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Georgia Swimming's mission is to provide a program designed to encourage Georgia athletes to pursue opportunities available through competitive swimming and to educate organizations of the benefits of Georgia Swimming.

Georgia Swimming's vision is to increase opportunity, recognition and growth in competitive swimming.

NOTE FROM ROB

Seen and Heard on Deck

from Kingsland to Dalton and at pools in between

July 2012

On Your Way to Becoming a Certified Swimming Official?

Not yet certified? Do we need you to become a certified official? Without a doubt! So let's see what needs to happen to get you from where you are today to being certified and observing swims on deck as a Stroke & Turn Judge or handling the duties of a Clerk of Course.

It's not really a complicated process but it is one that contains multiple steps, all of which must be completed prior to you receiving credentials as a certified Georgia Swimming official. If we can help you along the way, always feel free to contact our Official's Training Coordinator Steve Drew, OfficialsTraining@gaswim.org, or myself, Rob Schreer, GA Swimming Officials Chair at h2oref@bellsouth.net or (770) 333-0425.

Once you've attended a clinic ...

Step # 1: Apprentice at actual swim meets

Now here is a tricky part, Step #2 can be completed at any time during this process, BUT it must be completed BEFORE you will be allowed to officiate as a full-fledged swim official. I suggest that you complete Step #1 and Step #2 concurrently.

Step # 2: Join USA Swimming as a Non-Athlete member

Before you certification can be processed you must become a "Non-Athlete Member" of USA Swimming as a, "Certified Official" for Stroke & Turn Judges or "Other Member" for Administrator/Clerk of Course. Becoming a "Non-athlete Member" of USA-Swimming is a three step process.

Step 2-A: Submit your Non-Athlete Registration Application to Georgia Swimming along with registration fee (currently \$55.00).

Step 2-B: Complete a USA Swimming Background Check by logging on to the following web site: www.usaswimming.org/backgroundcheck
Stroke & Turn officials are required to complete a Level II Background Check at a cost of \$39.00. The entire process is

accomplished on-line.

Administrative/Clerk of Course officials must complete a Level I Background Check at a cost of \$19.00

Step 2-C: Complete the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Test by logging on to the following web site and watching a short video and answering a few questions: www.usaswimming.org/protect. You will be required to create an account and a Login ID then log in again using that ID. The program guides you through the process. There is no charge for the Athlete Protection Test.

Step # 3: Send your Application for Official Certification, to the LSC Certification Chair. Instructions are included on the bottom of the form. (**See attached form**)

Once you complete **Steps #1 through #3** your name will be added to the current roll as a member of USA Swimming and we will complete the certification processing and send you your meet credentials. In order to work on deck as a certified official you must have in your possession a valid USA Swimming Membership Card **and** a Georgia Swimming Officials Certification Card. A completed Apprentice Form may be used temporarily as a substitute for the Georgia Certification Card.

Finally, if not already a member, join the Georgia Swimming Officials website: <http://gaofficials.webexone.com>

Good Luck and I do hope to see you on deck. If you have any questions please contact Steve or me.

*See you on deck,
Rob*

HOT TOPICS IN GEORGIA SWIMMING:

Athletes with ties to Georgia Swimming (and Diving) who have earned the right to compete at the upcoming 2012 London Olympic Games include:

TEAM USA

Chris Colwill (3-meter springboard)
Kara Lynn Joyce (50 Free)
Andrew Gemmell (1500 Free)
Kathleen Hersey (200 Fly)
Allison Schmitt (400 Free, 200 Free, 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay)
Eric Shanteau (100 Breast)
Shannon Vreeland (800 Free Relay)
Amanda Weir (400 Free Relay)
Dan Laak, Assistant Diving Coach

CANADA

Brittany MacLean (400 Free)

FINLAND

Matias Koski (200 Free, 400 Free, 1500 Free)

GERMANY

Sarah Poewe (100 Breast)

KUWAIT

Yousef Alaskari (200 Fly)

MALTA

Andrew Checutti (100 Free)

SOUTH AFRICA

Troyden Prinsloo (10K Open Water)
Wendy Trott (800 Free)

TURKEY

Ediz Yildirimer (1500 Free)

HOT TOPICS IN USA SWIMMING ... London 2012 Olympic Games!

