

Victoria Amateur Swim Club

1930

February 11 1930

Olympic Trials for 1932 to be held in BC

* Name change, by a 30 – 9 vote (a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote was needed) from the VASC to the Crystal Gardens Swim Club. MSC

* Reason given – need closer co-operation with the Crystal Gardens and to get the club better concessions and more support

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	William Robertson
1 st Vice President	TP Fairburn
2 nd Vice President	Miss Gleason
Sec .	Miss Betty Pollard
Tres.	Willis Theodore McNaughton Barrett

February 26 1930

A meet was held with the Oregon Aggies, the financial arrangements with the Crystal Gardens are in the minutes.

March 11 1930

Regarding the applied change of name, application returned to be reworded

Motion made that the name Crystal Gardens Amateur Swimming Club be used for registration purposes only and not for general use. MSC

Notice from the Boy Scouts asking if the VASC wanted to use their site on the Gorge again for the summer, decision made to hold several outing instead of having a regular club ground.

April 1 1930

Executive decided to accept a new badge in the shape of wings with Crystal Gardens Swimming Club initials CGSC across the wing span

May 6 1930

Motion made to enter the club in the May Day parade

Gala to be held on June 9 1930 at the Eagles Convention

September 9 1930

Dates for School Gala October 4 for preliminaries and October 11 for finals

No club gala due to lack of interest and lack of swimmers

November 18 1930

Annual meeting to be held in January instead of February to make a decision about a possible change of name

December 16 1930

A letter from Mr. Cowlshaw manager of the Crystal Gardens

His recommendations;

- club return to it's old name VASC
- he would not take over a club himself
- that a rate of 35 cents be re-established and an ID card (\$1.00) would be needed to get these rates
- committee formed to investigate joining the JBAA

In 1930's the VASC continued to host the Annual Christmas Swim in the Inner Harbour. In 1930 Carrie Grey beat thirteen other swimmers to win the race.

1931

January 13 1931

Notice of Motion – motion to be brought forward at the annual general meeting that the club revert back to its old name the VASC.

Committee to join the JBAA to report at a later date.

Nominations for executive.

February 17 1931

Annual General Meeting

Report given on feasibility of joining the JBAA, the question was put to the membership as to whether the club carry on as in the past or to join the JBAA. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the club remain as is, the VASC.

Motion made to change the name of the club back to the VASC, it was moved, seconded, and carried to change back to the VASC.

Fees (not including badges)

Membership \$1.00 for seniors

\$.50 for juniors

Election of Officers

President	Captain Montaque D Harbord
1 st Vice President	TP Fairburn
2 nd Vice President	Miss Victoria Gleason
Sec .	Miss Betty Pollard
Tres.	Willis Theodore McNaughton Barrett

August 14 1931

Motion made to host a championship gala in connection with the Jubilee Celebration in July, it was moved, seconded, and carried.

Agreement to use Curtis Point for summer swim privileges.

May 12 1931

Pool at Curtis Point on the Gorge should be 75 feet long by 40 feet wide.

June 9 1931

Jubilee Gala to be held on July 20 1931 @ 2:30 pm

Opening of pool at Curtis Point Saturday July 3 1931 @ 3:00 pm.

July 14 1931

Jubilee Gala was cancelled and was to be held at a later date.

December 10 1931

By unanimous vote of the executive "that the VASC should go out of existence", discussion was then held on what would happen if that happened.

In 1931 Miss Grey repeated her victory at the Christmas Day swim in the Inner Harbour.

1932/1933

January 20 1932

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Captain Montaque D Harbord
1 st Vice President	George J Warren
2 nd Vice President	Mrs. Garnet
Sec .	Miss Victoria Gleason
Tres.	Willis Theodore McNaughton Barrett

Motion made that the club should be closed up and that the raft at Curtis Point should be given up. Motion made that the club should be kept on in view of the fact that the Olympic Trials are being held here in Victoria in 1932, it was moved, seconded, and carried.

March 22 1932

First mention of the Vancouver Island Swim League.

July 14 1932

Coach Ellison took the following swimmers to Vancouver for a meet, Stan Witty, Hayes Wright and Bob Patterson.



On July 16th and 18th 1932 the Olympic Trials were held in Vancouver, at the Kitsilano outdoor 50 yard salt water pool and in Victoria, at the indoor 50 yard Crystal Gardens pool. The men's events were held in Vancouver on July 16th and the women's events were held on July 18th. Stan Witty (5th in the 440 yard Freestyle), Louis Cameron, Hazel Wright (3rd in the 220 yard Breaststroke) and Thors Ridout, of the VASC competed in the Trials for the club. All events were declared as Canadian Championships by the CASA. The 1932 Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles two weeks later.

July 21 1932

Coach Ellison reported that 125 swimmers have applied for membership with the VASC in the past year.

September 15 1932

Motion made to dispense with using the gun for starts at the Children School Gala, it was moved, seconded, and carried.

October 20 1932

Captain Harbord held discussion on Vancouver Island Swim League, 1st sign of concern by the VASC regarding the VASC's involvement in the league.

In 1932 Carrie Grey, 19 years old, beat ten other swimmers and won her third VASC Christmas Swim for which she was given the Captain Montague D Harbord Cup to keep.



Miss Carrie Grey and Captain Harbord



VASC 1930's

1933

February 9 1933

Annual General Meeting Thursday February 9 at 8:00 pm

Election of Officers

President	Captain Montaque D Harbord
Vice President	George J Warren
Sec .	Herbert Manson
Tres.	Willis Theodore McNaughton Barrett

Coach Fred Ellison

May 28 1933

Wrigley Cup plans for Victoria on the 12th or 18th of August, race to finish in the Inner Harbour.

August 16 1933

Four BC Championships (men's 100 back, the women's and men's 100 breaststroke and the women's 200 yard relay) to be decided at the VASC Gala on Labour Day as well as the Wrigley Mile from a point near the government wharf in the Inner Harbour to a finish in front of the Parliament Buildings.

