Clubs: We had a total of 54 clubs registered for 2002 (compared to 55 for 2001). We already have 21 clubs registered for 2003 (this has to be a record of some sort). I think that my publishing the list of clubs who have registered in my weekly emails has had an effect on the club renewal rate.

OSB (Ojai-Santa Barbara) has split into two clubs: OJAI (Ojai Masters) and SBM (Santa Barbara Masters). Caltech Masters has changed their abbreviation to CTM and has dropped the Pasadena Aquatics portion of their name. The Long Beach Grunions (LBG) is a new team for 2003.

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As of November 20, 2002 we have a total of 2622 swimmers registered for the 2002 registration year (a few stragglers come through in November). This represents a 7.2% increase over the 2001 total.

As of November 20, 2002 we have a total of 84 swimmers registered for 2003.

Newsletter: A draft of the Jan/Feb issue of the newsletter is available for comment this evening. The newsletters will now be 8 pages long and will appear as an insert in SWIM Magazine. I’m still working on getting the content in the issues, and as time goes on I’ll try to make it a bit nicer looking. I’m am currently working with the printer to do a “test run” of this issue. I will be emailing them a file this weekend. The newsletter deadlines for this year are:

Dec 6 (Jan/Feb issue); Feb 7 (Mar/Apr issue); Apr 7 (May/Jun issue); June 9 (July/Aug issue); Aug 7 (Sept/Oct issue); Oct 9 (Nov/Dec issue).

Note that these are the deadlines that the copy has to be in the printer’s inbox! Not the deadlines for information to get to me. Deadlines for information to get to me are the 15th of the month before the listed deadline above. That will give me time to put the newsletter together and get it out to our SPMA editorial group, make the changes and put it into the correct format for the printer.

Top Ten & Records: The LCM Top Ten were submitted to USMS in early October. There were some issues with incorrect ages in the databases that I received. Several people were listed in the wrong age group because their actual age was used, rather than the age as of the end of the year.

Librarian: I’m looking for a few good volunteers to watch at least 6 videotapes each. The quality of the tapes needs to be assessed (some are getting on in age) and I would like a short review (several sentences) for each tape, indicated what is covered on the video, etc. I have a list of several videotapes that have been recommended by various people, and I’m waiting to see how much the committee wants to budget for the library before I purchase additional tapes. The use of the library is financed by the people who use the tapes (except those who are doing the reviews, I’d prefer not to charge them). I am currently charging $6.00 for one tape, $8 for two, or $10 for three; with a $50 deposit per tape. The rental period is one month. If the tapes are picked up and returned to me there is no charge, only the deposit. If shipped one way, the charge is half. We provide the shipping envelopes both ways.

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