A total of 950 competitors will take part in 34 events in the Swimming competition. 49 swimmers, 24 men and 25 women, will be representing Team USA in Swimming. Here's the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Team Roster:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/ViewNewsArticle.aspx?TabId=0&Itemid=4537&mid=8712>

Olympic Swimming Schedule in Your Time Zone:

One of the coolest features (of many) on the 2012 London Olympics website is the sport-by-sport schedule, and specifically it's "My time" feature.

Check out the following link for the complete swim schedule and to see a screenshot for how to use the "My time" tool: <http://swimswam.com/2012/07/olympic-swimming-schedule-in-your-time-zone/>

This will tell you, for each day of the Olympics, what time the events begin by shifting the time scale at the top of the schedule. For swimming, it even gets as specific as race-by-race.

For those in the United States, prelims will begin each day at 5 AM Eastern Time (ouch), and finals kicking off at 2:30 PM Eastern Time (New York City). For those on the East Coast of Australia, prelims will start at 7 PM, and finals will start at 4:30 AM (ouch again) the next morning.

In the US, all of the swimming will be aired live online at NBCOlympics.com, and then finals taped-delay on NBC's broadcast station at 7 PM Central Time (with different locales airing on different schedules –

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/get-local/tvlistings.html>

Finals action kicks off on Saturday, July 28th and runs through Saturday, August 4th (local time).

Go here to try it out: <http://www.london2012.com/swimming/schedule-and-results/day=28-july/all-day.html>

Who's officiating from the USA at the London 2012 Olympic Games?

Technical officials for Swimming include Paul Memont, from New England Swimming, who is one of two Starters. Jim Sheehan, USA Swimming's Vice President, Program Operations, from New Jersey Swimming, is a Judge. A complete list of technical officials can be found at the following link:

http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2534&Itemid=1205

Swimming: culture matters

June 29, 2012

Alan Abrahamson @alanabrahamson <http://3wiresports.com> (reprinted with permission)

OMAHA — Matt Grevers had just come off a dominating win in the 100 backstroke here at the U.S. swim Trials. It was late at night. He was walking across the bridge that connects CenturyLink Arena to the Hilton Omaha and he was walking slowly, very slowly, because about every 10 feet a gaggle of girls was asking for autographs and photos.

He was signing and posing and he could not have been more gracious, even when the girls gave way to a grown man who asked if he would pose for a photo with a picture glued to a popsicle-stick of his hometown orthodontist, apparently a swim dad. Whatever.

Grevers posed for the photo and the guy gushed, "Matt, you just saved me two-thousand bucks!"

"It's a big family," Grevers would say later. "Everyone wants everyone to do well."

Every sport has its own culture. A reason, perhaps the key reason, for USA Swimming's ongoing success at the Summer Olympics — and why the team that's been put together at the Trials in Omaha is expected to continue that run in London — is its underlying culture.

It's no accident. It starts early, when kids start at their clubs in their towns, and it carries all the way through and to the national and Olympic teams.

Here's just one example of swim culture, and how it contrasts with track and field, which of course will be one of the other marquee sports in just a few weeks at the Games:

In the women's 200-meter breaststroke heats in Omaha Friday on morning, 14-year-old Allie Szekely and 20-year-old Gisselle Kohoyda tied for 17th in 2:30.28.

A marked element of swim culture is that swimmers are expected to be tough. About an hour later, after the heats of the men's 200 individual medley, a swim-off was held to determine who would be the first alternate for Friday night's semifinals in the women's 200 breaststroke; with the crowd roaring, Allie won, in 2:30.03.

To be clear: she went faster in the swim-off than she had in the heat itself.

Afterward, she signed autographs and said it was "awesome."

Compare: in track and field, the dead-heat in the women's 100 meters last Saturday in Eugene, Ore., is still a dead-heat.

The two athletes involved in the 100-meter tie at the track Trials, Allyson Felix and Jeneba Tarmoh, are also competing in the 200 meters. After competing through the early rounds of the 200, both were escorted through what's called the "mixed zone," where athletes meet reporters, with no comment. Both declined to speak with television crews as well.

The track dead-heat has dissolved into something of a farce. While the protocol that has since been instituted since the tie calls for either a run-off or a coin-flip, the coin-flip rules demand that the 25-cent piece to be used must feature George Washington on one side and an "Eagle" on the other. So the commemorative quarters honoring each of the 50 states, which are of course legal tender and now in wide circulation through a program launched by the U.S. Mint in 1999 — are no good.

