Guide to the San Diego Rowing Club Records MS 8

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Title: San Diego Rowing Club Records
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Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 17.0 Linear feet (18 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1890-1994
Abstract: This collection contains materials related to The San Diego Rowing Club and its administrative processes dating from 1890 through 1981.
creator: San Diego Rowing Club.
Biographical / Historical Notes
The San Diego Rowing Club was known as the Excelsior Rowing and Swimming Club when it first opened in 1888. It was formed for the purpose of fostering amateur athletic competition and social fellowship for local men. In 1891, in anticipation of competing on a national level, the Club changed its name to identify itself geographically. For much of its life, the San Diego Rowing Club has been a gathering spot for many of San Diego’s most influential and active leaders, with membership of 1,200 in the 1930s. Its athletic and social programs have undergone many changes, as have its facilities. Time, two World Wars, and a decline in interest in rowing, however, saw the once mighty club battling to save not only its famous clubhouse, but its club as a whole. Yet, through all the high and low points, SDRC has survived and continues to introduce the sport of rowing to new generations.
Scope and Content
This collection contains materials related to The San Diego Rowing Club and its administrative processes dating from 1895 through 1981. Materials included in the collection are organizational and administrative records, reports of officers, meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, plans, register and ledger books, scrapbooks and a file box of index notecards. Most materials are fragmented, but the minute books and the scrapbook pages provide a cohesive account of the Rowing Club’s activities.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in five series:
Series I: Administrative Records;
Series II: Construction and Conservation;
Series III: Register Books;
Series IV: Scrapbooks.
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Some of the older papers are very fragile. The ledgers and notebooks are deteriorating around the binders and covers. Some of the scrapbook pages are fragile. A few clippings are loose and in poor condition. (June 2013)
Preferred Citation
San Diego Rowing Club Records, MS 8, San Diego History Center Document Archives, San Diego, CA.
Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Conditions Governing Use
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Processing Information
Collection processed by Jennifer Vanoni in May 2013.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Articles of incorporation
By-laws
Correspondence
Historic sites
Rowing
Rowing clubs
San Diego (Calif.)

Series I: Administrative Records 1890-1994 and undated

Box-folder 1:1  Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws 1895-1976
Box-folder 1:2  “S.D.R.C. History” - Rough Draft Undated
Box-folder 1:3  President - Annual Reports 1892-1913
Box-folder 1:4  Captain - Annual Reports 1898-1958
Box-folder 1:5  Secretary - Annual Reports 1891-1913
Box-folder 1:6  Corresponding Secretary - Annual Report 1912
Box-folder 1:7  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1890 July 7 - 1899 November 27
Box-folder 1:8  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1913 May 13 - 1917 April 19
Box-folder 1:9  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1917 May 8 - 1922 May 9
Box-folder 1:10 Meeting Minutes (Book) 1922 May 9 - 1925 May 8
Box-folder 1:11 Meeting Minutes (Book) 1925 May 12 - 1927 May 5
Box-folder 2:1  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1927 May 10 - 1929 May 14
Box-folder 2:2  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1929 May 14 - 1932 April 26
Box-folder 2:3  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1932 May 10 - 1935 April 24
Box-folder 2:4  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1935 May 14 - 1937 December 14
Box-folder 2:5  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1938 January 11 - 1940 December 10
Box-folder 2:6  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1941 January 27 - 1945 November 6
Box-folder 3:1  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1946 January 11 - 1948 December 14
Box-folder 3:2  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1949 January 7 - 1951 December 6
Box-folder 3:3  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1952 January 10 - 1953 December 7
Box-folder 3:4  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1954 January 21 - 1955 December 15
Box-folder 3:5  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1956 January 12 - 1957 December 31
Box-folder 4:1  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1958 January 12 - 1959 December 8
Box-folder 4:2  Meeting Minutes (Book) 1956 January 12 - 1962 February 13
Box-folder 4:3  Meeting Minutes (Book) - SDRC “Skeeters” 1932 January 13 - 1955 January 24
Box-folder 4:4  Meeting Minutes (Loose) 1969 February 11 - 1978 December 19
Box-folder 4:6  Board of Directors: Nominations 1909-1912
Box-folder 4:7  Board of Directors: Proxy Resolutions 1899-1902
Box-folder 4:8  Board of Directors: Shorthand Notes Undated
Box-folder 4:9  Finances: Bank Statements and Deposit Books 1946-1969 and undated
Box-folder 5:1  Finances: Treasurer Reports and Profit/Loss Statements 1898, 1904-1906, 1908-1912, 1971-1974
Box-folder 5:2  Finances: Auditing Committee 1911-1912, 1959
Box-folder 5:3  Finances: Insurance Records c. 1939-1963
Box-folder 5:4  Finances: Retail Store Inventories 1959-1970
Box-folder 5:5  Finances: Liquor Inventories 1962-1970
Box-folder 5:6  Finances: Rowing Club Sublet/Rental Records c.1950-1961
Box-folder 5:7  Finances: Miscellanea 1899-1959
  Includes:
  Receipts, lists of delinquent accounts, record of towel sales, and several tax documents.

