

# The Gladys Austin Joins the Fleet

Gladys Austin began rowing in her early twenties on the Barnegat Bay in New Jersey where she and her family used to summer. It became a lifelong activity for Gladys. She rowed her own dinghy in the Santa Barbara harbor until a few weeks before her death at the age of 94.

Last fall, Dolphin Club member Dr. George Austin of Santa Barbara was looking for a way to establish a memorial for his mother. Stan Hlynsky suggested that a rowing boat might be appropriate and George agreed.

Thus, the newest addition to the Dolphin Club Fleet is the 14 foot fiberglass Whitehall the "Gladys Austin". The boat will be used primarily as a trainer for new members being introduced to rowing. It is both durable and light - perfect for new members learning to launch the boats.

The boat has been re-fitted with new oar locks and rigging by John Bielinski. Modified oars were donated by Stan Wright. And, fabrication of a name plate with gold leaf has been accomplished by Herman Zahler and Bob Hoff.

Dolphin Club members are indebted

ed to Dr. Austin for this gift. It seems especially fitting that the Gladys Austin will be used to train others in the art of rowing. More observant veteran rowers of the Club will note that it is our first vessel to bear a name in the distaff.

The re-christening of the Gladys Austin has been scheduled for early this Summer when George is visiting the Bay Area.

-Ned Hoffman

## Dolphins Can Shoot Baskets, Too!

Thursday, March 19th, 1987, The Dolphin Club was represented by a contingent of its finest athletes at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped to play basketball against the Special Olympics team. A formidable opponent, the San Francisco Special Olympics team has accumulated an unprecedented winning record of 156 and 0, spanning over the last nine years.

For the third straight year, despite the Club's basketball prowess, Dolphins lost in the final seconds of the game. The score was 57 to 16. All in all, the Dolphins enjoyed themselves, sharing in the camaraderie, making new friends and experiencing something new. The high Dolphin scorers for the evening were Joni Beemsterboer and Linda Braski. Other team members included Reuben Hechanova, Elmer Tosta, Jeff Heth, Bill Horgos, Susan Cobb, Pete Neubauer,

John Horner, Jamie Nelson and Vince Huang, team captain. Our official cheerleading squad consisted of Jill and Ariel Tosta and Jessica Huang. In the spirit of the Special Olympics creed; every athlete and participant is a winner, there are no losers, the Dolphin team celebrated their defeat with pizza and lots of beer.

The Special Olympics basketball team is comprised of young adults with varying physical and developmental disabilities.



## Tortoise and Hare

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On the other hand the Tortoise had to be helped from the water after once spending two hours and thirteen minutes in the water. I remember seeing both of them on one Friday when the air temp was 48 degrees and the water temp 48 degrees. How long were they in? The Hare, one hour ten minutes. The Tortoise, one hour twenty five minutes. Neither one could talk clearly.

As the season closed one had to wonder which one was going to drop first. Gone were the smiles and conversation. Both were showing total deterioration of body and mind from hours and miles spent in the cold waters. With two and a half weeks left the Tortoise elected to swim from the Bay Bridge to the Golden Gate Bridge in one hour twenty eight minutes. It doesn't really matter which one you favored or what the outcome - for there may never be another season like The Season of the Tortoise & The Hare.

Dolphin Alan Poe

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