Chuck Wielgus, Executive Director of USA Swimming, said he believes it's his No. 1 priority — more than fund-raising, organizational charts, anything — to work at culture.

On the blocks, swimming is the most important thing. Off — no. It's understood that there's a distinct difference between who the person is as a swimmer and who he or she is as a person. Moreover, the culture in USA Swimming is to embrace accountability and responsibility and, whether winning or losing, to be humble and gracious.

No one is perfect, of course, and there are obviously exceptions and mistakes. But that's the culture.

"You can't manufacture it," Wielgus said. "It has to be ingrained."

He also said, "At the very end, it can be that extra little shot of energy, that extra hundredth of a second that can make a difference. This, all of it — it's more than just about you."

It's all the more remarkable that it is ingrained because, obviously, swimming is an individual thing. But what USA Swimming has done is make it a team thing, too.

Swimming is hard. Not to say other sports aren't. But, as Eddie Reese, the longtime coach at the University of Texas, said, "Nobody in their right mind picks this. How exciting is it to do two to four hours a day following a black line at the bottom of a pool with no outside information or stimulus? Plus, the only way to get better is to work harder."

On top of which, as everyone in the sport's elite echelons understands well, the best way to produce Olympic-caliber stars is to develop an aerobic base in a young athlete before he or she hits puberty — the best example being Michael Phelps, who was essentially a miler as a youngster in Baltimore before he started sprinting.

The thing is, as young swimmers grow up in the sport, they are inevitably on clubs or teams. And there's a lot of waiting around together at meets for heats or finals. That builds camaraderie.

That group sense thoroughly informs the national and Olympic teams.

Call it corny but there are rookie skits and karaoke and team-building exercises that everyone buys into.

At the world championships last year in Shanghai, Frank Busch, the national team director, was a rookie. He had for the prior 22 years been the coach at the University of Arizona. But he was new to the national team post and therefore a rookie.

Culture is culture. At the pre-Shanghai training camp, he got up before the team and belted out his version of Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer." At the time, he was 60 years old and, as he said with a laugh, "They looked at me like I was from outer space."

Missy Franklin, the 17-year-old Colorado sensation who is expected to be a breakout star in London, not only sang, she danced so well that, Busch said, "The kids on the team, they were pulling their jaw off the ground watching her."

Because Franklin will be an Olympic rookie, she had to do something all over again at the team's training camp before London. Culture is culture.

Besides the fun, there is a serious element to it as well, which everyone involved calls "the code." On international trips, there's a curfew, typically 10 or 11 p.m. No girls in boys' rooms or vice-versa. No tobacco or alcohol, not even for coaches when they are eating out.

"I have never been on a trip where there has been a problem," said Lindsay Mintenko, who swam at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Games, winning three medals, two gold, and is now the U.S. national team managing director.

The way this also works is that the older athletes not only are expected to give back — they want to do so.

Ariana Kukors, the 2009 world championship gold medalist in the women's 200 IM who qualified in Omaha to swim the event in London, said she vividly remembers Summer Sanders, who won four swimming medals, two gold, at the 1992 Barcelona Games, coming to a pool in the Seattle area — where Kukors is from — to sign autographs when Ariana was just 10.

"I never get tired of signing autographs," Kukors said.

Even the biggest names gladly pitch in.

In 2009, Phelps happened to be on vacation in Hawaii. The junior Pan Pacific championships were going on at the same time. Phelps called Jack Roach, the junior team national director, and said, what can I do? Roach said,

please come on over. Phelps did, and talked to the teens at length about the honor of representing team and country.

At those world championships in Rome in 2009, meanwhile, Aaron Peirsol, arguably the finest backstroker of his generation, didn't make the finals of the 100 back. He simply misjudged how fast he would have to go to make the last eight.

He didn't whine. He didn't complain. He said he would put it behind him, cheer for his teammates and get ready for his next race, the 200 back.

A few days later, right before he was getting ready to swim the 200 final, Peirsol turned to Roach, who on that trip was with the senior team.

"Jack, come here," Peirsol said. He urged Roach to take a look around at the magnificent setting that was the Foro Italico — the olive trees, the red brick buildings, the noise and sound of 16,000 people.

