

TERRA NOVA AQUATICS



More Talk, Less Swimming



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New Swimmers



PPSC:

- Grace Camacho
- Declan Davin
- Emmy Jones
- Bailey Wong

CSTS:

- Kim Walter
- Kris Bauer
- Kari Kilstrom



Coach's Comments

- We are still looking for both Masters and age group coaches - Let Brad know if you or someone you know is interested!
- Thanks to all the coaches...
The PPSC team is growing - and a group of young swimmers is preparing to participate in a CANDY MEET at Oceana in the future - which is a fun, low key, no pressure event for new swimmers. Way to go Coach Mary for building the youth team!
- Welcome future members!



*Congratulations to Molly Dale for their
new baby Miles, born August 1st*



*And congratulations to Pim and Natalie
on their Grandson, Theo, born to their
daughter Sofie Tuyls*

➤ **And more to come...**

- Congrats to Colleen and Matt Gomez who are expecting in December 2024
- Congrats to Drew and Andrea Spinette who are expecting in February 2025
- Congrats to Blaise and Ben Wallace who are expecting in March 2025



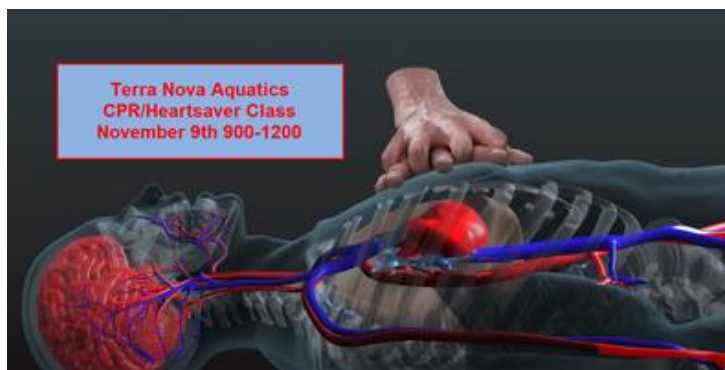
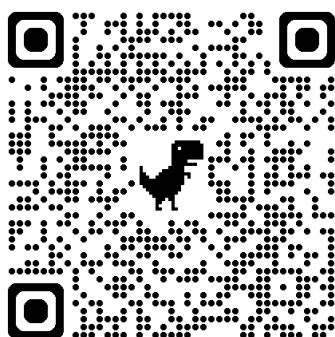
Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Terra Nova Aquatics CPR Class November 9, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Join us at Terra Nova Aquatics for a hands-on CPR class to learn life-saving skills in a fun and interactive environment!

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1029251497937?aff=oddtcreator>

Class size will be limited



December 14th, 2024 - Terra Nova Aquatics Holiday Party at Brandon's house. Evite to come.



Not To Miss Events for Next Year:

Save the date - June 19-22, 2025

2025 Swim team Camping trip to Sly Park Recreation Area June 19-22 -see pics and stories from 2024 trip in last newsletter!

Save the date – July 19, 2025

Trans Tahoe Relay



Check out notes and photos of our Summer and Fall Activities

Fog Fest September 27-28 2024

Thanks for supporting the Team Booth

Thanks to all who stopped by and supported us at the Terra Nova Aquatics Booth at the Pacifica Fog Fest September 27-28, 2024. Special thanks to Mike, Rachel, Brandon and all the other teammates who helped out at the booth!



Capitola Mermaid Triathlon October 5, 2024 –

- Mother daughter duo competed in the tri. Daughter Kamryn placed 1st and mom Karen placed 4th in their age group! Congratulations to Kamryn and Karen.

Pacific Masters Short Course Meters Championship in Walnut Creek October 4-6, 2024

- Kate and Pulak participated - see Kate's swimmer spotlight to follow...

Swim Meet for Youth at Oceana High School on September 21 and 22

Congratulations to Kamryn and Violet for participating in the swim meet at Oceana High School.

Violet had 3 personal bests. She broke the 1:10.00 in her 100 free and she was so proud!

Kamryn swam very close to her best times. She had 3 water polo games on Saturday so she was tired yet she still swam a 100 free on Sunday in 58.89!

Way to go Kamryn and Violet!
These girls are powerful!



Violet in the 200 fly!

Octoberfest Fundraising Party September 20th

Lots of fun was had by all - join us next year! Thank you to Barbara Beaumont for organizing!!!

The proceeds from this event will be used to buy fins for the PPSC team. Thanks to Barbara for the generous donation!



