



Victoria Amateur Swim Club

1952

The BC provincial championships were held at the Crystal Pool on the May 24th weekend. VASC took one first in the Juvenile Girls 200 yard relay and a third in the Juvenile Boys 200 yard relay.

1957

The BC Swimming Championships were held at the only indoor 50 yard pool in Canada the Crystal Gardens Pool June 1st 1957. There were 112 swimmers. VASC swimmers included 19 year old Otto Waitzner 1st – Senior 50 Breaststroke and 2nd - Senior 100 Butterfly, M Dobson 3rd - Senior 50 Backstroke, M Holding 3rd – Juvenile Boys 50 Breaststroke and 2nd – 50 Free The girls finished 3rd in the Junior 200 free relay while the Boys got a 3rd in the Intermediate 200 yard relay and a 2nd in the Senior 200 yard relay. Coach for the VASC was John Bishop.



Two of the early winners in last night's B.C. swimming championships at Crystal Garden, Otto Waitzner of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club and Marg Iwasaki of Dolphin Swimming Club, Vancouver, exchange congratula-

tions and display their medals. Waitzner won the senior 50-yard breaststroke and Miss Iwasaki the junior 50-yard backstroke.—(Colonist photo by Ted Harris.)

1958

Jim McCague represented the VASC as an official at the British Empire Games, part of a 3 man delegation, July 17 – 26 1958.

1959/1960

VASC was represented well at the Vancouver Island Championships in Port Alberni on August 1 1960 where the club finished second overall behind the Vancouver YMCA. First place swims went to Nancy Robson 100 Backstroke, Paul Paquin 100 Butterfly, Donna Bishop 100 Butterfly, K Schaddelee 100 Butterfly and Backstroke. Jim McCague was President of the VASC.

1960/1961

In 1960 Jim McCague was the President of the VASC. In 1961 the club launched into a new program, the morning swim, now the club could train 5 workouts a week instead of 2 workouts



Front Row; unknown, Anne Kidd, Vickie Holding, Mary Helen Johanesen, Robim Olsen, Joan Crawford, unknown

Second Row; Karen McKenzie, Colin McTavish, unknown, Grant Treloar, unknown, Tom Robinson, unknown,

Third Row; Wendy McCague, Marnie Treloar, Nancy Robson, Donna Bishop, unknown, unknown, Lesley McTavish

Back Row; Grant Carrier, Paul Pacquin, Kit Johanesen, Monty Holding, Ken Burnett, Kees Schaddelee, Martin Schaddelee

1962



THE V.A.S.C. SWIM TEAM — SEPTEMBER 1962

Back Row:—Kit Johaneson, Richard Hobday, Trevor Cole (Coach), Tom Robinson.

5th Row:—Linda Swift, Dianne Hobday, Marnie Trelour, Robin Olson, Nancy Robson, Donna Bishop, Susan Stephens, Mary-Helen Johaneson, Joan Crawford, Anne Kidd.

4th Row:—Gordie Price, Ian Kerr, Monty Holding, Maarten Schaddellee, Kees Schaddellee, Colin McTavish, Grant Trearor, Jackie Robinson, Iaan Hooey.

3rd Row:—(Holding Sign) Mark Robson, Ricky Pringle.

2nd Row:—Bruce Denniston, Vickie Holding, Janis Olson, Gordie Robinson, Heather Forbes, Steve Crozier, Bruce Smith, Bob Graham.

Front Row:—Marcia Thorneycroft, Pam Crozier, Judy Price, Valerie Forbes, Ginney Kidd, Marla Olson.

1963/1964

Trevor Cole was the coach for the VASC. The club decided to foster a new name as the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, VASC, was often confused with the Vancouver Amateur Swim Club also the VASC. The club used the name the Victoria Olympians or VICO for the competitive team.



For President

Club president Jim McCague, left, is presented with desk set, signifying 13 years as president of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, by club vice-president George Forbes.

After over 25 years of involvement with the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, from swimmer to Coach to Secretary to President, Jim McCague was honoured for his service to the club.

COMPETITIVE TRAINING SCHEDULE.

MORNING.

EVENING.