September 2 1933

A crowd of 700 spectators watched Four BC Championships decided at the VASC Gala at the Crystal Gardens Pool

Women's BC Championship final 100 breaststroke – Monica Trump 1st, Hazel Wright 2nd

September 25 1933

Children's School Gala to be held on Saturday October 21 1933

October 6 1933

10 cent entry fee for the school gala

held on Saturday October 21 1933 @ 8:00 pm

\$70.00 set aside for prizes

Seats to be reserved at 35 cents

Colonist Learn to Swim Classes

50 associate memberships to be allocated for this, 25 girls and 25 boys

Colin McFadyen appointed senior head coach, Fred Ellison appointed junior coach

Senior Swimmers Monday/Friday

Junior Swimmers Tuesday/Thursday

Both groups to swim on Friday

1934

January 11 1934 @ 5:00 pm

Boy's relay team of Sir James Douglas School won the cup for the BC Championship at the Lower Mainland Schools Swimming Gala in Vancouver in November of 1933. Sir James Douglas won the School Gala in Victoria to get to the Championships in Vancouver and the VASC donated \$10.00 towards travel expenses to get to Vancouver.

Vancouver Island Swim League meeting to be held on January 16 1934.

March 7 1934

The Victoria Amateur Swimming Club hosts the B.C. Indoor Championship Swimming Gala at the Crystal Garden Swimming Pool on March 30th 1934 at 8:15 pm. Monica Trump won the BC Championship in the 100 yard Breaststroke.

Friday March 23 1934
Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Captain Montague D Harbord
Vice President	George Warren
Vice President	Miss Victoria Gleason
Sec .	George Warren
Tres.	Willis T McNaughton Barrett

Coach Colin McFadyen

May 17 1934

Coach Colin McFadyen reported that 4 VASC swimmers attended the NW Pacific Championships Gala in Vancouver on May 5th 1934 and that in the 100 Breaststroke Monica Trump finished 1st, Theresa Lee Warren finished 4th, Yvonne Squires finished 5th and Lloyd Mathews also attended.

Bobby Moss to go to Vancouver for the BC Championship Gala

June 21 1934

12 swimmers were being coached by McFadyen at this time



Photo by Savannah.
BOBBY MOSS

husky young swimmer of Colin McFadyen's Victoria Amateur Swimming Club squad who on Saturday evening equalled the registered junior freestyle Canadian record for fifty yards at the School Children's Gala in the Crystal Garden. Moss covered the distance in 26 1-5 seconds. The The C.A.S.A. record book shows Robert Dunstan, Broadview Y.M.C.A., Toronto, holder of the record in that time. He swam it over the short course, two stretches of twenty-five yards, which gave him an advantage over the local performer who was forced to race over the straight-away. Moss's time, however, will not be declared official since no previous application was made.

Future trials for British Empire Games in Hamilton discussed and Monica Trump thought to be the only VASC contender. She was the runner up in the 100 Breaststroke.

September 20 1934

July 13/14 1934

Fifteen year old Monica Trump finishes second in the 100 yard and 200 yard Breaststroke at the British Empire Games Trial in Hamilton.

July 21 1934

Sixteen year old Bobby Matheson of the VASC wins the 14th Annual times Distance swim from the Gorge to the causeway by the Empress Hotel in one hour fifteen minutes and thirty four seconds.

Children's School gala to be held on or around October 20th 1934.

1935

March 9 1935

VASC stars Monica Trump, Bobby Moss and Yvonne Squires shine at the Pacific Swimming Club Gala.

Thursday March 28 1935

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	George J Warren
Vice President	William Robertson
Vice President	Doreen Dale Johnson
Sec ../Tres.	Willis Theodore McNaughton Barrett

Coach	Colin McFadyen
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Presentations made to swimmers for performances at the recent BC Championships held in Victoria (between February 14th and March 28th)

Monica Trump	1 st	200 yard Breaststroke senior
Yvonne Squire	2 nd	200 yard Breaststroke senior
Yvonne Squire	1 st	200 yard Breaststroke junior
Robert Moss	1 st	50 yard Freestyle junior
Lasfield Marton	3 rd	200 yard Freestyle junior

May 8 1935

Effort being made to send Monica Trump and Bobby Moss to Winnipeg for the May 24th Canadian Championship Gala, campaign started to raise money.

Monica Trump

Victoria Mermaid Scores Easy Win Over Classy Field

Captures National 100-yard
Breaststroke Title at Win-
nipeg Meet

Phyllis Dewar Is Outstanding

Fast-stroking swimmers
from coast to coast to-day
were given old man time's
cherished records a real
drubbing.

With four new marks
hung up in the second pro-
gramme of the Canadian
Amateur Swimming Asso-
ciation title gala yesterday
evening, the natators were
primed for their final as-
sault to-night. In the first
two nights of swimming,
seven new records have
been established and eight-
een new champions
crowned.

Phyllis Dewar, Moose Jaw's gift to
Vancouver, stole the show yesterday
evening with a time-shattering per-
formance in the women's one-mile
Canadian championship. Cutting
through the green water like a fish,
Miss Dewar smashed four records,
winding up with a 23:32 2-5 mile that
shunted Irene Pirie's former mark of
25:48 3-5 into oblivion.

May McConkey, one of the meet's
gilt-edged surprises, defeated a classy
field in the 100 yards women's back-
stroke Canadian championship event.
The slim-built Edmonton girl was
forced to break the Canadian record
of 1:18 4-5 in staving off Marion
Moffatt's challenge. Miss McConkey
won in 1:13 2-5 and the closeness of
the race can be seen when the Van-
couver Miss also broke the old mark.
Margaret Hutton, Toronto, was an
easy third.

