

Davis Aquatic Masters



Box 921 Davis, California

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PLEASE BE HONEST!

Attendance was not taken during the competitive workout for spring quarter. If you enrolled at the beginning of the quarter, you paid \$9.00. Otherwise you were to pay \$1.50 each time you attended. If you haven't already done so, please send in to P.O. Box 921, any money that you owe for spring quarter. Thank you.

Barbara Paulson
Treasurer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 22 Donner Lake Open Water Swim*
August 26 Intra Squad Meet
August 29 Pacific Masters Relay Championships**; Walnut Creek, short course
September 5 Maui Channel Relays
September 7 Hawaiian Open Water Swim
September 9 Next DAM Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, 30 Humanities Hall, DHS
September 11 Newsletter items due to Mary Horton. Deadline 6:30 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.
September 19 Sacramento Masters Pentathlon
September 27 Trans Bay Relay; South San Francisco
October 3 Walnut Creek Short Course Meet
October 10 Davis Triathlon
October 17 North-South Regional Meet; Clovis

*Team meet with Travel Fund support

**Team meet

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD--NEW ELECTIONS COMING

Eric Gustafson, our President, has resigned from the Board. He will be out of town for several months, has been ill and has had a need for "personal space." So we asked our vice-president, Liz Toftner, if she would take over the spot for the next two months and she agreed.

This means there are six (count them, 6) spots up for grabs at the October General Meeting, four are for 2-year terms and 2 are for 1-year terms. Kathy Gill is the sole holdover and she has prepared a handbook for Board members to help orient the new people.

There have been criticisms of the Board. Now is the time for those of you who have ideas on how to do things better, or differently, and for those of you who have a concern for the running of this organization, to step forward and be counted, i.e. run for the Board. The three person nominating committee consists of Abe Cuckovich, Candace

The Newsletter is published monthly, on the Monday following the meeting of the Board of Directors (usually the second Tuesday of the month). Announcements and other items must be submitted no later than 6:30pm the Fri. after the meeting of the Board to:

Mary Horton (6:30 PM) 756-3361.

Cross-Drew and Missy LeStrange. They will circulate among you asking for volunteers, perhaps even trying to talk some of you into "applying" for the job. If you want to run for the Board, see one of them, or tell a Board member or a coach.

There are provisions for nominations from the membership-at-large: signatures of five voting (that's you) members. All nominations are to be made known to the nomination committee prior to the General Election.

Kathy Gill will head up an Election Committee to make provisions for persons who don't like potlucks to get their voices heard, to prevent any ballot box stuffing and, in general, to prevent the mess we had last year when only 85 people ended up voting.

Remember - a Board term is two (2) years. You will be asked to put in time other than at Board meetings to do liaison with the city and Aquatics Council, Chair or be responsible for the Budget Committee, Equipment Committee, Social Committee, Meet Committee, Seminars and Clinics, etc. This area is where the present Board has come under a lot of fire.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

WORKOUT REPS

A nice turnout, and spirited discussion occurred as a direct result of the workout rep idea.

Abe Cuckovich (6 AM), Susan Klopfer (7 AM), George Giannini (substituting for Bob Schroader, Noon), Noreen Dowling (1 PM), Gwyn Stephens (5:30 PM), Mikos Fanersonne (6 PM), and Candace Cross-Drew (6:30 PM) showed up and contributed to the meeting. Talk to them, find out what goes on, tell them of your concerns so they can pass them on.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

THANKS TO REPRESENTATIVES

Thanks to seven representatives of workout sessions and four other interested members who attended the August meeting of the DAM Board. They contributed a number of helpful suggestions and comments. Keep it up! -Item provided by Verne Scott

SEARCH FOR COACH

The coach search committee has had ten applications for the job and has selected four persons to interview. They are from Michigan, Colorado, San Diego and one local person. It was decided to pay travel expenses for these applicants. They will be interviewed August 24-28th. Hopefully we will get a chance to meet them on deck as they observe our set up and, if possible, handle a workout or two. The latest starting date possible is October 1st, but some of the candidates could start before that. Jane has indicated her willingness to continue as interim Head Coach through September.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

COACH'S REPORT

- Intra Squad Meet, August 26th
- PA Relay Meet, August 29th; the club will pay entree fees
- SAC-Y Pentathlon, September 19th

Sometime in September there will be a team picture taken. If you want to be in it keep your eyes peeled for announcements on the bulletin board.

