



A Message from the President

John Kolbisen

This September marks the start of Mavericks' fourth year of existence.

The team has grown to between 50 and 60 members. Strong community support for aquatics has been exhibited by several philanthropic organizations, the City, CUSD, and a multitude of individual and business donors.

Last season many improvements were made:

- 1. New poolside shelters**
- 2. Starting blocks**
- 3. Water polo goals**
- 4. Coach with national and international swimming experience**
- 5. Team website and (877) number**
- 6. Improved organization for parent support.**

Swimming is an extraordinary sport in which all ages and all sizes may participate.

Success is measured by personal improvement of time objectively on a stopwatch. Individual goals are set and a swimmer's achievement depends upon his or her own dedication. If they practice regularly and with total effort, Improvement will be made.

Parent knowledge and participation greatly enhance motivation.

It pleases me to see so many young swimmers joining our team.

This coming year **my goals are to:**

- 1. Grow the team--we need 100 active members**
- 2. Increase high school age swimmer participation**
- 3. Continue to**

build a strong parental support group

4. Run a successful Swim-a-thon fundraiser to help us pay for ongoing pool expenses throughout the school year.

The Coastside was without a swimming culture for almost 20 years. We want to continue to offer an activity for those who may not enjoy or excel in ball sports which abound in our community.

Past studies show that students who swim competitively in high school and college get better grades than in any other sport.

Year around swimming is imperative

for high school and college swimming success.

Swimcerely, John

Go Mavericks!

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Money Matters by Suzie Herhold

As the treasurer of Mavericks, I am in charge of collecting \$\$ for the swim sessions, as well as updating your child's United States Swim Association membership each year. The membership amount is \$35 for 2002. The check is made out to Pacific Swimming. All new swimmers will sign up in September. All others need to bring a copy of

their 2001 USS card when signing up for the fall session. They will renew in Jan. 2002. The fall session Sept.10-Dec.14 is \$210 written to Mavericks. Both checks and a registration/emergency form must be filled out before your child can swim.

Please do not send checks to our PO box. If I am not there to take your \$\$, **please put it in the black mail-slot at the**

pool. Do not give it to anyone to give to me.

There are no refunds or prorated amounts. We are a non profit organization run solely on volunteer help. Your \$\$ is immediately used for pool maintenance, supplies, and the coach's salary.

Please call me directly if you have any questions at 712-1890.
Thank you. Susan Herhold

Maverick's Swim-a-thon by Tracy Halbersleben

It is time for the Maverick's Swim-a-thon!!

Swim-a-thon 2001 will be held on Friday, September 28, 2001 at 3:30pm.

Team and individual pictures will also be taken first at 3:30.

the Swim-a-thon will start at 4:00pm and go for 2 hours. After the swim, we will set up for a **pot-luck dinner on the pool deck.**

Swimmers will have 3 weeks to gather sponsors for their efforts. Please contact friends, family, neighbors or others who may be interested in donating to

swimming on the coast.

Donations can be made for the total number of laps completed or as a set amount. It is reasonable to

assume that most of our swimmers will swim at least 100 laps with the more advanced swimmers reaching 200 laps and beginning swimmers slightly lower than the 100 mark. If you are unsure about the number of laps you may swim, it is suggested that you recommend a set donation amount when gathering your sponsors.

Swimmers can swim for all or part of the 2 hour

period and can take breaks as they are adding to their total lap count. See page 3

John Picture here

Spread the word

Maverick's Adult Lap Swim

6am-6pm Daily

\$50/mo



www.mavericks-swim.org

Maverick's Water Polo Team

Sessions
Dec. - Feb.
June - Aug.

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The **deadline for turning in donations and being eligible for prizes will be October 12, 2001.**

There will be a **team pizza party on October 19, 2001 at which time we will present awards and prizes!**

Our goal is to raise \$10,000!!! We have had a very generous donation from a local family. For every \$1,000 that the Swim-a-thon brings in, they will donate \$500 (up to \$5,000). If we meet our goal of \$10,000, they will donate \$5,000!!

The Maverick's swim team is a not-for-profit community based organization. The funds we receive for swimming tuition does not cover all of the team expenses. This is especially the case since the cost of energy has gone up dramatically over the last year. We would all like to keep a swim team on the coast!

That is why the Swim-a-thon is important to all of us who support swimming for our children. Please keep this in mind when sponsoring our swimmers for this event.

If you have **any questions**

or would like to help with the Swimathon, please call Tracy Halbersleben at 712-1242. We need parents to help count laps and help with dinner setup & clean-up.

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*HELP US TO BUILD A
YEAR-ROUND HMB
SWIM TEAM
AND
CONTINUE TO GROW
THE HMBHS COUGAR
SWIM TEAM!*

**The Cougar's
High School Swim
Team Season
February thru April
Coach Bill Saxenmeier
728-3935**

Upcoming Events

Swim Meets / Potlucks / Events

- Fri. 9/28** **Swim-a-thon @ 3:30pm**
- Fri. 9/28** **Maverick's Potluck Party**
- Fri. 10/19** **Swim-a-thon Pledges Due**
- Sat. 10/13-14** **HMB Pumpkin Festival**
- Fri. 10/19** **Pizza Awards Party**
- Sat. 11/3-4** **Sunnyvale (C/B) Swim Meet**
- Sat. 11/17-18** **Pacifica (A/B/C) Swim Meet**
- Sat. 12/1-2** **Pleasanton or Alameda
(C/ B/A) Swim Meet**

It's Pumpkin Festival Time

The Pumpkin Festival has traditionally been financially very successful for Maverick's Swim Association and the HMBHS Cougar Swim Team.