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| MONDAY | A | 6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. | B & C - 7:00 p.m. exercises, 7:30 - 8:30 swimming. |
| TUESDAY | A | " " | |
| WEDNESDAY | A | " " | B & C - 7:00 p.m. exercises, 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. swimming |
| THURSDAY | A | " " | <u>"C" Only</u> 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | A & B | 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. | |
| SATURDAY | A & B | 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | |
| SUNDAY | B & C | 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. | |

"A" GROUP MAY GO TO "B" GROUP PRACTICE EXCEPT SUNDAY.

"B" GROUP SELECTED SWIMMERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CERTAIN "A" WORKOUTS.

"C" GROUP SELECTED SWIMMERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CERTAIN "B" WORKOUTS.

REMEMBER PRACTICE MAKES FAST SWIMMERS.

LET ME SEE YOU AT ALL WORKOUTS. PLEASE

In B *Bruce Smith*
Sr *Justin Alexander*
In G *Louise Ashby*
Sr *Mami Tulbier*

T R E V.

COACH

Training Schedule

1964

ON THE TIMES

By ART STOTT

'The Sun Shines Bright'

THE Victoria Amateur Swimming Club float in Monday's parade caught me by surprise with its announcement of a 50th anniversary. That would place its founding in 1914. I had believed that the V.A.S.C. emerged just after the First World War, not in the year of its start.



Stott

At all events, I think the club became a fact, rather than a name, during the later period. Certainly it took over the quarters carrying the sign of the Victoria Ladies Swimming Club then, towed them a lot or two further upstream and anchored them on the Saanich side of the Gorge off the foot of Inez Drive.

My impression could be faulty. Hazily I remember Willis Barrett, Jock McNeill, George Stott (no relation) and Warren Long talking, a long time ago, about swimming in the period before and after the war. As I recollect the talk, they swam generally in the YMCA pool and were considering an outdoor non-Y organization before so many of the young men went overseas. Maybe they actually took out their charter then but left before they could put flesh on the skeleton of the club.

I'm no authority. I didn't join until the summer of 1922 or 1923, and then at an age too young to be interested in history.

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To me, at that time, the V.A.S.C. became a daytime home during the summer. Junior membership cost a quarter or four bits, I've forgotten which, and entitled a youngster to changing facilities, some coaching, use of the floating dining room—where we ate banana sandwiches and drank tea brewed on a rusting stove in the tiny kitchen—and association with some of the finest and friendliest people I have ever met.

How could they be anything else, when they included such families as the Wellburns, Silburns, Hibbersons, Balnaves, Melvilles, Mathesons and Robertsons, such bachelors as Pete Johnson, Jimsie Hough, "Dad" Barrett and a host of young people, Earl Squire, Langton Plumb, Jackie Clyde, Phyllis Nunns,

Iris Philbrook, the McDowells, that authority on swimming and diving "Dick" Dunn and, as organizing genius, Mrs. McAllister.

It's impossible to name them all, but they clung together like the ivy on the garden wall—and heaven help anybody who did anything to one of ours.

Tommy Wellburn and his sister Kathleen were our stars. They both held Canadian championships and their great rivals were also Victorians, Dave Barclay of the Elks, and Audrey Griffin of the V.I.A.A.

Gracie Wellburn mothered the youngsters among us. Alice Hibberson gave us life-saving instruction and encouragement. Every senior put himself or herself out to see that we enjoyed and progressed in swimming and diving.

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It took a little over an hour to travel by streetcar from Foul Bay to the Gorge terminus, 10 or 15 minutes to walk or dawdle the extra distance to the clubhouse—and all for a two-and-one-half cent car ticket. We packed lunch and supper. For me, lunch was banana sandwiches, supper, more banana sandwiches.

We fought our figurative battles with the Vancouver Island Amateur Athletic Association at Curtis Point, with the Elks, whose location is now a beer parlor parking ground, and the Y crowd in the camp across the Gorge from us—fairly friendly battles with the Y except when the McKinnons and Jock McNeill tangled in water polo.

And we won our share of events in inter-city galas that drew top swimmers from Vancouver, Seattle and Portland.

It was a simple life for us out there. We who were kids enjoyed wide leniency from our elders, but they brought us back into line when we stepped out of it. That was expected. They were all sort of foster-parents.

I wouldn't take a dollar for every hour I spent in the sun there, and scores of Victorians no doubt feel the same way.

