

TERRA NOVA AQUATICS



More Talk, Less Swimming



Terra Nova Aquatics Bimonthly Newsletter
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New Swimmers



CSTS Swimmers:

- Ryan Kraske
- Alex Amundsen

Terra Nova Aquatics Board Announcements

The TNA Board welcomes new board members **Stephanie Hoag**, Secretary, and **Scoter Morris**, Vice President. Thank you to all the Board Members for their service, and special welcome to our newest members.

We are also **looking for someone to serve as our Social Media Coordinator**. Put those hours you spend on Instagram, X, and Facebook to good use! If interested, please let Coach Brad know.

In December, we bid farewell to **Coach Raymond Iacobacci**, as he left to start a PhD program in Orlando, Florida. We wish him the best of luck and thanks for all the intriguing workouts. If you know anyone interested in joining the morning coaching staff, please let Brad know.



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- **Bay Area Senior Games March 22, 2026 Palo Alto** – swimmers aged 50 and up, join Brad, Mike, Jan, Lisa and Jeanette to compete in the Bay Area Senior games meet! Medals for 1-3 finishers for each event and age class.
Sign up here:
https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2501&smid=21565
- **USMS Long Course National Championships August 5-9, 2026, Sacramento**
Check out the information the US Masters website below. More info soon!
<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/pool-national-championships/2026-pool-national-championships/2026-summer-national-championship>
- **St. Patrick's Day Relay Meet March 14** at Palo Alto High School. Warmups at 9 am, meet at 10 am. Registration will open shortly. Watch your email for more info!
- **Annual Swim Team Camping trip to Sly Park Recreation Area June 25-28**



TNA STREAK!

TNA STREAK was created to encourage participation across all age groups, recognize members for their achievements and applaud every single member for getting to the pool and making swimming a part of your lives. Swimmers simply log their workouts and let the coach know when milestones are hit earning them swag including patches, swim caps, t-shirts and hoodies. Let us know how you're swimming!

For more information: <https://www.terranovaaquatics.com/tnastreak>

Streak Program Updates and Milestones:

25 Milers Patch		25 Practices Kickboard	50 Milers Cap	
CSTS	PPSC	PPSC	CSTS	PPSC
Grace Yoo Molly McCobb Lisa Ryner Zach Zorndorf Pamela Miller Kenya Lam Shannon Sharma	Enzo Jost	Coco Afzail Robbie Afzail Oliver Qiu Owen Qiu Alex Rorem Catherine Rorem Hanki Sosnowski Bailey Wilson	Jan Dolan Colleen Gomez Steph Hoag Molly McCobb Suzanne Morris Lisa Ryner Rich Schafer Zach Zorndorf	

100 Mile T-shirt		250 Mile Hoodie
CSTS	PPSC	CSTS
Craig Amundsen Barbara Beaumont Jeanette Cavano Elizabeth Corsale Stephanie Hoag Rachel Limon Scooter Morris Brad Pence Brandon Robinson Ken Thomas	Violet Limon Kamryn Stevenson	Rachel Limon Pim Tuyls Mike Webster

Buy Your Own PPSC/CSTS Deck Coat!

Do you get chilly on deck? Here's your chance to purchase a Swim Team-branded Deck Coat. **Click the link for details –**

[TERRA NOVA AQUATICS 005elsmoreswim.com](https://www.terranovaaquatics.com/005elsmoreswim.com)

PPSC Swimmer Spotlight Lily McCorkle!

by Mike Webster



Swimming has been part of Lily McCorkle's life since before she could walk, and it shows. A 7th grader with a passion for freestyle and a drive to keep getting better, Lily is already building a strong foundation for an exciting swimming journey ahead.

Tell me about your swimming journey.

I started swimming when I was about 10 months old, and I've basically been in the water ever since. My mom kind of just tossed me in and told me to swim, and somehow, I did. I've always felt way more comfortable in the water than on land. I don't really like land sports that much, but swimming just feels natural to me.



Some of my friends were doing competitive swimming, so I decided to try it out, and I ended up loving it. I've been on three different swim teams so far: Bayside Swimming, Pacifica Sea Lions, and now the Pacifica Platypus Swim Club. I joined the Platypus team around mid-September last year.

One of the things I really like about PPSC is that there are a lot of swimmers I can look up to, and I feel like I get more one-on-one coaching, especially with Coach Pete. That's helped me a lot. I also like how supportive everyone is. It makes practice more fun and makes me want to keep improving.

I swam in a meet on January 18th and did the 100 freestyle in 1:20. I was pretty happy with that swim. My favorite event is definitely the 100 free. It's the race I feel strongest and most confident in. I want to keep getting faster, and someday I hope I can be good enough to maybe even make it to the Olympics.

I'm currently in 7th grade at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School. I plan on going to Terra Nova High School, and I'm really excited to join the swim team there. I also want to start branching out beyond just sprint events and swim longer races like the 200 freestyle, which I've done before.

(Would you ever consider swimming IM?)

Yeh... I don't know about IM. I think I'll probably stick to freestyle, it's definitely my best stroke.

I'm not totally sure where I want to go to college yet, but I would like to keep swimming, so maybe a college with a swim team. One of my favorite things is swimming with my dad, Carlos, who swims with the Masters team. We come to practice together, so we're kind of like a swim team within a swim team, which is pretty fun.

When you're not at the pool, what do you like to do?

When I'm not swimming, I like reading and taking long walks with my dog. I mostly read fantasy books. My family also plays Dungeons & Dragons, which is really fun. My dad told me he wouldn't teach me how to play unless I learned how to be a Dungeon Master, so I did. I like to think I'm pretty good at it (and my dad agrees). My first D&D character was a Druid, but now I have a bunch of different characters. I like creating stories and worlds for them. My German Shepherd, Violet, is also really special to me. I love taking her on long walks, and we have a lot of fun together.