MORE SET MARKS

Not all the record-breaking was
left the weaker sex as Pat Milne and
Robert Pirie, both of Toronto, hung
up new times in winning the junior
boys' 100 yards backstroke title and
the 220 yards men's Canadian free-
style championship, respectively. Mil-
ne inaugurated the new deal in
times by paring the junior back-
stroke mark to first 1:14 and then

NEW CHAMPION



MONICA TRUMP
young Oak Bay school girl, and
leading breast-stroke swimmer
for the Victoria Amateur Swim-
ming Club, who yesterday eve-
ning won the Canadian women's
breast-stroke championship in
the Winnipeg national meet.
Winner of the British Columbia
provincial title this year, Monica
had tried for the Canadian crown
at the British Empire Games in
1934. She was runner-up in that
event at Hamilton. Much of her
success is due to the untiring
work of Colin McFadyen, club
coach, who accompanied the Vic-
toria girl to the Winnipeg meet.

1:10 1-5 as compared with the now-
discarded time of 1:18.

"Bob" Pirie, feared "T" tanker from
Toronto, beaten by the beautiful
stroking of George Larson, Hamilton,
in the final of the 100 yards men's
Canadian freestyle title event, when
he forced the Aquatic Club star to
within one-fifth of a second of the
record, came back into his own in
the 220 yards freestyle. Pirie had a
great duel with Arthur Ostrander,
Minneapolis, as the new record of
2:21 1-5 will testify. The Toronto star
off two-fifths of a second. Robert
Hamerton, Winnipeg, was a good
third.

Monica Trump scored Victoria's
initial victory of the meet thus far
by coming home in front of a four-
girl field in the women's 100-yard
breast-stroke Dominion title event.
Her time was far short of the reign-
ing time, but the 1:23 1-5 century
50.85.

was fast enough to beat Vera Tustin,
Winnipeg, and Clare Millette, Mont-
real, who finished in the order
named.

Harry Glass, Hamilton, was easily
the outstanding diver in the seven-
man field competing for the men's
three-metre spring board diving
crown. Some of his dives sent the
crowd wild with delight, and it was
no surprise when his performance
brought him a point total of 148.82,
a clean-cut margin over Donald
Blair, Winnipeg, who totaled 117.20
for second place. Jack Donoghue was
third with 112.54.

Only one outdip swimmer entered
the 220 yards 'junior girls' Canadian
freestyle event, and the first two
places went to local girls. Ethel Gil-
bert nosed out Edith Robertson for
the championship, and Roberta Mc-
Donald, petite Port William Miss,
swam into third place. The time of
3:06 4-5 was far above the present
mark of 2:54 flat.

Thelma Boughner, Toronto, de-
fending her three-metre springboard
diving championship for junior girls,
was beaten by Fernie Lount and
Betty Morton, Winnipeg. Miss Lount
had 54.75 percentage for her dives,
Miss Morton 51.51 and Miss Boughner
50.85.

June 19 1935

Monica Trump and Coach
Colin McFadyen made the trip
to Winnipeg for the May 24th
Canadian Championship Gala
where Monica Trump finished
first in the 100 Breaststroke

Wednesday September 4 1935

Mr. Percy Pitt a former VASC member, who had moved to New Westminster, found two trophies that he returned to the club, the J Wangler cup for handicaps and the cup won by the VASC womens basketball team for winning the league championships

VASC team members 1932 -1937

Men

Bobby Moss – swimming
Lloyd Matthews– swimming
Sarsfield Martin– swimming
Tom McMartin – swimming
Ernie Emerson – swimming
J Squires – swimming
Bob Mathewson – swimming
Pat O'Hara – swimming
Ray Emerson – swimming

Female

Yvonne Squires – swimming
Monica Trump – swimming
Rae Saunders – swimming
Peggy Dyer – swimming
Dorothy Johnson – swimming
H Manning– swimming
Doreen Dale-Johnson– swimming
Jean Dyer – swimming
Peggy Lee – swimming
Teressa Lee-Warner – swimming
Lillian McCall – swimming
Mora Lee – swimming
June Burnett – swimming
Victoria Lee – swimming

1936

Highlights of the 1935 season

Monica Trump Canadian Ladies 100 Breaststroke Champion along with other BC titles such as the 100 senior BC Championship. Bobby Moss and Yvonne Squires winning BC junior titles.

February 19 1936 @ 7:30 pm

BC Championship Gala in January 1936

Coach Colin McFadyen handed in his resignation and no reason was given. motion to accept the resignation was defeated. Committee struck, Dorren Dale Johnson, Bobby Moss and Monica Trump, to ask the coach to reconsider his resignation. Coach Colin McFadyen tenders his resignation as coach of the VASC over a conflict (co-operation with the new set up of the league) with the Vancouver Island Swimming League. Archie McKinnon of the YMCA and Frank Hyslop of the Pacific club endorsed the new set up.

Discussion held on the VASC resigning from the Vancouver Island Swim League, President expressed the viewpoint that it would be better for the three clubs to carry on independently. Motion made to resign from the VISL, moved, seconded and carried.

