

Davis Aquatic Masters



Box 921 Davis, California

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HEAD COACH**

Yes, we have a new head coach! Ross Yancher of Colorado has accepted our job offer. He has coached the Rocky Mountain Masters for several years in Denver, as well as the senior age group AAU team. He was head water polo coach at the University of Denver from 1976-1978. Ross and his wife should be in Davis about the 21st of September. We are looking forward to his arrival.

We thank Mike McKinley and his committee (Kathy Gill and Mark Lundin) for all the time they spent advertising for a coach, sifting candidates and finally interviewing three good prospects. The committee's unanimous first choice was Ross and when they presented this decision to the Board, it was found that Ross was the unanimous first choice there, too.

RE-ENROLLMENT**

Reenrollment will take place Sept. 14-29. The new quarter will begin Oct 5. Workouts available are: 6 and 7 AM, 10 AM seniors, 11, 12 and 1, 5:30 and 6:30 PM (intensive at Emerson and 6:30 PM at Community. There is a 2 PM hour available to the club if we need an additional workout. Before you re-enroll read the next item about dues.

TREASURY**

As you all remember from reading the Newsletter, we have been operating on a deficit budget this year. Over the last 2 years the Club had under-estimated its enrollment and had been able to put some money into a savings account. This year it was felt that rather than raise dues or cut programs we would live off the "fat" of the last two years.

It has all caught up to us now. Between the unusual expenses incurred in searching for a new coach, paying off the old one, and moving the new coach out here, we now have an expected deficit of \$6 to \$7000, and have wiped out our savings account. The city has increased our pool rental from \$8 to \$8.80 and hour as of July 1.

The Board and the workout representatives discussed the amount needed and agreed that some kind of dues increase was necessary. After deliberation it was estimated that an increase of \$3 a month would generate about \$10,000 which should see the club through the next year on a balanced budget. It would allow a small contingency fund in case we do not get to sponsor the PA Meet and get its associated income. So, dues will be \$17 per month, effective immediately.

POLICY ON DUES AND GUESTS**

If you want to swim, pay your dues. If you don't pay your dues the coach will expect you to stay out of the water. Certainly, old members who are passing through town and people from other clubs, here for a few days are welcome to swim on a space available basis. If you are going to be here for any length of time, we ask that you pay by the month as everyone does.

**Board Meeting notes - - provided by Mary Horton.

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 6:30 PM the Fri. after the meeting of the Board to:

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

MEET COMMITTEE**

A bid has been put together by Lisa Nowell, Missy LeStrang, Leah Weinberg and Amy Samuels to hold the PA (now PM) Championships, a Berryesa open water swim and the Davis Triathlon. An alternative middle distance meet was proposed, to be held 3 weeks before the PM meet, in the event we are not awarded the Championship meet. The bid will be presented to the Pacific Masters on the 21st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 12-29		Reenrollment for Fall Quarter
Sept. 19	Sat.	Sacramento Master Pentathlon
Sept. 24-25	Th,Fr.	Bring donated items for garage sale
Sept. 26	Sat.	DAM Garage Sale
Sept. 27	Sun.	Trans-Bay Relay, South San Francisco
Sept. 28-30		A special bulletin will be issued about our annual election. Watch for it about on these dates.
Oct. 3	Sat.	Walnut Creek Short Course Meet
Oct. 10	Sat	Davis Triathlon
Oct. 14	Wed.	Next Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 16	Fri.	Deadline for items for October newsletter, 6:30 PM.
Oct. 17	Sat.	North-South Regional Meet, Clovis.
Oct. 25	Sun.	Annual DAM membership meeting, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 6-10 PM.

GARAGE SALE

Don't miss this spectacular one day Red Tag Special sale on Sat, Sept. 26 in the parking lot, corner of 5th and B, (across B Street from Emerson Pool. Run, don't walk, down to the bank; this sale is hard cash only. Quality one-of-a-kind items, as much as 90% off! Come early for best selection! Doors open promptly at 8 AM!