September 7, 2024 Alcatraz Invitational

The South End Rowing Club offers the **Alcatraz Invitational** annually, which attracts swimmers from around the world. You take a boat to the island and swim back the 1.5 miles to Aquatic Park in what can be cold water with strong currents and unpredictable conditions. This year CSTS members Mike Webster, Jan Dolan, Ania Burlinska and Michelle Graham participated. Mike shared "The current was pretty strong and I ended up sighting the Golden Gate Bridge instead of the Shore," and he still finished in 35 minutes! (5th in his age group). Jan shared "I was pretty happy to have completed it without a wetsuit in 44 minutes—6th in my age group and 39th of 106 women in skins." Impressive!!

You might want to consider participating next year!



August 11th Santa Cruz Triathlon
Rob Phung (pictured), Carla Stirling and
Yogi Gansea participated in this years'
annual event in Santa Cruz.



If you'd like to report on an event, share content or photos, let Brad know, and we'll follow up!



CSTS Swimmer Spotlight!

Kate Busatto

Tell me about your swimming journey?

My swimming journey started when I was about 7 or 8 years old. My parents put me in swimming lessons on Friday nights in South Carolina. I really hated it. I did it for as long as my parents made me. I was a kid who liked to be at the pool, but I didn't like the swim lesson format, so I stopped, and didn't swim through high school or college. Last June my fiancée Pulak and I were looking for something to do together that was active and we found the Tigersharks through one of Coach Brads posters next to Oceana Market. We thought "Let's try swimming!" so we started coming every night swimming was offered, Monday – Thursday, and in the past year we have just fallen in love with it. It's made a huge impact on our lives. We've met a ton of new friends through swimming. We've done a couple of open water events (Tahoe and Berryessa) this summer, and we did the Walnut Creek meet last fall and plan to do it again this fall. I never considered myself an athlete as a kid. I just wanted to do theater. But I became an athlete at 25!



When you are not swimming at the pool what do you like to do?

I am a fiction writer, so I write short stories and am working on a book. I am an avid vegetarian cook. And I work in the death care industry professionally. I have worked as a funeral director and am transitioning to a job as a hospice chaplain. I am also planning a Valentine's Day wedding in Pittsburgh, PA! Pittsburgh is home for me. So, Pulak and I are going to have a big Indian/American fusion wedding. On Friday we are going to do a Christian ceremony along with a traditional Hindu dance party called a Sangeet. Saturday is the Baraat, where Pulak will ride in on a horse, after which we will have our Hindu ceremony and a big reception. We are pulling it all together. The ceremony will definitely be the first of its kind for my hometown. I'm from a very small town outside of Pittsburgh, so this is a pretty big deal.

What is an interesting fact that no one would know about you?

When I was in college I spent a semester abroad in Qatar. I decided for the semester that I wanted to try a team sport. So, I played basketball on my college's team in Qatar. There was only one division so technically I was a division 1 basketball player for one semester. I was about a head taller than anyone on the team so they would just stick me under the basket and feed me the ball. Shaq Busatto has a nice ring to it, right?

Swimmer Spotlight by Mike Webster



Terra Nova Aquatics

Terra Nova Aquatics (TNA)

Based at the Terra Nova High School swimming pool, TNA has two teams first established over ten years ago under the guidance of coach Brad Pence. The Coastside Tiger Sharks (CSTS) is a Masters team open to adult swimmers of all levels, and the Pacifica Platypus Swim Club (PPSC) is a USA Swimming age group team for youth between 6 and 17 years.

Coach Brad Pence, a Pacifica Hall of Fame inductee and former swim coach of Terra Nova High School brought both Terra Nova Swim Teams to an undefeated season before he left. We are now lucky to have Brad bring his love of coaching and watching swimmers thrive to the two coastsides teams.

Other coaches on deck include: Pete Song and Mary Germano for PPSC

Terra Nova Aquatics is a non-profit organization governed by a board of volunteers. The board meets once a month on a Tuesday evening via Zoom. Meetings are open. Contact Brad if you'd like to attend a meeting.

Current Board members are Brad and Frankie Pence (Frankie is Treasurer), Scott Hoag (President), Rich Schaffer VP, Rachel Limon Event Coordinator, Catherine Wachtler Secretary, Jan Dolan Webmaster, Jeanette Cavano Newsletter, Randi Decker Newsletter, Mike Webster Former President, Natalie Amundsen, Lisa Ryner, Kate Busatto members at large.

The next board meeting is October 29 at 7pm.
Check out our website: www.terranovaaquatics.com



Current Swim Schedule as of October 2024 – Changes in RED

CSTS- Masters Team Morning Schedule

Monday- Friday 6:00-7:00 am, Thursday early start 5:30-7:00 am
Saturdays 7-8:30 am

PPSC Age Group Team plus CSTS Evening Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 7:15 - 8:15 pm*

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 pm (no change)

***Changes due to High School Water Polo evening practices. Will return to 6:15 pm after Water Polo Season ends.** We may have to cancel some practices in Oct to accommodate water polo matches. Coach will send out an email a week in advance.