

COLORADO COUNTRY

SWIM TEAM WINS MEET

The Mission Viejo swim team, which has been under a rigorous training schedule since the first of the year, won its first competitive meet against Heather Ridge, Monday, February 4.

Coach Dave Baron was impressed with the final score of 200 to 184 and noted that every member of the team put forth his best effort.

Winning in special events were Karen Harvey, Debra Norcross and Randy Likes. Debra and her sister Deanna, were participants in the recent Northglenn Invitational Swim Meet held in January.

Members of the swim team's Booster Club, which met for the second time a few days before the Heather Ridge meet, were also proud of the team's victory.

During their meeting the group discussed plans to provide further incentives to team members.

One suggestion that will be carried through is that once a week a picture will be posted at the rec center of an individual team member noting his or her background and achievements. A picture will also be posted of

the swimmer with the most improved time each month.

The Booster Club was on hand for final preparations of the Heather Ridge meet and many attended to cheer for each Mission Viejo participant. The group showed their appreciation of coach Baron by throwing him in the pool after the conclusion of the Heather Ridge meet.



PARTICIPANTS — who were invited to attend the Northglenn Invitational Swim Meet included (l to r) Mike Spoor, Debra Norcross, Deanna Norcross and Karen Harvey. Debra also scored impressive standings in the recent Heather Ridge victory.



YOUNGSTERS — gather on the front lawn at the recreation center during the first annual Ground Hog Day Pet Show.

Pet Show Records Large Turn Out

Friday, February 1, youngsters of Mission Viejo were invited to accompany their favorite pet to the recreation center for the first annual Ground Hog Day Pet Show.

The recreation staff noted that the affair was a tremendous success with many prizes awarded in several categories during the afternoon.

Winning first place for best costume was Kara Stein's dog Sambo; second was taken by Pippy owned by Beth and Patty Convery. Winning an award for the smallest entry was Quarter owned by Kathy Bierman. The prettiest presentation was made to Angus owned by Roger Edens.

Other categories and winners included: Spunky, for the youngest, entered by Mike and Missy Foss; Missy was the second youngest, brought to the center by Tamara and Heather Hindman; first in obedience was Ginger, brought by Torin Beebe; second, obedience, J.D., owned by Karen Bay; third place in obedience, Muck, owned by Ron

Fugier; most gutsy honors went to Daisy, Andy Biegelow, owner; best name, first place, Schnapps, Adams girls; second place, best name, Fug, Bonnie Webber; first place for most spots, Freckles, owned by Jeff Spoor; first place, best character, Hidy, Carl Curtis; friendliest, Muffin, David and Cathy Carner; best dressed, Pierre, Lisa Wehunt; best red head, Copper, Steve Evilsizer; and curliest, Teddy, owned by Amy Woods.

Other award-winning pets were: Debra and Deanna Norcross' Siamese cats, Amy Woods' white mice, McCauley's pig named Chocolate, a hamster named Easy brought by Richard Kirchoff and Joel and Brian Brooks' turtles, Speedy and Pokie.

APRIL FUN DAY

Residents of Mission Viejo, Colorado, will enjoy their second annual April Fun Day Sunday, March 31, at the Mission Viejo Recreation Center.

A Dixieland band will be the featured entertainment and guests will enjoy participating in an assortment of fun and games including a pie eating contest, various races and relays, log sawing competition and other planned activities.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day as well as prizes to the winners of the scheduled events.

ARTS AND CRAFTS INTRODUCED

In reply to the many requests made by Mission Viejo residents, a Drop-In Crafts Days program has begun at the recreation center. The class, taught by Sue Muirhead, is being held weekly. Youngsters attend the class in the afternoon while teens work on their projects in the evening.

A similar class for ladies will also be added to the recreation calendar in the near future.

SKI CLUB ORGANIZED

The first meeting of the Mission Viejo Ski Club was held Wednesday evening, January 23, at the recreation center.

Randy Long, with Ski Incorporated, was the guest speaker for the evening. In addition to several short films, he spoke to the group about the various aspects of skiing including cross country, tour and downhill skiing; the importance of good equipment; proper instruction and safety on the slopes.

The group, which is planning a cross-country ski clinic, made their first excursion to the slopes last month. A spokesman for the club noted that response has been enthusiastic and future ski trips are currently in the planning.

**HAPPY
SAINT
PATRICK'S
DAY**

PARENTS BACK AT SCHOOL

The average adult can't help but wonder how learning can be so much fun. People often say, "I wish I were back in school." Mission Viejo Elementary has given adults just that opportunity—the chance to return to school and see what it's all about.

Step into award winning Mission Viejo Elementary and you know things have changed. Bright colors, lots of light and space tell you this is not the school of yesteryear. Students may be working independently or huddled in a group for a new discovery. Teachers draw on children's natural curiosity to help them discover the world around them.

Presently 50 adults spend from one to 15 hours a month volunteering their time performing a variety of tasks — from checking out books to screening students for perceptual problems.

Volunteer schedules are arranged around the family allow-

ing the parents to make plans for the children at home. Though flexible, the volunteers' promptness and regularity is taken no less seriously than children's school attendance. Teachers expect their parent volunteers to come when they commit themselves. Students are proud of their parents' involvement and value school more when their parents participate.

During nutrition emphasis week, mothers brought foreign dishes for the children to sam-

ple. Volunteers also supervised nutrition awareness games and activities. Recently all 400 students baked cookies in three days with the help of teachers and volunteers.

It is not uncommon to see a parent decorating a bulletin board, prompting play or assisting with reading assignments.

Principal Jack Platt noted that many programs and special events would go undone were it not for the many skillful and creative volunteers.



MISSION VIEJO ELEMENTARY — offers a spacious and open atmosphere where parents, teachers and students work together on various projects. Many parents have arranged special schedules to participate on a weekly basis.

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