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**AT Feature:
 Walnut Creek Aquanuts Shine in Special
 Performance on June 16 and at the Age Group
 Nationals on July 1**

July 2, 2007 Update



Walnut Creek, July 1, 2007:

Over 1,000 synchronized swimmers competed in the 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Championships for Synchronized Swimming, held in Oxford, Ohio from June 23 through June 30.

The Walnut Creek Aquanuts took center stage during the 11-12 age group competitions, taking first in team, solo and trio, and coming in second in the duet competition by a mere three-tenths of a point!

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The team of **Karime Andere, Karina Boyle, Gwen Gabie, Rina Horii, Grace Moran, Suying Rothrock, Marisa Tashima, Lizzie Welzien** and alternate **Tori Yee** beat out local rivals, Los Gatos and Santa Clara, by over two points to take the gold!

Karime captured another gold for Walnut Creek in the solo competition, and teamed up with Grace Moran for silver in the duet competition, while Suying and Marisa, with alternate Rina, took fourth. In trio competition, Rina, Suying and Marisa took yet another gold, with Karina, Gwen, Lizzie and alternate Tori taking the bronze.

In the 13-15 age group competition, the trio of **Haley Barnes, Heidi Homma** and **Alex Sominsky** added another gold medal to the Aquanuts' collection, and then combined with teammates **Morgan Boneberg, Samantha Golomb, Jordan Meltzer, Taylor Miron** and **Caroline Morrice** for the bronze in team competition. **Emily Burkhart** and Alex paired up for the silver in duet competition in this age group.

The public can watch these swimmers perform along with the older and younger Aquanut swimmers in the annual swim show on Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 at the Clarke Memorial Swim Center at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. The theme of this year's show will be "A Trip Down the Strip", with shows at 8 p.m. nightly.

The Aquanuts also run a summer trainee program for girls ages 6 to 11 who are interested in trying out the sport. Practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Heather Farms pool, and swimmers get to participate in the annual swim show at the end of summer. For more information on the swim show, the trainee program and other Aquanuts events, check out the website at www.aquanuts.org.

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The Walnut Creek Aquanuts gave a special performance Saturday, June 16 at Heather Farms pool which included four Aquanuts who made the 2008 Olympic Team. As you can see from these photos supplied by the Aquanuts what great athletes these young ladies are!

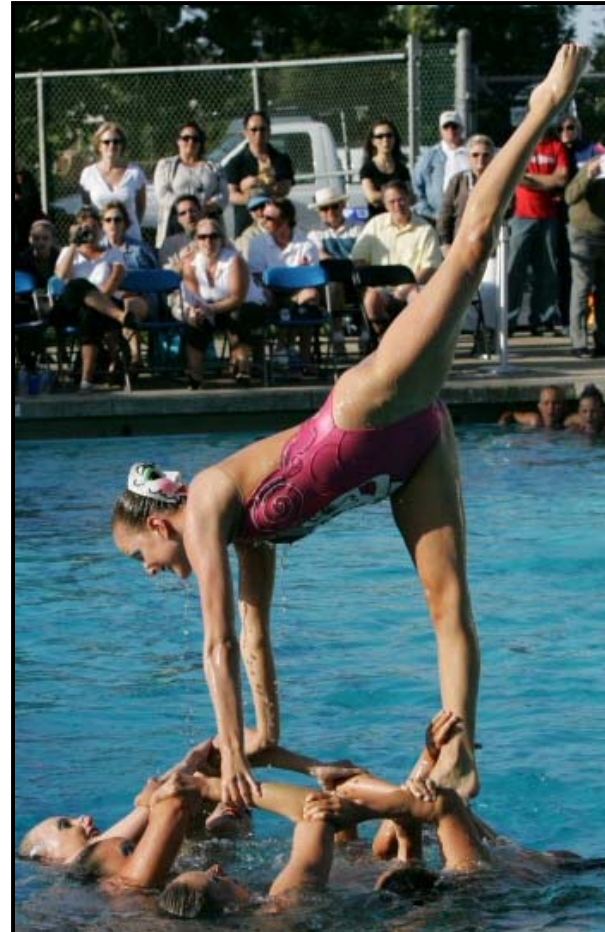
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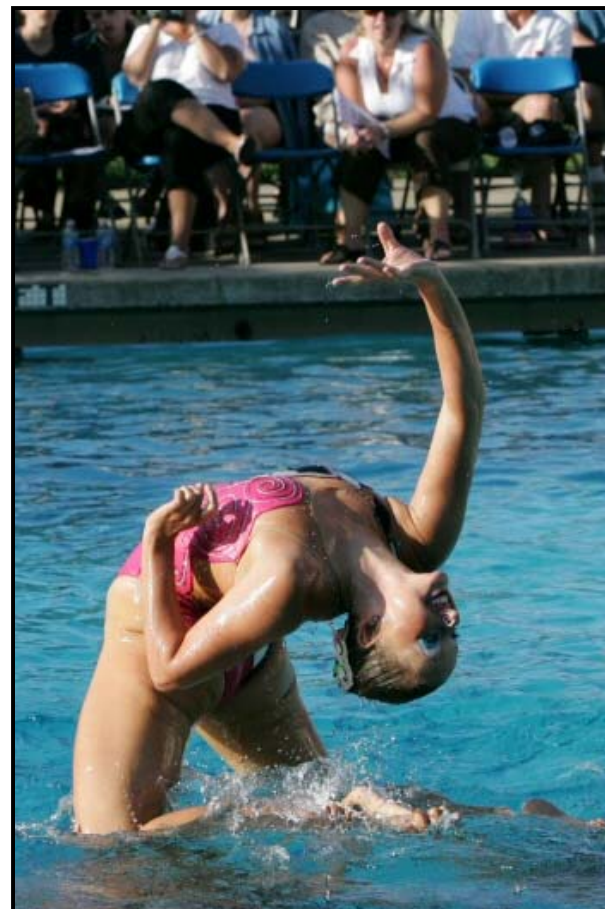
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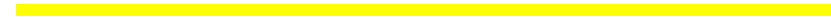








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