

Lane Lines



Announcements:

- April 20-22 – PMS Short Course Yards Championships, in Walnut Creek
- May 12, 2007 – Marlins Parkside Aquatic Mile

Amazon Swim

Have you heard of a swimmer named Martin Strel? Martin Strel of Slovenia is the Guinness Book of World Record holder for furthest distance swam. Since 2000, he has held the record and twice broken that record. Between June 25, 2000 and August 23, 2000, Strel completed 3,004 km (1,866 miles) by swimming the Danube River, in Germany. He surpassed that by swimming 3,797 km (2,360 miles), swimming the entire length of the Mississippi River, from Northern Minnesota, and completing the swim in the Gulf of Mexico. The swim took 68 days, beginning on July 4, 2002. On July 30, 2004, Strel accomplished his greatest distance by swimming the entire length of the Yangtze River, China. He covered 4,003 km (2,487 miles), beginning on June 10, 2004.

How does a man continue to beat his own records? By swimming further than he as ever swam, and this time, dedicating the swim. On February 1, 2007, Martin Strel entered the waters of the Amazon River near Atalaya, Peru. His goal is to swim from that point, to the Atlantic Ocean at Belém, Brazil. The distance Strel plans to complete, 5,430 km (3,375 miles) will exceed his previous record (Yangtze River), by more than any of his other records. Strel is

dedicating his swim, “to the preservation of the rainforest, raising awareness of Alzheimer’s Disease and other neurodegenerative disorders, and to promote telemedicine as a valuable tool in bringing modern medicine to remote areas. The goal is to complete the swim in 70 days.

If you are interested in reading more of this amazing swimmer, there is a website for the Amazon swim. That URL is: www.amazonswim.com.

All material was taken from www. Amazonswim.com.

Marlin in View

Name: Marcie Kottmeier
How long have you swam with the Marlins: 25 years approx
Typical workout time: early a.m.
Pool/Open Water: Prefer open water
Favorite Stroke: Back
Favorite Event/Swim: Tahoe relay, Santa Cruz pier
Pets: Otis/black lab, Buster/Choc lab, Speedy and Thumper, son's rats!
Best memory so far: Swim memory would be my first Alcatraz swim. Being in the water on a beautiful day next to Alcatraz and looking at the city! Amazing



Editor's Corner:

Did you miss the meet last weekend? The Marlins hosted the annual Relay Meet in Pacifica, CA. Seven teams traveled to Oceana High School, braving the weather to compete is a fun meet. The teams ranged from small to large, but all squads had one thing in common, they were here to swim. The overall points winning team was Tri-valley Masters. Absent this year was our very own team without a single relay. But don't worry guys; we'll get 'em next year.

Thanks to all Marlins who came out to help at the meet! Thanks!



March 2007

Sat, Mar. 17, Rinconada Masters Spring Meet

Sat, Mar. 24, SCAM Invitational

April 2007

Fri-Sun, Apr. 20-22, PMS SCY, Walnut Creek

May 2007

Sat, May 12, SMMM, Parkside Aquatic Mile

Thurs-Sun, May 17-20, USMS SCY Championships, Federal Way

Sat, May 19, RCM Spring Lake Mile

June 2007

Sat, June 2, DAM Lake Berryessa

Sat, June 9, TVM Lake Del Valle

Sun, June 10, BMW Splash and Dash

July 2007

Sat, July 14, RCM Russian River 1-mile

Sat, July 21, TOC Trans Tahoe Relay

Aug. 2007

Sat, Aug. 4, CRUZ, Santa Cruz Pier Swim

Sun, Aug. 5, CRUZ, Cruz Cruise

Fri.-Mon., Aug 10-13, USMS Long Course Championships, The Woodlands, TX

Sat, Aug. 11, SNM Donner Lake Swim

Sun, Aug. 19, MAM 2x1 Mile Relay

Sept. 2007

Sun, Sept. 9, RAD Whiskeytown One and Two Mile

Sun, Sept. 23, SMMM Short Course Meters Pentathlon

Sat, Sept. 29, SAC Folsom Lake Swim 1 and 2 Mile

Oct. 2007

Sun, Oct. 7, SAC Sprint Pentathlon

Fri-Sun, Oct. 12-14, WCM Pac Masters SCM Championships

Dec. 2007

Sat, Dec. 1, SNM Winners Meet

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