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## Aquafest 2011



This will be the fourth year that Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics will be hosting our annual fundraiser. The first year it was the "Poor Man's Pool Party", the last two years it has been known as "An Evening with the Olympians" and this year we bring you **Aquafest**. This year's event will once again feature Gold Medal swimming stars at the City of Reno's Idlewild Pool and Park on **Saturday June 25, 2011**.

This special event will be open to the public and will feature an energetic mix of swimming highlights and insights led once again by our favorite master of ceremonies, **Rowdy Gaines**. This year we are also bringing in swimming legend, **Aaron Peirsol** and a third athlete that will be announced in the very near future.

We are planning for a day-long festivity, with a fun swim meet in the morning, where participants will have a chance to swim with and against the athletes. Then in the late afternoon, a family BBQ and pool party at Idlewild Pool and Park. All of the athletes will be available for meet and greets, to give autographs and to talk about their swimming careers and international swimming experience. In the following months our newsletter will feature our swimming legends, complete with biographies and photographs.

SNCA has lowered the price of the tickets for this year's pool party event. Tickets will go on sale later this month and will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under - if you purchase them prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date and at the door tickets will be \$30 for adults, so get them early! (kids tickets will remain the same).

The morning swim meet will be a fun mix of relays and individual events that will culminate with swimming with and against our featured guests. The cost of the swim meet is \$20 and includes an event t-shirt. This event will have a separate flyer and entry form, so look for it in your e-mail in the near future!



Special thanks to this year's sponsors: The Raymond Rude Foundation, The City of Reno, NV Energy, American Assay Laboratories, Men Wielding Fire, The Grape & the Grain and the Reno Area Triathletes / 2011 Pyramid Lake Triathlon.



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## Adopt-A-Pool 2011

Great news!!! The City of Reno is opening the Idlewild and Trainer pools for the summer! After several meetings with the City of Reno Parks and Recreation department and numerous City Council meetings, the collective aquatic community has helped to open our outdoor pools for the season. Part of our commitment to help open these pools was to lend a hand with the labor needed to open them. So we bring you **Adopt-A-Pool 2011**.

**Idlewild Pool: Tuesday May 31st – Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>.** The City of Reno will need up to **6 people during the week** (7:30am to 2:30pm) to help with cleaning, tile repairs, pump and solar system start-up, diving board installations and building preparation. **Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>** (10am to 1pm) we will need most of our volunteers for weed removal, planting, cleaning, wind screen installations and painting.

**Trainer Pool: Tuesday June 7th – Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>.** The City of Reno will need up to **3 people during the week** (7:30am to 2:30pm) to help with cleaning, painting, repairing expansion joints, assistance with building preparation and pump start up.

All you need to bring is a few tools you may have: rakes, gardening equipment for planting, covered shoes that can get wet, clothes appropriate for painting and most of all, your willingness to help the aquatics community.

More information will follow as we get closer to the event.

## Interview with a SNCA Board Member

### New SNCA Board Member Kim Short



A new board member to SNCA, Kim Short joined in hopes of helping to spread the benefits of aquatics throughout our community. Her family has always been involved in aquatics and she wants other families to have that opportunity as well. After growing up in the Bay Area, Short and her husband, a competitive swimmer and water polo player, moved to Denver, Col. It was there that they got their three kids involved in swimming.

“The kids had swim lessons, participated in summer leagues and swam with family and friends,” said Short. “The swim community gave so much to us and I want to give back.”

Short and her family have been in Reno since 1998, where she works as a mortgage loan coordinator for Bank of America. Her daughter, Mary Kate, is on the swim team at the university she attends and her youngest son, Kevin, swims for Reno High, where he is a sophomore. Her son, Thomas, also attends Reno High where he is a senior. With two children that swim and love to do so, Short wants to facilitate spreading that experience to others.

“I want to do whatever needs to be done,” says Short.

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"Whether it's raising awareness, improving facilities or building new facilities, we need to improve recreational aquatics in our area."

Short believes in creating a place that everyone could have access to, a place for the community.

"Aquatics is about community and can help to build a community," said Short. "The fact that it can be for *everybody*, not just athletes, sometimes gets lost. The benefits are endless."