



Mesa Aquatics Club

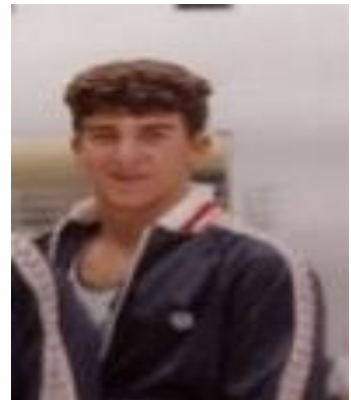
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Narwhal News February, the Month of Love, 2013

The Few....The Proud...The Polar Bears!



Congratulations to Joanne Menard and Tony Poleo...the only two Narwhals gutsy enough to brave the elements, drive to Tucson on a cold and rainy day, and compete in the Annual Polar Bear Meet! Both had a good meet, although they were extremely lonely without any



Narwhal companionship. Maybe next year we'll take the entire pod! Great job Joanne and Tony!!! You're role models!

So, You missed the Polar Meet. Fear Not! There's more to come!!!! On March 3rd, Sun Devils Masters will be hosting the "Sprinters Spectacular". Along with the standard USMS events, there will also be 25 yard races!!! Yes, Paul thought he had died and gone to Heaven! However, I did have to remind him that he couldn't do the 25 with 3 other swimmers as a relay....he had to swim the whole lap all by himself! Tony Poleo and Kent Nicholas have a bet going to see which can win 3 out of 4 of the 25 yd races. If you'd like to throw some cash into this pool, I think the pot is up to \$250, 000. Good luck to them both. Marion Smith is also going to be making her legendary comeback! She is working out hard, and is on FIRE! We all hope that Gordon lets her get a pedicure before the meet, because all he'll see when he races he---is her feet!!!! The Spring State Meet is being held on April 5th in the newly renovated pool in Oro Valley. If you've never competed in Oro Valley, you've GOT to come to the meet. The area is gorgeous. April 7th brings the first race in the Open Water Series at Tempe Town Lake. More information on all of these events can be found on the website.



As many of you know, Kent Nicholas has been working hard on setting up an open water marathon swim in Arizona called the Arizona S.C.A.R. Swim Challenge: 4 days, 4 lakes, and 40 miles. He's seeking volunteer kayakers (or SUP boarders) for one lake or all 4 lakes – he's just happy to have you along. The swim has attracted some fantastic swimmers from all over so he's personally inviting you to be involved in this adventurous and unique event. Please know how appreciative he will be if you are able to join us.

WHAT IS THE S.C.A.R. SWIM? It is an open water marathon swim over the period of 4 consecutive days, 4 lakes and approximately 40 miles of beautiful wilderness. S.C.A.R., which stands for Saguaro, Canyon, Apache and Roosevelt lakes, has attracted some of the most adventurous open water swimmers from New York, Colorado, South Africa, Massachusetts, California, Connecticut and Ireland. Many are Triple Crown swimmers meaning they successfully swam the Catalina Channel (21 miles), the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim (28.5 miles) and the English Channel (21 miles). Kayakers can register to paddle as many lakes as they would like. There is a limited number of elite swimmers (25) and therefore a limited number of kayakers per lake (25). Preference given to kayakers that commit to all four swims.

Again, you do NOT need your own kayak. One can be provided for you....but you can't keep it. Nope. Got to give it back when you're done. Questions? Want to sign up? Are you sooOOooOoo excited?! Contact Kent:

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U.S.A. Swimming Gran Prix

Team, we are 60 days out and counting to this incredible event! It will be held April 11 – 13 at the Skyline Aquatics Center. Entries just opened and we already have

commitments from some of last summer's most decorated Olympians as well as teams for several other countries!

With the countdown to the event in full swing we are in pretty good shape but still looking for some volunteer slots (mainly timing, chaperones for doping control and our masters concession booth). There is an entrance fee as well as parking fee to attend this event but volunteers get both of those things waived plus being fed and the best seats in the house...so if you are interested and haven't committed to anything yet let us know ASAP!

We have secured some incredible sponsors in VisitMesa.com, Empire-Cat & the Mesa Hohokams...but we have one major area we are still looking to cover. Hospitality is where we need to feed breakfast, lunch and dinner for 3 days to about 150 people (mainly officials and coaches)...we have a title sponsorship available but also looking for meal sponsors and food/restaurant donations if you or anyone you know might be interested.

Last thing for our business owners (or friends of business owners) is we do have ad space for sale in our meet programs, banner placement, etc. Rates are incredibly reasonable and we have the potential of 1500 spectators per session (6 total sessions) mostly local attending, along with another 300+ coaches, officials, volunteers, etc. If you are interested drop me an email at Paul@mesaswims.com or call/text to 602-228-9739!

Go MAC!



Skyline Pool

Wow. Look! How exciting. This is OUR pool! Yep, we can swim in it every day if we want. And, top athletes from all over the WORLD are going to come and compete right here! How incredible would it be to be a crucial part of making this a success?!?! Pretty darn incredible! Sign up to volunteer!