What's an interesting fact that most people don't know about you?

I once read a 600-page book in about two hours. It was *Wings of Fire*.

Recent Events in Review

Competition

Senior Meet - Nov 22nd & 23rd - in Concord

Kamryn Stevenson, who is a PPSC member and a Junior at Terra Nova High School, participated in the Senior Meet and had personal best swims in the following events: 200 free, 200 IM, 100 free, 50 free, 100 fly. Her times in the 50 and 100 free would have broken the varsity record! Kamryn had to make qualifying times to enter the meet - and she beat her seed times in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 200 free. Kamryn also swam in the **Santa Clara Senior Championships Meet Feb 14-16, 2026** and dropped time in five of the nine events she swam in this meet. Go Kamryn!



Swim Around the World Competition

Mike Webster put a team of 6 CSTS swimmers together (Mike Webster, Brad Woehl, Brad Pence, Ken Thomas, Rachel Limon and Pim Tyuls) to join 398 teams from around the World to track the number of kilometers each team swam during the month of November. All teams combined to swim around the World during the month and the CSTS team placed 6th. CSTS swam a combined 498 kilometers during November. This photo was taken at a dinner at Puerto 27 to celebrate their 6th place finish.



December 3rd - Westmore Youth Swim Meet

Coach Mary brought Bailey Wilson, Robbie and Coco Afzail to the meet. All had personal best times.



December 6th - Thrice is Nice Masters Meet

The meet took place in San Leandro and offered races in the 50, 100, 200 Stroke and 400 Kick for time. CSTS members Kate Busatto, Pulak Goyal competed. Pulak dropped 13 seconds on his 100 free!

Alto Valentine's Classic Meet Feb 6-8, 2026 Violet Limon and Kamryn Stevenson competed in Palo Alto. Both swimmers did great! Violet got 3 of 3 personal best times!

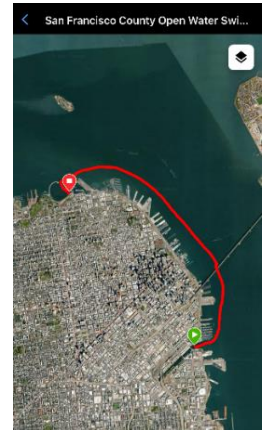
Valentine's Affair Meet at USF February 7

Coach Brad, Mike Webster, Lisa Ryner and Molly McCobb represented the Tigersharks!



Southend Rowing Club Dreaded 9th Swim - February 9th, 2026

Ania Burlinski competed in the brisk swim from McCovey Cove to Aquatic Park, in skins. Water temperature was 55 degrees and she swam it in 1 hour 43 minutes - 4.3 miles of Bay swimming. Wow!



Other Fun

Fall Pool Party November 22, 2025

Terra Nova pool gets pretty busy during the summer and our annual pool party gets moved further into the Fall. But this year, in spite of the late date, we had a great turn-out, great food and a good time. Thanks to all for coming and thanks coach for the great picnic.



New Years Day 10K swim

18 swimmers kicked off the New Year right! The weather held and everyone had an exhausting good time.



Annual (Post) Holiday Party, January 17, 2026 Pedro Point Firehouse

CSTS and PPSC held their holiday party at the Pedro Point Firehouse January 17, 2026. Thanks to the fun team (Kelly and Rachel), and no thanks to the 49ers whose kickoff in the playoff game correlated with our post-holiday party, many swimmers and their family members enjoyed a great night at the Firehouse on January 17.

We had tons of great food, lots of room for the kids to run around and a good playlist in the background. Coach Brad was thanked for yet another great year, and for his constant championship of CSTS/PPSC.

As a show of thanks he'd like us to all sign up for swim meets!

The holiday party will resume its normal place in the December calendar in 2026.

by Jan Dolan, team webmaster





Terra Nova Aquatics (TNA)

Terra Nova Aquatics was started by Brad Pence in 2012. Currently two teams swim at Terra Nova High School; **Coastside Tiger Sharks (CSTS)** for adults of all ages, and **Pacifica Platypus Swim Club (PPSC)** for kids 6-17 - a designated "**Safe Sport Team**" for USA Swimming.

Brad's love of coaching and enthusiasm for all things swimming is evident in the program. He is a medaled Masters swimmer, a Pacifica Hall of Fame Inductee, former Swim coach for Terra Nova High School (responsible for bringing all their teams to an undefeated season before he left,) and **2025 Coach of the Year** (US Masters)

TNA is a non-profit organization run by a board of volunteers who meet monthly on Zoom. You are welcome to attend the meetings - see Brad for details. **The next meeting is March 17, 2025 at 7:30 pm.**

Current Board Members are Brad and Frankie Pence (Frankie is Treasurer), Scott Hoag (President), Scooter Morris (Vice President), Stephanie Hoag (Secretary), Jan Dolan (Webmaster), Rachel Limon (Event Coordinator), Jeanette Cavano (Newsletter), Randi Decker (Newsletter), Mike Webster (Former President), Lisa Ryner (Member at Large).

Check out our website: www.terranoaquatics.com



Current Swim Schedule

CSTS- Masters Team Morning Schedule

Monday through Friday 6:00 - 7:00 am

Saturdays 7 - 8:30 am

Coaches on deck include

Brad Pence (Mon & Thurs - Sat), Natalie Bijenes (Tue) and Rachel Limon (Wed)

PPSC Age Group Team plus CSTS Evening Hours

Monday and Thursday 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Coaches on deck include

PPSC: Pete Song, Mary Germano and Melissa Irish

CSTS: Rachel Wright