

## 16th Annual Hobbs Pond Swim - 2007

### Records Demolished

Hope. Sunday August 5th. In 2005 and 2006, Claire Van der Ven of Lincolnville's 2000 record survived close challenges. Last year, conditions were auspicious but Robert Spencer (13) of Warren and Chevy Chase MD took a wrong turn at the 3<sup>rd</sup> marker.

This year, the record was shattered by four swimmers. After the lead pack rounded the far buoy, Spencer (now 14) pulled away to win in an astounding 7:53, 52" ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> swimmer and 1' 11" ahead of Van der Ven's record. Hodding Carter (44) of Camden, YMCA Aquatic Director, was 2<sup>nd</sup>; home town favorite Lianne McCluskey (15) of Hope was 3<sup>rd</sup>; Paul Moran (44), master swimmer from Illinois and brother of Hope's Mary Moran, was 4<sup>th</sup> - all under the old record.

Son Nguyen of South Portland erased the record for the Hans Wendel breaststroke challenge. His time of 10:59 eclipsed the record of 11:26 set by Hope's Lianne McCluskey in 2004.

The 16th Hobbs Pond swim had more participants than ever before - 48, from 9-year-old Helen Carter of Camden to 71-year-old Hans Wendel of Dover Foxcroft. The youth movement of the recent past was not all *that* dominant though. Two of the top 4 and five of the top-10 were over 40.

The participation of families was noteworthy: from Hope, 4 McCluskeys, 4 Scotts, 2 Willauers, 2 Joneses and 2 Taylors (Amy Ganley & Ana Mason, descendants of Hope's first settlers), and from Camden, 3 Carters. There was a strong presence from the Maine Masters Swim Club too: Carter, Doug Roth of Warren, Zach Gray of

Windsor, Steve Pixley of Camden, Joe Zrioka of Brunswick, Nguyen, Hope's Bill Jones, Chris Matava of Bath, Hope's Hilda Livingstone, Kristi Panayotoff of Lincolnville, Harry Schmitke of Spruce Head, Wendel, Dave Metz of Rockport and Craig Bolint of Jonesport. Craig probably drove the greatest distance to get to the meet, but Steve Cross, Olympia WA, is from farthest away.

A moment of silence was observed for Hobbs Pond swimmers who died this year, the Martins of Searsmont, victims of a tragic plane crash, and Tom Lyndon, former head of New England Masters and a long-time Hope summer resident.

Many thanks to the host of volunteers, including starter and timers Judith Jones & John McCluskey of Hope and Maine Masters President Frank Giustra of Waldoboro. Many swimmers, volunteers and others partied at the Jones's pond camp afterward.

Full results are below:

Hobbs Pond swim

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Results

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Age</b> | <b>Town/State</b>     | <b>Time</b> |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Robert Spencer   | 14M        | Warren/Chevy Chase MD | 7:53**      |
| Hodding Carter   | 44M        | Camden                | 8:45*       |
| Lianne McCluskey | 15F        | Hope                  | 8:57*       |
| Paul Moran       | 44M        | Glendon Hills IL      | 8:58*       |
| Doug Roth        | 46M        | Warren                | 9:11        |
| Zach Gray        | 24M        | Windsor               | 9:22        |
| George McDonough | 36M        | Waldoboo              | 9:33        |
| Steve Pixley     | 40M        | Camden                | 9:36        |

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|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| Alyssa McCluskey  | 17F | Hope                  | 10:04         |
| Mary Moran        | 53F | Hope                  | 10:19         |
| Joe Zrioka        | 57M | Brunswick             | 10:40         |
| Brad Scott        | 40M | Lincolnville          | 10:48         |
| Maureen Scott     | 37F | Hope                  | 10:36         |
| Elizabeth Spencer | 41F | Warren/Chevy Chase MD | 10:55         |
| Son Nguyen        | 27M | South Portland        | 10:59 breast+ |
| Edmund McCluskey  | 12M | Hope                  | 11:14         |
| Amy Wilton        | 39F | Hope                  | 11:41         |
| Bill Jones        | 70M | Hope                  | 11:43         |
| Brian O'Neil      | 45M | Hope                  | 11:50         |
| Chris Matava      | 40M | Bath                  | 11:55         |
| Adam Scott        | 38M | Hope                  | 12:00         |
| Hilda Livingstone | 52F | Hope                  | 12:31         |
| Kristi Panayotoff | 58F | Lincolnville          | 12:46         |
| Jeff Powell       | 53M | Camden                | 14:18         |
| Harry Schmitke    | 69M | Spruce Head           | 14:19         |
| Hans Wendel       | 71M | Dover-Foxcroft        | 14:34         |
| David Metz        | 67M | Camden                | 14:44         |
| Isabel Lyndon     | 67F | Hope/Wayland MA       | 15:02         |
| Steve Cross       | 51M | Olympia, WA           | 15:15         |
| Jennifer Goodman  | 43F | Hope/Concord NH       | 15:38         |
| Grace McNamara    | 26F | Far Hills, NJ         | 15:45         |
| Amanda Dwelley    | 25F | Hope                  | 15:55         |
| Margaux Scott     | 11F | Hope                  | 16:17         |
| Gwyneth Jones     | 28F | Hope                  | 16:31         |
| Anabel Carter     | 11F | Camden                | 17:13         |
| Mark McCluskey    | 10M | Hope                  | 17:29         |
| Mark Barley       | 12M | Hope                  | 17:29         |
| Craig Bolint      | 67M | Jonesport             | 17:49         |
| Dave Sprague      | 49M | Belfast               | 18:06         |
| Nora Willauer     | 12F | Hope                  | 18:10         |
| Langley Willauer  | 44M | Hope                  | 18:27         |
| Anna Mason        | 13F | Hope/CT               | 19:53         |
| Amy Ganley        | 23F | Fairfield, CT         | 19:53         |
| Lisa Wolin        | 46F | Poolesville, MD       | 20:31         |
| Kali Wolin        | 12F | Poolesville, MD       | 20:31         |
| Maureen Ostensen  | 47F | Hope                  | 21:49         |
| Helen Carter      |     | 9F Camden             | 22:14         |
| Ella Scott        | 10F | Hope                  | 22:15         |

\*\* new course record besting 2000 record of Claire Van der Ven of Lincolnville (40), 9:04.

\* also bests event record.

+ new breaststroke record besting 2004 records of Lianne McCluskey of Hope (12), 11:26.