

Davis Aquatic Masters

NEWSLETTER

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HIGH PRIORITY MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD!

One of the highlights of the February DAM Board meeting was a serious discussion of a recent, severe problem in our club: the poor showing when volunteer help is needed. This problem of lack of spirit is particularly serious right now since we are committed to host the PA-AAU Short Course Championship Meet in April. This is a big job which needs lots of help from everyone. Preparations are going on now, and help is needed.

From a more general point of view, the Board wondered if there is a "crisis of spirit" in the Club. The chaos resulting from our exclusion from Emerson pool has obviously had an impact. The pool problems are being smoothed out now, so it is hoped that things will get better.

The Board will be addressing the general problem in the next few months. Some of the "solutions" which will be discussed included the following as possibilities:

- 1) raising dues to hire people to do jobs formerly done by volunteers;
 - 2) withdrawal of our sponsorship of certain projects, including the PA meet (since this is a money-maker for the club, it would also have the effect of making a dues increase necessary);
 - 3) mandatory time commitments as a condition of membership;
 - 4) requiring a certain amount of work each quarter to maintain your priority number;
 - 5) using workout time to get necessary jobs done,
- or other such distasteful systems.

Keep in mind that any of these procedures would be expensive to administer. It really is cheaper in the final analysis to continue to operate on a volunteer basis. Also, it would tend to put the Board in the position of "policing" the group. The Board didn't bargain for that, and it's unlikely that members really want that sort of atmosphere. So--what's to be done? Members of the board are interested in your comments and constructive suggestions. Their names are listed at the end of this item.

Now, to return to the immediate problem--getting the show on the road for the PA meet: Since the meet makes money which helps keep everyone's dues down, the feeling is that everyone has an obligation to help in some way. A relatively small group has been quite active and will continue to be, but this is a major undertaking and a lot more hands are needed, whether you swim in the meet or not.

Specific information on what needs to be done, why, and how to volunteer is in the next item. Don't let the club (and yourself) down! Remember, we're all in this together!
-Board of Directors

Eric Gustafson, Pres.	Mary Horton
Liz Toftner, V. Pres.	Dave Kelley
Andy Gabor	Jeanne Morrow
Kathy Gill	Mark Lundin

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 5:00pm the day after the meeting of the Board, or by special arrangement with Newsletter staff:

Kay Shaff (1:00 p.m.) 756-2547 Fran Zeman (6:30/7:00 pm) 753-2118

P.A. SHORT-COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Pacific Association Short Course Championships are being sponsored by our Club for the fourth year. The meet will be held on April 4, 11, and 12. The Club derives about 6% of its total income from the P.A. meet, about \$3000 net. This money is placed in the General Fund and is used for pool expenses, coaches' salaries, equipment, and other expenses. The entire Club benefits directly from this income.

We will need everyone's help to make the Meet a success. About 100 people a day will be needed to time, judge, score, run concessions, record, and so on. Sign-up boards will be at the pools listing jobs and times people are needed. Two people in each workout will be signing-up volunteers and coordinating jobs and times. They'll be contacting you--or you could contact them! Sue Milburn is Meet Committee Chairman and will be happy to have you contact her to volunteer (756-1859).

The Volunteer Coordinators are:

6 AM: Bruce Bolden and Carol Lane	NOON: Roswita Norris and Bob Schroeder
7 AM: Liz Toftner and Mike McKinley	1 PM Linda Gaylen and Greg Winkler
8 AM: Contact your coach	5:30 PM: Mike Rushton and Margaret Jorgensen
10 AM: Lillian Rowen and Helen Hansen	6:30 PM: Chuck Liebermann and Jean Liebmann
11 AM: Don Veress and Henrietta Stern	

At the moment we're desperately looking for someone to layout the ads for the Meet program. If you're interested and have the know-how, please contact Sue Milburn (756-1859) or Jane Francis (758-2193). We also need four or five people to type Meet entries into a computer March 23-27. If you're available, please contact Maryla Salt (758-2083).

THANKS!

TO the 15 or so members who were joined by Aquadart parents and some of their swimmers in the clean-up of the Emerson locker rooms. Next time more help could be used.

TO Liz Toftner for her effort in organizing the clean-up effort and in providing the "goodies" that kept the workers happy.

TO Ken Kimble for raising the question: could this type of volunteer work be certified as a contribution towards a tax deduction. Worth looking into. Are you going to do it, Ken?

PACIFIC MASTER'S SWIMMING REGISTRATION: WHO AND WHY?

Swimmers who are interested in entering PA sanctioned meets will need to be registered with the Pacific Masters Swim Committee. The list of sanctioned meets has been posted on the bulletin board and includes our Pacific Championships in April. In addition, the Travel Fund will be sponsoring members at other meets this year. This will help defray entry costs

The Registration fee is \$6.00 for the year which includes: 1) accident insurance for all sanctioned meets and organized practices; 2) a contribution to the DAM's liability insurance coverage; 3) support of the National and Pacific Masters Committees and their activities which benefit registered swimmers, and 4) costs associated with services provided by the Association. The accident benefits include \$1000 and \$500 for medical expenses for sanctioned events and organized practices, respectively. Last year our Club had 110 registered swimmers. So far, only 30 have send in their checks. Let's get with it!

If you were registered last year, all you need to do is make out a check for \$6 to DAM, attach a note indicating your age and birthdate, and drop into the box marked PA Registration at either pool. If you are registering for the first time, or re-registering, fill out the form, available at the pools, attach the check and drop in the box. On the form under SPORTS CODE, insert MS (Master Swimming) and put an X in the box for MASTER SPORTS. The Club Code is DAM.

We want to complete our registration process by Feb. 19, so do it now! If you have any questions, contact Barb Paulson, 511 Cleveland St. (756-2189).

