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What's New in the Pool?

SOCAL is delighted to announce that your club has been selected once again as the Top Club in the United States for 2015, making SOCAL Water Polo Foundation, Inc. the best club in water polo during the first part of the 21st Century. Congratulations! This "Scoreboard" achievement could not be accomplished without our Coaches, Staff, Administrators, and, most of all, our Members. Thank you for your investment in SOCAL, a program that prepares young athletes for life beyond high school, helping them experience hard work, teamwork, and the joys and sorrows of sports.

For one group of high school athletes, our high school Seniors, this Summer represents a transition to college. I can remember when many of them were our little 10 and unders. SOCAL has generated over \$30 million in scholarships and untold college admittances over the last three decades, and I'm excited to see the wonderful places these athletes will go onto.

But for our athletes of all ages, we welcome the transition to our Spring season. There are 20 weeks until the end of National Junior Olympics at Stanford and the Rio De Janeiro Olympic 2016 Games. Our own Dan Klatt will be assisting the Women's Olympic Team. Rachel Fattal, a former Youth Girl and last year's female athlete of the year,

will also represent the red, white and blue. If you thought last summer passed quickly, this summer will pass even more quickly because USA Water Polo is advancing the Junior Olympic tournament a week sooner to accommodate early school start dates. Plan your vacations for August, not June or July.

Parents, please help make our Coaches' jobs easier this summer: Your players should communicate directly to Coaches if there is an issue. Parents, please maintain positivity on the pool deck. Let's cheer positively from the stands, avoid confrontation with referees, respect our opponents, and simply enjoy the beauty of our sport.

Kick back, relax and lather on your suntan lotion! See you on the pool deck. Good luck.



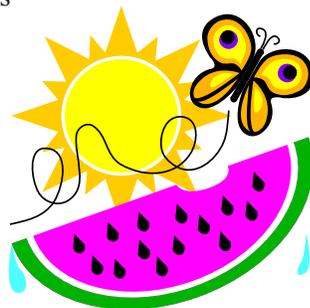
Andrew Rowe
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General
Manager

SAVE THE DATE- SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH SOCAL WATER POLO ANNUAL SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC

This fun event is for all of SOCAL- Splash Ball, Polo-Lite, 10 Unders, Youth Boys and Girls and High School Athletes and Parents- Come help us celebrate the accomplishments of all of our athletes.

This festive event will include a delicious catered lunch, games, bounce houses, team competitions and more. Bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen and join the fun!!

More details to come!



Splash Ball is Back For Spring Session 2016

After a fun Fall Session of Splash Ball, our youngest players took a break for the winter. Now with the return of warmer weather, Splash Ball is back for Spring and Summer!



See socalwaterpolo.org for details
Tell your friends!!

Meet the Coach- Jessy Cardey

After coaching the SOCAL Youth Girls since 2012, Coach Jessie Cardey is excited to turn her attention to the 16 and under girls this year. A SOCAL alum herself, Coach Cardey played on the 16's and 18's as well as at Riverside Poly High School. She went on to play at UC Irvine, where she earned numerous accolades including 3 time All NCAA selection, 4 time All Conference selection, and 4-year All American selection, as well as setting records at UCI for both single-season and career goals scored and for scoring in 36 consecutive games. After graduating, Coach Cardey coached at UCI for a year before starting at SOCAL. Coach Cardey loves coaching because it allows her to be around the sport she loves even though she doesn't play herself any more; she thinks the SOCAL youth girls are such a fun group to be around. When not on deck coaching at Foothill or for SOCAL, Coach Cardey enjoys spending time with her friends and family —she loves going bowling! In the future, Coach Cardey plans to continue coaching water polo at the high school level and aspires to become a teacher.



SOCAL Athletes Find Success at ODP Regional Championships

Congratulations to the following SOCAL athletes who were selected to move on to the ODP National Team Selection Camps set for April 1st-4th



Cadet National Team
Kai Hanson
Joe Molina
Noah Hodge



Development National Team
Front: Jakob Tallman, Riley Pittman and Christopher Kirby
Back row: Dylan Patist, Liam Harrison, Whittaker Worland

SOCAL SCHOLAR ATHLETES MAKE COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Congratulations to the following players who recently committed to play polo in college:

- Amy Castellano- Princeton
- Abbey Blake- Princeton
- Lana Gorlinski- Harvard
- Julie Harrison- Harvard
- Lily Aguirre-Murray- Marist
- Chas Hornecker- USC
- Mikey Miller- Air Force
- Reagan Pittman- Air Force
- Bobby Lee- U.S. Naval Academy Foundation Program
- Adam Lott- UC Santa Barbara
- Jeff Sherer- UC Santa Barbara
- John Polos- UC Irvine
- Brendan Hack- USC



Bobby, Mikey and Chas



Lana, Julie, Amy and Abbey will all meet up next year in the Ivy League!



Lily



Jeff



John



Adam



Reagan and his brother Riley



Brendan

And congratulations again to the players who committed in the fall!

- Brooke Maxson- UCLA
- Katie Quon- Cal Baptist
- Kenzi Snyder- UC Santa Barbara
- Cara Vejsicky- Cal State Long Beach

Good luck and have fun next year!!

