25th year of reign. It will be called the Jubilee English Channel Race. The English have always been fair and generous with their professional races held in the past. Let us hope we can get confirmation as soon as possible.

Ohrid River: Yugoslavia; September 4; 15 miles; water T° ?; Another race under the direction of General Zorkani and the ILSDF. See Capri-Naples entry for address of directors.

Dennis Matuch
Secretary