



Letter From the Chairman ~ Ron Kontura

What an AMAZING YEAR 2015 has been for USA Masters Diving!

From Stanford, California to Colombia, South America ~ From Kazan, Russia to Columbia, Missouri ~ it has been an amazing year for Masters Diving.

I just returned from the USA Diving Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. For the first time ever, Masters Diving hosted a social event for everyone in the diving community who attended the convention. Felix Grossman was the host of the gathering and everyone that attended had a great time.

The evening culminated with a rendition of RIP-A-TORE sung by Tommy Hairabedian, Harry Edelman, Alan Schenck, Felix and Gerry Dunn. They knocked it out of the park! The "Rat Pack" of divers were invited by Linda Paul and USA Diving to sing at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis in June.

I have been attending this convention for many years (15+) and the attitude towards Masters Diving has never been more positive among those at USA Diving. This attitude of appreciation and love for Masters is a direct reflection of all of you who give back to your local diving communities. Keep up the good work and continue to share with everyone the JOY of Diving!

Looking ahead, I have been very busy working on the future meet schedule for the next 3 years. Meet information will be coming out shortly, so put these dates down on your calendars:

2016

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| May 6-8 | USA Masters Spring Nationals
Orlando, Florida
Courtyard by Marriott (\$89/night)
Walking distance from the pool |
| June 18-26 | USA Diving Olympic Trials
Indianapolis, IN |
| July 28-30 | USA Masters Summer Nationals
Greensboro, N.C. |
| August 8-21 | 2016 Olympic Games
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| Sept. 21-25 | USA Diving Convention – Atlanta, GA
(Mary Bennett induction into ISHOF)
Int'l Swimming Hall of Fame! |

2017

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| May 5-7 | USA Masters Diving Spring Nationals
(Texas - SMU? Houston?) |
| July 2017 | FINA World Masters Championships
Budapest, Hungary |
| August (TBD) | USA Masters Summer Nationals
Riverside, California |
| September 13-17 | USA Diving Convention – Dallas, TX |

2018

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| May | USA Masters Spring Nationals
Washington, D.C. |
| June | UANA Pan-American Masters
Championships |

August USA Masters Summer Nationals
 Indianapolis, IN

September 23-30 USA Diving Convention
 Jacksonville, Florida

I am excited about the fabulous places that are offering up their facilities for our events. If you have thoughts or questions regarding the proposed schedule, please feel free to contact me.

Have a GREAT FALL Season. Get ready for an Exciting 2016!

Let's DIVE!

Ron Kontura