

# Canadian Masters Swim Championships

## May 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### University of Laval, Quebec City

The annual 4-day championship this year was hosted at the athletic centre of Laval University. The complex includes a 50 metre pool which was divided in two by a bulkhead to yield two 25 metre pools. The women's competition was held in one end while the men's was held in the other end.

There was a total of 870 swimmers registered from 97 clubs. The split was fairly even with 452 men and 418 women. Technoport from Ottawa was the largest club with 79 swimmers. Les 100 Maitres and Nepean Masters entered 49 and 48 swimmers respectively. From the Greyfish Jane and Ralph attended while Eric swam for the Nepean Masters.

Competitors were allowed to select up to 8 events from the normal 18 events in the program. Heats were seeded solely by time. Results were separated by gender and 5-year age groups except for the youngest age group which is 18-24 years. The oldest swimmer was Roman Jezec from Pointe Claire Masters. At 94 years of age he swam uncontested in his age group.

Points were awarded to each club for swimmers placing in the top 8 of each event in each age group. Greyfish, with 2 swimmers, placed 51<sup>st</sup> out of the 97 clubs.

Everyone had great swims. Eric missed a National Record in the 200 metre breast by a mere 1 second. Jane was driven to a super 50 back as she noted a challenge from a 76 and 80 year old in the heat before her. (80 year old Joan Parnell from British Columbia set a National record of 49.02).

In the middle age groups there was considerable depth and therefore tougher competition. As an example, in the 100 free there were 35 heats for the women and 40 heats for the men. For an eight lane pool that is 600 swimmers less a few no shows. In the fastest heat of the men's 100 free there was one 52 and four 53 second finishes.

Following are the results. The "# of Swimmers" column is the actual number of swimmers that competed and does not include any scratches or no shows.

#### Jane (50-54)

Event	Time	Place	# of Swimmers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Time	Last Place Time
50 Back	46.70	9	16	36.82	55.46
100 Back	1:41.72	11	16	1:20.51	2:32.40
50 Free	38.25	11	22	29.97	49.70
100 Free	1:26.29	12	28	1:07.21	2:02.45
200 Free	3:11.54	8	17	2:24.22	4:26.54
200 IM	3:48.63	11	13	2:42.76	3:55.13

**Ralph (70-74)**

Event	Time	Place	# of Swimmers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Time	Last Place Time
50 Breast	47.10	3	4	38.39	1:05.79
100 Fly	1:48.91	1	1	1:48.91	1:48.91
50 Free	34.75	2	8	33.00	1:07.40
100 Free	1:19.44	1	8	1:19.44	2:32.93
200 Free	2:59.28	1	4	2:59.28	5:49.27
1500 Free	26:16.43	1	6	26:16.43	41:43.13
400 IM	8:12.56	2	3	7:48.99	9:18.89

**Eric (60-64)**

Event	Time	Place	# of Swimmers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Time	Last Place Time
50 Back	38.31	lead swimmer in relay	7	35.04	45.39
50 Breast	38.35	1	12	38.35	51.87
100 Breast	1:23.21	1	7	1:23.21	1:56.00
200 Breast	3:02.40	1	6	3:02.40	4:16.60
50 Fly	32.91	1	5	32.91	44.23
100 Fly	1:18.25	1	4	1:18.25	1:50.92
100 IM	1:15.94	1	11	1:15.94	1:54.79

For other results look at the Masters Swimming Canada Website which is [mymsc.ca](http://mymsc.ca). Click on COMPETITION then scroll down to RESULTS. Select 2008 NATIONALS. From a submenu chose the event or person you wish to look at.

The 2009 Nationals are to be held at the Olympium Pool in Etobicoke and rumour has it the 2010 Nationals will be held in Nanaimo.