

The Wave

Mavericks Swimming Association November 2000 Newsletter

IMPORTANT!!! Winter Session Registration

Mavericks Fall Session will end on Friday, December 15, 2000. We will take a two week break for the holidays.

Winter session registration will take place on January 2 & 3, 2001, 3:30 - 6:00 pm in person on the pool deck. Please come prepared to register and bring your checkbook. Swimmers must be officially registered with the team before they will be allowed to swim.

Winter Session Dates and Fee:

January 2 - March 30, 2001

Mavericks swimmers: \$ 165 per swimmer

January 2 – 26, 2001

HMB High School Cougar pre-season swimmers: \$ 55 per swimmer

(No charge for high school swimmers January 29 - April 30 only if swimmer is officially signed up as a member of the high school team and if swimmer attends only high school practice times. High School swimmers may work out with the Mavericks during high school swim season as well, but they will need to pay the full \$165 instead of \$55.)

Pool Improvements

You probably have noticed a number of improvements to the Half Moon Bay High School pool. First, lockers and an overhead shelter were installed. (Thank you Bill Saxsenmeir and Gary Riemer.) More recently, a permanent shelter is being constructed on the east side of the pool. This shelter is enclosed on three sides and will feature radiant heaters. This will greatly improve our pool facility for both swimmers and spectators.

A big thank you is due to the following people and organizations:

Local contractor, Chad Hooker, for design and construction work, much of it volunteered;

City of Half Moon Bay for providing \$24,000 to help fund the structure;

Main Street Beautification Committee for providing funding for the radiant heaters;

Dr. Bayliss, Cabrillo Unified School District superintendent, for supporting the project and expediting its approval;

And...many Mavericks parent volunteers who helped with construction, especially the crew who worked all day on Saturday, November 11th.

We are also making progress on obtaining starting blocks for the pool. Stay tuned...you should be seeing those very soon.

Improved Communication Needed

Each swimmer has a file folder in or near the shed. Please make a point of checking this folder at least once per week for important messages, meet registration materials, etc. Our organization is growing and we need to be a bit more systematic about how we distribute information. Please do your part. Thank you.

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Website

Please also get in the habit of checking our website: www.mavericks-swim.org. (Thanks again to Mavericks Board member John DiNapoli for designing and maintaining our site.) This is a good source for basic information about the team, meets, and other events. We also include past issues of the newsletter.

Coaching Staff Update

Bill Saxsenmeir has continued to coach the group of older swimmers from 3:30 - 5:00 pm each day. Thank you, Bill, for always being willing to pitch in and assist where we need you.

Ugur Taner has begun coaching the younger swimmers from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and has already made a very positive impact on the team. Ugur is currently on the staff of La Petite Baleen. Ugur is a nationally-ranked swimmer who holds many national records (including records he set when he was 13 years old!) He competed in the US Olympic Trials this past August. He lives in Half Moon Bay and is excited about working with a new team and helping it to grow and develop. Please drop by the pool to introduce yourself to Ugur.

Coach's Report

We are happy to provide the following message from Coach Ugur Taner:

Hi everybody. I'm excited to be a part of Mavericks Swim Team and I look forward to meeting you all. My goal for this team is to create a challenging yet fun environment for the swimmers. I also have a vision of growing the team and establishing a reputation of consistency, quality, and fun. I feel it is important to push and challenge the swimmers and teach them that overcoming these challenges is fun and exciting. I would also like to encourage our swimmers to attend the practices as often as possible in order to establish a consistent training program. Once the swimmers are more fit, they will see the benefits from their training and when they improve they will feel good about themselves. The process of personal success and personal failure is what leads to self-improvement. This is the process I hope the swimmers will discover here at Mavericks Swim Team. See you on deck!

Pumpkin Festival Fundraising Results

We are delighted to report that our recent fundraiser was a complete success. The Mavericks raised \$3,100 (net after expenses). The HMBHS Cougar Swim Team raised an equal amount. Thank you to Suzi Herhold who heads up fundraising for the Mavericks and all the parents and swimmers who volunteered their time during the Pumpkin Festival.

Upcoming Meets

We have two meets in December (the weekend of Dec. 2-3 and the weekend of Dec. 9-10). Please see your coach for more information and for a meet registration form.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!