Jane has asked Jean Liebmann, Janet Leader and Tom Auberry to do publicity and communications work. They will make and put up posters, make sure events are publicized in the paper, get information to community pool, etc. If you want to help these people out please see one of them or your coach.

Jane mentioned the pool lights don't work; Mark Lundin will take this up with the city. She also voiced her unhappiness that nothing had been done to repair paddles and fix the 101 machine. Mark said he'd look into that too. Don Veress did mark the fins and boards.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

MEET COMMITTEE

We are putting in a bid for the PA meet. Lisa Nowell, Missy LeStrange, Amy Samuels and Leah Weinberg are writing it up. The PA did decide to limit any championship meet to a pool with 8 lanes or more so Davis (city of) is out. We will try to get Woodland Swim Center.

The meet committee is also putting in bids for several other events so that DAM will be on the calendar for 1982. To insure that a lot of people are involved in the PA meet (it takes alot of work to put this one on), special volunteer forms will be attached to the Fall reenrollment. -Item provided by Mary Horton

TRAVEL FUND GARAGE SALE

Did you know that people will pay real money for stuff that's gathering dust in your closet????? Want proof????? Start saving all your old clothes, useless appliances, and gifts from you in-laws. Bring them to the weight room at Emerson on Friday, September 26.

The garage sale is on Saturday, September 27 from 8:30am to 7:30 pm. The location is the Susan B. Anthony Administration Center parking lot at 5th and B streets, across the street from Emerson pool.

In addition to merchandise, we need your help at the pricing party the night before the sale, and the day of the sale.

This event is the biggest fundraiser for the travel fund. The travel fund has made the San Francisco cove swim, Trans Tahoe relay, and countless other events possible. So come out and give a little back to your club.

For further information, contact Evan or Tom Auberry at 753-3742 most evenings.

-Item provided by Evan Auberry

NEWSLETTER

There was a complaint brought before the board by Verne Scott regarding censorship of certain items. Mary Horton approached the editor about this problem and was told that the relevant item had not, in fact, been received by the deadline. This month it is being published, since it was on time for this month. Please take note that the deadline for newsletter items is the Friday following the Board meeting (usually the 2nd Tuesday or Wednesday). The editor has requested that in the future all items for the newsletter be given to the Board newsletter liaison, who at this time is Mary Horton. Please put any items you have on the bulletin board with her name on it or give it to her in person at the 6:30pm workout (NO LATE ENTRIES). Please be brief, concise and to the point in your items. We, as club members, bear the expense for long, rambling newsletters. Also, remember, you are responsible for getting it to Mary. Either give it to her personally or check to be sure it has been picked up before the deadline.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

OPEN LETTER TO DAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Last month's Newsletter contained a contribution to the "Membership Forum". It appears to have gone unanswered.

So far there has been no response by the Board or any of it's members. Reports on the Board meetings of June 23 and July 17 do not include reference to the 9 questions asked.

Is the Board really interested in member input? Is the Board concerned about the future of DAM or swimming in Davis?

This week the Board received the "Liaison Report to the DAM Board of Directors-- July 14, 1981. Perhaps it will be included in the newsletter elsewhere. It raises further questions:

1. On the topic of "Emerson Pool", the report says that "the Plan had been recommended by the Aquatics Council and the Masters". This sounds like Masters are separate from the Aquatics Council. DAM's was responsible for the organization of the

Aquatics Council and provided leadership for several years. What is happening now?

