

Update on Spring Nationals and FINA World Championships.

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Hello Master Divers!

It has been a confusing few weeks here at dive central. We have had a few changes in dates that need to be put on your calendars – and some announcements regarding upcoming meets.

SPRING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Masters Spring Nationals were initially announced for the second weekend of May. We had quite a few complaints that this was Mother's Day weekend – and put in a call to Cleveland State to see if a schedule change was an option. We were told that it must change – since graduation would occur during our initially planned dates. So we have changed the competition dates to May 5th, 6th and 7th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 5th, 6th and 7th – @ Cleveland State University

FINA ~ WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Budapest, Hungary

The initial schedule released for the World Championships was August 1st through 8th of next year immediately following the FINA World Championships. There was concern about sufficient training time for the Masters athletes and the decision was made to delay the start for one week.

Training days will be available two days before the formal competition begins.

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| Training - | August 5 th and 6 th | |
| Springboard - | August 7 th 8 th and 9 th | |
| Platform - | August 10 th and 11 th | |
| Platform Synchro - | August 12 th | (Men, Women and Mixed) |
| 3 meter Synchro - | August 13 th | (Men, Women and Mixed) |

Please note that mixed teams have been added to Synchro. Teams must comply with FINA rules regarding eligibility.

I have started a list of those that feel they will attend the FINA World Championships. Once we are within 3 months of the start date – updates will become more regular. Rather than bother the entire membership with all of the updates – I will limit communication to the list of those attending. If you have not already let me know that you may attend – e-mail me and I will get you on the list.

At this time there is not a formal meet hotel. Ron was going to inquire about reserving a block of rooms and if he does I will get the information out right away. We were considering coordinating with the British team and have us stay in the same hotel. As I get more info – I will share it.

Once again – **USA Diving** has committed to outfit us in **NIKE** attire. **NIKE** is the official outfitter of **USA Diving** – and as Masters – we will have the opportunity to purchase suits, sweats and backpack at cost. The charges are surprisingly reasonable and the attire supplied is top notch. You must be attending the meet to qualify. Eligible athletes will be determined once a list of confirmed athlete entries is finalized.

Sin City Shoot Out

Las Vegas, Nevada 1/15/2017

Springboard diving will premiere this year at the **Sin City Shoot Out**. This is the largest LGBT sports festival in the United States. It will take place on Sunday, January 15th, 2017 at the fabulous University of Las Vegas dive center.

All ages and skill level are welcome to compete. There will also be a dive show for those that would like to bring their comic diving to the public. The diving competition is only one of many sports being hosted. You are invited to enjoy the entire weekend of sports competitions and festivities.

The event coordinator, David Freedman, invites you to check out the website for more information about the event and how to register. Visit them sincityshootout.com.

If you have questions about the event, please email David at: davidjf@usc.edu

Happy Holidays!

We had our first hard freeze here in the Washington, DC area. It is only a matter of time before our warmer days turn cold. Thanksgiving is only a week away – and Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza will quickly follow.

For those that celebrate **Festivus** – be gentle with your “Airing of Grievances” and don’t get hurt while practicing the traditional “Feats of strength”.

Our wish for you ~

Every year around this time I take a few minutes to count my blessings. For me - my friends and family are paramount. It is rare to be surrounded by such a special group of people that inspire me every day. I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I am grateful to have you all in my life – and will continue to serve the membership in any way I can.

On behalf of Vice-Chairs Joan Chalkley, Ron Kontura, and I – We wish you a safe and Happy Holiday season!

Gerry Dunn



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