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SNCA **Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to promote, facilitate and coordinate the sustainability and expansion of aquatic resources within the Truckee Meadows.

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Aquafest 2011!

Aquafest: Idlewild Pool and Park on Saturday June 25, 2011. This special event will be will feature an energetic mix of Olympic highlights and insights, led by Olympic gold medalists, Rowdy Gaines, Lacey Nymeyer and Aaron Peirsol.

It will be a day-long festivity, starting with a relay swim meet in the morning and a BBQ in the evening.

Aquafest Swim Meet

Time: 11:00am to 1:00pm Cost: \$20 per individual* (includes event t-shirt) *Purchase a BBQ adult or child event ticket and take \$5 off your swim meet entry See the Entry Form included in this newsletter Entries will be LIMITED to the FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS

Aquafest BBQ

Time: 3:00pm to 7:00pm \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under, if purchased by **June 15th**. After June 15th, tickets will be \$30 for adults. So get them early! Tickets include dinner, dessert, a drink and a chance to hang out with the athletes! (kids tickets will remain the same price after June 15th)

Tickets are ON SALE NOW and can be purchased on our website, in the SNCA Store at www.SNCAquatics.org. Ticket prices will go up after June 15th!

Aquafest 2011 Featured Athletes

Aaron Peirsol



Aaron Peirsol went to his first Olympics at age 16. He set his first world record at age 17 and hasn't looked back since. His charm and personality shine through in his own playful way making him a darling of the media. Aaron's laid back attitude out of the pool doesn't hold true in the pool where he has become the dominant and possibly the most influential back stroker of all time.

Aaron won 3 Gold medals at the Games in Athens, sweeping all of the backstroke events, making him



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one of the top Olympians to watch in 2004. In 2008, he proved himself yet again at the Beijing Olympics when he won the gold medal in the 100 meter backstroke with a world record of 52.54, setting the world record in that event for the fifth time. Peirsol has been undefeated in a 100 meter backstroke final since the 2002 Spring Nationals. In 2008, Aaron also took home a Gold in the 4x100 medley relay and a Silver in the 200m backstroke. He also captured two gold medals at the 2010 MOO Pan Pacific Championships in the 100m back and 400m medley relay.

Aaron is a three-time Olympian and seven-time Olympic medalist (five gold, two silver). As part of the American team, he holds the world record in the 4×100 -meter medley relay (long course). Individually, he currently holds the world record in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke (long course).

Peirsol's success has earned him the American Swimmer of the Year Award and he has won a total of thirty-six medals in major international competition. Twenty-nine gold, six silver, and one bronze spanning the Olympics, the World, Pan American, and the Pan Pacific Championships.

In his spare time, he is earning a degree in Government from the University of Texas and helping protect the world's oceans as the spokesperson for the clean-ocean advocacy group Oceana with his very own fundraising program called *Aaron Peirsol's Race for the Oceans*.

Career Highlights

- 2010 Pan Pacs Gold Medalist in 100m Backstroke & 400m Medley Relay
- 2010 U.S. Nationals Silver Medalist (100m/200m Backstroke)
- 2009 World Champion (200m Backstroke and 4x100 Relay)
- 3-Time Olympian
- 7-Time Olympic Medalist
- 5-Time Olympic Gold Medalist
- 4-Time World Record Holder
- American Record Holder
- 7-Time World Champion

Rowdy Gaines

Rowdy has one of the most inspirational stories in all of sport. Missing the U.S. Boycotted 1980 Olympics didn't end Rowdy's career, it ignited it! After taking a year off, Rowdy returned to the 1984 Olympics an underdog but emerged a winner and it doesn't stop there. In 1991 Rowdy was diagnosed with Guillan-Barre Syndrome, paralyzing him for over two weeks; not only did he recover, he went on to win 2 World Master's Titles and broke 2 World Masters Records the following year.



Gaines still holds Masters long course world records in

several freestyle events. At the 2011 Short Course Masters Nationals, Rowdy broke his own national record in the 50-54 division 50 yard freestyle with a 21.36, notable in that he did the swim without the use of a technical suit (now banned). He is known as one of the world's most dedicated, as well as, ambitious athletes and symbolizes the American quest for more than gold.

Today, Rowdy Gaines is often referred to as "Swimming's Greatest

Adopt-a-Pool 2011 Happening this Weekend!

Ambassador." Known as the voice of swimming, he has worked with CBS, TNT, ESPN, and NBC as an announcer for swimming and other events. He travels the world passionately sharing his love for the sport of swimming with youth, parents, and coaches.

Career Highlights

- 3-Time Olympic Gold Medalist
- 11-Time World Record Holder
- 5-Time World Champion
- 22-Time NCAA all American
- Inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame

SNCA Chili's Night



We would like to thank everyone who attended SNCA's Chili's Night on Wednesday May 25^{th} . It was fun to see

so many people out to dinner to support our group. We have not yet heard how much we made, but we will keep you posted and let you know when we plan to do it again.

Adopt-A-Pool 2011

This weekend is Adopt-A-Pool! Want to help SNCA and the City of Reno open our community pools for the season? Volunteer this Saturday!

Saturday, June 4th 10am to 1pm

Job Details:

1) Park Section

Areas of Work: 2 Pool Planters (weed removal & planting), Sand Volleyball (Hoe, Rake, Tiller needed), Playground weed removal, trash pickup), Parking Lot Juniper Beds (weed & debris removal & trash pickup)

2) Public Works Building Maintenance Section

Areas of Work (Painting): Spectator Area Wall, 3 Light Poles, Bathhouse Lockerooms / Doors / Lobby, Pool Deck

3) Pool Section

Areas of Work: Fence perimeter, Parking Lot, Pool Deck, Bathhouse

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.

For more information contact Mike Ginsburg at 775-834-7824 or <u>mike.ginsburg@sncaquatics.org</u>

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Gold Medalist

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With Master of Ceremonies, Gold Medalist, Rowdy Gaines

June 25th • 3pm-7pm Idlewild Pool & Park

AUCTION ITEMS · LIVE AUCTION · RAFFLE

BBQ, Dessert and Beverages

One beverage ticket with each paid admission

Adults \$20 per person Kids 11 & under \$10 per person until June 15th. After June 15, Adults \$30/Kids \$10.

To Purchase Tickets or for more info, go to: www.SNCAquatics.org

Help us...

Build a new community pool! Come out for the family pool party! Kids & families can swim too! Bring a towe!! Bring your camera! Take pictures with Olympic Medalists: Rowdy Gaines, Aaron Peirsol and Lacey Nymeyer! Autograph signing with the stars!

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Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics is a 501(c)(3) community organization dedicated to facilitating a new state-of-the-art aquatic center in the Truckee Meadows for all to use and enjoy. Together, we can achieve an aquatic center unmatched in design and functionality that will be enjoyed for generations to come. Dive in! Visit www.SNCAquatics.org for ways you can support this effort.

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Mail Entries to: Mike Ginsburg, 4690 Sommerville Way, Reno, Nevada, 89519

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY JUNE 20, 2011, OR HAND DELIVERED BY 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011, with check payable to SIERRA NEVADA COMMUNITY AQUATICS or SNCA

If purchasing separately, please provide a copy of your receipt for the evening event ticket purchase to receive \$5 off your swim meet entry