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28th International/National YMCA Swimming and Diving

Championship Meet April 14-16, 1955

Hosted by the Tucson, Arizona YMCA.

At this 28th National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship there were 20 YMCA Associations with 92 youthful participants, representing 10 states and 1 Association from Canada. The meet was held at the New Tucson YMCA pool which has 6 lanes and a seating capacity of 500. **Robert Golay(+)** (see bio below) the Tucson Y Aquatic Director was the meet director for this championship event.

Historical Note: This 1955 National YMCA Championship Meet was responsible for changing NCAA Rules. This is what happened:

In the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Event, the 2nd swimmer got excited and took off when the 1st swimmer had just finished 50 yards, now there were two swimmers in the same lane. A teammate charged down to the other end of the pool and stopped the swimmer who “jumped”. He got out of the water and returned to the starting end. In the mean time the 3rd swimmer started when the 1st swimmer finished. The 4th swimmer swam his leg when the 3rd swimmer finished. By now the 2nd swimmer was ready to swim the final leg of the relay. **The CROWD went WILD as that TEAM STILL WON!**

Needless to say, there was a PROTEST! The Championship Committee Chair Charles McCaffree (Meet Referee & member of the NCAA Rules Committee) and Robert Royer (Starter and Chairman of the NCAA Rules Committee) also on the Championship Committee reviewed the rulebook and could not find a rule violation. The rules DID NOT indicate that the swimmers must compete in order! **The Win Stood!**

Before the next NCAA Swimming Season the rules were changed to prevent a reoccurrence. **Thus, our YMCA National Meet was responsible for changing NCAA Rules.**

Biographical Note: **Robert L. Golay** attended every YMCA National Meet and served in a number of different capacities such as Meet Director, Referee, Chairman of the Championship Committee etc from 1954 thru 1968. Bob served on the National YMCA Aquatic Committee under the leadership of Joe Rogers. He was the recipient of the Roberts-Gulick Memorial Award and the Distinguished Service to YMCA Aquatics Award (from the YMCA) in 1970. In 1995, **Robert L. Golay(+)** was the “Recipient of the “Joseph G Rogers Award”.

Meet Officials:

Referee & Chairman Championship Committee: **Charles McCaffree(+)** Michigan State

Starter & Member Championship Committee: Robert Royer Indiana University

Other Officials: Approximately 150 local adults (many professionals (Doctors, Business owners, Lawyers, etc,) went through a detailed training course and officiating experience in a number of local meets to be ready for the National’s. The preparation and training period for officials covered almost a full year.

This was the First YMCA National Championship meet where all officials were dressed in white.

(+) Indicates Joseph G. Rogers Award Recipients.

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Associations and Participants:

Alhambra, CA

Hugh Cameron
Eddie Fish
Terry Geffaney
James Marcus
Jerry Marlett
Greg Stephens
R. Sutherland

Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO

Dennis Breen
William Hite
Joseph Hunsacker
Jack Shasserre
Benton Waddell

Central Br. Long Beach, CA

Stanton Booth
Ivan Cook
Jerry Labonte
Bruce Moseley
C. Quayle
Kenneth Quayle
Walden Rohrer
B. Wrye

Richmond, IN

Jim Juerling
Bob Linburg
George Murphy
Bill Pilgrim
Bob Thomas

Tucson, AZ

David Beck
Jim Cooper
Mike Flood
James Grover
George McLain
David Moler
D.L. Secrist

Central Br. Dayton, OH

Tom Gompf
Sam Hall
Tom Metz
Charles Neil
Lin Rhoades
Deiter Walk
Gunter Walk

Fresno, CA

Gordon R. Peak
Eric Reidel

Jamestown, NY

William Radack

Kokomo, IN

Richard Kitchell

Oakland, CA

Thomas Bullock
Louis Cook
Gerry Hubbard
Richard Kennedy
Bernie Kuhn
Jack Lawrence
Robert McKinnon
Kenneth Shaw
Donald Williamson

San Deigo, CA

Charles Atkinson

Santa Monica, CA

William Grein
James Lewis
Terry McNulty

Tulsa, OK

Theodore Jones

Central Br. Vancouver, British Columbia

Tony Gallo

Central Br. of Houston, TX entered the meet but did not attend the meet. This was the **20th** team.

