



## Happy New Year!

2017? It is hard to believe that time is going by so quickly. This is a World Championship year - and we are all looking forward to the possibilities in Budapest, Hungary. We also have our Spring and Summer Championships. Needless to say - we have more and more local and regional meets available for all of us to participate.

### **SPRING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Let's start with our Spring National Championship. We are going to be holding the meet at Cleveland State University in beautiful downtown Cleveland, Ohio. It has been quite some time since we held a meet there - and felt it was time to go back.

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The meet will be held at the Robert F. Busby Natatorium with events starting on Friday May 5th. As usual - the athlete meeting will be held on May 4th at the host hotel.

We opted for the Wyndham Hotel to host us this Spring. It is within walking distance to the pool, and the location is conveniently located in the Playhouse District of Cleveland. There is easy transport from the Airport - so car rental is not necessary if you don't want to go to that expense. Our per night rate here is \$115. We have also arranged a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn which is not too far away for \$20 less (\$95 a night)

After the diving events on Friday - we have arranged group tickets for the Theatre to see a Broadway Show. There will be 3 different shows available - all close to the hotel. Details to follow - but should be a lot of fun!

Our banquet will take place on Saturday night - and will be hosted at the Wyndham. As is usual - your entry fees paid to DiveMeets covers the cost of all events and Banquet. Additional banquet tickets are available for \$45.00 and can be paid the day of the event. We would like to know if you need additional banquet tickets by Friday - May 5th.

Wyndham - Cleveland at Playhouse Square

1260 Euclid Avenue - Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 615-7500

Block Reserved under ***USA MASTERS DIVING***

Comfort Inn - Downtown Cleveland

1800 Euclid Avenue - Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 861-0001 Block Under USA Masters Diving

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We are waiting on our sanction from USA Diving for this meet. As soon as this is done - we can get the meet up on DiveMeets. I'd like to encourage everyone to register early. Though you must submit a dive list - the lists can be amended on line at any time. The more advance notice we have on participation numbers - the better we can plan and prepare.

### **FINA World Championships**

Budapest - Hungary

FINA World Championships are ALWAYS very exciting. This year the meet is being hosted by the City of Budapest in a brand new state of the art facility. The Dagaly Aquatic Complex is on the north side of the city built along the bank of the Danube River. The FINA World Championships will be the first major event held at the facility. What an exciting opportunity!

The Diving events will start on August 7th and end with Synchro events on August 13th. There will be 2 days of scheduled training preceding the meet on August 5th and 6th.

- 8/5 Training Day
- 8/6 Training Day
- 8/7 Springboard Events
- 8/8 Springboard Events
- 8/9 Springboard Events
- 8/10 Platform Individual
- 8/11 Platform and Platform Mixed Synchro
- 8/12 Platform and Platform Synchro
- 8/13 3m Synchro and Mixed Synchro

The formal schedule can be printed from this link -

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## [FINA Budapest Schedule](#)

As of now we do not have a team hotel. The pool is a bit north of the city - so there are not many options that are close enough to walk that can accommodate our size group. I am in communication with our diving friends from Britian - and will pass along where they will be once confirmed.

For now - I would not hesitate to make reservations on your own. The pool is within walking distance from a variety of Bus and Train stops. If you book your own lodging - keep in mind the pool can be reached via the M3 and M5 lines. You can find a map with nearest rail stops at this link:

[Dagaly Pool - Metro Stops](#)

Registration for the World Championships was supposed to start on January 19th. At this point - the registration has been delayed. I don't have any further information on when they will start. Stay tuned for updates.

If you have not already let me know that you are considering participating in Budapest - please do. As we get closer to the date - there will be many more frequent e-mails with updates. Rather than disturb the 500+ members on the newsletter list - I will have a separate list of those that are considering this meet to update them. You can e-mail me directly at [gerry@mypotomac.com](mailto:gerry@mypotomac.com)

## **Summer National Championships**

RIVERSIDE Aquatic Center - Riverside, CA

August 25th-27th, 2017

Our group heads back to Riverside, California for our Summer Championships on the last weekend of August. The dates are set - and details for hotels and

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lodging options are being arranged. Put the date on your calendar - and stay tuned for updates! Here is a link to video that shows what the pool and diving facilities look like:

[Riverside Aquatic Complex Video](#)

### **USA Masters Games - 2017**

San Diego, California

July 15th and 16th

There has been quite a bit of confusion regarding the USA Masters Games. Anyone that participated in our Summer Championships in Greensboro, NC last year has been prompted to register via e-mail for the 2017 meet in San Diego.

USA Masters Games is an independent organization and does not have any affiliation with US Masters Diving. Last year we held our Summer Championships in conjunction with them - which worked very well. We will continue to work with them when it makes sense for the membership.

The meet being held in July is an independent meet. While we encourage anyone that would like to participate to do so - we want to be clear there is no affiliation. Feel free to check out details for this meet here.

[USA MASTERS GAMES - San Diego](#)

What am I thinking?

**First and foremost - how lucky I am to be involved with such an incredible group of athletes. Our membership continues to grow and the excitement is palpable. The internet, e-mail and cheaper airfare has allowed us to spend much more time with our International friends and competitors. What a wonderful fellowship!**

**All of you are dedicated to train and perform without regard to age or at times - conditioning.**

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**With that said - PLEASE be sure to stay in shape and start back to training SLOWLY. We are all champing at the bit to get back on the board and back to competition. Let's do it safely.**

**There are many people behind the scenes that work selflessly for US Masters and the membership. Some of these folks you know - and others prefer to remain in the background. I thank ALL of you from the bottom of my heart. You know who you are.**

**Lastly - this is my shameless plug to boost our endowment. Anyone that works in an organization that matches gifts should consider donating to USA Diving. We can earmark the donation for MASTERS Diving and allocate it for future growth. Direct donations can be made to us as well. If you are considering a pledge - please let me know so I can be sure we earmark it for Masters use.**

**Until next time..... LETS DIVE!**

**Gerry Dunn - Chairman**



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