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An Evening with the Olympians

This year's An Evening with the Olympians will be held Saturday June 5, 2010, at the Peppermill Casino Pool Complex. In attendance for this year's gala event will **Jason Lezak**, **Cullen Jones**, and **Rowdy Gaines**. All of the athletes will be available for meet and greets, to give autographs and to talk about their swimming careers and Olympic experience. Each month we have been featuring one of our Olympians in our newsletter, complete with biographies and photographs. For the month of May, we are featuring our returning guest and this year's MC, Rowdy Gaines. Remember to get your tickets early! They are on sale now! Adult tickets are just \$30 and include dinner, dessert and a drink from the bar. Kid's tickets are only \$15 and include dinner, dessert and a drink.

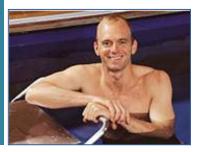
Tickets can be purchased at www.sncaquatics.org/snca-store.

The 2010 An Evening with the Olympians Featured Athlete: Rowdy Gaines

Rowdy Gaines: Rowdy has one of the most inspirational stories in all of sports. 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 Masters Titles and broke 2 World Masters Records the following year.



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 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.

This year Rowdy will be serving as SNCA's master of ceremonies for our gala event "An Evening with the Olympians." Please come out and join us and meet this U.S. swimming legend.



Idlewild Pool Gets an Upgrade

By City of Reno, 4/13/10

The six original filter tanks for Idlewild Pool from 1984 are being replaced. The 25-year-old tanks were identified for replacement as part of the adopted Recreation Facilities Plan. Bid proposals were solicited for replacement filter tanks with the successful bid awarded to Knorr Systems from Santa Ana, California at a cost of \$39,734. The replacement of these six filters will be completed in time for the upcoming outdoor swimming season.

For more information regarding the Recreation Facilities Plan or to be advised of future public meetings contact 334-6265.



Corroded tanks at Idlewild Pool (Photo courtesy City of Reno)

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Interview with a SNCA Board Member

SNCA President Michael Ginsburg

Michael Ginsburg is a third generation Reno resident, who has had a passion for aquatics all his life, something that he has passed down to his family. He has been married to his wife, Dana, for 20 years. He has three daughters, two of whom, Whitney and Mikayla, swam for Reno Aquatics. His youngest daughter, Danielle, currently swims for the Lakeridge swim team. Ginsburg attended Truckee Meadows Community College and the University of Nevada, Reno and has an Associate's and a Bachelor's degree from the institutions.

Ginsburg has been employed by NV Energy (formally Sierra Pacific Power Company) for the past 25 years and has held the position of Senior Utility Design Administrator in the New Business Department for the past 17 years.

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In his spare time, Ginsburg competes in triathlons and has just started his 17th year in the sport. His goal is to compete in a triathlon in every U.S. state; he has 11 states completed so far (and in New Zealand).



Next Month's Edition Includes: Gala Event Details

In addition to being a part of SNCA, Ginsburg has been involved with local aquatics in a number of ways currently and over the years, including local aquatic clubs, Reno Area Triathletes, Pyramid Lake Triathlon, Pacific Swimming Zone 4, City of Reno Parks and Recreation Commission and as a high school swim official for the Washoe County School District.

Ginsburg believes that in the past two years SNCA has made great steps forward in getting an aquatic facility built for our area: "Going into this project two years ago, we thought this project would be a slam dunk, but in that period of time, we have learned a lot about the process. The economy has made us rethink our plans and find alternate routes to make the project work," said Ginsburg.

He also feels that this facility will be successfully built in the near future and that SNCA will be the ones to make it happen, stating: "If we don't finish what we started, who else will do it? I don't want this project to fail and I won't let it on my watch."

If anyone has any input or ideas related to SNCA and our plans and goals, they may contact Ginsburg at: mike.ginsburg@sncaquatics.org.

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