

The 2008 (Summer) U.S. Masters National Outdoor Invitational Diving Championships were held at the Woodlands Aquatic Center, The Woodlands, Houston, Texas. August 22-24, 2008. **Bob Gunter** and staff, meet managers, along with *DiveMeets.Com*, run by **Joelle Cabassol. Ed Richmond**, Masters Chairman and Masters Coordinator. 62 divers participated. This was the fourth time our Masters National Championships have been held here (1982, 1988, 1993, and 2008), and the last major meet before this wonderful and historic facility will be torn down. As usual there were some very close contests, and as usual the judging in certain events left a lot to be desired. Some new American and World records were set as indicated.

<u>WOMEN'S EVENTS</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
<u>30-34/30-39 TWR</u>				
Cheryl Meltz	VA	1. 425.75	1. 444.45	---
Naomi Mcbane	GBR	2. 397.65	2. 388.50	1. 221.75
Joanne Hutlet	CAN	3. 265.10	3. 281.85	---
<u>35-39/30-39 TWR</u>				
Julie Goldstein	CA	1. 335.90	1. 362.25	---
<u>40-44/40-49 TWR</u>				
Jennifer Mangum	TX	1. 397.50	1. 411.55	1. 227.70
Bonnie Wallace	MI	2. 393.65	2. 324.45	3. 172.25
Rachael Rawlins	TX	3. 277.65	3. 279.05	8. 86.05*
*--scratched after 3 dives				
<u>45-49/40-49 TWR</u>				
Sue Anderson	TX	1. 351.75	4. 325.50	6. 164.35
Kelly Winterbottom	CA	2. 348.40	2. 357.00	---
Melanie Milone	TX	3. 342.25	1. 371.35	---
Marnie Young	CA	4. 318.00	5. 308.70	4. 166.65
Valerie Ryan	TX	5. 296.85	7. 281.05	7. 131.55
Lori Hillman Travis	TX	6. 275.05	3. 327.90	2. 185.55
Teresa Hall	CA	7. 273.65	6. 298.15	5. 166.15
Chris Fenton	VA	8. 226.55	---	---
<u>50-54/50-59 TWR</u>				
Karla Helder	NY	1. 376.25 */**	1. 392.40 */**	---
Gail Heaslip	CT	2. 336.30	2. 362.25	---
Joan Chalkley	TX	3. 292.45	3.308.30	2. 138.35
Corinne Houston	CT	4. 170.80	---	---
<u>55-59/50-59 TWR</u>				
Mary Bennett	NJ	1. 330.60	1. 346.40	1. 190.40
Debbie Dickerson	FL	2. 222.30	2. 227.95	3. 137.10
Carole Machela	VA	3. 210.65	---	---
<u>65-69/60-69 TWR</u>				
Betty Bennett	IL	1. 194.50	---	---
<u>70-74/70-79 TWR</u>				
Helen Bayly	NY	1. 167.25	---	---

<u>75-79/70-79 TWR</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
Ida Wilson	TX	1. 212.95*	3. 181.45	---
Ibone Bel'g'tia	MEX	2. 199.15	1. 222.30	1. 122.85
Lois Wood	CAN	3. 182.10	2. 198.00	2. 114.75

Grand Masters 1

Bonnie Wallace	1. 261.25dd#
Cheryl Meltz	2. 247.20
Naomi Mcbane	3. 228.80
Julie Goldstein	4. 217.40dd#
Valerie Ryan	5. 193.85dd#

Grand Masters 2

Karla Helder	1. 268.60dd#
Jennifer Mangum	2. 263.75
Melanie Milone	3. 247.35
Kelly Winterbottom	4. 226.40
Lori Hillman Travis	5. 218.25

Grand Masters 3

Mary Bennett	1. 253.15
Joan Chalkey	2. 214.55
Debbie Dickerson	3. 167.25

Grand Masters 4

Ibone Bel'g'tia	1. 209.30
Ida Wilson	2. 182.50
Lois Wood	3. 174.15
Betty Bennett	4. 158.20
Helen Bayly	5. 157.15

##=dived down

*=American Record **=American/World Record

MEN'S EVENTS

21-24/21-29 TWR

	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
William Robinson	WA	1. 513.65	3. 446.35	4. 214.10
Ken Hansen	VA	2. 464.75	2. 486.55	1. 282.50
Chris Millican	CA	3. 450.45	1. 488.50	2. 265.00

