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Dear Member:

We are a month late in sending out this bulletin. The reason is that I have had very little response from sponsors. I was hopeful at this time to be able to give you news about the Argentine swims that are usually held the last part of February. Former member Horatio Iglesias of Buenos Aires has sent me three letters in the last six weeks with no mention of any swims in Argentina this year. I have not heard one word from any of our twelve Argentine members in the last four months. This does not mean that there will be any pro marathons since the Argentine sponsors, like the Egyptian sponsors, always give very short notice about their swims to foreign swimmers.

My thanks to Canadian Cindy Nicholas for sending the Federation the results of the 25 Km(15.5 miles) Syrian pro marathon held last October. Cindy is one of our newest members and already at the age of 17 holds two world records: Lake Ontario and the English Channel.

Men:

1. Marwan Saleh 6hrs 23min 38 sec. (\$1,000)
2. Maher Saleh 6:30:07 (\$750)
3. Mahmoud 6:43:31 (\$500)
4. "Bulgarian" 7:29:42 (\$300)

Women:

1. Cindy Nicholas 7:23:44 (\$600)

Water temp.: 80° plus; little chop

Al Waites, the Canadian coach of Loreen Passfield, called to tell me of the tentative dates of: Capri-Naples(July 10th), Lake St. John(Aug. 7th), Laval, Quebec(Aug. 14th). A big thanks to Al from the Federation.

The Chicago swim date has not been verified yet but in all likelihood it will be in the third week of August. We will inform all our members of exact and confirmed swim dates when available.

There is also a chance that there will be a second American pro marathon this year. The sponsors are hoping for an early August date. If held, it will be the biggest money swim for the year. It involves one of America's largest and most popular vacation and recreational areas.

In conclusion I ask that all our active swimming members send me a short letter or postcard telling of their plans for this summer. Let me know if there are any local or international pro marathons in your area. Let me know of any interesting situations or problems you may have with your organization.