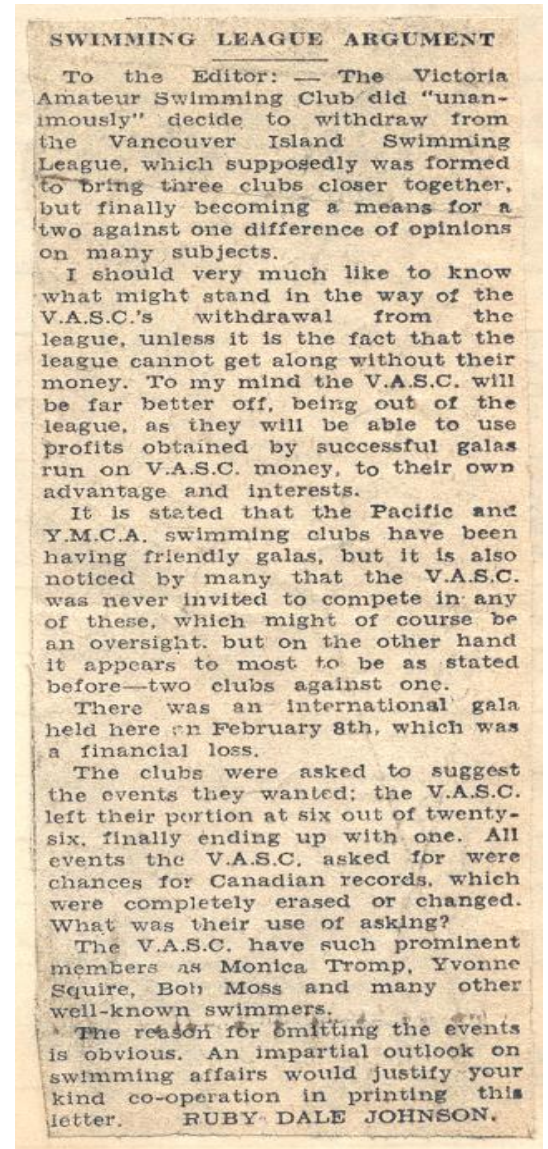
March 11 1936

Annual General Meeting

Coach Colin McFadyen withdraws his resignation.

Letter received from the BC Section advising the VASC that on March 10 1936 Coach McFadyen had been temporarily suspended under law 11(4) and was to appear before the BC Section April 4 1936. Coach McFadyen said he had yet to receive the letter officially but had been given a copy of the letter hours before the meeting by Frank Hyslop. The Secretary understood that Frank Hyslop and representatives of the Pacific and YMCA swim clubs had attended the BC Section Meeting in Vancouver on March 10th to discuss the serious situation of swimming in Victoria caused by the resignation of the VASC from the Vancouver Island Swim League which they blamed mainly on Coach McFadyen. President was to write to the BC Section of the CASA for specific information regarding Coach McFadyen.

In 1936 the VASC unanimously decided to withdraw from the Vancouver Island swimming League (the other two clubs were the YMCA and Pacific swim clubs) since it had become apparent that it was not in there best interest to stay.



Election of Officers

President	George J Warren
Vice President	Lloyd Mathews
Vice President	Doreen Dale Johnson
Sec.	James McCague

Coach	Colin McFadyen (acting in an unofficial capacity until his suspension has been dealt with.)
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March 21 1936

Monica Trump wins BC 100 Breaststroke Senior and Junior Championship, Theresa Lee Warner – 2nd, Yvonne Squires 3rd, Bobby Moss wins BC 100 Back and 100 Free Junior Championship

May 1 1936

A report was given by the President regarding the Annual Meeting of the BC Section of the CASA held in the Austin Hotel in Vancouver April 4th 1936. An appeal was to be made to the CASA with the coach paying the \$2.00 appeal fee. Coach McFadyen still acted as a coach but did not take place in any galas or hold an amateur card. Vote of Confidence for Coach McFadyen taken and it was moved, seconded and carried.

Delegation from the VASC to attend the annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island Swim League on Monday May 4th to bring forth an understanding between the Vancouver Island Swim League (Pacific and YMCA teams) and the VASC.

Last BC Championship Gala to be held on March 21st 1936 at the Crystal Gardens Pool.

Fund raising to send junior swimmers Monica Trump 15 year old breastroker, Bobby Moss freestyler (who unofficially broke the Canadian Junior (under 16) 50 yard freestyle record 26 in 1935) and coach Colin McFadyen to Winnipeg for the 1936 Canadian Swimming Championships May 21-23.

June 26 1936

Club to write a formal letter to the Olympic Fund Committee regarding funding for Monica Trump. VASC to advise Miss Trump that the club will take care of her expenses to Montreal from Toronto.

Picnic to be held on the 1st Sunday in July (5th) at Sandy Beach near the summer home of Rae Saunders (VASC member).

At the July 7-9 1936 Canadian Olympic Trials in Montreal Monica Trump won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:54.4 bettering her personal best time by 7 seconds and won the 100 yard breaststroke event with a time of 123.25. She was one of eighteen swimmers and divers selected to represent Canada at the Berlin Olympic Games, although she never attended the games. Monies donated to the Monica Trump Olympic fund returned to donators as she did not go to the Olympics (she was the Canadian 100 and 200 Breaststroke Champion but did not go)

Voices Confidence In Local Swimmer

Highly pleased with the showing of his breast-stroke winner, Monica Trump, Coach Collin McFadyen, following a telephone conversation with the Victoria girl who won the Canadian Olympic trials 200 yards in Montreal yesterday evening, expressed the hope his protege would make the Canadian team. The Victoria swimmer negotiated the distance in 2.55.4. The best time Monica ever did in British Columbia was 3.02, but you must remember she was never pressed to win in a provincial meet, and therefore the difference is easily explained," McFadyen commented.

In an effort to defray the expenses incurred by the swimmer so far and those of the future, the V.A.S.C. today opened a subscription list in the business office of The Times, to which Victoria's sporting interests were urged to contribute.

Going to Games



MONICA TRUMP

Victoria swimming star who has been selected a member of the Canadian team for the Olympic Games following her two fine victories in breaststroke events at the Montreal trials this week.



1936

On July 9-10 1936 VASC swimmers Bobby Moss 3 BC Championships, Yvonne Squires 2 BC Championships, Rae Saunders, Teresa Lee-Warner, Lillian McCall, Nora Lea and Tommy Martin 1 BC Championships represented the club at the Vancouver Golden Jubilee Gala at Kitsilano beach outdoor pool.

August 21 1936

Children's gala to be held at the Gorge Park August 25th 1936 at 2:30 pm.

Letter sent to the Vancouver Island Swim League stating that the VASC was not in a position at this time to make a decision as to whether or not it would return to the league but that the VASC understood it would have to make an application to do so.

1937

January 12 1937

Coach Colin McFadyen permanently suspended by the BC branch of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association and the VASC attends a meeting of the Vancouver Island Swimming League to argue for his reinstatement but to no avail.