So the club is marking its half-century this year. May it long prosper. And may memories of its earlier days bring echoed harmony to those of us who were privileged to share them.

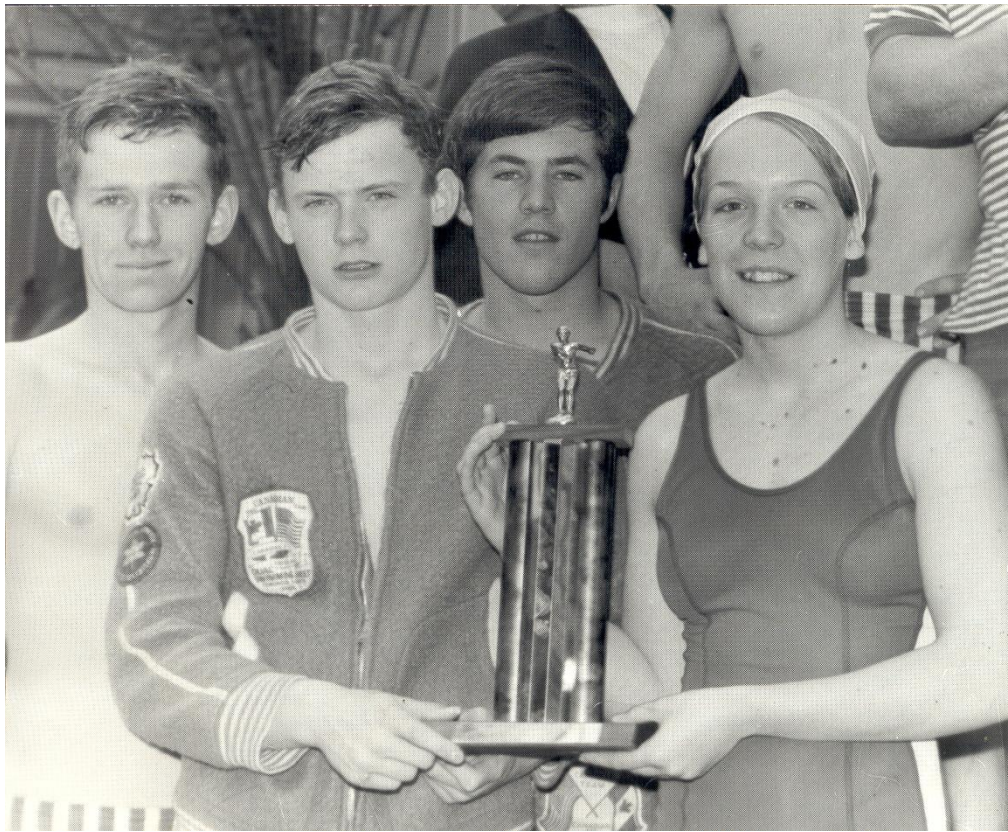
1964

1964/1965

On July 24-26 1965 the VASC sent a 14 member team to Red Deer Alberta for the Canadian Swimming and Diving Championships. Monte Holding (finalist in the 200IM, 400 IM and 1500 freestyle in Vancouver at Empire Pool in 1964), Grant Treloar (finalist in the 13/14 breaststroke and freestyle in Vancouver at Empire Pool in 1964), Lorrie Cosby, Marilyn

Horne, Gordy Alexander, Chris Tyrell, Rod Ptak, Colin McTavish, Dave Owen, Ross Bruce, Paul Paquin, Mary-Helen Johaneson, Marnie Treloar and Dianne Hobday represented the club at the meet. They were competing for 20 positions on the Canadian team to represent Canada on a tour of Europe and the British Championships.

On July 28-29 1965 the VASC sent a team to Red Deer Alberta for the Canadian Age Group Swimming and Diving Championships. Vito Dunford (Canadian Champion in the 100 meter breaststroke winner in the 13/14 age group), Jim Gollmer (4th place 100 meter breaststroke winner in the 11/12 age group), Bruce Ross, Monty Holding, Grant Treloar, Marilyn Horne and Lori Cosby swam for VicO (it was sometime in the 60's that the VASC called it's competitive team the Victoria Olympians or VicO for short).