"Let's not forget what we are doing," Peirsol said. "We may never experience this again as long as we live. Look at the sunset. Look at the trees. Look at the American flags. This is what it's all about.

"I knew right then," Roach said, "that Aaron was going to win a gold medal."

Which Peirsol did. In world-record time.

GEORGIA SWIMMING NEWS

Are you planning to join us for the 2012 Georgia LSC Fall Meeting scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 22-23 in Savannah? All are invited, particularly athletes! See how the LSC works, join in at the Officials' Committee Meeting, participate at the Age Group or Senior Meetings, and find out what Technical Planning is all about. Of note: Officials' Committee Meeting will be Saturday Morning. Georgia Swimming House of Delegates Meeting is Sunday morning. Details to follow (see www.gaswim.org for more information). Hope to see you there!

NEW AND IMPROVED

Congratulations to the following officials who have **ADVANCED** to a new certification level:

Referee:	Tai Tang	(SA)		
Administrator:	Eric Wayner	(GCAT)	Warren Scribner	(SST)

And to the following **NEW** officials who have been certified in Georgia Swimming during 2nd quarter, 2012:

Administrator	Jean Barry	(RAYS)	Sharon Marra	(ASL)
	Robin Glover	(RAYS)	Max Melendez	(DYNA)
	Edward Jahns	(GA)	Karen Parks	(GIST)
	Maureen Jardin	(RAYS)	Brandi Sener	(CBF)
Stroke & Turn:	John Bowers	(ROCK)	Sheri Hart	(SA)
	Michelle Carey	(GA)	Jim Lewis	(SCAT)
	Michael Clance	(SA)	Anita Murphy	(CBF)
	David Cleek	(GA)	Cody Redden	(GCAT)
	Tarran Craver	(DYNA)	Andy Rettig	(SA)
	Stephen Dickson	(SA)	Bridgett Todd	(CBF)
	Mary Lynne Goninan	(SA)	Greg Ward	(SCAT)

Welcome to ...

Wes Davis (Starter) who has transferred from FL Swimming to join AAAA (Americus Albany Area Aquatics).
David Maynard (Stroke & Turn) who has transferred from OH Swimming to join Chattahoochee Gold.
Bilan Mo (Stoke & Turn) who has transferred from Southeastern Swimming to join SwimAtlanta.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Check out the Georgia Swimming Certification and Re-Certification Procedures approved April 16, 2011:
<http://gaofficials.webexone.com/r.asp?a=5&id=138188>

2012 OFFICIALS TRAINING CLINICS SCHEDULE

Following is a schedule of training clinics anticipated. Others may be added as required by interest.

TRAINERS CLINIC: If you are a referee and have interest to train local officials, please contact Steve Drew (OfficialsTraining@gaswim.org) for more information.

REFEREE and STARTER:

Bi-annually, April & September, in conjunction with the LSC HOD meeting

- September 22, 2012

STROKE & TURN JUDGE:

Home School Program (HSP)

Open schedule based on participant's completion of HSP

Conducted at swim meet that participant is attending

- August 25, 2012, Johns Creek, GA

Full Clinics (No Pre-Study Required)

5-day advance pre-registration required to assure training material availability)

Tri-annually (October, February, June), Minimum 5 attendees.

- August 26, 2012, Johns Creek, GA (registration deadline: August 19)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL/CLERK OF COURSE:

Quarterly (March, June, September, December*), Minimum 5 attendees

- August 26, 2012, Johns Creek, GA (registration deadline: August 19)

AUTOMATIC TIMING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:

Open schedule depending on interest.

Conducted at swim meet that participant and trainer are attending.

Contact Steve Drew (OfficialsTraining@gaswim.org) for more information.

UPCOMING OFFICIALS' QUALIFYING MEETS

Following is a listing of local, not so local, and national meets that are upcoming in 2012:

Georgia Sr State Championships	7/27-29	Univ of Georgia	contact: Bruce Adams, beadams1@yahoo.com Bobbie Culpepper, robertaculpepper@comcast.net
Southern Zone AG Championships	7/31-8/5	Rockwall, TX	contact: Gloria Schuldt, schuldt@earthlink.net
Southern Zone Sr LC Champs	8/6-10	Plantation, FL	contact: Gloria Schuldt, schuldt@earthlink.net
Speedo Jr National Championships	8/13-17	Indianapolis, IN	application available online at www.usaswimming.org
AT&T SC National Championships	11/29-12/1	Austin, TX	application deadline: Friday, 8/31/12
Speedo SC Jr National Champs	12/6-8	Knoxville, TN	application deadline: Friday, 8/31/12