Colorado Springs, CO

Donald Brown
John Delbrun
David Demmin
Earl Heston
Thomas Mackey
James Taylor
Edward Weigand
Arthur Wilknison

Huntington, IN

Dee Eddington
Robert Griffin
Fred Haneline
Howard Hock
George Holtrey

Jerry Holtrey

Murray Hubley

Bill Marks

John Minnibar

William Shriner

Ottumwa, IA

Charles Mitchell

Phoenix, AZ

James McCracken

Max Ramenofsky

L. Silverstein

San Francisco, CA

Loren Hansen

Robert Kahn

Theodore Lambertson

Ronald Rabeta

Biographical Sketch: **Joseph Hunsaker** from the Downtown Branch YMCA in St. Louis, MO. graduated from Cleveland High School in South St. Louis, MO. and received a swimming scholarship to the University of Illinois. In 1958, he was the NCAA Championship in the 200 Yard Individual Medley with the time of 2:09.6. In the business world, Hunsaker was recognized as one of the premier designers of International class competitive pools, receiving numerous Facilities of Merit Awards, and four Gold medal awards for design excellence. Joe was involved in the building of several venues including the 1994 Commonwealth Games (Victoria) the 1996 Olympic Games (Atlanta) and the 1998 Goodwill Games (Long Island, NY).

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Order of Events

Thursday April 14, 1955

1500 Meters Freestyle

Saturday April 16, 1955

3 Meter Diving

100 Yard Backstroke

100 Yard Breaststroke

100 Yard Freestyle

440 Yard Freestyle

150 Yard Individual Medley (Fly/Breast, Back, Free)

300 Yard Medley Relay (Back, Fly/Breast, Free.)

Friday April 15, 1955

50 Yard Freestyle

200 Yard Backstroke

220 Yard Freestyle

200 Yard Breaststroke

One Meter Diving

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Meet Scoring:

<u>Scoring Points:</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
<u>Individual Events:</u>	7	5	4	3	2	1
<u>Relays:</u>	14	10	8	6	4	2

1500 Meter Freestyle: National Record: Frank Nauss York, PA 19:35.0 (1952)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Richard Kennedy	Central Br. Oakland, CA	20:35.2
2 nd	Theodore Jones	Central Br. Tulsa, OK	20:59.0
3 rd	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	21:00.0
4 th	Bob McKinnon	Central Br. Oakland, CA	21:27.9
5 th	Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br, St. Louis, MO	21:28.4
6 th	William Shriner	Huntington, IN	21:51.4

50 Yard Freestyle: National Record: Keith Peterson Wilson Br. Chicago, IL 22.8 P. (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Gunter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	24.5
2 nd	Davie Demmin	Colorado Springs, CO	24.8
3 rd	George Murphy	Richmond, IN	25.4
4 th	Charles Mitchell	Downtown Br. St Louis, MO	25.9
5 th	William Hite	Downtown Br. St Louis, MO	26.2
6 th	Hugh Cameron	Alhambra. CA	26.8

200 Yard Backstroke: National Record: Don Brown Colorado Springs, CO 2:15.2 (1955)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Donald Brown	Colorado Springs, CO	2:15.2*
2 nd	Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:21.1
3 rd	William Radack	Jamestown, NY	2:22.2
4 th	Kenneth Shaw	Central Br. Oakland, CA	2:23.4
5 th	Lewis Cook	Central Br. Oakland, CA	2:25.2
6 th	Bill Pilgrim	Richmond, IN	2:27.8

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

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220 Yard Freestyle: National Record: Ronald Gora Oak Park, IL 2:10.6 (1951)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Richard Kennedy	Central Br. Oakland, CA	2:19.2
2 nd	Theodore Jones	Tulsa, OK	2:19.7
3 rd	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	2:23.4
4 th	Robert McKinnon	Central Br. Oakland, CA	2:24.2
5 th	Tom Metz	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:28.2
6 th	Jim Marcus	Alhambra, CA	2:29.5

200 Yard Breaststroke: National Record: Richard Fadgen Woonsocket, RI 2:18.0 (1954)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Jerry LaBonte	Central Br. Long Beach, CA	2:29.4
2 nd	Joseph Hunsacker	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:29.6
3 rd	Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:34.0
4 th	Eric Reidel	Fresno, CA	2:36.8
5 th	Bob Thomas	Richmond, IN	2:43.3
6 th	Dee Eddington	Huntington, IN	2:44.3