Special Meeting

President Warren outlined the past efforts of the executive in support of Club Coach McFadyen who had been suspended and also the investigation by President AHJ Swencisky of the BC Section of the CASA into swimming conditions in the Vancouver Island Swim League. Coach McFadyen tenders his resignation and the VASC sends the coach a letter of thanks for his services and his help for the swimmers.

New setup of Vancouver Island Swim League suggested by the BC Section of the CASA.

Motion made to re-affiliate under the following three conditions;

- three neutral members unattached to any club to act as the officials
- no coach shall be a member of the league
- financial understanding shall be made with all clubs

Motion made that Ralph Alcock act as coach.

March 8 1937

Vancouver Island Swim League gala to be held on Monday March 15 at the Crystal Gardens Pool

BC Championship Gala to be held in Vancouver March 30th 1937.

April 2 1937

Annual General Meeting

Discussion held regarding re-affiliation in the Vancouver Island Swim League, committee was struck with full power to act for the club.

Election of Officers

President	George J Warren
Vice President	Mrs. Alice Naomi Hibberson
Vice President	Dr. Sam Youlden
Sec .	James McCague
Coach	Ralph Alcock

April 23 1937

60th Birthday party held for WT Stanyon, an exhibition of fancy swimming and tricks in the water by WT Stanyon and Ralph Alcock. WT Stanyon presented with a smoking stand. 75 members and guest were present for the party.

City Jubilee Gala held on July 24th 1937.

Club payment for affiliation with the Vancouver Island Swim League paid.

Club Picnic to be held on August 15th at Sandy Beach.

September 14 1937

The 13th annual school gala is to be held on October 29 1937.

October 7 1937

Special Meeting

A letter of resignation by Coach Ralph Alcock was accepted, committee struck to ask Coach Alcock to reconsider his resignation and remain as coach.

Motion made that would allow Monica Trump and Bobby Moss to be given special permission to receive coaching from Colin McFadyen on any nights other than club nights (Mondays and Fridays), no other swimmers given this permission.

Note of welcome to Monica Trump upon her return to Victoria.

November 4 1937

Three scenarios

- all members must receive coaching from the club coach
- club to have no coach at all
- that Monica Trump and Bobby Moss be given special permission to receive coaching from Colin McFadyen and that no other swimmers given this permission

A committee was struck to ask coach Ralph Alcock under what conditions would he return.

Motion made for a special meeting be held to discuss this issue (see October 7th)

November 10 1937

Letter read from the Vancouver Island Swim League stating that the club was liable for suspensions if any member received coaching from Coach McFadyen

Motion made to allow Moss and Trump to receive coaching from Coach McFadyen, it was defeated.

Dec 10-11 1937

The Dominion Trials for the Empire Games in Australia (Feb 1938) were held in Vancouver and Monica Trump and Bobby Moss represented the VASC. Monica Trump finished second and was edged out of the win by 2/5 of a second to Joan Langdon who set a new Canadian record for the 220 Breaststroke.

Committee struck to ask the Vancouver Island Swim League to let matter of coaches affecting the club rest until after the Empire Games Trials. Moved, seconded and carried.

1938

March 25 1938

Rae Saunders and Bobby Moss be allowed \$5.00 for expenses to Empire Games Trials in Vancouver

BC Championship Gala to be held April 23rd at the Crystal Gardens

May 6 1938

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Mrs. Alice Hibberson
Vice President	George Warren
Vice President	Mrs. C Filewood
Sec .	James McCague
Tres.	Phil Bond
Coach	Ralph Alcock

May 23 1938

Moon light beach party to be held on Friday July 8th 1938 at Willows Beach @ 7:00 pm

Mystery Picnic to be held on August 7th 1938

September 14 1938

Fourteenth Annual Children's Gala to be held Friday October 21 @ 8:00 pm, tickets for the gala adults 35 cents, general 25 cents and children 15 cents.

November 2 1938

International Gala to be held at the Crystal Gardens.

Bobby Moss freestyler and Monica Trump breaststroker, finished second in the 220 yard Breaststroke, represented the VASC at the Dominion Swim meet in Vancouver December 10-11 1937. These were the trials for the Empire Games in Australia in February 1938.



1938 Victoria Amateur Swimming Club

1939

April 13 1939 @ 7:30 pm

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Captain N Foster
Vice President	Doug Oddy
Vice President	Mrs. C Filewood
Sec .	Phil Bond
Coach	Ralph Alcock

July 14 1939

Club picnic to be held Sunday July 30 at Elk Lake beach, buses to leave the Crystal Gardens at 11:00 am.

Letter sent to all members regarding a Basket Picnic with milk and lemonade provided, Bus fares 16 and under 35 cents, adults 50 cents

September 18 1939

Fifteenth Annual Children's Gala to be held Friday October 20 1939

\$50.00 allocated for prizes

Practice schedule:

Monday	2:30 – 5:00	
Friday	6:30 – 7:30	Junior and Juveniles
Friday	7:30 – 9:00	Seniors

November 8 1939

Letter sent to Mr. BC Gillie commending him for his prompt action in rescuing a swimmer in distress at the Children's School Gala.

December 13 1939

Vancouver Island Swim League plans two galas

Local Gala on January 18 1940

International Gala on February 24 1940 with Seattle

1940

May 10 1940 at the Crystal Gardens

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Captain N Foster
Vice President	Gerald Bradshaw
Vice President	Mrs. C Filewood
Sec .	June Stencil
Tres.	Phil Bond
Coach	Jim McCague

June 5 1940

The annual club picnic to be held at Sooke River Flats on July 21st, leave the Crystal Gardens @ 10:00 am, all members free but senior outsiders 50 cents and junior outsiders 35 cents.

July 3 1940

Notice of a Basket Picnic sent to each member.