2. The Report says that "we(?) should recognize that swimming is the 'champagne' of sports." How come? Where are the facts and figures and who provided them? How do benefits of swimming compare to costs? Are we supporting and perpetuating a myth?
3. The Report also contains a section on "Aquadart Request for Funds" which has to do with a request for equipment for Community Pool. It is reported the DAM Board did not approve the request. However, questions are raised, such as:
 - a. To what extent has there been coordination with the Aquadarts on equipment needs? in general? for Emerson and Manor in addition to Community?
 - b. Why should DAM purchase more equipment when: (1) The Board has not provided personnel to take care of DAM equipment; (2) We need our backstroke flog standards and storage repaired; and (3) DAM already has some of the items on the list of needs provided by the Aquadarts.
4. Finally, the Report makes no recommendations for future action or strategies. Will DAMs sit back again until the next "crisis" and react or will there be a plan? It is interesting to note that the City Council had no difficulty in allocating \$170,000 to the renovation of Emerson ball fields. Are they of higher priority?

SEVERANCE PAY

The issue of the \$3000 paid to Dave Scott was brought up. It was pointed out that it is inappropriate to give severance pay to someone who quits. It is supposedly a means of helping tide over someone who was laid off for no fault of his own. After a spirited discussion on whether or not the money was severance pay, a bonus pay for having been the first coach or whatever, it was decided that since the monies have been paid it is a "moot" point.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

BICYCLE CONGESTION AT EMERSON

Because there are additional program activities at the Emerson pool and gym during the summer and the bike parking space provided by the City is totally inadequate, we have a serious congestion problem around the entrance to the pool.

Potential problems are individual safety, emergency access and fire protection.

We need your help to park your bikes in an orderly manner and not obstructing the pathway to the pool and gym. Remind others of their responsibility too,

Long range, should DAM urge the City to plan for adequate bike parking?

-Item provided by Verne Scott

MASTERS MEETS FOR 1982

Bids for hosting meets during 1982 will be received by the PM Swim Committee at its meeting on September 21 in Walnut Creek.

Bids to host either a S.C. or L.C. championship must be in writing and include details that are consistence with policies and criteria which the Committee established at its last meeting.

-Item provided by Verne Scott

PMS RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is an outstanding fun event. It includes an interesting array of events involving all strokes and a variety of distances so that its possible for everyone to join in the team effort.

The meet is held at the excellent swim facilities in Heather Park in nearby Walnut Creek.

A poolside social event will close out the day.

We need entries in all age groups so get your name on the list now!

-Item from Verne Scott

NORTH-SOUTH REGIONAL MEET

Plans are moving ahead on the conduct of this regional competition between the northern and the southern masters associations.

The meet will be held in Clovis at a pool that is considered one of the best in California.

Keep October 17 for a fun trip to greater Clovis. -Item provided by Verne Scott

PACIFIC MASTERS SWIMMING REGISTRATION

For those swimmers who participate in PMS sanctioned events (like the Tahoe Relays), it is important that you have or applied for registration. Why? Two reasons: (1) It provides you with automatic accident coverage, and (2) It provides the sponsor of the event liability coverage. Therefore, within the spirit and legal definitions of sanctioned events, be sure you cooperate by sending in your registration on the forms provided on the Emerson bulletin board. Use of the word "pending" means you have sent in your application form.

-Item provided by Verne Scott

SACRAMENTO PENTATHLON

This short course event allows each swimmer to swim 50 yards of each stroke and the 100 IM. It's an excellent opportunity for all swimmers, whether at the rookie or advanced level to establish bench mark times for short distances. Look for entry information.

-Item provided by Verne Scott

DAVIS TRIATHLON

Have you got your relay team organized? It's not too early to get ready for this event on October 10. Details of the event are on the bulletin boards.

Profits from this event go to the DAM Travel Fund Committee.

We will need some additional help to prepare for and conduct this event. If you have been the recipient of Travel Funds for entry fees, here is a chance for you to contribute to support of future events. Contact Verne Scott, 753-2828.

-Item provided by Verne Scott

FUTURE NEEDS OF THE SWIMMING COMMUNITY

Wouldn't it be nice to have a 50 meter x 25 yard pool in Davis? Well, maybe it's not possible tomorrow, but what about 10 or 15 years down the road? The political machinery being what it is--slow, and resistant to 50 meter pools--now is the time to start making gentle waves. Are you interested in becoming involved in this kind of action?

There are other more immediate concerns that may affect our club too. What happens if Old Emerson just up and dies one day? How will the Aquatics groups cope with that?

