PVS Webmaster's Report
December 2007

Web Site Cleanup: Pages still at the top of the list for cleanup are the Records, Time Standards and Qualifying Times pages. I also have some additional work to do on the Officials pages as identified by the Officials Committee.

Search: Added to the website on Dec 26. We have had about 20 searches a day since then.

Parents Page: Added the website on Dec 27. A first draft of the Parent's FAQ has been received and been circulated to the board for comments.

Athletes Page: Added to the website on Dec 30. I included the results of the survey Virginia presented at the Dec Board Meeting. I also created an on-line version of the survey, and have received 17 responses in the first two days. I look to the Athlete Reps to continue to suggest new content to keep this page refreshed.

Meet Directors Page: No work was done on this proposed new page in December. I am still collecting material.

Pictures: I'd like to post occasional pictures on the home page (e.g. a picture of the week). No individuals would be identified in the photos. I need people to send me pictures (random swim meet shots) for this to happen.

RSS Feed: As you can see from the statistics below, this is a very popular feature of the web site.

Website Statistics: I am continuing to use the free version of Deep Log Analyzer statistics package. During December, we had an average of 3,409 visitors per day to the website. The heaviest day was Friday, December 7th (6,005 visitors), and the lightest day was Tuesday, December 25th (1,656 visitors). Besides the Home Page, the most popular pages were:

FileName	Page Views	Description
/pvs_schd.htm	26,523	current year schedule
/0708meet/22preview.htm	8,588	Tom Dolan pre-meet info
/newstuff.html	7,832	what's new
/rss/newstuff.xml	6,387	RSS feed
/0708meet/22-08-ma.pdf	5,551	Tom Dolan Meet Announcement
/pooldirs.htm	5,482	directions to pools
/tmonline.htm	4,645	databases
/0708meet/22r.htm	4,340	Tom Dolan results
/eastzone/index.html	3,410	Eastern Zone Home Page
/pvs_seniors.htm	3,398	PVS H.S. Seniors
/0708meet/24-08-ma.htm	2,954	Sport Fair Meet Announcement
/0708meet/29-08-ma.htm	2,954	Jan Open Meet Announcement

Privacy Policy: We don't have a published privacy policy. We could use the USA Swimming policy as a model. Other LSCs either have their own published policy, or link to the USA Swimming policy.

New PVS Laptops: In December, I took on the task of trying to determine why we weren't able to use them in a Meet Manager network (shared database) configuration.

The laptops were purchased with 512 MB of memory. Microsoft says that is the minimum memory required to run Vista, however it runs poorly with that much memory. I have upgraded each laptop to 1.5 GB of memory. Vista now runs reasonably.

After lots of research, plenty of testing, and several helpful exchanges with Bob Matlack at Hy-Tek, I was able to pinpoint the problem to Microsoft Vista. A bug in their operating system prevents the sharing of Microsoft Access databases (used by Hy-Tek) across a network. They do not have a fix for this problem yet. I was able to find instruction for disabling the offending feature in Vista. The laptops now run fine in the networked configuration.

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