

**18<sup>th</sup> YMCA National/International Swimming & Diving Championships**  
**April 25-27, 1940**  
**Hosted by the Huntington Avenue Branch YMCA, Boston, Massachusetts**

In accordance with the "Principles and Rules Governing YMCA Physical Activities," these championships were conducted under the rules and order of events of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association. This was the first time in the history of this event that the YMCA National Swimming Championships was held in New England.

**Location:** Huntington Branch YMCA Pool

**Host Committee**

Clifford K. Brown	Executive Secretary
Peter Stengel	Chairman of Recreation & Health Department
Robert E. Laveaga	Director of Physical Education
Earnest Bourgeois	Housing Secretary

**Boston YMCA Aquatic Committee**

W.W. Robertson, President  
R.E. Millard, Secretary  
Quenten McCaffrey  
Ed Murphy  
Wilber Tirrekll

**Sub-Committees**

**Publicity:**

Norman Lockwood  
Edward Murphy  
Ernest Oxton

**Properties:**

William C. Hultgren

**Recreation:**

Lloyd Sanborn  
Robert Hyer

**National YMCA Aquatic Committee**

Dr. Thomas K. Cureton, Chairman			
Richard Cheadle	John Squires	Earl Lee	Albert Warner
Ralph Davis	H. S. Henrici	Carl Link	J. H. Wolsey
H. D. Edgren	J. H. Hoffer	J. E. McColby	R. E. Millard
John Fuher	Dr. H.F. Kallenberg	Dr. Floyd H. Eastwood	

**Championship Committee**

Charles Silvia Chairman Springfield College Swimming Coach Chairman  
R. E. Millard Member National YMCA Aquatic Committee  
W. W. Robertson Local YMCA

**Key Officials**

Referee: Charles Silvia Swimming Coach Springfield College  
Meet Director: Raymond E. Millard Director Swimming Huntington Branch Y  
Chief Starter: William C Hultgren, Assistant Physical Director Hunting Br. Y  
Head Judge: Lawrence J. Johnson Chairman National A.A.U Swim Com.  
Head Diving Judge: Herbert D. Holm International Federation Diving Committee  
Chief Timer: W. W. Robertson President Boston YMCA Aquatic Committee  
Clerk of Course: Neville Booth, Harvard Dental School

### **Special Championship Committee and Coaches Meeting called:**

In order to insure greater participation by both contestants and spectators a joint meeting of the Championship Committee and the coaches was held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 1940 at 7:00 P.M. at which time a motion was made and carried that a recommendation be made to the National YMCA Physical Education Committee and the National YMCA Aquatic Committee; "That all National YMCA Swimming Championships be held not later than the second Friday and Saturday in March,"

### **YMCA Associations & Participants**

<b><u>Boston, MA:</u></b> Robert Lesieur Harrington William Runge Wilber Tirrell James McHugh Henry McNamara Ellis Gordon Charles Glover Roger Dormandy Louis Antonellis Charles Hayward Stig Schroeder Al Fidrocki Lawrence Smith	<b><u>Easton, PA:</u></b> S. R. Wetmer  Robert Bunzey Theodore Whitesell George R. Ryder  <b><u>Fort Wayne, IN:</u></b> Gorge Furste Ed Hildbrand Charles Lenenberger Tom VaChen Donald Leneberger  <b><u>Huntington, IN:</u></b> Gerald Rudig Phillip Shutt Mack Peters Charles Snowden Kendrick Pilkinton George Haines John Dilley Murray Hublely Jack Hiple	<b><u>Newton, MA:</u></b> Morton  James Martin Alger Shapalis  <b><u>Pittsburgh, PA:</u></b> Jack Strothers Otis Johnson James Lewis Tolbert Sullivan  <b><u>Rahway, NJ:</u></b> Harold Drexler  <b><u>St Louis, Mo:</u></b> James Counsilman(+) Sterling Thompson  <b><u>Worcester, MA:</u></b> Esko Hallila Ed Hall  <b><u>North Branch Detroit, MI:</u></b> Alex Schelkun Munroe Addarhold Pat Hayes Jack Hoffman Warren Greiner
<b><u>Bridgeport, CT:</u></b> John Podgorski William Plumb William Booth Kenneth Kost	<b><u>Lowell, MA:</u></b> Donald Gingrass	
<b><u>Brockton, MA:</u></b> Donald Barker	<b><u>Lynn, MA:</u></b> James Reiley James Humphreys Eli Fishman	
<b><u>Buffalo, NY:</u></b> G. Dembek Al Lyth Alex Stefanils Jack Stephenson		

(+) Indicates a Josegh G. Rogers Award Recipient:

### **Order of Events:**

#### **Friday April 26. 9:30 AM.**

1500 Meters Free Style (ALL HEATS)  
Finals (all heats).  
One Meter (low board) Diving Prelims

#### **Saturday April 27, 2:30 PM.**

100 yd Free Style trials  
200 yd Breast stroke time trials  
440 yd Free Style time trials  
400 yd Free Style Relay time trials

**Friday, April 26, 2:30 PM.**

50 yd. Free Style heats.

