

IN TOUCH

with Club Sports

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Members of the Club Sports women's water polo team practice for this spring's competitions in California. Photo by Sean Pottor.

Crew, polo hold competitions as goal

Practice pays off as the two teams compete in California

Evenings of noisy splashing in Leighton Pool and mornings of smooth, soundless rowing in Dexter Reservoir have finally paid off for the Club Sports water polo and crew teams.

They're going to California.

This spring, both women's teams are heading for southern waters to compete with other university teams. For the women's water polo team, which competes at the University of California at Berkeley April 19 to 21, California is the golden land.

"California teams tend to be really awesome," Kathleen Thompson, the team's co-coordinator, says. "We don't

want to be over our heads. We're just out there to have fun."

The University women have entered the tournament as novice-level division "C" players. They will head to California again in May for a tournament at Whittier College.

A regatta at Sacramento State May 18 to 19 is the destination of the crew team. Coordinator Rochelle Suzuki says the team's performance "looks very promising" this season. The team has rowed in three regattas since March, including the Corvallis Invitational and the Covered Bridge Regatta, sponsored by the Oregon Association of Rowers. The women's varsity four-person boat placed first at the Huskie Invitational at the University of Washington in March.

"We are really starting to build a name

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Club Sports allow alternative teams

Club Sports offers University students, faculty and staff an athletic alternative.

The program allows members to compete in 24 intercollegiate sports, and relies entirely on student participation and support.

Lee Sullivan, Club Sports office manager, says about 800 to 900 students are involved in this year's program. Students are responsible for organizing each club and selecting a volunteer coach for the team.

Club Sports teams compete with other collegiate programs. In some sports, Club Sports teams compete against other college's varsity sports programs.

Club Sports offers University students, faculty and staff sports that are not offered by the athletic department, such as swimming and baseball. The only sport Club Sports duplicates is women's volleyball.

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The program is maintained partially through incidental fees, with a total budget of about \$60,000. Sullivan says a substantial amount of the program's money comes from fundraising by the individual sports.

Club Sports participants may qualify for national competitions, but to pay for the competitions, athletes wash cars, bake cookies and clean up after other sporting events.

"You really have to want to be involved," Sullivan says. "It's a big commitment for student coordinators."

Club Sports is open to anyone. Students who want to add new sports to the program can also bring their ideas to the Club Sports office in the basement of the EMU, Room 5. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Team practice schedules are also posted outside the office.

-Brenna Hansen



AN ATHLETIC ALTERNATIVE

The U of O Club Sports program bridges the gap between Intramurals and Intercollegiate sports. The program offers participation and competition in a variety of sports, plus the opportunity to be recognized as collegiate athletes. U of O Club Sports is open to all students, faculty and staff — men & women!

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