We need your help! We sponsor the Dunk Tank and the Jumping Cage which is located in front of La Petite Baleen on Saturday & Sunday. It's a big hit in the community because many notable Coastside individuals sit perched on "the seat" ready to be dunked, with just the right hit to the bulls-eye Kid's love getting their Principal's wet! The community loves to get their political leaders wet, too!

We need lots of volunteers for these two days. We have 4 shifts per day and will need a total of 40 Maverick volunteers to collect money, guide the lines and monitor for safety at the jumping cage. Our group made \$6,000 last year with each swim group taking \$3,000 to support swim team expenses.

The sign-up sheets are on the wall at the pool. If there is one thing you do to contribute this year, please make this event, and, or the Swin-a-thon be where you contribute your time! Thank you !

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Coaches Corner:

Hi everybody. I wanted to share with you one of my most fond memories from my swimming days. It was August of 1999 and I was a member of the United States National "A" Team. It was exactly one year before the Olympic Games and we were in Sydney, Australia at the Pan Pacific Games. The Pan Pacific Games is a competition that includes countries such as the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Africa, New Zealand, and a few other small countries. Basically the teams that participate in this competition are the countries not involved in Europe and the Pan American region. The USA team was facing a very tough opponent this year. The Australians were preparing for the Olympics that were going to be in their country so they wanted to be prepared. This meet was a trial for the Olympics and they were ready to show the USA what they were made of. Now, at the Pan Pacific Games, a score has never been kept. Although no winner was ever announced officially, which ever country won the most medals was considered the winner. This year however, the Australians decided to score the meet. It was similar to the scoring at a dual meet where points are awarded in descending order from first place to eighth place. I guess they were really confident they would win and they wanted to prove it to us. And since the Australian men were the strongest men's team at the time, the USA was in for a tough eight days of competition.

Through out the course of the meet, there were 13 world records broken. This was an unseen event. History was in the making. Unbelievable swims were taking place. I was entered in the 200 butterfly and 800 freestyle relay. I finished third and got the bronze medal in the 200 butterfly. My teammate, Tom Malchow finished first. So we were happy to place well in our event. In the 800 freestyle relay, I swam the fourth leg and our relay finished second to get the silver behind the Australians. The Australians also broke the world record by 3 seconds and finished ahead of our relay team by nearly 8 seconds.

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At this point, the score of the meet was very close. The Australian men were finishing better than the USA men, but the USA women were finishing better than the Australian women. Our National Team Coordinator, Denis Pursley, told us that, "The USA has NEVER lost the medal count in an international competition in 43 years. And we're not about to let it happen now." After we heard this, we were motivated to do whatever we could do win for the USA. It all came down the final relay. The score had the Australians ahead of the USA by just 2 points. The last event was the men's 4x100 medley relay, and the winner of this event was going to get 7 points, so which ever team won this was going to win the entire meet. The Australians had beaten the Americans in the 100 breast, 100 fly, and 100 freestyle. The only leg the USA had an advantage on was the backstroke. Lenny Krayzelburg had gotten the gold in that in world record time. On paper, the Australians had the advantage. Clearly, the USA was the underdog. My job at this point was to cheer with my teammates. We needed to support our four teammates in a natatorium of 14,000 screaming Australian fans.

The relay started with world record holder Lenny Krayzelburg leading off in the backstroke. He gave the Americans a two second lead and we never looked back. We maintained our lead in the breaststroke with Kurt Grote swimming his heart out. At this point, I noticed some people had their arms around me. I looked to see who it was and it was my friend Chad Carvin and Jason Lezak. We were embracing each other, and as I looked around so were the rest of the 48 swimmers and coaches on the bleachers. The USA team was united as one voice to concentrate their cheering on the four members swimming their hearts and minds out. It was the most exciting time of my life. Now, back to the relay. We lost a little bit of ground in the butterfly, but Dod Wales powered into the wall for the exchange, and Neil Walker was off. Australia's Michael Klim was gaining, but with 10 meters left and both swimmers almost in slow motion from exhaustion, the USA touched the wall first. We were out of our minds. We had done it. The entire USA team left the bleacher area and joined the four relay members for hugs and congratulations. Following that we gathered in a circle and did a USA cheer as loud as we could.

It's funny how the most exciting time in my life as a swimmer was when I wasn't even swimming, but cheering with my teammates. It still brings tears to my eyes and adrenaline rushes through my veins, when I recall the events of that afternoon. In our lives, we all have opportunities to contribute to something greater than ourselves. Something so big, that without a team of united people, the task would be impossible. I had that experience, and I challenge all of you to experience that also. You'll never forget it!

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