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Re: Support for Funding of Osborne Aquatic Center in Corvallis

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Newport Swim Team, the Board of Directors of NST strongly support funding efforts to repair and reopen the Osborne Aquatic Center in Corvallis.

An operational Osborne pool is of great benefit to our program of 35 age-group swimmers , located in Newport, Oregon. NST strives to keep our expenses to the club and families as low as possible, the relatively nearby location of the Corvallis facility is a vital factor in this effort, thru the numerous swim meets offered there annually. Including the 2 Oregon Swimming State Championship meets held at Osborne.

Because Osborne has the capabilities to offer long-course (50 meter) competitive swimming in a central location in the state of Oregon, this pool plays a significant role in the further development of competitive swimming in the state. Past meets at Osborne draws numerous teams from southern Oregon, the Portland metro area, and from eastern Oregon. No other facility can claim that. In the past, teams from Washington, California and Idaho have travelled to Osborne for competition and practice opportunities.

While the prime focus of your club is competitive swimming, the benefits to the Corvallis community of a operational Osborne facility, via swim lessons and recreational swimming cannot be overlooked or downplayed.

In closing, we hope that money can be allocated to bring Osborne Aquatic Center back to full operation.

Thank you,

John Wray,
Member
NST Board of Directors