25-29/21-29 TWR

Andrew Kasney	NJ	1. 457.55	2. 419.70	3. 233.50
Marc Zabriskie	TX	2. 434.75	1. 431.05	---

30-34/30-39 TWR

Gregory Brandes	NY	1. 333.80	1.363.65	1. 140.60
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40-44/40-49 TWR

Ron Kontura, Jr.	NY	1. 408.75	1. 464.00	3. 195.85
Ed Richmond	TX	2. 397.05	2. 411.95	8. 137.45
Alex Lapidus	CA	3. 379.65	3. 397.40	1. 226.80
George Mcgann	NJ	4. 351.80	4. 303.75	7. 162.35

45-49/40-49 TWR

John Mcghee	TX	1. 388.05	3. 314.35	2. 221.80
Chris Lightsey	TX	2. 355.55	5. 267.45	5. 188.00
Jay Goldstein	FL	3. 354.20	3. 346.40	9. 114.60
Jim Whelan	CA	4. 333.20	2. 403.00	6.171.35
Brett Parker	CA	5. 327.80	4. 346.00	4. 193.50
Richard LeBlanc	CAN	---	---	173.55*

*-dived out of age group/exhibition

Synchro Diving

WOMEN

21-34

Cheryl Meltz/Naomi Mcbane 1. 242.31

35-49

Kelly Winterbottom/Bonnie Wallace 1. 251.28

Julie Goldstein/Marnie Young 2. 201.36

Melanie Milone/Sue Anderson 3. 198.39

65+

Ida Wilson/Lori Hillman Travis 1. 134.79

Ibone Belausteguigoitia/Helen Bayly 2. 100.62

MEN

21-34

Andrew Kasney/William Robinson 1. 241.62

Chris Millican/Ken Hansen 2. 233.22

35-49

Ed Richmond/Alex Lapidus 1. 265.56

John Mcghee/Chris Lightsey 2. 197.94

50-64

Brett Parker/Dennis Rowe 1. 144.75

George Mcgann/Peter Jewell 2. 139.71

65+

John Conner/Gordon Peak 1. 142.47

Felix Grossman/Fernando Ribeiro 2. 115.98

MIXED

21-34

Cheryl Meltz/Ken Hansen 1. 241.92

35-49

Marnie Young/Brett Parker 1. 164.40

Lori Hillman Travis/George Mcgann 2. 147.78

Melanie Milone/Ed Richmond 3. 129.09

50-64

Bonnie Wallace/Fernando Ribeiro 1. 176.79

Mary Bennett/Richard Blough 2. 147.75

Sue Anderson/Nate Holt 3. 133.44

Corinne Houston/John Sandoval 4. 106.23

65+

Gail Heaslip/John Conner	1. 172.76
Ida Wilson/Robert Sherman	2. 133.86
Lois Wood/Gordon Peak	3. 108.39
Ibone Belausteguigoitia/Bob Savoy	4. 96.30

William V. McAlister and Viola Cady Krahn Performance Award Winners for 2008.

Men- First place went to **Roy E. Botsko** with 565.19 points. Second was **Ron Kontura, Jr.** with 499.00 points. Third was **John Deininger** with 473.88 points.

Women- First place went to **Jennifer Mangum** with 505.30 points. Second was **Mary Bennett** with 470.19 points. Third was **Ibone Belausteguigoitia** with 417.18 points.

In accordance with the policy of not allowing any two divers to dominate this award more than twice within a 5-year age group, the award will be passed to the next high point diver who has not previously or recently won the award. As a result, this year's winner for the **Viola Cady Krahn Award** is being passed to **Ibone Bel'g'tia** in honor of this year's performances, and in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments leading to her induction into the **ISHOF Masters Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame** for 2008. Congratulations, Ibone, for these honors, and congratulations Roy for your outstanding performance this year.

[Note: The previous formula for these awards was: 1 point for each event (1M, 3M, TWR and GM); the diver's dive average; a handicap factor of 1/5 the diver's age; points for 1st-6th place—10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1, plus 1 point for each person beaten within that event. Add the totals for indoors and outdoors and you get the winners, down to 3rd place. Next year this formula will be modified by awarding bonus points for records set, 10 points for a world record and 5 points for an American record.]

