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***Competition Committee***  
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**TO: CSLSA Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Marshall Parks**  
**SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair Report**  
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### **2002 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting**

Several rule changes were proposed by Competition Committee members during the spring USLA National Board of Directors meeting in Daytona, FL. The CSLSA Competition Committee proposal to eliminate the 24 hour volunteer requirement for former employee competitors was presented. Recommendations from the South East Region of the USLA were presented and will be reviewed during this meeting.

### **Rescue 2002**

The Rescue 2002 World Lifesaving Championships were held in Daytona Beach, Florida, May 7-19, 2002. This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for national teams, club teams and masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events.

During the National Teams competition, CSLSA member and LACOLA lifeguard Blaine Morgan completed the 200 meter swim with obstacles in a world record time of 01:55.31.

The National team winner was Surf Lifesaving of Australia, followed by Royal Lifesaving of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, France and the United States.

Masters competitors from Southern California did quite well during the competition, with representatives from San Diego and Los Angeles winning numerous individual world titles.

Rescue 2004 is scheduled to take place on the Italian Riviera during September of 2004.

### **Mike Knight Challenge**

Held in memory of Mike Knight, a San Diego lifeguard who lost his life in the line of duty during flood rescue training in 1991, this year's competition took place in challenging 4-6 foot surf in South Mission Beach on June 20. Nearly 30 lifeguards from throughout the Southern California region participated, including Rescue 2002 national team members Blaine Morgan and Maggie Hogan. At the awards ceremony following the event, competitors were treated to Leslie Mendez's famous taco salad and her crafted awards.

## 2002 CSLSA Championships

The Junior Lifeguard and adult Regional Championships were hosted by Los Angeles County at Will Rogers State Beach on July 26 and 27. 16 chapters scored points at the Championships with Los Angeles County finishing first overall followed by San Diego City, Cal State, LA Lakes and LA City.

Special thanks to Rob McGowan and the lifeguard staff from LACOLA for making this a successful event.

## 2002 USLA Championships

The 2002 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships were held in San Diego, August 8-10. A total of 589 adult lifeguards and 663 junior lifeguards registered to compete at this year's event. Los Angeles finished first in Division 1 followed by San Diego in second and Long Beach in sixth. Division 2 winner was Boca Raton with Del Mar finishing fourth and Laguna Beach fifth.

Top ten open division competitors from the CSLSA were:

MEN	WOMEN
#1 Blame Morgan	#1 Maggie Hogan
#3 Anthony Vela	#4 Lindsay Hilgers
#5 Mitch Khan	#6 Micha Burden
#8 Rob Pelkey	#7 Giulia Rapone

With assistance of the office of Councilmember Byron Wear, the San Diego Organizing Committee was able to arrange to have the event televised by Fox Sports Net West. The one hour program was aired seven times during September by the network.