

Jaclyn (Adamouski) Quackenbush contacted the NVN alumni news editor with the following: "I swam for the Nereids in the 90's. I'm searching for my old duet partner Jessica Dempsey." Jessica, please contact [alumninews@nvnsynchro.com](mailto:alumninews@nvnsynchro.com) for Jackie's email address.

Several NVN alumni competed this summer at international synchro events. At the U.S. Open Championship in Honolulu, Hawaii, Alex Bollaidlaw, swimming as a Walnut Creek Aquanut, turned in some impressive results with a silver medal for trio, bronze for combo, and two 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes in duet and team, with only China, Canada, and the United States national teams ahead of WCA.



Alex Bollaidlaw at US Open in Hawaii with fellow WCA teammate and US Junior National Team Member Maria Koroleva.

Chelsea Moore, swimming as a San Antonio Cygnet, placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the senior solo division amid some stiff competition. Liz Chinoransky attained the great achievement of national rank as she made the final cut for USA National Team II in 2007. She had the honor of being coached by 1996 and 2000 Olympic coach and head coach of the Santa Clara Aquamaids, Chris Carver and 2004 Olympian Alison Bartosik. Team II represented the United States at the prestigious Swiss Open in Zurich in mid-July. With Liz's help, the combo routine swam for a bronze medal. Liz shared her experience with members of NVN at a party given in her honor upon her return from Europe in late July.



Liz with Chris Carver at Swiss Open award ceremony.

Our most recent graduate and NVN alumna, Dana Gadeken, is making quite a splash in Fredericksburg as she joins sophomore Chelsea Moore as a Terrapin at the University of Mary Washington Synchronized Swim Team. This editor had the pleasure of attending the UMW water show in late September, where the team showcased their routines from the 2007 season. Chelsea Moore was not in attendance; she was busy representing the

South Zone collegiate swimmers at the annual synchro convention in California.



Chelsea Moore at Synchro Convention with fellow conferees Megan Kinney (Wheaton College), Laura Montes (Wheaton College, Puerto Rico National Team), and Lindsay Ritenour (Richmond Dolpholinas)

Meanwhile across town in Fairfax, sophomores Megan Sturm and Sabra Hayes are well into their preparations for a second great season of collegiate synchro. GMU has taken on the task of hosting Southern Collegiate Regionals on February 23-24, 2008. This meet promises to be a real nail-biter as two of the best teams in the country (University of the Incarnate Word and University of Alabama-Birmingham) vie for the top spot in the south. Also on hand are teams from University of Florida, College of William & Mary, University of Richmond, and University of Georgia. Please mark your calendars for this important competition!

An announcement was made at convention that our own (now retired) head coach of over twenty years, Kris Olson, will be the United States judge at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Congratulations, Kris, on this dream of a lifetime, finally come true!



Kris and Dave show Liz how much fun retirement can be on their boat on Smith Mountain Lake

Alex Bollaidlaw, who swam for NVN for six years, has been accepted at Stanford University. She will swim for the team there; Stanford is currently ranked the number one team in the nation, including both collegiate and age-group teams ... yes, they are ranked higher than Santa Clara and Walnut Creek, where Alex is a member. Along with Liz, Alex is also a Phase III participant for the 2008 senior team trials, to be competed in late May, 2008. Congratulations, Alex, and best of luck in your collegiate synchro career!