Box-folder 5:8  Correspondence 1899, 1913, 1952-1959, 1973, 1977-79 and undated
Box-folder 5:9  Employment Records: Boatman Duties 1955
Box-folder 5:10 Employment Records: Applications and Dismissals c.1950-1958
Box-folder 5:11 Special Events Records c.1948-1978
  Includes:
  Correspondence, programs, lists of ticket sales, and tournament scores.
Box-folder 5:12  Membership Application Form Undated
Index Notecards Undated
Includes:

Box 6  Group interview at Chart House 1994 July 8
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Series II: Construction and Conservation 1891-1981 and undated
Box-folder 7:1  Documents for Original Boathouse 1891 July 11 - 1901 October 1
Box-folder 7:2  Tideland Use and Occupancy Permit Documents 1952 June 17 - 1961 July 26
Box-folder 7:3  Shelter Island Move Questionnaires 1953
Box-folder 7:4  Shelter Island Move Questionnaires 1953
Box-folder 7:5  “Proposed Improvements for the S.D.R.C” 1954
Scope and Content
Club House Remodeling blueprint (in Oversize Collections F4/D1).

Box-folder 7:6  Preservation, Restoration, and Historic Site Designation 1975 May 30 - 1976 December 10
Box-folder 7:7  Preservation, Restoration, and Historic Site Designation 1977 January 7 - 1977 December 30
Box-folder 7:8  Preservation, Restoration, and Historic Site Designation 1978 January 4 - 1978 November 7
Box-folder 7:9  Preservation, Restoration, and Historic Site Designation 1979 April 17 - 1981 May 22
Box-folder 7:10  Plans and Records - Miscellanea Undated

Series III: Register Books 1903-1978
Box-folder 8:1  Dues Register: 1903-1907 1903-1907
Box-folder 8:2  Dues Register: 1907-1913 1907-1913
Box-folder 9:1  Dues Register: 1913-1917 1913-1917
Box-folder 9:2  Dues Register: 1917-1919 1917-1919
Box-folder 9:3  Dues Register: 1919-1920 1919-1920
Box-folder 10:1  Dues Register: 1920-1924 1920-1924
Box-folder 10:2  Dues Register: 1924-1928 1924-1928
Box-folder 10:3  Dues Register: 1928-1931 (S-Z, June and July 1935) 1928-1935
Box-folder 11:1  Dues Register: 1931-1936 1931-1936
Box-folder 11:2  Dues Register: 1936-1937 1936-1937
Box-folder 11:3  Locker Register: 1928-1931 1928-1931
Box-folder 12:1  Locker Register: 1931-1936 1931-1936
Box-folder 12:2  Locker Register: 1936-1937 1936-1937
Box-folder 12:3  Combination Ledger 1969-1970
Box-folder 13:3  Daily Register: 1972 1972
Includes:
Box-folder 14:4  Daily Register: 1978 1978

Series IV: Scrapbooks 1912-1954

Box 15  Scrapbook: 1912-1919 1912-1919
Box 16  Scrapbook: 1925-1930 1925-1930
Box 17  Scrapbook: 1930-1936 1930-1936
Box 18  Scrapbook: 1936-1954 1936-1954