



Dear Synchro Family and Friends,

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year!

I'd like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy holiday! And best wishes for a healthy, successful new year! Enjoy the food, friendships and time spent with family this holiday season!

Last week the synchro family lost one of the legends of the sport and one of the great pioneers who built synchronized swimming here and abroad when Margaret Swan Forbes passed. We were fortunate to have her attend the 2009 Collegiate Nationals when they were in San Antonio last year. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate five of our FINA judges who have recently received notification of promotion on the judges lists. Betty Hazle and Joyce Pietras have been promoted to A judges, and Joanne Hagen, Debbie Latchford and Cheryl Russell have been promoted to B judges. Great job and keep up the good work in the coming year!

And the month of December saw two very well-attended National Team Skills camps in Indianapolis. The 15 and unders were there December 3-5, and the Juniors from Dec. 10-12. The athletes had an opportunity to work with some of the coaches in the National Team pool on the routine skills and competencies as well as figures. Good Luck to all of these athletes in the upcoming year and thanks to them and their coaches for attending.

In January we begin the new competitive season and start off with a bang with the Senior National Team Trials in San Antonio, TX January 14-16. Good luck to all the athletes trying out! Our Pan American team will be chosen from this group!

Once again Merry Christmas to all!

All the Best,

Duke
President
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