

The Riptide Swim Team (RIPS)

Shandra D Wrinkle, the Head Coach and authorized team representative will not be able to attend this Saturday

This team joined PVS and USA Swimming in the fall of 2003 (for the 2004 registration year.). They have rejoined for 2005 and currently have 24 registered athletes. They practice at the Freedom Center in Manassas, VA (Prince William Cty)

As a new club last year, they fell under the newly established "First Year Club Requirement" program. In submitting their application to join both PVS and USA Swimming, they listed their club address as "6104 Ridge Haven Ct., Centreville, VA 20120 (Centreville, VA is in Fairfax Cty --which is within PVS territory.) They listed on the Facility Confirmation Form as Facility Information "The Freedom and Fitness Center, George Mason University (**Prince William County**), 10900 University Blvd, Manassas, VA" (emphasis added)

The PVS Board approved their membership into PVS as a new club on October 3, 2003. The minutes of the PVS Board meeting of that date include the following:

*"The Board was asked to approve RIPS (Riptide Swim Team) as a new PVS club and did so. **The Board was advised that their address of record was within PVS's boundaries** and they had satisfied the new requirements (effective for the 2004 registration year) to be a new United States Swimming club. The club recognized the need to attend the business management course within the next twelve months." (emphasis added)*

It is clear from the above that both RIPS made no effort to not fully and openly represent what its intentions were and that it was the PVS's Board's understanding that the criteria that determined what LSC should join is "their address of record." When the application was reviewed by USA Swimming, no concerns were raised regarding the appropriateness of the application or what LSC they should join.

Length of Membership in PVS

The issue of how long some clubs have been members of PVS has arisen in some of the earlier correspondence related to this matter. I have PVS Aquatics Guides going back to 1992. A review of that year's guide shows OCCS registered with an official mailing address of PO Box 1286, Lorton, Va 22199 (Lorton VA is in Fairfax Cty) This is still the address from which OCCS is registered.

Ashburn Village Swim Team (AVST) (now AST) was also shown as being registered with PVS in that year with an official mailing address of 7200 Wisconsin Ave., Ste 713, Bethesda, MD 20814. (Bethesda is in Montgomery Cty) In 1998, it was registered at 1548 Chatham Colony Ct. Reston, VA 22090 (Reston is in Fairfax Cty) AST is now registered from a mailing address in Loudoun Country.

PVS did not issue an Aquatics Guide after 1998, except on a one time basis in 2001-02 -- which did not show official mailing address. Review of historical information that had been on the website shows SNOW initially registered in 1999 with an official mailing address of 1143 Waterpointe Lane, Reston, VA 20194. SNOW is now registered from a

mailing address in Loudoun County.

Size of Washington DC Metropolitan Area

We do not know to what extent the size (boundary) of the Washington metropolitan area will come up on Saturday or whether it will be accepted by all that the Washington Metropolitan area now includes Prince William and Loudoun County. However, the attached maps taken from the US Census website very clearly illustrate that the portions of Prince William and Loudoun County where OCCS, SNOW and AST have their practice sites are clearly within the densely populated area of the Washington DC area -- two of the maps are based on County subdivisions -- the other two by "urban area."

They are hard to interpret unless you know the area well enough to know where the political boundary between Fairfax County and Prince William and Loudoun County fall, but if you do they clearly illustrate that the pools being used by the PVS teams training in these latter two counties fall within those parts of the respective counties. I would suggest they be available for use -- should the discussion go that way on Saturday.