

Coaches Report

September 8, 2003

In opening I would say a major congratulations to Cam MacLean for his silver medal performance at the Jr. Pan Ams. This truly establishes the Pan Am Diving Club as a developmental force within Canada.

The 2004 season will officially be starting the beginning of October. Hopefully the pool construction will be completed and we will be in the water for our first Learn to Dive sessions on October 6th.

In an effort to expand the Learn to Dive program and to utilize the expertise of some of our former gymnasts we are offering two new programs this season. Unfortunately with the pool shutdown it has been difficult to get brochures and information out to the public but I think these programs will give us a new dimension to our classes. The two new offerings are "diving and trampoline" which will be one hour classes split between trampoline skills and diving skills. The second class will be "Dive, Tumble and Trampoline", which will run for 1 ½ hours twice per week. Since these classes require more than one instructor we are costing them out at \$150.00 for trampoline and diving for ten weeks and \$175.00 for the tumble, trampoline and diving class for 5 weeks. As mentioned we may not see the benefit of these programs until the second session when we can properly advertise them but I think they allow us to expand without putting too much pressure on the diving boards.

Currently we are exploring the possibilities of running LTD classes at Sergeant Park pool. If this works out we will look towards other facilities to increase our LTD income. (See Attachment) The challenge here is to provide high quality instruction and safety for the participants. Currently we are utilizing many of our own divers as instructors and this is the area we most need to address. When the city decided to do this shut down we asked on numerous occasions if we would be allowed to get into our offices and they assured us there would be no problem. Unfortunately they went back on their word and we were notified that we had one morning to get as much stuff out of the office as we could and we would not be allowed into the building until the job was completed. Curtis the manager also said that we would be able to use the Hall of Fame area for our registration night but the status of this is unclear, I am not optimistic. We should create a plan B site just in case.

The registration night was planned to have all parties present for the various programs and functions of the club. As well as the diving programs we were to have a table to explain fundraising, bingo, volunteer, club billing etc. At this time I was looking at a Sunday afternoon and Monday night September 21 and 22.

At this meeting we need to make a decision on all items to be included into the Handbook such as costs of programs, payment policies, volunteer hours, fundraising commitments, and bingo requirements.

There has not been a Meet and Mingle planned to date since we do not have a location to hold it. I think this is an area the Board should be fully in charge of since it falls into social functions. We will also need to plan for the Awards Night sometime in October.

In preparation for the upcoming season of hosting events (Polar Bear, Olympic Trials and Provincials) we need a meet manager and we need to begin putting committees together for the various components of the competition. These should be a Board priority since all of these meets will come up very quickly. The Polar Bear could be well attended this season since we are the site of the Trials.

Currently I have applied for a number of grants from various organizations within Sport Manitoba. We have been awarded a special initiatives grant, which we can put into instructor training. This is for about \$2000.00. Coaching Manitoba is also introducing a mentorship program for coaching which we will apply for. This amounts to up to \$5000.00 and is renewable for two years. It will be a program where a coach works with a master coach and I will use it for Jon or Keith.

Since our office has been closed and we cannot get to our phone Jayne has been fielding our registration for LTD while Dallas is away. She indicates that our sign up is going well and she is adding about 10 per day. We also have six adults signed up for the adult program.

It appears that we have a number of ex gymnasts signing up so I would suspect many of them will move through the LTD program quickly and after Christmas we will see a substantial increase in the competitive numbers again. We are starting this season with about 25 competitive divers. We have 5 new PC divers from the Summer program.

The summer bingos continue to present a problem for us and Jayne had to allow members to carry their working commitments into this seasons bingos. This will unfortunately put us in the same position as this summer next year. I would suggest that we finalize the bingo numbers and increase them from this past season.

I am including a working copy of the handbook, which I would like to finalize before registration night so that we can hand it out to each member. I think the bingo commitment letter should be signed at the registration night as well as Travel Codes of Conduct and Medical Forms.

One of the major problems we have is that much of the information being sent home, including meet information does not get read. The newsletter is packed with information and comes out every month. Handouts are sent home continually and we will make an effort to use the email and web page more effectively this season. Unfortunately our members still need to read the information and mark important date on calendars etc. I often have parents of traveling divers come onto the deck and ask me how much to write a cheque for a particular trip. With the different events entered etc. I usually have no idea what the number is until I get on the computer. These meet packages take a long time to create and also are packed with all the information regarding the trips etc. The dates to get cheques in etc. are often neglected or forgotten and it puts the coaches in a position of having to chase them down. This might necessitate that we require the monies much earlier for the trips.

In summary I would say that from a competitive point of view the Pan Am Diving Club had a banner 2003 season. We maintained a top 6 status at both the Jr. and Sr. level. I am anticipating a great season in 2004 with the return of many of our veterans and some of the new faces that will surface. There are some challenges ahead as we grow and improve but it is my hope that everyone, coaches, divers and parents will come together and create a club that continues to be a major force in Canadian diving. Diving is at present the premier aquatic sport in Canada. No other aquatic sport can come close to diving's international successes. It is important that the Pan Am Diving Club takes advantage of this notoriety in our deck presence and in our advertising campaigns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 1

The following proposal indicates how the change in programs and the change in some fees will affect the club financially.

The following proposals are based on a 10% fee increase for competitive programs and the introduction of an LTD satellite program bringing in 75 LTD fees throughout the year.

Historically the pool fees have gone up by 7-12% annually and this 10% increase is a suggestion to balance off these fees. A larger increase may be necessary to offset these increases since this has not been kept pace with for the past four years.

Fees	Current	Proposed	Increase
LTD 325/400	\$42,000.00	\$51,375.00	\$9,375.00
PC 16	\$8,800.00	\$9,680.00	\$880.00
CF 8	\$6,800.00	\$7,480.00	\$680.00
JC 7	\$6,475.00	\$7,122.50	\$647.50
SC 5	\$5,500.00	\$6,050.00	\$550.00
Total	\$69,575.00	\$81,707.50	\$12,132.50