August 14 1940

Annual swimming gala to be held around the third week of October, no prizes, any money raised will be donated to the Red Cross or Air Supremacy

September 19 1940

Sixteenth Annual Children's Gala to be held on the third Friday in October (Oct. 18)

Any profits raised to be donated to the Air Raid Refugees Fund.

Motion made to send a letter to the Pacific Club inviting them to join the VASC (the Pacific Club was folding) moved, seconded and carried.

December 5 1940

Letter received from the Pacific Club stating that they would hold a meeting to discuss our proposal.

December 12 1940

Motion made that the Pacific swim Club should amalgamate with the VASC, moved, seconded and carried. First official meeting of the amalgamated clubs.

In 1940 the Pacific Swim Club amalgamated with the Victoria Amateur Swim Club.

1941

April 18 1941

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Frank Briers
Vice President	Mrs. Gaiger
Vice President	Captain N Foster
Sec .	Ian McKenzie
Tres.	Mrs. McNeill
Coaches	Jim McCague from the VASC Frank Hyslop from the PSC

Brief report given by the two coaches.

June 6 1941

Party held at the Crystal Gardens July 11 at 7:00 pm for all members of the club with races to be held before.

Discussion held regarding team races suits – to be green with white stripes

Discussion held regarding team sweaters – sweaters will be white with VASC badge on front and sell for \$1.60

September 5 1941

Annual club picnic to be held on August 17th at Witty Lagoon

Sixteenth Annual Children's Gala to be held October 17th 1941

CASA BC Section declares that “all servicemen must swim for their service not any club”

October 3 1941

School Gala to be postponed for a month.

Gorge property assessed at \$165.00, motion to build a boathouse on the property was defeated, motion to list the property for sale carried, motion to sell property carried.

Coach Hyslop offered his resignation as assistant coach of the VASC as he was leaving the city and he offered to donate a small cup to the club.

November 7 1941

Sixteenth Annual Children's Gala to be held on November 28 at 5:00 pm

W.T. Stanyon life member of the VASC.

1942

April 17 1942

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Ken Hurn
Vice President	Mr. Frank Briers
Sec .	Bill Stanley
Tres.	Mrs. McNeill

Coach	Myrtle Tupman
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Letter of resignation from Coach J. McCague (he enlisted to serve overseas)

May 1 1942

Vancouver Amateur Swim Club meet at the end of May, Coach Tupman suggested catching the boat at 1:20 pm on the Saturday of the meet.

September 4 1942

Special meeting to be held on September 11 1942 regarding the Children's School Gala

September 11 1942

Motion that the Children's School Gala be held sometimes in the spring, carried. Date deferred until discussions with the school board.

November 13 1942

Coach Tubman to find a photographer for November 22 at 1:00 pm.

1943

In 1943 G Spence-Matthews was the President of the VASC.

March 2 1943

Annual Children's Gala to be held on Thursday April 22 1943

Coach Tubman made a motion that Danny McGovern become a temporary coach of the VASC.

May 14 1943

Vancouver Gala to be held on March 6th 1943.

May 28 1943
Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers

President	Mr. G Mathews
Vice President	Mr. Frank Briers
Sec .	Mrs. Myrtle Tupman
Tres.	Mrs. McNeill

Coach Myrtle Tupman assisted by Petty Officer N Breward

July 30 1943
Special Meeting

Interservice Swim Gala to be held on Thursday September 9th 1943, see minutes for further details

September 17 1943
Coach N Breward and Eric Judd traveled to Vancouver to swim at the Crescent Beach Gala on August 21 1943, expenses were paid for them.

November 12 1943
Discussions regarding a new coach, Mr. Spence Mathews to consider coaching the senior swimming club members, he later accepted.

1944

February 11 1944
Annual Children's Gala to be held sometimes in April

Mr. Ellison, former coach, to be made a life member of the VASC

March 21 1944
Annual General Meeting

President	Mr. Frank Briers
Vice President	Mrs McNeil
Sec .	Mrs. Cluff
Tres.	Tom Wellburn

Coach Myrtle Tupman assisted by Petty Officer N Breward

June 9 1944
Mrs. Thomas to take over as secretary.

July 7 1944

VASC didn't enter anyone in the BC Championships in Vancouver on July 18-22 or the Kelowna Aquatic Association Regatta.

July 19th - 22nd 1944

August 4 1944

The 1942 taxes for the Gorge property to be paid to hold onto it for another year.

1945

February 6 1945 (Friday)

Annual Children's Gala to be held on March 29 1945

There was a special meeting regarding the gala (see minutes)

On Friday March 10th 1945 the VASC held a Splash Reunion Party for former swimmers of the club

April 16 1945 @ 8:15 pm

Annual General Meeting

President

Mr. Frank Briers

Vice President

Mr. F Cameron

Sec./ Tres.

Mrs. F Thomas

Coach

Mr. J McCague

Mrs. Hibberson (for all children and Ladies)

June 29 1945 @ 8:30 pm

Annual picnic held at Mr. Spence Mathews home in Cordova Bay on Saturday July 21 1945.

July 20 1945 @ 8:15 pm

Picnic was postponed from August 4th to August 25th and will be held at Willows Park in Oak Bay.

August 17 1945 @ 8:30

Final arrangements made for the picnic, August 25th at Willows @ 2:00pm

August 31 1945

Picnic was postponed due to the weather.

Motion made to pay the arrears of taxes (\$7.88 plus \$.90 interest) on the Gorge property for the 1943 year, carried.

September 21 1945

Motion made to approach Saanich to inquire if it is possible to exchange the lot for a saleable lot, carried.

October 1945

Motion made that the President contact Saanich as soon as possible regarding the exchange of property, carried.

November 13 1945

City Championship Gala held at the Crystal Gardens Pool

November 1945

Jim McCague coach for 1944 returned to his head coaching duties in 1945, junior instruction under Mrs. RW Hibberson Thursdays at 4:00 pm and junior and senior instruction under Jim McCague Fridays at 6:30 pm.

1946

The VASC hosted the B.C Championship Swimming Gala which was held at the Crystal Garden Swimming Pool on Saturday June 1st 1946.



