

JAMM December 2016 NewSplash

There will be no Saturday workouts available on December 3 and December 10.



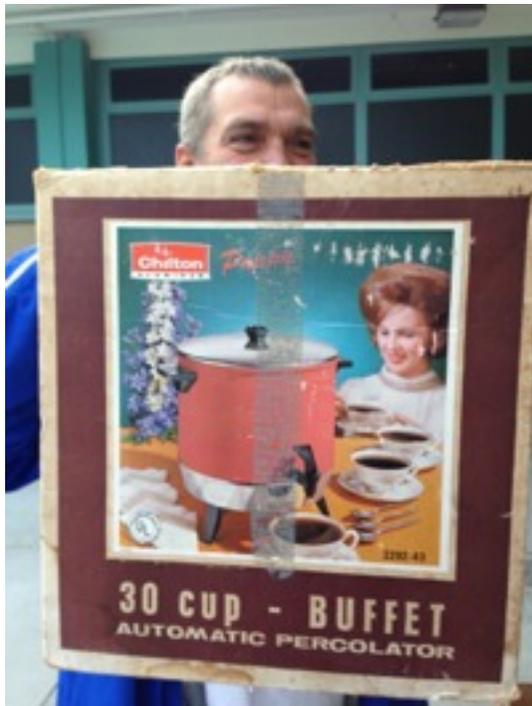
SOMETHING'S AFOOT on December 8! Coach Mark has been preparing anyone with a kickboard and legs to take on the **400 METER KICK CHALLENGE**. Please click [here](#) to get info on the few rules to follow, how to register (Click button at the very bottom of the page you come to.) and how to find out how you place overall. Anyone anywhere can enter, so go for it! Larry Fry may repeat as champion in his age group this year. BTW, you can do the 400 meter timed kick and decide not to enter the event; it's not required to enter to participate in the challenge at our pool. Good luck, everyone.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR JAMM MEMBERSHIP Please [click here](#). If you renew by Dec. 31, you'll receive [special partner discounts](#) of up to 30%, good through January 15! Renewal fee for USMS, which includes renewal in the Pacific Local Masters Swim Committee (called Pacific for short) is \$54. The club abbreviation is JAMM.



You receive a new JAMM swim cap when you pay your annual \$20 dues (cash please) to Coach Mark or Christine. There is a fresh supply of team caps now available at the pool. Caps normally cost \$4.

PRETTY JAMM GOOD A total of \$665 and 65 volunteer hours were donated by JAMM team members to support our Hospitality effort at the Swim To Junior Olympics (JOs) Swim Meet held on November 18, 19 and 20 at Hartnell College's 50 meter pool. Over 600 young swimmers competed in events ranging from 50 yards all the way to the 1,650 Free with many qualifying for the Junior Olympic Championships in Gilroy this weekend. Monterey Bay Swim Club hosted the Hartnell STJO meet, so we supported them with our donations of time and money.



Five meals were served and many snacks given out on deck to the announcers, starters, referees, timers, head timers, judges, computer data processors, check-in table volunteers, marshals and runners. Coaches also received meals and snacks courtesy of JAMM.

It is important to realize that an army runs on its stomach, and so does a swim meet of any size. Nearly 100% of all positions needed to make a swim meet work are filled by volunteer staff. Swimmers go to what seems like dozens of meets in a calendar year, so a well-run meet that includes generous hospitality gets repeat customers year after year. The hosting team earns money to pay its coaches and pool fees by hosting meets and charging dues for members. I haven't heard the final figures yet for the income produced by this meet, but the mood on deck among officials and volunteers was that it was a very well-run meet with everyone well taken care of. The kids swam fast and the meet stayed right on time.

As mentioned before, a very long-time swim meet official said that our hospitality was "one of the two best hospitality tables at meets" that he could recall going to.

So, thank you, everyone. Your contributions did not go unnoticed. Quite the opposite, you were highly appreciated. "Impressive!" "Thank you so much!" "Your food is really great!" "The last meet I went to, all I got was trail mix." "You're amazing!" were some of the many comments.



CHRISTMAS PARTY Invitation coming under separate email. SOON.

