

The 2009 (Spring) U.S. Masters National Indoor Invitational Diving Championships were held at the University of Arizona Hillenbrand Aquatic Center, Tucson, AZ, May 1-3, 2009. **Dr. Michelle Mitchell** and staff, meet managers, along with *DiveMeets.Com*. **Ed Richmond**, Masters Chairman, Meet Director and Masters Coordinator. This was a brand new facility and we were privileged to be there. 50 Divers participated. There were some very close contests and two records were set, both by women.

<u>MEN'S EVENTS</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
<u>21-24/21-29 TWR</u>				
Scott Horsington	AZ	1. 463.05	1. 458.20	1. 201.30
<u>30-34/30-39 TWR</u>				
Gregory Brandes	NY	1. 315.35	1. 310.30	1. 193.90
<u>35-39/30-39 TWR</u>				
Anatalio Ubalde	CA	1. 401.85	1. 344.55	2. 192.55
<u>40-44/40-49 TWR</u>				
Ron Kontura, Jr.	NY	1. 434.45	1. 444.15	2. 267.50
Ed Richmond	TX	2. 397.25	3. 413.85	---
Alex Lapidus	CA	3. 386.35	2. 436.55	3. 227.50
Kevin Sage	CO	4. 365.65	4. 399.85	4. 152.10
Andrew Johnson	CO	5. 271.75	5. 275.65	6. 124.85
<u>45-49/40-49 TWR</u>				
John Mcghee	TX	1. 406.35	3. 334.05	1. 272.80
Rick Williamson	CO	2. 366.30	1. 354.30	5. 136.55
Jay Goldstein	FL	3. 324.20	2. 344.25	---
<u>50-54/50-59 TWR</u>				
Roy Botsko	NC	1. 390.00	1. 395.25	1. 252.60
James Whalen	CA	2. 325.00	2. 347.85	2. 244.20
John Sandoval	CT	3. 268.25	3. 246.05	---
Andrew Scott	TX	4. 206.10	4. 191.95	---
David Cotton	CA	Injured-could not compete-judge		
<u>55-59/50-59 TWR</u>				
Steve Greymorning	MT/CAN	1. 279.15	1. 307.35	---
Mark Ueberwasser	CA	2. 262.95	2. 243.25	3. 137.40
<u>60-64/60-69 TWR</u>				
Dennis Rowe	HI	1. 275.10	1. 309.50	1. 185.90
Duane Green	NY	2. 262.25	4. 231.40	5. 135.10
Michael Mcgowan	CA	3. 256.60	2. 240.45	2. 155.10
Peter Jewell	TX	4. 199.80	3. 232.20	4. 138.25
Harry Edelman	KS	5. 168.85	5. 226.35	3. 148.45
<u>70-74/70-79 TWR</u>				
John Deininger	WA	1. 220.10	1. 238.90	1. 155.95
Fernando Ribeiro	BRA	2. 210.00	2. 235.65	2, 145.25

<u>Name</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
<u>75-79/70-79 TWR</u>				
John Conner	FL	1. 202.80	3. 200.70	---
Felix Grossman	CA	2. 184.55	2. 210.70	---
Gordon Peak	SD	3. 174.30	1. 226.00	4. 103.55
Bob Savoy	MA	4. 170.95	---	3. 141.10

80-84/80-89 TWR

Bob Sherman	CA	1. 160.95	1. 176.10	1. 120.40
John Helm	CT	2. 118.80	2. 144.30	---

85-89/80-89 TWR

Tom Hairabedian	MO	1. 154.05	1. 179.75	2. 97.40
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Grand Masters 1

Ron Kontura, Jr.	1. 284.55dd#
Antonio Ubalde	2. 229.15
Gregory Brandes	3. 208.90

Grand Masters 3

Roy Botsko	1. 316.85
Dennis Rowe	2. 259.50
James Whalen	3. 254.30
Steve Greymorning	4. 243.65
Duane Green	5. 217.25
Peter Jewell	6. 177.60

Grand Masters 5

Bob Sherman	1. 178.90
Tom Hairabedian	2. 168.85

Grand Masters 2

John Mcghee	1. 285.90
Ed Richmond	2. 269.50
Alex Lapidus	3. 244.55
Jay Goldstein	4. 153.50
George Mcgann	-Scratch-

Grand Masters 4

John Deininger	1. 234.25
Fernando Ribeiro	2. 225.15
Felix Grossman	3. 194.50
Gordon Peak	4. 190.10
John Conner	5. 186.25

#-dd = dived down

\$=injured; withdrew *=American Record **=American/World Record

WOMEN'S EVENTS

<u>25-29/21-29 TWR</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
Antoinette Haste	TX	1. 321.50	1.317.50	---

30-34/30-39 TWR

Cheryl Meltz	VA	1. 422.50	1. 415.85	1. 229.15
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40-44/40-49 TWR

Jennifer Mangum	TX	1. 398.80	1. 393.90	1. 219.70
Bonnie Wallace	MI	2. 379.85	2. 350.05	2. 195.10