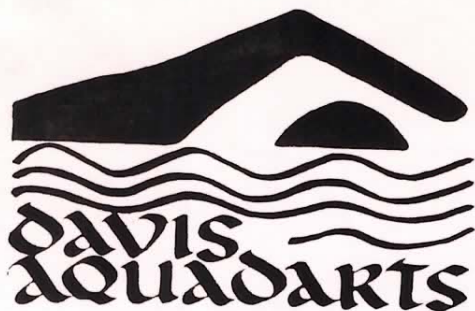
Items for this sale are donated by the membership. Please bring your old clothes and those things you don't use to the weight room Thursday, Sept 24th and Friday, Sept. 25th. If you have nothing to donate, how about bringing that extra special cake to our bake sale? (same time, same place.)

The generated revenues go to the Travel Fund. The Travel Fund has subsidized the Tahoe relays, the Donner open-water swim and several other events. Please come out and give a little back to your club. If you would like to help out, call Evan or Tom Auberry, 753- 3742.

-Item provided by E. and T. Auberry.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD AND ITEMS TO NEWSLETTER**

The Board of Directors requests that anyone who has a gripe should realize that, the appropriate place to air it is before the Board, not as an "open letter" in the Newsletter. The information related to such items will be put in the Newsletter, of course, after the Board has the necessary information and attempted to deal with them. An immediate response to anyone's concerns, cannot be expected if they are not taken up with the agency involved. It is also important to realize that other people than members read our Newsletter and this should be kept in mind when public comments are made. Regarding this, a letter was received from Sam Uriu, president of the Aquadarts concerning Verne Scott's "open letter to the Board" that appeared in last month's Newsletter. The letter is reproduced as the next item.



DAVIS SWIM TEAM PARENTS CLUB
P.O. Box 186, Davis, CA 95616

To: The President of the
Davis Aquatic Masters,
Board of Directors and
All other Directors,

This letter is in response to a few inuendoes published in your monthly newsletter, dated August 1981, the item: Open Letter to DAM Board of Directors.

First, we are disturbed that a group would allow items of this nature to be published. Whether the purpose of the contents is to criticize a specific member of your group or to throw stones at the Aquadarts, the Newsletter is an inappropriate format, and the originator of the contents acted without proper thought.

The Davis Aquadarts, "A member of the Aquatics Council", and the Masters have had a cooperative relationship. We have acted together and coordinated policies. The Aquadarts and Masters are of the same core and our efforts should be of a cooperative nature in the future. The Masters were "Never" disavowed from the Aquatics Council.

In response to the comment regarding equipment, it is better to buy equipment that benefits both groups such as lane lines, backstroke flags, etc., together with the City of Davis paying their share; then each party pays 1/3 the costs: Aquadarts 1/3, Masters 1/3, and City of Davis 1/3. The Davis High School contributes \$100.00 towards costs also. It would be poor economics if one club decided to buy these items on their own.

Concerning item #4. Recommendations on future action or strategies - these were thoroughly discussed and recommendations were made at Aquatics Council. Recommendations can only be that, plainly, "recommendations". Unless action is taken they remain recommendations. There is action being taken on the recommendations, but it takes time. If there is a feeling of impatience with the pace, then may we suggest to those who want action to come forward and participate actively.

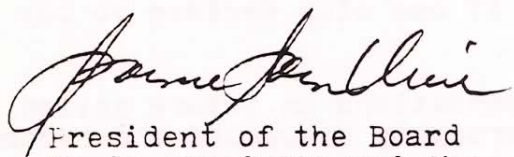
The word "crisis" was used several times. It seems to us that the term "crisis" is usually reserved for more life and death situations. The feeling among us of the Aquadarts, is that competitive swimming is secondary to our "crisis" of surviving - everyday jobs and lifestyles. Let's put things in better proportion to our daily lives.

Lastly, the item referring to the City Council allocating \$170,000.00 to renovate Emerson Ball Fields. The author should have had better facts regarding the amounts. The portion allotted to Emerson Ball fields amounts to \$40,000.00, the rest of the \$170,000.00, includes \$20,000 to resurface the Community pool deck area and make minor repairs at Manor Pool, \$22,000.00 a year for a sport coordinator for the city, \$30,000 to renew the Baseball fields at Community Park, New Emerson Jr. High and other parks, and \$58,000.00 to renovate the Soccer fields at all the parks.