Crystal Gardens 1946



Members of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club who competed at West Vancouver, Kelowna & Vancouver Galas.

Front row: Bill Langford, Kay Sealy, Margaret Ward, Miles Dighton, Back row: Bill Doddridge, winner Wrigley Mile Men's for Western Canada, Bill Robertson Club Coach and Jack Wallburn winner of Junior Half Mile for British Columbia. Two members of the team absent are Marion Austin runner up for Ladies B. C. diving and Lorna Lee.

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Victoria Club Will Enter Strong Contingent In Provincial Championship Swimming Gala

Vieing for honors with strong contingents from other clubs in the British Columbia championship gala at the Crystal Garden on Saturday evening will be a small but potent squad from the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, the host club.

President Jim McCague announces that Bill Stevenson, crack 50-yard man and one of the fastest freestylers in Victoria, will lead the senior men along with Bill Doddridge, Wrigley Swim titlist. Stevenson is returning to competition after a break due to service with the navy and is entered in the men's free style events.

Other senior men swimmers include George Reid, promising newcomer, who will also specialize in the free style races, and Cliff Hume, breast stroke ace.

Kay Sealy, who garnered two

third places last Summer during the British Columbia championship gala at West Vancouver and also did well at Kelowna, will be V.A.S.C.'s leading contender for senior women's honors.

Among junior boy competitors will be Jack Wellburn, who paddled his way to victory in the junior half-mile Wrigley Swim last Summer. Miles Deighton and Bill Langford are entered in free style events along with Ray Calton, promising new member. Doug Stewart will carry the club's hopes in the junior breast stroke numbers. He formerly swam for Crescent Beach Swimming Club, of Vancouver.

Participating in junior girls' events are young mermaids Margaret Ward, winner of the British Columbia juvenile 50-yard backstroke last year, who is stepping into the higher

bracket for the first time, and Doris Duffill, freestyler.

After four years away from competition, Ann Greenwood has returned to the fold and is entered in the senior relay event.

The V.A.S.C. swimmers will be opposed by a galaxy of stars from other clubs, including Irene Strong, of Vancouver, Canada's top mermaid, who was believed to have set a new world's record for the 220-yard breast stroke distance in a time trial two nights ago.

Archie McKinnon's strong Victoria Y.M.C.A. team is favored to take top laurels for the meet.

Exhibition diving will see Marian Austin, of V.A.S.C., and Florence Catalano, of Trail, performing. Terry Connelly, of V.A.S.C. (Vancouver), is entered in the men's exhibition diving.

Meet November 9 1946

The Victoria Amateur Swimming Club hosts the B.C Championship Swimming Gala at the Crystal Garden Swimming Pool on November 9th 1946. There were 100 swimmers with 15 VASC representatives.

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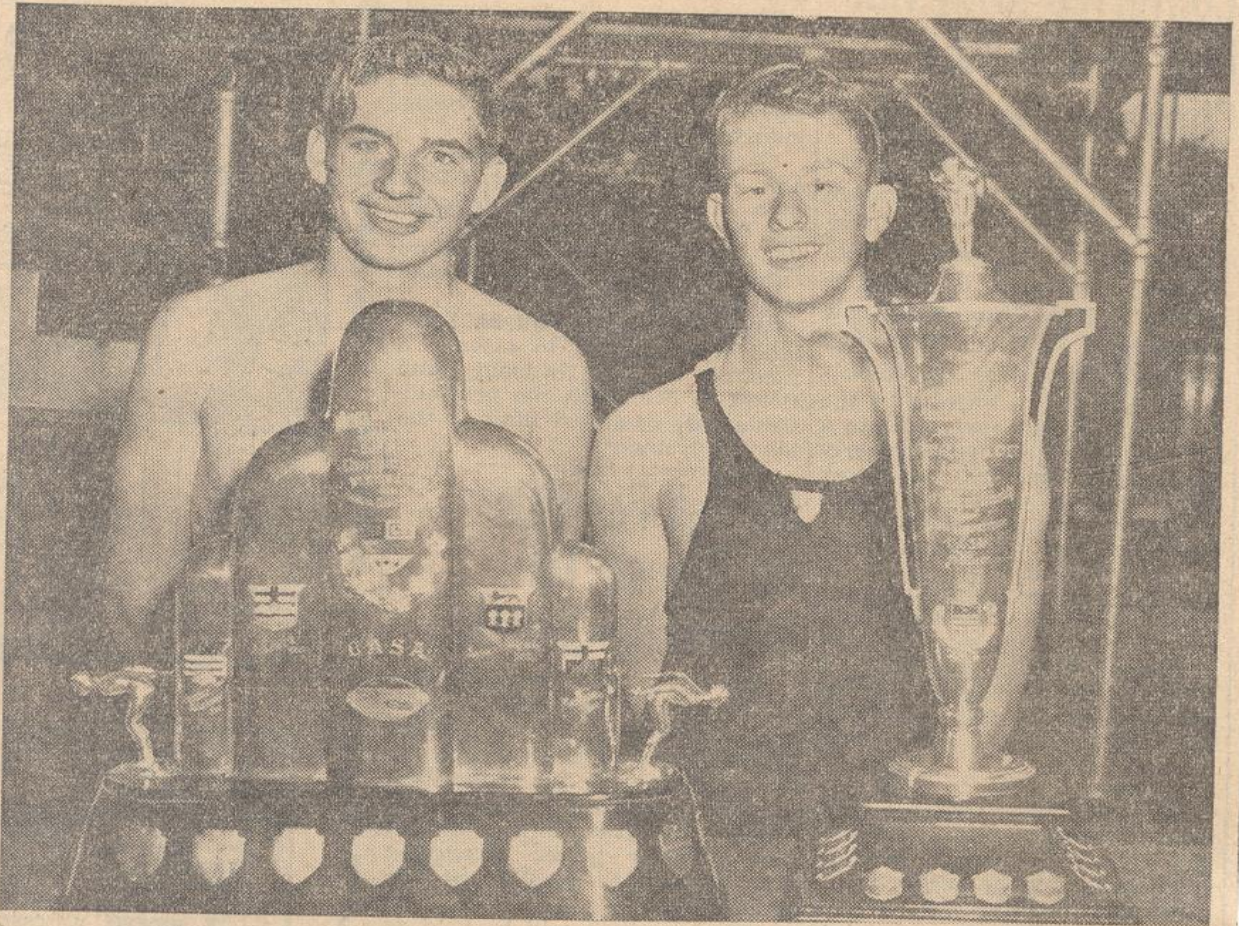
Important Meeting Of V.A.S.C. Tonight

