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2012 - Year in Review

As we look forward to 2013 Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics, Inc. (SNCA) is excited by the progress made over the past year.

This year's Aquafest event saw NBC Commentator and Gold Medalist Rowdy Gaines, Gold Medalist and World Record Holder Rebecca Soni, and Gold Medalist Ricky Berens interact with aquatic supports throughout the day. The athletes met with user groups and ran stroke clinics all morning. The main event followed in the afternoon with a fun relay swim meet in which nearly 100 swimmers were able to swim a relay with an Olympian. Nearly 400 participants then enjoyed time with the athletes, great food, drink, and fun by the pool well into the evening.

Aquafest raised funds that will assist SNCA in continuing its efforts to move the development of an aquatic center at the Moana site forward. Aquafest is not only a fundraiser for SNCA, but also a friend-raiser for the aquatic community. The daylong event is about the connections we make with the community that will ultimately help with the goal of constructing a new aquatic center. Many attendees are looking for ways in which they can help build on the recent momentum that has built with respect to the Moana site.

There have been a number of exciting developments with the City of Reno site at Moana. City Council Members Jessica Sferrazza and Sharon Zadra had spearheaded an effort to get the old Moana Ballpark torn down to make way for new flat fields. SNCA approached the City Council and requested that the demolition scope be expanded to include the old Moana Pool. The City Council secured funding for the demolition of the ball field and the pool which is now complete. The City and local flat field users were able to complete the installation of the Richard Jay Fields that will be ready for use in the spring. SNCA has entered into an option agreement with the City of Reno that provides the ability to enter into a long term land lease that will provide SNCA with site control for the space needed for an aquatic center.

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Year in Review (Continued)

With site control secured, SNCA has been able to move forward with formalizing the preliminary design concept and due diligence phase of the project. We are pleased to announce that we have obtained a commitment for funding for this phase of work that will determine the scope and feasibility for a new aquatic center at the Moana site. SNCA has engaged the highly qualified firm of Hastings+Chivetta, and their consultants, to do preliminary conceptual site, space and programming work to include operational and construction cost estimating.

In addition to the Aquafest event and the progress with the Moana site, SNCA once again provided the City of Reno with a volunteer effort via Adopt a Pool. Over 100 volunteers assisted in opening Idlewild and Traner Pools for the summer season. SNCA has also recently assisted user groups in moving small improvement projects to local pools forward by facilitation of acceptance and administration of funds. The first success of this program is now being enjoyed by users of Northwest Pool where all of the nearly inoperable shower heads have been replaced through the donations and volunteer hours of user groups administered via SNCA. With the creation of the Existing Pool Repair Fund SNCA hopes to continue to facilitate improvements to the Truckee Meadows existing aquatic venues.

Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics is very excited by the success of the Aquafest event, the continued support offered by the aquatic community, and the progress with the Moana site and we are optimistic that we will see a new aquatic facility in the near future. Your support of our organization has assisted SNCA in its continued efforts to make this dream a reality and demonstrates the level of community support that exists for development of a new aquatic complex.

Passing of Gale Maynor



Gale Maynor – Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics is sad to report the death of long time local swim Official Gale Maynor on Sunday, December 9, at the age of 66.

For 25 years, Gale and his wife Judy have dedicated countless hours of their lives to the age group swimmers throughout Pacific Swimming, Pacific Swimming's Zone 4 region, high school swimmers of Northern Nevada and the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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During the years his children swam, he worked many Junior Olympic and Far Western meets, and the Santa Clara International, and once Junior Nationals. Long after his own swimmers had moved away, Gale continued volunteering at most area meets, frequently as Meet Referee. Since the 1990s he has been the Meet Referee for the northern Nevada editions of Nevada State age-group Championships.

In addition to his many years officiating, Gale also served as Pacific Swimming - Zone 4 Board Chair, Chair of the Pacific Swimming Board of Review, plus Zone 4 Officials Chair for two separate terms.

Gale was all about integrity, supporting the kids, giving them a level deck, encouraging parent involvement, and camaraderie with his fellow officials, many of whom regarded him as mentor and friend. Throughout his 8-year battle with leukemia, Gale was active as ever on the pool deck and with the Zone 4 Board.

All who knew him will miss Gale's big heart for our athletes, passion for swimming, on deck mentoring, and infectious sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and their children, Jeffrey and Michelle.

Donations in Gale's memory may be made to the following:

East Fork Fire Burn Fund
1694 County Road
Minden, NV 89423

USA Swimming Foundation
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
www.usaswimming.org

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Donor Services
PO Box 4072
Pittsfield, MA 01202
www.LLS.org

2013 Dates to Remember

Adopt-A-Pool
Idlewild Pool
Saturday June 1, 2013
10am to Noon

AQUAFEST
Idlewild Pool
Saturday, August 17, 2013
4pm to 8pm