Mary Pat Pumfrey gets a soft seat from Olympian teammates Jim Gollmer and Tim Mots while Dale Long

is ready to help. All four broke Canadian swim records here Saturday, Mary Pat, two.—(Robin Clarke)

City Swimmers Shatter Six Canadian Records

Mary Pat Pumfrey led an assault on Canadian swim records Saturday in the Victoria and Districts swimming championships at Crystal Garden with two record-breaking performances.

Miss Pumfrey trimmed six seconds off the Canadian mark in the 13-14 years, 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:44.3 and set a 100-yard breaststroke record of 1:14.7 in the same age class. The old record with 1:15.5.

Four other new records were also established.

Jim Gollmer in the 13-14 years 200-yard freestyle lowered the record to 2:06.2 from 2:10.2.

Dale Long, in the 10-and-under 50-yard backstroke set a new mark of 34 seconds. The previous record was 35.6.

In the 200-yard backstroke, 13-14 years, Jim Mots covered the distance in a record 2:32.2. The former record was 2:34.7.

All record breakers are members of the Olympians Swimming club whose team of 10-and-under boys also broke the

200-yard freestyle relay record with a time of 2:14.9, compared to 2:16.0. Members of the team were Jack Bell, Dale Long, Stave Davis and Mat Cairney.

Members of the Olympians piled up 973 points to Victoria Y's 201 and 184 for the Juan De Fuca Cohoes. The three clubs were joint sponsors of the meet.

Todd Trophies for boys and girls went to Vito Dunford and Laurie Cosby, respectively, and the Olympians won the Canadian Legion trophy.

VASC swimmers break 6 Canadian records at the Victoria and District swimming championships at the Crystal Gardens. Mary Pat Pumfrey set Canadian records in the 13/14 year old age group in the 100 Breaststroke (1:15.5) and the 200 Breaststroke (2:44.3). Jim Gollmer set a record in the 13/14 year old age group in the 200 Freestyle (2:06.2), Dale Long set a record in the 11/12 year old age group in the 50 Backstroke (34.00) and Jim Mots set a

record in the 13/14 year old age group in the 200 Backstroke (2:32.2). The 10 and under boys freestyle relay record was also broken, Jack Bell, Dale Long, Steve Davis and Matt Cairney set the record with a time of 2:14.9.

1965/1966

January 5 1966

Victoria Olympians Jim Gollmer was selected to compete against an United States swim team in the 13th Annual Invitational (an age group dual meet January 22nd in London and January 23rd in Toronto)

1967

February 1967

1967 executive

Pres John P Taylor

Sec Mary Bell

Coach Trevor Cole

Competitive Team Victoria Olympians

School Meet March 11 1967, 8am – 2pm at Crystal Gardens

VASC Dance February 10th 1967

VICO meets

February 4 and 11 Victoria City Championships @ Crystal Gardens

After the first day of competition the VICO team had a commanding lead 463-272 over Victoria YM/YWCA winning 22 out of 28 events. Arlene Henderson and Grant Treloar each won three races and received the Jack Todd Trophies for their victories in the Individual Medley. At the end of the second day VICO had won 872-551 winning 15 of the remaining 26 events. The boys 15 – 16 year old 200 yard relay team of Grant Treloar, Bruce Mockford, Ken Munn and Dave Cruise set a new Canadian age group record with a time of 1:39.8 beating the old time by 1.5 seconds. Coach Trevor Cole was presented with the winning trophy.

March 7

Victoria Olympians finished fifth in the Port Angeles invitational swimming championships with five swimmers winning individual races. Red Shield swim club of Seattle was first with the Canadian Dolphins of Vancouver second, Cascade Swim club of Seattle third and Port Angeles fourth. Dave Cruise won the open 100 and 200 Freestyle, Mary Pat Pumfrey won the 13 – 14 100 Breaststroke and the open 200 Breaststroke and Lorrie Cosby won the 13 – 14 100 Backstroke. Other swimmers to make finals were: Arlene Henderson, Dave Owen, Ross Bruce, Grant Treloar, Jim Gollmer, Peter Cruise, Rick Davidge, Bruce Mockford, Lloyd Minkler, Dave Long Bill Sherwood, Louise Cosby and Ray Horne.