Final arrangements for the holding of the Canadian Amateur swimming championships and the appointment of officials for the meet will be the order of business at a special meeting of the V.A.S.C. in the Crystal Garden tonight at 8.

In addition, all club swimmers and divers wishing to compete at Kelowna Aug. 5 and 6, are requested to attend.

In August 5-6 1947 the VASC sent a team to the 41st Annual Kelowna Regatta, the unofficial BC Championships, (senior swimmers Jack Wellburn, Bill Dodderidge, Marion Austin, junior swimmers Bill Langford, Miles Dighton, Doug Stewart, Walter Balobaba and coach Bill Robertson) in preparation for the Dominion Swimming and Diving Championships.

Swimming Champions And Their Trophies



BILL DODDRIDGE

JACK WELLBURN

These members of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club hung up impressive triumphs in Vancouver last week-end. Dodderidge brought to this city for the first time the handsome Wrigley Trophy, emblematic of the western Canada men's mile championship and Wellburn lifted the Wrigley Cup for the British Columbia junior boys' half-mile honors. Coach Bill Robertson of the V.A.S.C. has now developed three Wrigley champions, Molly Wallace having taken the B.C. junior girls' half-mile title in 1934.

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The Dominion Swimming and Diving Championships were held at the 50 yard indoor Crystal Gardens pool August 11/12 1947. Senior swimmers Jack Wellburn 3rd - 400 free open 4th 200 free open, Bill Dodderidge, Marion Austin, Junior swimmers Bill Langford, Miles Dighton 3rd 50 free junior boys, Doug Stewart 3rd 100 - breaststroke junior boys, Walter Balobaba and coach Bill Robertson were named to represent the club at the Dominion (Canadian) Championship held at the Crystal gardens according to Jim McCague president of the VASC. The VASC Junior Mens relay team finished 3rd in the 200 Free Relay.

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Many Champions, Record-Holders In Canadian Swim Meet From Victoria

When the Canadian amateur swimming and diving championships are held in the Crystal Garden, Aug. 11 and 12, many Dominion record holders and champions will be on hand to defend their laurels and not a few of these Olympic bound mermaids and mermen hail from Victoria.

Representing Victoria in the title gala will be members of Archie McKinnon's Flying "Y" squad and Bill Robertson's V.A.S.C. team. Irene Strong, holder of three senior Canadian marks and 10 junior records, will head a powerful contingent from the mainland clubs. The Ontario team, with Evelyn Buchanan, provincial senior women's diving champion and Glenna Maria Mills, unbeaten junior freestyle star, has already been nominated.

Quebec is expected to send along its usual strong team and a small but competent contingent is due from the prairie provinces.

Peter Salmon, easily the outstanding men's Olympic prospect in the Dominion and holder of five junior marks in the breaststroke and medley swims as well as two senior breaststroke records, will compete in the Canadian meet as a senior for the first time.

Last year at Hamilton, Salmon captured the junior 100 yard breaststroke, the 150 yard junior medley and the 100 yard junior freestyle and was a member of the winning medley and relay teams.

Eric Jubb, the 16-year-old flash and record holder in the 40 and 100 yard junior backstroke, is entered in the complete slate of junior events on the program. Unless a dark horse appears somewhere along the route Jubb should clean the board in these events.

Ina Salmon and Joan Morgan, fair sex members of the "Y" and each the present holder of a Canadian record, will be competing. Miss Salmon will swim in the 200 yard breaststroke, 100 yard backstroke and 100 yard freestyle. Joan Morgan will enter the same events. Aileen Smyth, Marge Mowbray and Doreen Jaspar are other Y.M.C.A. senior women entrants.

Ron Neilson, freestyle, Dick Dowden 400-yard freestyle, Gordon Lawrence, 400 freestyle, Ken Hurn, 100 freestyle and relay, Len Coverdale, 200 breaststroke and 400 freestyle, Bob Johnstone, Lorne Bowden and Bob Montgomery are other "Y" men entered in various events.

Stan Powell, Ray Jubb, Bob Clarke, Barry Caviness, Bruce Birch, Walter Standbrook, and Abbott will round out the junior squad. Jean Mills, Gerry Long, Nita Anderson, May Freeman, Myfawnwy Nixon and Jeanne McKay are junior competitors.

V.A.S.C. TEAM

Bill Dodderidge, holder of the Wrigley western Canada mile trophy and Jack Wellburn, B.C. senior men's mile champion top the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club's entry list. Dodderidge and Wellburn will compete in the 100 and 400 yard freestyle.

The junior team is made up of Bill Langford, Miles Dighton, Doug Stewart and Walter Balobala. Langford will enter the 100 freestyle, Dighton the 100 and 200 freestyle and Stewart the 100 breaststroke. Balobala, besides swimming in the 200 freestyle, will with the other three juniors make up the relay team.

Marion Austin, runner-up for the senior women's B.C. championship at Kelowna last year is the club's lone entrant in the women's division.

List of events follows:

Senior men and women: 100 and 400 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, 200 yard breaststroke; 400 yard freestyle relay and three metre spring board diving. Junior men and women: 100 and 200 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, 100 yard breaststroke, 200 yard freestyle relay and three metre spring board diving.