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Aquafest Olympians!

Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics is pleased to announce our featured athletes for Aquafest 2012! This year's event will feature Olympic gold medalists **Rowdy Gaines, Rebecca Soni and Ricky Berens.**

**Watch our featured athletes swim in London this week:
2012 Summer Olympics**

Rebecca Soni

Preliminary heats
Complete
Wednesday Aug 1st
Friday Aug 3rd

Finals
Monday July 30th
Thursday Aug 2nd
Saturday Aug 4th

Event
100m Breaststroke
200m Breaststroke
4x100m Medley Relay

Ricky Berens

Preliminary heats
9th Place
Complete
Tuesday July 31st

Finals
Silver Medal
Tuesday July 31st

Event
200m Freestyle
4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
4 x 200m Freestyle Relay

Aquafest 2012!

Aquafest 2012

Fundraiser for Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics (SNCA)

Swim Meet, BBQ, Auction and Family Pool Party

Saturday, August 25th at the Idlewild Pool
Relay Swim Meet 4:30pm to 5:30pm
BBQ 5pm to 8pm

www.SNCAquatics.org

BBQ Tickets: Adults \$25, Kids 12 & under \$10
Relay Swim Meet: Entry fee \$10, includes event t-shirt

Aquafest 2012 is sponsored by The Raymond Rude Foundation, NV Energy, The Atlantis Hotel/Casino, The Peppermill Hotel/Casino, The City of Reno, Men Wielding Fire, American Assay Laboratories and The Grape and the Grain.



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Aquafest 2012 Featured Athlete:

Ricky Berens

Born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, **Ricky Berens** started swimming at the age of 4, with his mom as coach, on his neighborhood summer league team. He started swimming competitively at the age of 9 and has been doing it ever since.

Ricky attended The University of Texas at Austin, graduating in the fall of 2010 with a degree in Finance. Although he didn't win any individual NCAA titles, he was a part of the 800 Free National Champion relay his junior and senior year.

Ricky shares American Records in the 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays with the University of Texas. As captain his senior year, and after battling through a norovirus that struck the team including himself two days before NCAA, they won the NCAA Championships. This was the 10th Swimming and Diving National Championship won by the University of Texas, and the 10th of their head coach Eddie Reese.



The summer after his sophomore year Ricky qualified for the 2008 U.S.A. Olympic team by placing 3rd in the 200 freestyle. This qualified him to swim on the prelim relay in Beijing, and a chance to swim on the finals relay. After having the fastest relay split on the prelim relay, by a few hundredths, he was lucky enough to be placed on the finals relay with Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, and Peter Vanderkaay. In the finals they broke the World Record with a time of 6:58.56, the first ever relay team to go under the 7 minute barrier, and thus winning his first ever gold medal!

The following summer, World Championships in Rome, Italy, his relay team of Michael Phelps, David Walters, and Ryan Lochte broke our previous world record by .01 and winning the gold medal. Ricky was also able to swim the prelim relay of the 4x100 Freestyle Relay, where some of you might remember a little suit malfunction while diving off the blocks....

In 2009 he made an appearance on The Tyra Banks Show, poking fun at himself after a swimsuit malfunction at the 2009 World Championships. Berens is sponsored by TYR Swimwear. He is also sponsored by BMW's Pro Performance Team and appears in the "Got Milk?" chocolate milk campaign.

At the 2012 United States Olympic Trials, Berens made the Olympic team for the second time by finishing fourth in the 100-meter freestyle and third in the 200-meter freestyle. With Michael Phelps backing out of the 200-meter freestyle, Berens will take his place in that individual event. Berens also qualified to swim in the 4x100-meter freestyle relay and the 4x200-meter freestyle relay as a member of the U.S. relay team.

For more information on Ricky, visit: <http://www.rickyberens.com/>

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Moana Site Update

If you have driven by the old Moana Pool lately you are aware that things are starting to happen! Since our last update on progress toward the goal of building a new aquatic center on the old site several key steps have occurred.

As we had noted previously, City Council Members Jessica Sferrazza and Sharon Zadra had spearheaded an effort to get the old Moana Ballpark torn down to make way for new flat fields to be created. This effort was expanded to include the demolition of the old Moana Pool to make way for Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics (SNCA) effort to construct a new Aquatic Center.

The City Council secured funding to complete the demolition of the ball field and the pool. The demolition was kicked off with a great event held July 10th hosted by the City and Aquatics and Flat Field user groups. Demolition work is now well underway with completion expected in mid to late August.



City of Reno Update

The second piece of exciting news is that the City Council approved an option agreement at their July 18th meeting that allows SNCA to enter into a ground lease for a portion of the Moana site that will provide the land on which to build a center.

Securing the site has long been a goal of SNCA as we will now be able to move forward with more detailed planning of the specifics of the aquatic center which will allow us to move forward in our efforts to secure funding. At the current time SNCA potential funders have agreed to cover the costs the preliminary due diligence work that will allow us to determine feasibility and final cost estimates for the project.

SNCA hopes to capitalize on the momentum created by the recent events to move the project and its funding forward. If you have any questions related to the project please feel free to contact:

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COMMUNITY AQUATICS

AQUAFEST

CELEBRATE AQUATICS!

Saturday

AUG 25

5 PM - 9 PM

at

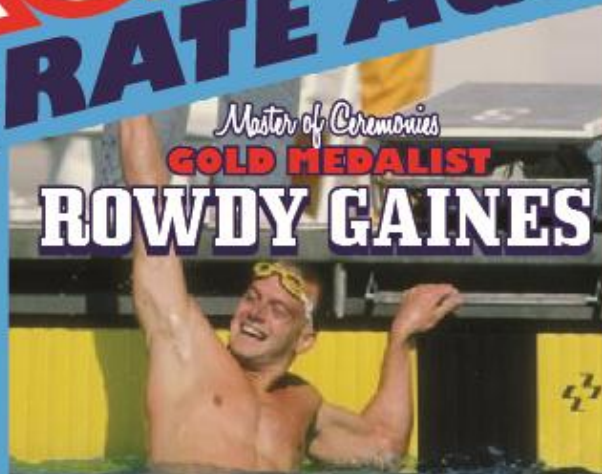
Idlewild
Pool

Fun Relay Swim Meet

4:30-5:30 PM

\$10.00 Entry Fee

Includes Event Tee!



Master of Ceremonies

GOLD MEDALIST

ROWDY GAINES



GOLD MEDALIST

REBECCA SONI



GOLD MEDALIST

RICKY BERENS

Auction
Dinner
DRINKS
Dessert

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Adults: \$25.00

Kids 12 & Under:

\$10.00