Fancy Diving (Low Board): National Record: Charles Chelich Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL 470.40 (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	449.70
2 nd	Sam Hall	Central Br. Dayton, OH	443.45
3 rd	Gordon Peak	Fresno, CA	413.30
4 th	Tom Gompf	Central Br. Dayton, OH	374.80
5 th	Robert Griffith	Huntington, IN	365.80
6 th	Earl Heston	Colorado Springs, CO	360.70

400 Yard Freestyle Relay: National Record: Wilson Ave, Br. Chicago, IL 3:41.3
John Oldershaw, Tom Anderson, Deed Hardin, Richard Wehman. (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Deiter Walk, Sam Hall, Tom Gompf, Gunter Walk.	Central Br. Dayton, OH	3:55.2
2 nd	Fred Haneline, Dee Eddington, William Shriner, Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	4:00.2
3 rd	Mike Flood, David Beck, Jim Cooper, George McLain.	Tucson, AZ	4:02.5
4 th	Earl Heston, Edward Weigand, Arthur Wilkinson, James Taylor.	Colorado Springs, CO	4:12.4
5 th	C. Quayle, Ivan Cook, B. Wrye, Bruce Mosley. Thomas Bullock, Gerry Hubbard, Kenneth Shaw, Lewis Cook.	Central bre. Long Beach, CA` Central Br. Oakland, Ca	4:17.7 <u>Disq.</u> <u>(3:59.5)</u>

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100 Yard Backstroke: National Record: Donald Brown Colorado Springs, CO 1:00.8 (1955)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Donald Brown	Colorado Springs, CO	1:00.8*
2 nd	Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1:02.6
3 rd	Bill Radaack	Jamestown, NY	1:02.6
4 th	Kenneth Shaw	Central Br. Oakland, CA	1:04.3
5 th	James Taylor	Colorado Springs, CO	1:05.6
6 th	Bernie Kuhn	Colorado Springs, CO	1:09.4

100 Yard Breaststroke: National Record: Tie: Robert Sohl Central Br. Dayton, OH 1:01.4 (1950) and Ronald J. Gainsforth Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA 1:01.4 (1952)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Joseph Hunsaker	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	1:02.7
2 nd	Bob Thomas	Richmond, IN	1:05.7
3 rd	Charles Neil	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1:05.9
4 th	Charles Mitchell	Ottumwa, IA	1:06.0
5 th	Eric Riedel	Fresno, CA	1:06.3
6 th	Jerry LaBonte	Central Br. Long Beach, CA	1:06.9

100 Yard Free: National Record: Keith Peterson Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL 51.5 (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	David Demmin	Colorado Springs, CO	54.9
2 nd	Thomas Bullock	Central Be. Oakland, CA	56.7
3 rd	Deiter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	57.6
4 th	Gorge Murphy	Richmond, IN	58.3
5 th	Fred Haneline	Huntington, IN	59.2
6 th	Theodore Lambertson	Central Br. San Francisco, CA	59.5

440 Yard Free: National Record: Andrew Clark Fisher Br Detroit, MI 4:49.3 (1938)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Bob McKinnon	Central Br. Oakland, CA	5:07.0
2 nd	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	5:07.5
3 rd	Richard Kennedy	Central Br. Oakland, CA	5:11.4
4 th	William Shriner	Huntington, IN	5:18.3
5 th	Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	5:20.5
6 th	Jim Juerling	Richmond, IN	5:23.9

150 Yard Individual Medley: National Record: Eugene Adler Central Br. Brooklyn, NY 1:34.4 (1954)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Theodore Jones	Tulsa, OK	1:36.9
2 nd	Charles Mitchell	Ottumwa, IA	1:41.6
3 rd	Lewis Cook	Central Br. Oakland, CA	1:14.6
4 th	Eric Riedel	Fresno, CA	1:44.7
5 th	James Taylor	Colorado Springs, CO	1:47.0
6 th	John Delburn	Colorado Springs, CO	2:12.2