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET CERTIFICATION (or the accidental Referee)

My Story – by Doug Kintz, Georgia Swimming Administrative Referee (N3--S/T, CJ, SR, DR; N2--AR)

Like most of you, I became an official because my club needed volunteers, and my daughter loved swimming. And after several years of watching and mostly timing, I concluded that officiating did not have that dreaded instant of time between races when you needed to look at the watch, reset the watch, remember the time, and write it down before the next cycle began. After ignoring the emails for several years, I signed up for my Stroke & Turn clinic. For the next several years I did my daughter's meets at her club and happily watched from the stands at the bigger meets.

Along the way I became a starter, a position that terrified me because I shook when I spoke in public. I could sing in public, so my early starts were frankly awful, they were more like singing. But after several years of practice, I was able to start a heat of 6 Olympians in the 100 Backstroke final at the Charlotte UltraSwim, and I did not faint.

I always intended to retire as an official after my daughter completed her years with her club team here in Georgia. But during her junior year in high school, another official, a good friend of mine, asked me in a loud voice in front of most of the senior Georgia officials if I was going to continue officiating after my daughter graduated. That made me think, and I did continue, becoming a referee after my kid went to college.

My journey to becoming nationally certified was very similar, and accidental in the beginning. The year my daughter made her first cuts for a Grand Prix meet, I paid my money and sat in the stands. But by the next year I had worked many more meets. When I sat in the stands for the Grand Prix meet at Ohio State, her coach called me a caged animal, because I was not accustomed to watching from up there anymore, and I paced all the time. So during the spring of 2008, I was evaluated for the first time as a Stroke and Turn official. The process terrified me, but at Sectionals in Nashville, the evaluator had some comments on improvements, and I nonetheless passed.

I asked the officials I knew about working the next Grand Prix meet my daughter was attending, and they told me about the application process to work at the meet. I applied and was accepted. Everyone should work at least one Grand Prix meet. To me, they are the most fun. You have a deck with enough officials so it is similar to a national meet, but everyone is not tapered, so there can be upsets and many excited first time swimmers. I was also evaluated at this meet for N2 Stroke & Turn. I was evaluated again as a Stroke & Turn because I did not go to the USA Swimming Website and submit my application for advancement to N2 Stroke & Turn, so in the database I had not earned the N2 Stroke & Turn certification. I think it took me three N2 Stroke & Turn evaluations that spring before I figured out how to update the database.

In the middle of the summer of 2008, I received an email from USA Swimming that they needed officials at Junior Nationals in August in Minneapolis. I emailed them back, said I was attending, asked if I was qualified (you must be a member of USA Swimming and an N2 certified official), and they accepted me. Juniors was fun. It really was, and I met officials from all over the country. National protocol is different, but it is easily learned. They have a special meeting at the beginning of the week for all new officials to talk about what is different at a national meet. But I also got to see my daughters' first national meet from on deck.

Since I had blundered into a passing evaluation for N3 Stroke & Turn by just attending the meets to watch my daughter, I decided to see what this National Evaluation System was all about. The simplified rules...

There are 5 evaluated positions

1. Stroke & Turn

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/1a7af7ac-4953-4d81-af8c-c9626afb271d/Stroke-Turn%20Judge%20The%20Professional%20June%202012.pdf>

2. Chief Judge

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/73bcd3f1-076a-46fd-b19b-e6c04b73c84d/Chief%20Judge%20The%20Professional%20June%202012.pdf>

3. Starter

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/e1781b24-9e71-4209-be53-aa37ab8d9716/Starter%20The%20Professional%20June%202012.pdf>

4. Deck Referee

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/61ed23b9-02d1-4c9c-94ca-4be67e07b575/Deck%20Referee%20The%20Professional%20June%202012.pdf>

5. Administrative Referee

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/19d049cf-209c-45d8-a291-d4d20d7a0c17/Administrative%20Referee%20The%20Professional%20June%202012.pdf>