April 22 and 23 BC Indoor Championships

Twenty Canadian records were broken including nine open age group records at the Crystal Gardens. Elaine Tanner of the Canadian Dolphins set three individual Canadian records and was part of two relay teams that set records. The VASC team of Grant Trelour, Bruce Mockford, Monty Holding and David Cruise set a new 400 Medley record with a time of 4:08.2 bettering the old record by 1.8 seconds. VASC also set three age group records Louise Cosby 1:21.6 in the 100 Breaststroke, Grant Trelour 1:01.0 in the 100 Backstroke and the boys

11 – 12 200 IM relay team of Bill Sherwood, Ray Horne, Rick Davidge and Bruce Sharrock with a time of 2:15.1. Victoria Olympians finished second overall to the Vancouver Dolphins 446 – 376.

Three swimmers were selected to swim for Canada at a National Age Group Championship versus the USA Team.

Mary Pat Pumfrey 13, Lorraine Cosby 14, Louise Cosby 12



On Saturday May 13, 1967 there was a chlorine gas leak at the Crystal Gardens and 34 people (21 children, 5 fireman, 4 policeman, 2 coaches, 2 parents) were treated including 14 who were hospitalized overnight). Coach Trevor Cole (29) 127 Beach Drive and Dave Owen (17) of the VASC were commended for their actions during the incident. It happened shortly after 9:00 am while the B and C groups were just starting their practice.

September 1967

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Competitive Team Victoria Olympians

Registration September 6th and 7th at the Flamingo room at the Crystal Gardens Pool.

Swimming started September 18th

Coach Trevor Cole took thirteen VICO swimmers to the National Championships in Winnipeg to swim in the new 2.8 million dollar Pan –American pool from July 3rd – 7th of 1967. Thirty two teams competed and the Victorian Olympians finished ninth overall.

Grant Trelour (7th in the finals of the 100 Backstroke, 5th place in the finals of the 200 Backstroke, 8th in the finals of the 100 Freestyle, 4th in the finals of the 200 IM), Monty Holding (made the finals of the 400 Freestyle but was DQ'd), Bruce Mackford, Ross Bruce (6th in the finals of the 200 Butterfly), Ken Munn, Dave Cruise, Jim Gollmer, Louise Cosby, Brenda Meredith, Arlene Henderson, Lorraine Cosby (8th place in the finals of the 200 Backstroke), Delma Corby, Mary Pat Pumfrey (1st in the 200 Breaststroke, an alternate for the final of the 100 Breaststroke)

The 400 meter relay team of Monty Holding, Jim Gollmer, David Cruise and Grant Trelour finished third overall while the girls 400 meter relay team of Barbara Meredith, Arlene Henderson, Louise and Lorrie Cosby finished fifth overall.

Fourteen year old Mary Pat Pumfrey qualified fourth and finished first in the 200 Breaststroke finals in a time of 2:59.4 and qualified for the 1967 Pan American Games (the first swimmer since Bob Wheaton to do so) starting in Winnipeg on July 23rd 1967 and where she finished 5th in the 200 Breaststroke with a time of 258.84. The Olympians left Winnipeg Friday night by train and were expected to arrive in Victoria at 1:40 pm Sunday.

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Victoria Swimmer On Pan-Am Team

Mary Pat Pumfrey Wins After Qualifying Fourth

SPORTS
DOUG PEDEN
Sports Editor

WINNIPEG—Quite deservedly Elaine Tanner was the power and the glory of the six-day national swimming and diving championships which ended Thursday. But in the motel room of Victoria Olympians' swim coach Trevor Cole they had their own celebration. The Olympians' 14-year-old Mary Pat Pumfrey had won a place on the Pan-American Games' team, the first swimmer from Victoria to do so since Bill Wheaton several years ago.

Mary Pat won the 200-metre breaststroke final in 2:59.4 four-tenths of a second ahead of the second place finisher.

"She's capable of a 2:57," Cote said Mary Pat's victory was all the more remarkable in that she had only the fourth fastest qualifying time going into the race.

"She can do it even faster," an excited Cole told The Times today.

While Miss Pumfrey was the only major Olympian winner, the remainder of Cole's crew piled up enough points to place ninth in national ranking. Thirty-two teams competed.

MARY PAT PUMFREY
... answered the challenge

Times headline July 7 1967

1968

The Juan de Fuca Coho Swim Club was established under the Society Act in 1968 and functioned primarily in the Juan de Fuca Centennial Pool.

