

★ TOM JAGER ★

TOM JAGER'S accomplishments in the world of swimming have become legendary. This eleven-year resident of Tijeras, New Mexico began swimming at the YMCA in East St. Louis, MO prior to graduating from Collinsville, Ill. High School.

He was awarded a swimming scholarship to The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and was that school's team Captain his Junior and Senior years. He earned a B.A. degree in Political Sociology in 1986 and married Becky, the same year.

At the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, he won gold medals in the 4 X 100-Meter Freestyle Relay and in the 4 X 100-Meter Medley Relay.

He qualified for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea where he again won Gold Medals in the 4 X 100 Meter Freestyle Relay (set a world record) and the 4 X 100 Meter Medley Relay. He also won a Silver Medal in Seoul in the 50-meter Freestyle.

As if two Olympics were not enough, Jager came back to the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain where he again won a Gold Medal in the 4 X 100 Meter Freestyle Relay and a Bronze Medal in the 50-Meter freestyle.

Tom is one of two swimmers to win gold medals in three Olympics. He is in the top ten of all medal winners in U.S. Olympic history. He was team captain twice.

In 1986 Jager was the Team Captain for the World

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Championships in Madrid, Spain where he won Gold Medals in the 50 Meter Freestyle and the 4 X 100 Freestyle Relay. He again was the team Captain at the Perth, Australia World Championships in 1991 where he won Gold Medals in the 50 Meter Freestyle and the 4 X 100 Freestyle Relay.

Nashville, Tenn. was the setting in 1990 where Tom set the World record in the 50 Meter Freestyle (21.81 seconds) a record which stands today. He also was on the 4 X 100 Meter Freestyle Relay team that set the world record in Seoul, Korea. Tom has broken the 50 meter freestyle world record six times.

Jager and former world record holder Matt Biondi developed the program F.L.O.A.T (Future Leaders of American Trust), a charity which gave half of all proceeds to Cuidando Los Ninos in Albuquerque. This program

sent four underprivileged kids from Albuquerque to Washington, D.C.

Tom was a member of the Olympic International Operations Committee until 1991 and currently works with inner city youth swim programs. He is the founder of Gold Medal Swimming Clinics. He has given scores of lessons to youngsters at local pools and swim clubs across the nation. Jager says "I want to teach kids that if they learn the values and skills of swimming, they will be more successful in school, and, later on, in the workplace."

Tom and Becky have two children, Wyatt, age 2½ and newborn, Cy, age 6 weeks. They enjoy hiking, plan to stay in New Mexico and try to help develop swimmers across the nation. Tom has worked with local high school and UNM swim coaches and he still helps with the Senior citizens swim program.