All the above seems high in cost, but in defense of the City budget, we all know inflation has caused costs to sky rocket and the City is not immune from rising costs. Also the City has other areas of concern in their total City Recreation program, not only swimming.

I do hope the seeming conflict will end because to continue in this vein will hinder future progress and our ability to work together in a positive manner, which we especially need in the face of the possible closure of Emerson Pool. We, the Aquadarts want positive steps taken in the future.

Sincerely,



President of the Board
Davis Aquadarts and the
Board of Directors of the
Davis Aquadarts

GENERAL MEETING**

The annual pot luck dinner/election/general meeting will be held Sunday, October 25th from 6 to 10 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Dinner usually begins around 7 or 7:30. Dot usually has photo albums for viewing and T-shirts, sweat shirts and other goodies for sale during the evening.

This year, voting will be held from 6 to 8 PM. You will get your name checked off against a current membership list and be issued a ballot when you go to the election table.

A special, election bulletin will be put out by the nominating committee about Oct. or before. This will have the names of all nominees for the Board that have declared themselves by that time, together with a paragraph about each of them. Any proposed By-Laws changes will also be listed along with information on how to vote and what you are voting for. It is recommended that persons interested in getting on the ballot see a member of the nominating committee (Abe Cuckovich, Missy LeStrange, Candace Cross-Drew) or a Board member before the end of September. However, you can still be on the ballot, even if not in the special bulletin if you get your name in by Friday, October 23, to the committee. Remember, nominations may be made by the nomination committee or by signed petition of five members in good standing. Which ever way you do it, get moving now! Anyone who has a proposed By-Laws change needs to turn it in to the Board by Sept. 25, (1 month before the meeting). It will then be put in the special bulletin so the membership can have time to go over it. Please include your name and phone number if you submit a proposed change so that 1) it isn't written up wrong because it was misinterpreted or misread and 2) interested members can talk to you about it. A copy of the current By-Laws will be posted.

STATUS OF POOL AVAILABILITY**

In October there will be a meeting of the Park and Rec Commission, school district and Aquatics Council regarding pool utilization, including new Emerson. There has been no word from the city regarding plans for cleaning and/or repairs at Emerson. There will be some construction at Community which won't interfere with pool use. The lights around and in the pool at Emerson have been set in working order by the city.

CLOCK ON EAST WALL**

The battery clock was returned since the hands fell off. It was also very poorly made. George Giannini noted that even the electric clocks are not that well made and he has had to firmly attach hands on them. Mark will check with the city to see if there is some way to put an electric clock on the East end of the pool without contravening city rules and regulations. We had been told before, that the cord draped along the gate was illegal.

COMMUNITY SNACK BAR/EXERCISE ROOM/STORAGE ROOM**

Do you remember, way back, over a year ago, there was mention of DAM being asked to provide some people-power to put up a donated building at community pool? Well, the time approaches. DAM and the Aquadart parents are to put up the structure; the 'Darts will operate the snack bar concession and we would both use the building for storage.

The city attorney has come up with a contractual agreement that appears to go beyond what was presented to the Board as DAM's part in the action. Dave Kelley, Liz Toftner and Mark Lundin will discuss the project with the Aquadarts and find out specifically our responsibilities and liabilities. Once that is settled, we will be recruiting some help.

ITEMS FROM THE WORKOUT REPS**

From Candace (6:30 PM): Why is there no 7:30 PM workout on Fridays? Answer: A coaching decision was made to drop it because often Friday nights are very slack. It will be reinstated September 18th. Can more showers be turned on in the women's locker room? Answer: No. The city says the pipes are no good.

COACH'S REPORT**

Participation in the weekend intensive workout has increased.

ITEMS FROM OTHER MEMBERS**

Verne Scott requests that the city be asked to put "Men" and "Women" signs on the locker room doors. He also would like to create some order out of the bike chaos that exists. Bikes have been parked inside the building in the passageway to the gym and women's locker room as well as blocking the pathway between the pool, locker rooms and exercise room. Please park your bikes in the city provided bike racks.