1969

President Derrick Cosby

The VASC held the 2nd annual Victoria Olympians Invitational Swim meet at the Crystal Gardens on April 11-12th 1969. The club had about 65 swimmers aged 8 to 17 and was coached by Tony Keeler.

The Victoria and District Swimming Championships were held and the Victoria Olympians finished first.

The VASC held an Invitational International meet at the Crystal Gardens in June of 1969 finishing first overall, with 310 points, ahead of the Canadian Dolphins 299 points and Port Alberni 233 points.



The 12th annual open and age group BC Championships were held on the weekend of June 27/28 1969 in Vancouver at UBC, Juan de Fuca Cohoes sent 15 members and the Victoria Olympians sent 14 members to represent the club and finished 9th overall. Tim Cairney, Jim Gollmer, Bill Sherwood, Rick Davidge, Greg Stone, Tim Mots, Mike Sullivan, George Gollmer, Gail Williams, Martha Cairney, Michelle Brownsey, Judy Thompson, Susan Shpiruk, Scott Busfield and Coach Trevor Cole represented the club.

The Victoria Olympians were part of the fall Evergreen League which comprised of 8 Canadian Teams and 6 American Teams.

Canadian teams

North Vancouver

Juan de Fuca Cohoes

Y Kings

Arbutus

Burnaby

Port Alberni

Vancouver Amateur Swim Club

Victoria Amateur Swimming Club (VICO's)

American teams

Thurston

Highline

Lakewood

Port Angeles

South Sound

Washington Athletics

EVERGREEN LEAGUE - SCHEDULE 1969

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| Oct. 4th | Y-Kings & Arbutus at Vancouver Amateur. North Vancouver & Juan de Fuca at Juan de Fuca. Vic O & Burnaby at Port Alberni. U. S. Clubs not involved. |
| Oct. 11th | Canadian Thanksgiving - Canadian teams bye. Thurston & Highline at Lakewood. Port Angeles & South Sound at Washington Athletic. |
| Oct. 18th | Juan de Fuca & Vancouver Amateur at Port Angeles. Thurston & Lakewood at Arbutus. North Vancouver & Washington Athletic at Burnaby. Port Alberni at Y-Kings. Highline & South Sound at Victoria Olympians. |
| Oct. 25th | Burnaby Tyees Development Meet, Simon Fraser |
| Nov. 1st | Vic O & Arbutus at Port Alberni. Port Angeles & Washington Athletic at Thurston. Y-Kings & Vancouver Amateur at South Sound. Burnaby & Lakewood at Highline. |
| Nov. 8th | Juan de Fuca & Arbutus at Highline. Port Alberni at Burnaby. North Vancouver & Thurston at South Sound. Washington Athletic at Victoria Olympians. Lakewood at Port Angeles. |
| Nov. 15th | Bye - ALL-STAR MEET VANCOUVER AMATEUR SWIM CLUB. |
| Nov. 22nd | Port Alberni & Y-Kings at Washington Athletic. Highline & Port Angeles at Vancouver Amateur. North Vancouver & Vic O at Lakewood. Thurston & South Sound at Juan de Fuca. |
| Nov. 29th | U. S. Thanksgiving weekend - U. S. bye. Juan de Fuca & Arbutus at Y-Kings. Vancouver Amateur & Burnaby at North Vancouver. |
| Dec. 6th | Santa Claus Meet - Tacoma <u>8 & UNDER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS</u> |
| Dec. 7th | WESTERN VERSION CANADIAN - AMERICAN MEET, TACOMA. |
| Dec. 13th | LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, VANCOUVER, B. C. |

December 1969

50th Annual Club Championships held Monday December 15th 1969 at the Crystal Gardens, In the 11-12 age group Judy Thompson won all the events, in the 10 and under events Susan Shipiruk won all the events, Louise Cosby won three events in the 13-14 age group while Brenda Meredith, Monty Holding, Tin Cairney, Scott Busfield, and Larry Forbes were all double winners.

Awards and banquet for the championships held at 6:30 pm on Friday January 30th 1970, the AGM was held after the awards at 8:00pm

VASC Swimathon February 12th – 22nd 1970