Exhibition by qualifying divers 30 Minutes 100 yd. Free Style finals

50 yd. Free Style semi-finals

finals.

160 yd. Back Stroke time trials

300 yd. Medley Relay time trials

Score)

**Friday, April 26, 8:30 PM.**

50 yd. Free Style finals

**Year**

150 yd. Back Stroke finals

220 yd. Free Style finals

One meter (low board) diving

\$ .50

300 yd. Medley Relay finals

(Reserved

Invitational stunt exhibition (no score)

all 5 periods

Saturday

**7800 for**

**Saturday April 27, 8:30 PM.**

200 yd. Breast Stroke

440 yd. Free Style finals

400 yd. Free Style Relay finals

(Invitational rescue exhibition (no

**Ticket Sales:**

**The Biggest YMCA Event of the**

Friday morning and afternoon \$ .40

Saturday afternoon \$ .40

Friday and Saturday evening

(general admission) \$ .75.

seats) Combination tickets for

With reserved seats of Friday and

Evening, \$2.00 **Phone Kenmore**

**reservations.**

**18<sup>th</sup> YMCA International/National Championship Meet Results:**

**1500 Meters Free Style: National Record:** Ray Mullane Flushing, NY 20:29.2 (1937)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

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|----|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Gerald Rudig     | Huntington, IN |
|    | 21:11.1          |                |
| 2. | Louis Antonellis | Boston, MA     |
|    | 21:17.0          |                |
| 3. | Jack Strothers   | Pittsburgh, PA |
|    | 21:54.4          |                |
| 4. | Charles Grover   | Boston, MA     |
|    | 22:22.0          |                |

**50 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Gordon Cornelius Lawson Br. Chicago, IL 23.3 (1934)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

- |    |               |                |      |
|----|---------------|----------------|------|
| 1. | Donald Barker | Brockton, MA   | 24.9 |
| 2. | Tom VaChon    | Fort Wayne, IN | 25.5 |
| 3. | Robert Bunzey | Easton, PA     | 25.7 |
| 4. | William Booth | Bridgeport, CT | 25.9 |

**150 Yard Backstroke: National Record:** John Dilley Huntington, IN 1:38.8 P. (1940)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

1.	John Dilley	Huntington, IN	1:38.8* P.	1:45.8
2.	S.R. Wetmore	Easton, PA		1:46.3
3.	Ed Hall	Worcester, MA	1:47.0	
4.	Lawrence Smith	Boston, MA		1:54.8

**(\*) Indicates those individuals who have broken the existing National YMCA Record time.**

**18<sup>th</sup> International/National YMCA Championship Meet Continued:**

**220 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Walter Spence Orange, NJ 2:14.5 (1934)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

1.	Jack Stothers	Pittsburg, PA		2:22.0
2.	Gerald Rudig	Huntington, IN		2:22.8
3.	William Runge	Boston, MA	2:23.7	
4.	Gene Dembek	Buffalo, NY		2:26.5

**Low Board Diving: National Record:** Al Greene Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 133.33 Points (1933)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Points:**

1.	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN		95.90
2.	Henry McNamara	Boston, MA		93.97
3.	Alex Shelkun	North Br, Detroit, MI		91.18
4.	Jack Hiple	Huntington, IN		91.03

**300 Yard Medley Relay: National Record:** Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 3:05.5 Art Ebeling, Max Brydenthal, Casimir Chutro. (1937)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

1.	S.R. Wetmore, George Ryder, Theodore Whitesell	Easton, PA		3:10.4
2.	John Dilley, Kendrick Pilkinton, Charles Snowden.	Huntington, IN		3:14.2
3.	Lawrence Smith, Charles Haywood, Ellis Gordon.	Boston, MA		3:16.8
4.	Warren Greiner, Pat Hayes,	North Br. Detroit, MI		3:21.3

**100 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Walter Spence Orange, NJ 52.2 (1934)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

1.	William Runge	Boston, MA		55.8
2.	Ed Hall	Worcester, MA		56.0
3.	James Reily	Lynn, MA		56.3
4.	John Dilley	Huntington, IN		57.0

**200 Yard Breaststroke: National Record:** James Councilman Downtown Branch St. Louis, MO 2:29.9 (1940)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

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|----|------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. | James Councilman | Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO |        |
|    | 2:29.9*          |                            |        |
| 2. | Tolbert Sullivan | Pittsburgh, PA             |        |
|    | 3:37.0           |                            |        |
| 3. | George Ryder     | Easton, PA                 | 2:37.8 |
| 4. | John Podgorski   | Bridgeport, CT             |        |
|    | 2:38.6           |                            |        |

**440 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Andrew Clark Fisher Branch Detroit, MI 4:49.3 (1938)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

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|----|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| 1. | Gerald Rudig    | Huntington, IN | 5:11.6 |
| 2. | Jack Strothers  | Pittsburgh, PA |        |
|    | 5:11.7          |                |        |
| 3. | Charles Snowden | Huntington, IN | 5:21.5 |
| 4. | Charles Grover  | Boston, MA     | 5:29.0 |