And two levels to each evaluated position

1. N2 (The first National Level for a position – recognized that an official is experienced and has been evaluated as capable of working the position at Sectional, Zone, Grand Prix and similar higher level meets)
2. N3 (The second National level for a position – recognized that an official has the experience, skills and knowledge to be considered for selection to work National Championship meets in the position)

All evaluations must be at a meet called an OQM meet (Officials Qualifying Meet). State level Championship Meets, Sectionals, Age Group Sectionals, Grand Prix, and Zone meets are examples of OQM meets. Sometimes other meets are OQM meets. There is always a list of OQM meets in the Officials part of the USA Swimming Website: <http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/35d32eab-021a-4a63-9716-14f288560704/Catalog7-17.pdf>

To be evaluated at an Officials Qualifying Meet (OQM), you must work at least 4 sessions as an official at the meet. The N2 evaluations require that you are certified in that position for a year at the LSC Level before you can be N2 certified, and that you work 3 sessions in the evaluated position during the meet. The N3 Evaluations require that you have had N2 certification in that position a year, and that you are evaluated over at least 4 sessions at an OQM. All N3 certifications require that you work 4 sessions as an official at each of 2 Officials Qualifying Meets in the 24 months prior to applying for advancement. N2 and N3 certifications require participation in at least 12 sessions in a minimum of 4 LSC meets over the past 24 months. N3 certifications (except for Stroke & Turn) require two separate evaluations at two different meets (initial and final). Continuing Education, Mentoring and Training activities are also required for certification.

There is a chart of the detailed requirements on the USA swimming website at:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/85f636a1-2ad0-4712-8e55-7c20cca3f706/National%20Officials%20Certification%20Summary%20April%202012.pdf>

Over the next 4 years, I advanced to be an N3 Stroke & Turn, Starter, CJ, and Deck Referee. I am now an N2 Administrative Referee also. I have attended 4 National Championships (my 5th will be in August), 1 Duel in the Pool, many Grand Prix, Sectional Championships, and most of the Senior State Championships. The road is not always smooth at every meet. For my first N3 evaluation as Starter, I worked the Summer Senior Sectionals in Knoxville in 2009. The pool was new, and all the bugs in the starting system had not been fixed. We only had two Starters at the meet; we were very short on officials. I was the senior starting official, and I was also being evaluated. Each morning I had to test the starting system over and over again, and most sessions started at least 30 minutes late. I was very nervous because I was starting, being evaluated, and praying that the system would start all at the same time. I passed, and I got to know a new senior official from the Southeastern Zone, my evaluator.

Many people fear being evaluated, but it has always been an educational experience. At the meets where I was not confident in that position yet, the evaluators have mentored me, and I have learned a great deal about the positions. I have had great, and not so great days, but I survived them all. The most challenging position at a big meet is being the Team Lead Chief Judge. At Sectionals, I have done it twice. I was certainly better at it the second time. As with most things, I have become much better with experience.

Recommendations? I would recommend everyone attend a State Championship meet and be evaluated at the N2 Stroke & Turn position. I promise that our local evaluators do not eat new officials for breakfast, though I thought they did at the time. I try to get some of my evaluations out of state, so that I am not always evaluated

by the same officials. I also am able to get a new perspective on how things are done in other areas. Please do not think (like I did) that you are not experienced enough to work a higher level meet. These are the best places to learn about the rules and the protocols at big meets. If you are interested in being a Starter, ask your local referees about it. There are reasons why there are more white shirts around the starting area, and being in the middle of all the action will help your understanding of how a meet really works.

NEED AN OFFICIALS' SHIRT?

Meet Official Shirt Order Form:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1511&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

SPEAKING OF OLYMPIANS ... DID YOU KNOW?

Georgia Coastal Aquatic Team Head Coach and Founder Bill Forrester (1976 and 1980 Olympic Teams and medalist in the 200 Fly) is mentioned in the following article, "The Greatest Collective Swimming Performance in 50 Years", an excerpt from the book, "*...And Then They Won Gold: Stepping Stones To Swimming Excellence – Volume I*" by Chuck Warner. Check it out at the following link: <http://swimswam.com/2012/07/the-greatest-collective-swimming-performance-in-50-years/>.

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IDEAS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Great! We want to hear from you! Send an e-mail with your ideas, comments, suggestions, articles and whatever you think may be of interest to the other officials in Georgia to Julie Allen, editor-in-chief at: GeorgiaSwimmingOfficialsNews@gmail.com