COACH'S CORNER

Our Spring Season is just around the corner. We are hopeful that the City will have our old home pool, Emerson, back in operation by March 1. On the assumption that Emerson is available, the workout schedule I have planned from March 1 will be as follows:

Emerson: 6, 7, 8 (8:30 at Community on Mondays)
 10 (seniors), 11 (intensive), 12, and 1:00
 5:30 and 6:30 (intensive)
 Community: 6:30 (7:00 starting April 1).

We will be using portable or temporary lights over the pool for the early AM and evening workouts.

The daily workout schedule will be geared for the climax of our Fall-winter session, our PA Championships and for the Short Course Nationals. The DAM program is set up on a cyclic pattern so that the workouts offer all phases of training. The coaches will be encouraging everyone to take advantage of our training program by participating in our upcoming spring meets. This participation is strictly voluntary. The coaching philosophy is to try to recognize all levels of ability and interest, and to provide an opportunity to assess and establish goals.

The spring schedule for meets is included in the Calendar of events which is the next item below. All upcoming events, meets, clinics, socials, are posted on the bulletin boards at both pools.

The coaching schedule will be posted at all pools on Friday, Feb. 20. If there are any problems or questions, please contact me or the coach of your workout. Our phone numbers are:

Dave Scott : 756-9348	Mike Cuckovich	448-6873
Kathy Gill: 753-2145	Linda Buchanan	758-1610
Jane Scott: 753-2828	Beth Graham	753-6207
Wendy Pratt: 753-5015		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8	Sunday	Strawberry Canyon Short Course Meet, UCB
March 13	Tuesday	Deadline for items for next Newsletter
March 14-15	Sat./Sun.	San Mateo-Rinconada Short Course Meet. Long events.
March 15	Sunday	Intra-squad meet & Stroke Improvement Session
March 29	Sunday	Los Altos Short Course Meet
April 4	Saturday	<u>Pacific Championship--Davis. 1650 Free & 400 IM.</u>
<u>April 11, 12</u>	<u>Sat./Sun.</u>	<u>Pacific Championship--Davis. All other events.</u>
May 10	Sunday	Tamalpais Short Course Meet (Sprint Events)
May 23-26	Sat.-Tues.	National Short Course Championship, Irvine.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The Pacific Association has been replaced by Pacific Masters Swimming. WHY? Because the PA, AAU no longer has administrative responsibility for sports. Therefore, the Pacific Masters Swim Committee is responsible for the management of Masters swimming in this area. The PA executive Office provides certain services for the Pacific Masters Swim Committee, including the issuing of registration cards. So the only money that goes to the PA, AAU out of your registration fee is for those direct services. The balance of your registration fee is for insurance and support of the Pacific National Masters Swim Committee and their activities which directly benefit you.

TRAVEL FUND NEWS

The Travel Fund Committee is anticipating increased interest in several major events this year. In order to aid DAM swimmers in off-setting some of the costs of participating in these events, the Travel Fund has designated the following events for support:

- Strawberry Canyon Short course on March 8
- National Short Course, May 23-26 (entry fees; surcharge & \$10/day for expenses)
- Tahoe Relays, July 25
- One long-course meet, to be designated later
- Donner lake Open Water Swim, August 22. (entry fee)

MORE TRAVEL FUND NEWS

At the PA Championships in April, we'll be holding a raffle for a microwave and other donated prizes. The tickets will be ready soon, and we'll need some able bodied people to help sell them.

The next Travel Fund committee meeting is Wed., Feb. 25, at 8 PM at the Scott's house. All interested members are welcome to attend.

SHORT COURSE NATIONALS

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Sixpence Inn in the city of Orange for DAM members going to the Short Course Nationals, May 23-26 (Memorial Day weekend). Daily price per room, tax included, is as follows:

- 1 person, 1 double bed: 14.65
- 1 person, 1 queen-size bed: 15.70
- 2 person, 1 queen bed: 17.80
- 2 persons, 2 twin beds: 16.75
- 2 persons, 2 double beds: 19.90
- 2-4 persons, 2 queen-size beds: 20.95.

If you are interested in staying in one of these rooms, contact Chuck Lieberman (758-5963).

We had a large contingent at the 1979 Short Course Nationals in Mission Viejo, and everyone had a great time (Beer Relay team is encouraged to get into shape). Remember that the Travel Fund will help offset the cost of going to Nationals.

SUPER SWIM

Interested in a distance swim? The annual Super-Swim contest is available for entries up to March 1, and you can win a T-shirt. This is a postal event in which you swim 3300 yards or 1 hour. Levels are available depending on your age group.

If you are interested, see the handouts on the bulletin board and talk to your coach.

POOL COVERS

Pool covers for Manor Pool have arrived. Four for the main pool and two for the diving pool. Divers, why aren't you using your covers? We use ours.

EMERSON REPAIRS

The city consultant's report on long range repairs for Emerson won't be in until after March 1.

POOL RENTAL FEES

The Park and Rec. Commission has removed consideration of pool rental fees from its agenda. Mark Lundin, our City Council liaison, is working with the other aquatic groups, the Commission, and City staff to devise a method of charging for pool time which can be demonstrated to be based on costs.

REPRESENTATIVE TO PACIFIC MASTERS

Vern Scott will continue as representative to Pacific Masters Swimming. He would like a volunteer to go to meetings with him. Contact Vern at 753-2828 if you're willing.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be Tues., March 10, 8 PM at Mary Horton's, 2220 Cassidy Lane (756-3361). If you want to be on the agenda, please let Eric (7587627) or Liz (753-4582) know at least a week in advance. Anyone is welcome to sit in on the meeting and observe your representatives in action.