PCA Players of the Quarter

Congratulations to our SOCAL PCA Players of the Winter Quarter

These athletes were chosen by their coaches for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and dedication.

10U Mixed- Ian Jones

Considering that Ian has only been training with SOCAL Water Polo for a short time, he has developed into a well-rounded water polo player and he is working hard to improve his water polo skills. Ian has demonstrated that he understands the concept of helping teammates on defense, why players have to swim to the 2 meters, and even how to earn a foul. A great listener. Ian has apply concepts in training and in games. Ian has greatly tremendous influenced on both his teammates and coaches. We are fortunate to have Ian in the Water Polo Program here at SOCAL!



12U Boys – Chad Harris

Chad is new to the sport of water polo, having just started this winter. He has progressed tremendously in this short period of time. His work ethic, attendance and great attitude have bolstered his improvement in the short time he has been with the club. While never complaining he has demonstrated a good work ethic as well as listening and learning while improving his over all ability.



14U Boys-Chris Kirby

Chris has demonstrated excellent attendance and work ethic in both swim conditioning and water polo practice. His positive mentality and constant desire to improve have raised his level of play. Chris also listens well, and is able to implement concepts right away. He pushes himself to go faster and harder, which has translated into good water polo.

12U Girls. Bella Salzman

Bella shows her commitment by always showing up to practice ready to work hard, focus, pay attention, persevere, and constantly improve to her fullest potential. Bella has a great attitude, a permanent smile, and a positive energy that motivates her teammates. As a true student of the game she seeks out constant improvement to elevate her play. She is a great defender and will only continue to improve over her next 3 years in the YG's. We are proud of Bella!



14 Girls Gold- Bailey Barlow

Bailey is 110% committed to hard work. She has learned to manage mistakes by daring to make them, learning from these experiences because she stretches herself. Bailey tries intently at everything she does, learns from Coaching, and is a quiet inspiration to her team. Bailey is one of the most respectful (ROOTS) YG's to pass through SOCAL. She respects the Rules, the Opponents, and the Officials, her Teammates, and herself. We love Bailey.



Bailey with Olympian Maggie Steffens



14 Girls Black- Julia Janov

Julia is one of the most humble, great, and hard-working athletes we have ever Coached. She leads by example in the water, avoids drama, and plays with her love of and passion for the game. It is Julia's quiet and steely competitiveness that provides a keel to the Black team as they attempt their conquest of the scoreboard and their journey through life lessons. Julia's intentness, poise, confidence, friendship and loyalty underpin her competitive greatness. Julia, you set the standard for positivity.

SOCAL IN THE COMMUNITY

Lily Aguirre selected for "Young Woman of Achievement" Award by the Soroptimists of Tustin-Santa Ana

Beckman High School senior Lilly Aguirre-Murray was selected for the prestigious Soroptimist award for her academic achievements as well as her community involvement and well-roundedness. A four-year varsity water polo player, Lilly works hard in and out of the pool, juggling community service, water polo, and a challenging course load while maintaining straight A's.



As part of her commitment to helping her community, Lily participates in National Charity League and Jack and Jill of America. Her favorite philanthropies that she has served through NCL are Families Forward and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. At school, Lily participates in the California Scholarship Federation Club, Anti-Bullying Club, the FEM (Female Empowerment Movement) Club and the ASPCA Club. Additionally Lily is the leader of the Big Sister Little Sister Group for her High School water polo team.



SOCAL Water Polo is very proud of Lily!

"Water Polo - "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

YOUTH GIRLS PLAY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT



The girls get ready to search for manatees in front of their Fort Lauderdale tour boat!

This Valentine's Day weekend, SOCAL Water Polo's 14 and Under Youth Girls had a blast as they journeyed to Florida, competing in the annual Valentine's Day Tournament against high school aged teams from across the Americas. The girls competed well, finishing fourth after a close loss in the bronze medal game to the Florida All Star Team. Yet the girls perhaps most treasured their experiences in between games, from hiking through the Everglades to meeting pirates at the Renaissance Fair. Other excursions included an air boat ride that

culminated in petting alligators and snacking upon gator nuggets; swimming in the warm Atlantic Ocean; hunting for manatee in Fort Lauderdale; and venturing to El Rey de Las Fritas in Little Havana. Coach Ed Reynolds would like to extend his thanks to Ashley Chand, who performed her role as team manager and SOCAL diplomat with great efficiency; Roger Reynoso, who drove the girls about in the van; and Mrs. Izze for her invaluable contributions of Dunkin' Donuts and iced coffee.



The "dancing queens" rocking out in the van!

The Youth Girls will go to Victoria, Canada in 2017, so start saving!

Fun Photos



14U Black Team wins gold at Kap 7



10U Mixed win Silver at Dare to Dream 10U Water Polo Festival



12U Black Team wins Bronze at Kap7



14U Girls have fun at Winterfest

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We want to know! We'd love to share the accomplishments of our athletes outside the pool. Send your news to Lisa Gorlinski @ lisagorlinski@socalwaterpolo.org
While we can't promise we'll print it, we'll sure try!