

COACHES, CLUBS...GOOD NEWS for 2009-2010

USA Swimming has created 3 valuable reports from the SWIMS database that are available only on your Private Club Portal.

- Club membership Statistics
- Athlete Roster
- Non-Athlete Roster

Your Club Portal is accessible from the USAS website: <http://www.usaswimming.org/>

To access it you must first establish a Sign-in Name and Password for your club, if you haven't already done so. Contact Carrie Waters at cwaters@usaswimming.org for more information and to set up your club portal user name and password. If your head coach has misplaced his/her club portal access information, Carrie can help with that as well.

The **Club Portal** is a free "mini website" for your club. Even if you have a club website, the Club Portal is another avenue of communication for both your current members. If your club already has a website, this section is not meant to displace it, but rather augment it and provide you with useful reports from the USA Swimming registration database.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU AS A COACH?

First:

It means that you can (and should) give the Athlete Membership Cards to the swimmers. There is no reason to keep them. You can print a current, valid roster from your Club Portal as proof of registration for a meet. The meet director should accept this as proof of membership. The USA Swimming Membership/Registration Committee hopes that each swimmer has his/her own membership card. These can be laminated as bag tags, kept from year to year, and be used to learn some swimming history.

The athlete on the 2010 card is Mel Stewart. He was chosen by popular vote on the USAS website. His biography is included below.

Second:

The Portal allows you to check at anytime (even at 1:00am) who is registered, without waiting for the LSC registrar to wake up!

Third:

You can also print a current non-athlete roster for your Club.

Fourth:

Your Club's membership statistics are available, generated from the SWIMS database.

HOW DO YOU ACCESS THIS INFORMATION?

Once you are logged into your own Club Portal, click **edit** to see the current rosters and statistics.

CONGRATULATIONS... YOU ARE DONE.

Melvin Stewart Information

Medal record		
Men's Swimming		
Competitor for the United States		
Olympic Games		
Gold	1992 Barcelona	200m Butterfly
Gold	1992 Barcelona	4x100m Medley
Bronze	1992 Barcelona	4x200m Freestyle
World Championships (LC)		
Gold	1991 Perth	200m Butterfly
Silver	1991 Perth	4x200m Freestyle
Pan Pacific Championships		
Gold	1987 Brisbane	200m Butterfly
Gold	1989 Tokyo	200m Butterfly
Gold	1989 Tokyo	4x200m Freestyle
Gold	1991 Edmonton	200m Butterfly

Melvin Monroe ("Mel") Stewart (born [November 16, 1968](#) in [Gastonia, North Carolina](#)) is an [American](#) former swimmer, who won two gold medals and one bronze medal at the [1992 Summer Olympics](#) in [Barcelona, Spain](#). Stewart graduated from [Mercersburg Academy](#) and the [University of Tennessee](#). Stewart won the Gold medal and set an Olympic record in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1992 Olympics.

Stewart was known as the greatest 200m butterfly swimmer of his era. Not only did the 14-time National champion win the 200m event at the 1991 Perth World Championships, defeating legendary Hall of Famers [Michael Gross](#) of Germany and [Tamás Darnyi](#) of Hungary, he became the gold medallist at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics in Olympic record time, 1:56.26. Stewart, the [world-record holder](#) since 1991, won a second gold as a preliminary heat member of the 4x100m medley relay and a bronze on the 4x200m freestyle relay. In his first Olympic Games at Seoul in 1988, he placed fifth in the 200m butterfly. Stewart held the world record at 1:55.69 from 1991 to 1995 when it was broken by [Denis Pankratov](#) of Russia.

It all began for Stewart in 1974. Under the direction of Coach [Frankie Bell](#) at the Johnston Memorial YMCA pool in Charlotte, North Carolina, he won National YMCA titles. Bell taught him stroke technique and built his love for the sport, motivating the already inspired youngster with a banana split every time he won. By age 10, he was ranked among the top 10 in the nation in his age group in sixteen events. "Little Melvin," as he was called, grew up on the grounds of Heritage USA, the PTL Ministries Theme Park and religious retreat where his father was recreation director of Jim and Tammy Bakker's Heritage Church and Athletic Director of his school, Heritage Academy.

Mel became a butterfly side-breather, preferring this unconventional breathing technique to the more traditional head up breathing common to most butterfly swimmers. At 6' 1", 180 lbs., he was a natural. He had flexibility, quick hands and feet, great turning ability and tremendous kicking power. His arms reached from lane rope to lane rope.

In need of some academic tutoring, his mentor, George Baxter, enrolled Stewart at [Mercersburg Academy](#), a small boarding school known for its academics and competitive swimming teams. In his three years there, Mel became an honor student and a leader.

He followed his Mercersburg coach [John Trembley](#) to the University of Tennessee and swam on to international stardom one year later, winning the 200m butterfly at the Goodwill Games of 1986. He repeated with Goodwill Game wins in 1990 and 1994 in Moscow, and at the Pan Pacific Championships of 1987, 1989 and 1991. While at Tennessee, he won two NCAA titles in the 200y butterfly.

Stewart holds the record in United States Swimming for winning the most national championships (14) in one event (200 butterfly), more than any other male swimmer in USA history.

After failing to qualify for the 1996 Olympic Team, Stewart began to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. He appeared in plays, movies and television shows. He served as an [ABC Sports](#) field reporter, hosted [ESPN](#)'s "American Outback" and appeared in several films. Stewart has written several films, including a new version of the [Lee Falk's](#) [The Phantom](#) (called *The Ghost Who Walks*), and is currently at work on a memoir.

He also blogs news from the swimming world under the alias 'Gold Medal Mel'

He lives in California, with his wife, [Tiffany](#), and daughter, Bayley.

Records		
Preceded by Michael Gross	Men's 200 metre butterfly world record holder (long course) January 12, 1991 – June 14, 1995	Succeeded by Denis Pankratov

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