

Swimming League Lures 140 Kids

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Some 140 Salt Lake Valley kids could care less about the major league pennant races, the political convention races, the U.S.-Russian races or the Olympic races.

They have their own races in the four-team Salt Lake Valley swimming league.

THE TEAMS include The Salt Lake Country Club, the Cottonwood Club, Willow Creek Country Club and the Salt Lake Tennis Club.

Each team has some 30 to 35 youngsters on its roster and the groups hold home-and-home swimming meets with prizes given to winners.

There are six age divisions on the event schedule, according to George Rich who runs the aquatic program for The Salt Lake Country Club.

The dual meets also are run in a professional manner.

The kids all wear uniforms, there are referees, fans turn out and the competition is "very keen", Rich explained.

Organizers of the league are planning a tournament later this season and plans are under way to set up a Challenge Cup for the kids to chase after.

And the kids get plenty of top-notch instruction from their various clubs.

RICH, Tom Thorum and Mrs. Virginia Rich head up The Country Club team. All three are top-flight swimming instructors and Thorum swam on the Skyline champion University of Utah team last season.

The Cottonwood Club is coached by Jay Kirk who is an ex-Ute diving team member in 1957.

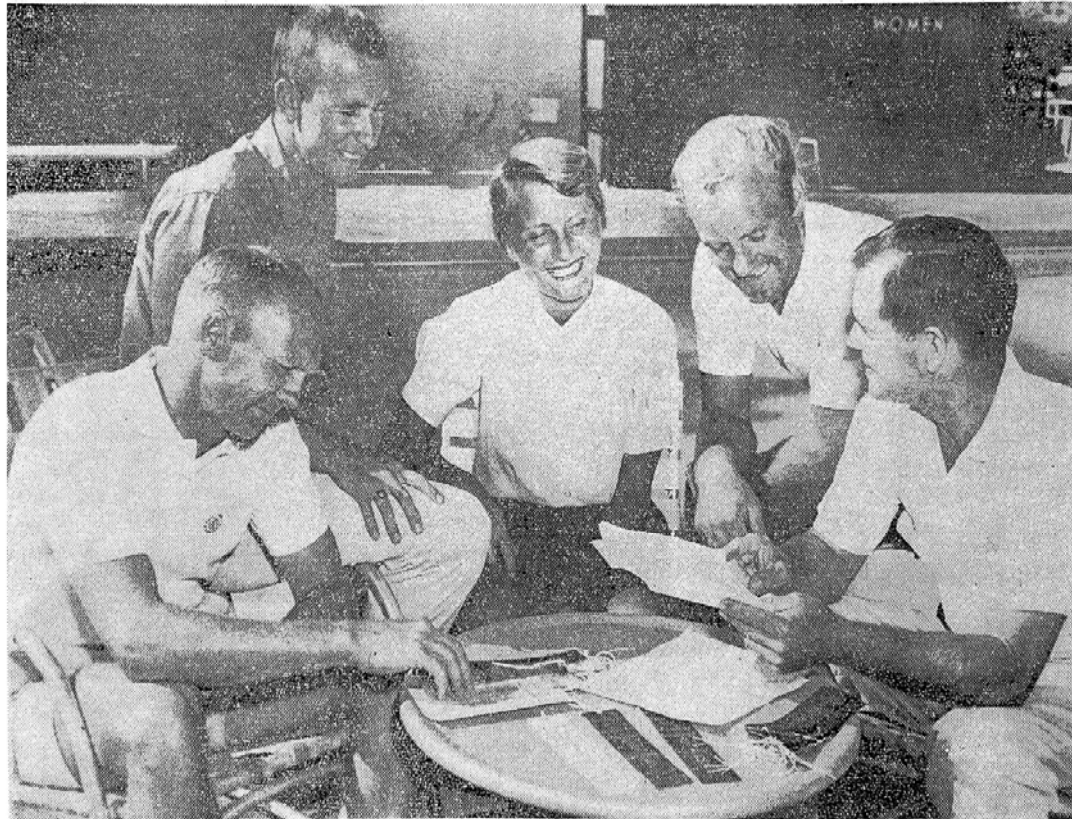
Karl Tucker runs the Willow Creek crew. Tucker is a former all-around athlete from Brigham Young University. He lettered in tennis, golf and baseball and in 1952 he was

named the No. 1 all-around athlete at Catville.

Janice Romney, one of the top women's tennis players in the state and a fine swimming instructor, coaches the Tennis Club swimmers!

The coaches have set up competition in age groups from eight and under to 16 and over.

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Karl Tucker, Tom Thorum, Janice Romney, Jay Kirk and George Rich, left to right, swimming team coaches map plans for their 1960 schedule at the Salt Lake Country Club. Valley clubs have formed kids' swimming league.

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