**(\* Indicates those individuals who have broken the existing National YMCA Record time.)**

**18<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Championship Meet Results Continued:**

**400 Yard Freestyle Relay: National Record:** Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 3:42.4 Herbert Budrick, Casimir Chutro, Irving McCaffrey, Charles Wilson. (1937)

**Place: Name:**

**Association:**

**Time:**

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|----|---|----------------|--------|
| 1. | Ellis Gordon, Roger Dormandy, Wilber Tirrell, William Runge.        | Boston, MA     | 3:50.6 |
| 2. | Charles Leuenberger, Ed Hildebrand, Donald Leuenberger, Tom VaChon. | Fort Wayne, IN | 3:14.2 |
| 3. | William Blumb, Kenneth Kost, John Podgoski, William Booth.          | Bridgeport, CT | 3:16.8 |
| 4. | Murray Hubley, Mack Peters, Kenneth Pilkinton, George Haines.       | Huntington, IN | 3:21.3 |

**Meet Scoring:**

<b>Scoring Points:</b>		<b><u>1st</u></b>		<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
<b>Individual Events</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Relay Events:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		

**Team Scoring:**

**Points: Place: Team:**

**Place: Team:**

**Points:**

- |                 |                |    |  |
|-----------------|----------------|----|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Huntington, IN | 35 | 7 <sup>th</sup> T Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO |
| 5               |                |    |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Boston, MA     | 28 | 7 <sup>th</sup> T Worcester, MA              |
| 5               |                |    |  |

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easton, PA	15	10 <sup>th</sup>	North Br. Detroit, MI	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pittsburgh, PA	13	11 <sup>th</sup>	Central Br. Ft. Wayne, IN	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne, IN		9	12 <sup>th</sup>	Buffalo, NY
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6 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgeport, CT		6		Lowell, MA
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7 <sup>th</sup>	T Brockton, MA	5			Newton, MA
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**Biographical Notes:** **James "Doc" Councilman** was the **recipient** of the **Joseph G. Rogers Award** in 1991. Jim grew up using the YMCA in his home town of St. Louis, MO. He competed in several YMCA National Championships and was a National YMCA Record holder in the 200 Yard Breaststroke before attending Ohio State University. Jim became the team Captain at OSU and was an NCAA Champion swimmer on Ohio State's National Championship Teams in 1946 and 1947. His coaching career began as an Assistant Coach at Illinois in 1948, then at Iowa from 1948-1952. Jim became the coach at Cortland State in 1952 and in 1958 he became the Head Swimming Coach at Indiana University until he retired in 1990. Under Jim's leadership his Indiana teams won 23 Big Ten Championships (20 in a row 1961-1980) and six consecutive NCAA Championships. In addition, Jim's teams won 140 consecutive dual meets from 1966 thru 1979, and went undefeated in the Big Ten from 1969 thru 1979. In 1979 Jim became the oldest swimmer to swim the English Channel at the age of 58.

Throughout his career Jim Councilman has never forgotten his roots in the YMCA. Jim and members of his Indiana University swim team hosted and participated in many YMCA competitive swimming and diving clinics throughout the Midwest. His support and feelings for the YMCA were never more evident when he was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976. Jim's closing sentiment was "Not bad for a swimmer who started at the East St. Louis YMCA!" **James Councilman swam**

**in our**  
**1940, 1946 and 1948 National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship Meets**

**18<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Championship Meet Results Continued:**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

**Income:**

Entry Fees	\$122.00
Gate	62.30
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$184.30</b>

**Expenditures:**

15 Sets of Medals	\$131.25	
Engraving Medals	23.40	
Cup for Winning Team	18.16	
700 Entry Blanks	25.60	
Expenses Charles Silvia	10.10	
20 Stencils @ \$ .12	2.40	
3000 Sheets Paper @ \$ .50 per 500		3.00
Postage Letters @ \$ .02 (250)	5.00	
Telegrams \$ .80 & Miscellaneous \$2.80	3.60	
Bleachers	34.00	
Dinners (101 @ \$ .75		75.75
2 Gate Keepers @ \$2.50	5.00	
Hotel Subsidy	15.50	
Pictures (2)	3.00	

**Total Expenses**            \$345.76  
**(Deficit)**                    **(\$161.46)**

**18<sup>th</sup> National/International YMCA Championship Meet Continued:**

**Championship Meet Publicity Report**

<b><u>Newspaper:</u></b>	<b><u>Edition:</u></b>	<b><u>Space: (inches)</u></b>	<b><u>Pictures:</u></b>
Boston Herald	Morning	16	
Boston Traveler	Evening	34	
Boston Globe	Morning & Evening	30	
Christian Science Monitor	Evening	10	
Boston Transcript	Evening	12	
Boston American	Morning & Evening	102	6
Boston Post	Morning	8 ½	
<b><u>Totals:</u></b>	Pictures---6 or 70 column inches; reading matter ---212 ½ inches		
<b><u>Grand Total:</u></b>	<b>282 ½ Inches</b>		