Also, please DO NOT park your car in the school district's driveways.

Vern Scott also feels the backstroke flag standards need fixing. Abe Cuckovich will do the labor when someone decides how tall the standards should be etc.

"THIEFS"

We have had a rash of money losses from the Emerson men's locker room. We suggest:
 -Don't leave money or other valuables in the locker room, unless they are "looked"
 -Be alert for anyone who you do not recognize or may act suspiciously. Observe and even challenge them as to whether you can "help them".

Item above as submitted by Verne Scott.

PMS REGISTRATION

The "PA" office has requested that all individuals sending in a registration form include a self addressed, stamped envelop to insure immediate return of your card.

Don't forget, you should be registered with Pacific Masters Swimming if you swim in sanctioned meets. Your principle benefit is automatic accident insurance while participating in the meet. Application forms are on the bulletin board.

Item submitted by Verne Scott

SWIMMERS-OF-THE-MONTH

Missy LeStrange, a member of Masters since her first day in Davis, is currently the vice-chairperson of the meet committee. A native Californian, Missy lived in LaJolla until coming to Davis in 1977. After graduating from high school in 1971, she attended U.C. San Diego for two quarters. At that time she was unsure of what she wanted from the university so she stopped studying and drove a catering truck for four and a half years. With the money she earned, she was able to travel in Mexico and Guatemala for six months.

The farming practices in both countries, particularly Guatemala, greatly impressed her, and she decided to return to the university and study agriculture. Having obtained a B.S. degree in Plant Science (emphasis in Agronomy) this past June, Missy is pursuing an M.S. degree in Agronomy. She has been working with Agricultural Extension in the Agronomy Department for three years, and enjoys doing applied agricultural research.

She sees herself continuing to do applied research, specifically on small grains or oil crops. Missy would eventually like to work in a developing country in Latin America but that may be in the far future. Before that she is thinking of going on for a Ph.D., and feels she definitely needs more working experience.

Missy is an avid swimmer and really enjoys open and rough water swims. It was her enthusiasm for this aspect of the club that led her to volunteer for the meet committee.

SWIMMERS-OF-THE-MONTH cont.

Gwen Stephens spent her first twelve years in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From there her family moved to Spencer, Iowa. After high school Gwen went to Northwestern University in Illinois. She "always knew" she wanted to be a biologist so she went straight through university till she got her Ph.D. in 1951. Her first son was also born that year.

Gwen met her husband in graduate school and in 1952, when he finished his Ph.D. in biology, they moved to New York City, where he had a position at Brooklyn College. One year later they moved to Minneapolis, where they remained for eleven years. Her husband was a Professor of Zoology and she worked part time teaching and doing research in the Medical School. Her other two sons were born in 1957 and 1960.

In 1964 the Stephens family again moved, this time to UC Irvine where Gwen's husband was chairman of the biology department. She did not work for two years and greatly missed it. In 1966 she started working in Psychobiology, specifically in the areas of learning and memory. This research was very satisfying to her, but in 1971 she was offered and accepted a faculty position at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver.

Gwen and her husband divorced and her two younger sons moved to Boulder. The oldest was already at a university. She commuted to Denver because she felt Boulder was a nice place to live. She taught full time at the university until 1976 when she was requested to write a text book in pathophysiology. It is called "Pathophysiology for Health Practitioners." For the next four years she taught half-time and wrote the text which came out in January, 1980. She's already talking about working on a revision.

Gwen's interest in Psychobiology has been rekindled and she decided to do her sabbatical here at Davis. She arrived here in March, 1980, and by June had decided to move here permanently. She is currently taking courses in the Psychology department.

Gwen has always liked swimming, horseback riding and bowling. She started swimming laps in a pool when she moved to Boulder. After arriving in Davis she became an enthusiastic member of the seniors workout and is that workout's representative at Board meetings.

NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held October 14, at 7:30 PM in room H-30 at the High School.