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3 Meter Diving: National Record: Charles Chelich Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL
517.65 Points (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Gordon Peak	Fresno, CA	507.85
2 nd	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	494.60
3 rd	Sam Hall	Central Br. Dayton, OH	465.90
4 th	Tom Gompf	Central Br. Dayton, OH	465.50
5 th	Robert Griffith	Huntington, IN	399.80
6 th	Earl Heston	Colorado Springs, CO	378.65

300 Yard Medley Relay: National Record: Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL 2:57.9 Robert
Kivland, John Otis, Keith Peterson. (1953)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Lin Rhoades, Charles Neil, Gunter Walk.	Central Br. Dayton, OH	3:04.1
2 nd	Benton Waddell, Joseph Hunsaker, Jack Shasserre.	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	3:05.3
3 rd	Donald Brown, John Delburn, David Demmin.	Colorado Springs, CO	3:09.4
4 th	Bill Pilgrim, Bob Thomas, George Murphy.	Richmond, IN	3:14.4
5 th	Stanton Booth, Jerry LaBonte, Bruce Mosley. Bernie Kuhn, Jack Lawrence, Thomas Murphy.	Central Br. Long Beach, CA Central Br. Oakland, CA	3:26.0 <u>Disq.</u> <u>3:16.9</u>

Final Point Standing:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st	Central Br. Dayton, OH	70	8 th	Central Br Tulsa, OK	17
2 nd	Central Br. Oakland, CA	49	9 th	Cent. Br. Long Beach, CA	16
3 rd	Huntington, IN	48	10 th	Ottumwa, IA	11
4 th	Colorado Spring, CO	47	11 th T	Jamestown, NY	8
5 th	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	30	11 th T	Tucson, AZ	8
6 th	Richmond, IN	22	13 th	Alhambra, CA	2
7 th	Fresno, CA	19	14 th	Cent. Br. San Francisco, CA	1

Non Scoring Teams:

Central Br Houston, TX	San Diego, CA
Kokomo, IN	Santa Monica, CA
Phoenix, AZ	Central Br. Vancouver, British Columbia

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Individual High Point Winner

(Relay points not included)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Richard Kennedy	Central Br. Oakland, CA	18
2 nd	Theodore Jones	Central Br. Tulsa, OK	17
3 rd	Donald Brown	Colorado Springs, CO	14
4 th	George Holtrey Jr.	Huntington, IN	13
4 th	Robert S. McKinnon	Central Br Oakland, CA	13
6 th	David Demmin	Colorado Springs, CO	12
6 th	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	12
6 th	Joseph Hunsaker	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	12
9 th	Charles Mitchell	Ottumwa, IA	11
9 th	Gordon Peak	Fresno, CA	11
11 th	Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	10
12 th	Sam Hall	Central Br. Dayton, OH	9
13 th	Eric Riedel	Fresno, CA	8
13 th	William Radack	Jamestown, NY	8
13 th	Jerry Labonte	Central Br. Long Beach, CA	8
16 th	George Murphy	Richmond, IN	7
16 th	Bob Thomas	Richmond, IN	7
16 th	Gunter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	7
19 th	Tom Gompf	Central Br. Dayton, OH	6
19 th	Lewis Cook Jr.	Central Br. Oakland, CA	6
19 th	Kenneth Shaw	Central Br. Oakland, CA	6
19 th	Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	6
23 rd	Thomas Bullock	Central Br. Oakland, CA	5
24 th	James Taylor	Colorado Springs, CO	4
24 th	Charles Neil	Central Br. Dayton, OH	4
24 th	Dieter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	4
24 th	Robert J. Griffith	Huntington, IN	4
24 th	William Schriener	Huntington, IN	4
29 th	Earl Heston	Colorado Springs, CO	2
29 th	Tom Metz	Central Br, Dayton, OH	2
29 th	Fred Haneline	Huntington, IN	2
29 th	Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	2
29 th	William Hite	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2
34 th	Hugh Cameron	lhambra, CA	1
34 th	Jim Marcus	Alhambra, CA	1
34 th	John Delburn	Colorado Springs, CO	1
34 th	Dee Eddington	Huntington, IN	1
34 th	Bernie Kuhn	Central Br.Oaklans, CA	1
34 th	Jim Juerling	Richmond, IN	1
34 th	Bill Pilgrim	Richmond, IN	1
34 th	Theodore Lambertson	Central Br. San Francisco, CA	1