If you are willing to commit some time and effort to these concerns so that some foreward progress may be made, see Verne Scott, talk to your friendly local city councilman, do whatever it is that one does to start the wheels turning. Be involved.

-Item provided by Mary Horton

ABOUT SWIMMERS

This item continues our personality sketches of some of our members. The two which follow were written by Karen Koevary.

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LISA NOWELL is the current chairperson of the Meet Committee. She grew up in Boston and came to California ten years ago to study Human Biology at Stanford. In 1974, she received her degree after spending her last year as an undergraduate in Tanzania. She worked with Jane Goodall studying wild baboons at the field station in Gombe,

Lisa arrived in Davis in 1976 to begin work for M.S. in Ecology. She really enjoyed the field work involved in studying primate behavior, but decided that physical science,

particularly chemistry, was what she wanted to pursue. Currently she is working on a PhD in Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry. Her specific interest is in predicting the fate of toxic chemicals in the environment. She is trying to develop laboratory methods that would enable quick and accurate determination of the ultimate fate of pesticides, etc. One aspect of her work deals with the chemicals used in pools and the possible effects of sunlight on them.

Having recently passed her qualifying exam (Congratulations!), she hopes to finish her doctorate in two years.

Lisa started swimming in Spring 1978 as therapy for her back. Never having swum before, she began as a "slow rookie", but is now swimming experienced. (Editor's note: Lisa is too modest. She was a very fast rookie.)

After finishing her PhD, Lisa would like to travel around before settling down somewhere. She sees herself eventually working in research and continuing to swim.

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GEORGE GIANNINI is one of the original members of our swim club. His wife, Connie, has been a member since 1977. Swimming is a sport George has pursued all his life. Born in San Francisco, he swam in the Bay as a child.

After serving in the Army from 1943 - 1946, George returned to San Francisco, where he worked in a machine shop and studied accounting at night. When he finished his studies he discovered there was no money to be made as an accountant. George returned to working in machine design and has been involved in that area ever since.

He came to Davis in 1954 to work in the Agricultural Engineering Department as a Developmental Engineer. Among the machines George has worked on developing and building is the prototype for the mechanical tomato harvester for which Davis is famous. Today he is the Senior Mechanical Superintendent in the department and is in charge of all the engineering labs.

In 1961, George and Connie were married in Locri, Italy, where she is from. Prior to her marriage, Connie ran a "sweater" business with her sister. They had large, semi-automatic knitting machines and produced numerous woolen goods for both the Italian market and for export.

Since coming to Davis, Connie has worked bringing up five children (three sons from George's first marriage, and their son and daughter). They also have a grandson who is almost a year old.

Both Connie and George are very active in sports. Swimming is something George has always done. Before joining the Masters in September, 1974, he swam either in the Rec Pool or at Hickey Gym during his lunch hour. In 1971 he represented Davis at an AAU meet in Livermore. That 1500 meter race was George's first competitive swim. He enjoyed it so much that he tried to get some people to start a swim program here in Davis. He succeeded in getting a few friends to join him in his lunch time swims. DAM started in 1973. When George realized that the Masters group was "serious" about swimming, he joined.

Connie started running about ten years ago. In 1977, she started having problems with her joints and was afraid she might soon have to cease running. She started swimming in preparation for that time. Four years later she swims and still runs 7 1/2 miles five days a week. Connie also plays tennis and skis. Skiing is George's favorite sport, with swimming a close second. He also plays tennis and runs 3 miles three mornings a week.

If anyone is interested in the club's history, ask George - he can tell you a lot of interesting stories.

FOURTH OF JULY BBQ

The 4th of July BBQ, held August 8th was a small success. Only 25 people showed up, but a good time was had by all. -Item provided by Mary Horton

SWIMMING IN THE SUNSET

A staff writer for Sunset Magazine visited the noon time practices recently, took pictures, and talked with the coach and swimmers as background for an article next

spring on Masters Swimming. He even got in and swam a workout.

Also the Davis Triathlon was included in an article in the June issue of Sunset and we received a large number of inquiries as a result. -Item provided by Verne Scott

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 in Room 30, Humanities Hall, Davis High School. There is plenty of room for all concerned members.

-Item provided by Mary Horton