45-49/40-49 TWR

Kelly Winterbottom	CA	1. 346.55	1. 371.05	---
Sue Anderson	TX	2. 333.95	3. 351.10	5. 131.00
Melanie Milone	TX	3. 317.40	2. 359.15	---
Lori Hillman-Travis	TX	4. 273.85	5. 292.15	3. 180.50
Gina Arnold	CA	5. 206.25	4. 292.55	4. 155.10

<u>Name</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>1 Meter</u>	<u>3 Meter</u>	<u>Tower</u>
<u>50-54/50-59 TWR</u>				
Karla Helder	NY	1. 360.55	1. 411.15* **	2. 172.40
Chris Giant	IN	2. 239.75	---	---
Sandra Diliberto	CA	3. 207.25	---	---
<u>55-59/50-59 TWR</u>				
Mary Bennett	NJ	1. 317.00	1. 324.55	1. 181.75
Carol Mackela	VA	2. 204.40	---	---
<u>70-74/70-79 TWR</u>				
Helen Bayly	NY	1. 143.95	---	---
<u>75-75/70-79 TWR</u>				
Lois Wood	CAN	1. 176.75	3. 173.65	1.109.60
Ibone Bel'g'tia	MEX	2. 172.50	2. 179.85	2.105.50
Ida Wilson	TX	3. 170.70	1. 195.75	---

Grand Masters 1

Cheryl Meltz	1. 300.95*
Bonnie Wallace	2. 261.90 d.d.#
Kelly Winterbotom	3. 246.25

Grand Masters 3

Mary Bennett	1. 238.50
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Grand Masters 2

Jennifer Mangum	1. 272.65
Karla Helder	2. 267.55 d.d.#
Sue Anderson	3. 244.15
Melanie Milone	4. 219.25
Lori Hillman Travis	5. 206.35

Grand Masters 4

Ibone Bel'g'tia	1. 202.85
Ida Wilson	2. 199.40
Lois Wood	3. 181.50
Helen Bayly	4. 140.65

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Synchro Diving

WOMEN

35-49

Cheryl Meltz/Jennifer Mangum	1. 270.87
Bonnie Wallace/Kelly Winterbottom	2. 255.24
Melanie Malone/Sue Anderson	3. 234.48
Gina Arnold/Antoinette Haste	4. 192.33

50-64

Karla Helder/Mary Bennett	1. 197.88
Lori Hillman Travis/Ida Wilson	2. 142.62

65+

Ibone Belausteguigoitia/Helen Bayly	1. 144.12
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MEN

21-34

Scott Horsington/Anatalio Urbalde	1. 245.64
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MEN

35-49

Kevin Sage/Rick Williamson	1. 250.35
Gregory Brandes/Duane Green	2. 230.82

50-64

Harry Edelman/Andrew Johnson	1. 162.63
Jay Goldstein/Felix Grossman	2. 124.56

65+

John Conner/Gordon Peak	1. 198.60
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MIXED

35-49

Cheryl Meltz/Anatalio Urbalde	1. 257.64
Karla Helder/Alex Lapidus	2. 253.92
Antoinette Haste/Andrew Scott	3. 187.20
Sue Anderson/Jay Goldstein	4. 161.97

50-64

Bonnie Wallace/Fernando Ribeiro	1. 201.24
Melanie Milone/Gordon Peak	2. 181.05
Helen Bayly/Kevin Sage	3. 176.91
Lori Hillman Travis/Peter Jewell	4. 154.74
Kelly Winterbottom/John Conner	5. 130.80

65+

Ida Wilson/Bob Sherman	1. 142.68
Ibone Bel'g'tia/Tom Hairabedian	2. 127.38

Editorial Comment: In compiling the results of this meet, I used the previous meet, the *Woodlands* template and scores. I noticed the scores from this meet were decidedly lower than previous year's scores in most events. In discussing this with Roy Botsko, re the scores in the recent *Netherlands Masters Invitational*, which I thought were low, he said that our "irrational exuberance" in judging might have been a factor.

As most of you know, I have been a very vocal advocate of proper judging. I am a certified USAD Senior judge and have been judging Senior National events since 2001. I still get constructive criticism from Julian Krug and Don Leas, but at least I am still judging, and have not otherwise been sent home for being a "wild card." I also took the FINA written exam in 2004 and was hoping to become a FINA judge when they put in the "Age 60" rule several years ago, so all us "old guys" cannot judge FINA anymore.

For the benefit of all the Masters divers who judge at our events, I have posted a self-help/self-test on the website in an effort to educate more people as regards proper judging. Maybe that effort has finally borne fruit, according to the judging scores from this meet. Let's hope our "irrational exuberance" has finally been addressed and attenuated. This does not mean that a very good dive, or a good dive should not get a very good or good score, if all the elements are otherwise there, which include the approach and hurdle (or back press), the take-off and height of the lift, the actual execution of the dive, and the entry into the water. Too many people either do not know the rules, or tend to be entry judges and this is not fair to the diver. Cheers, Foxy/ FMF.