



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

Hello Master Divers!

The season is about to begin in earnest for our High School and College divers. I leave tomorrow for Philadelphia to see my daughter dive in her first college meet. Incredible how quickly time passes. Good luck to Brigid and the Villanova divers tomorrow when they compete against Drexel and LaSalle. Good luck to all of our divers who coach high school and college teams as they compete this fall and spring!

USA Diving Annual Meeting:

Ron Kontura and I attended the United States Aquatic Conference in Atlanta to attend the USA Diving annual meeting. John Deininger and Karla Helder joined us to support the cause. There was a lot of excitement – as it was an election year. Olympian **Michele Mitchell** was elected as the new Chairman of USA Diving's Board – and promised change. Not too long after the conference it was announced that Steve Foley was out as High Performance director and Linda Paul would be stepping down in April. It looks as though Michele followed through on her promise – and we are all anxiously waiting to see who will be filling these important positions. Stay tuned!

Spring National Championships - Change of Venue :

We have had a lot of trouble trying to confirm dates for the Spring Nationals. Washington, DC is likely NOT to be our location for spring. Montgomery County is not keen on confirming a date for us – and we are seeking alternate venues to replace it. Alternate locations are possibly the University of Cleveland in Ohio or Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. We will keep you all abreast of final location once it is negotiated and confirmed.

Mary Bennett Invitational - East Coast Masters Diving :

East Coast Masters Diving is preparing for the 3rd Annual Mary Bennett Invitational on November 12th and 13th. This meet is the largest Masters meet in the United States outside of our National Championships. The meet starts on Saturday afternoon with the “Feet First” challenge. This event has become one of the most anticipated events of the weekend as divers perform dives they may not ordinarily compete. It is all at once amazing, hysterical and most importantly fun. After diving East Coast sponsors a social at a local restaurant where we all can catch up and laugh about the day's antics.

If you have not ever participated in an East Coast Masters event – consider coming to this one. There has never been a more friendly, hospitable and fun group to dive with. Check our Facebook page for details – or feel free to e-mail me for details. gerry@mypotomac.com . The event can be found on www.divemeets.com

FINA World Masters Diving Championships - Budapest, Hungary :

2017 is also a FINA World Championship year. In August the Masters World Championships will take place in Budapest, Hungary at a brand new facility. Though I was able to find a schedule with dates – it is not official. I would NOT make plans for travel until we have a confirmation from FINA.

The tentative dates have competitions commencing on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Springboard Events – August 4th and 5th for Tower events and finishing on August 6th with Synchro and Mixed Synchro springboard and tower

This will be the first World Championships to have Mixed Synchro. We have been doing it for years here in the US. Let's plan on pairing up with partners early – and potentially getting some training in before the World's. It would be nice to finish the worlds with the USA setting all of the World Records in this event.

I am requesting that USA Diving provide the athletes attending the World Championships outfitting from Nike. The suits and gear will be the same as provided to our age group and National team. If approved we will be able to order and pay USA Diving's COST for the gear. If we work it out – it will be a very good deal for all participating.

If you believe you may attend the meet in Budapest – please let me know. As we get closer to the registration – I will be sending out e-mails directly to the participants regarding plans and advising on travel and registration.

Future Growth of Masters Diving :

Our growth is impressive as we continue our outreach to potential divers through Social Media and special events. We are up to 508 active members on our mailing list – and grow by a few members each month. I know we are missing many divers that just never updated contact information when they moved or changed jobs. Is there someone that you have not seen in a while and would like to have back? Let me know the names – and I will be sure they are on our list. If not – we can track them down and get them back involved. It is up to all of us to continue to grow our group.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for being so supportive during our change of leadership. Ron, Joan and I look forward to keeping us strong and organized as we head into the next year. Please stay in touch – and let us know what you like – and don't like about how we are progressing.

Until then – be good, stay in shape and DIVE!

Yours in Diving - Gerry



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