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## **Another OpenAire Swim School project...**



Almaden Valley Swim School, San Jose CA

### **A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!**

#### **OpenAire helps California's Almaden Valley Athletic Club take the plunge!**

SAN JOSE, CA, March 22,2002. Almaden Valley Athletic Club's renovation can easily be called a splashy success - membership enrolment is up and aquatic time is in high demand. Fortunately the pool is now open year-round, thanks to a retractable roof that opens up when desired and lets in sunlight, blue sky and loads of fresh air.

A charter member of the National Swim School Association (NSSA), AVAC Swim School has been recognized as a leader in the learn-to-swim community and providing quality small group swimming lessons. These classes were so popular that summer season pool time was booked months in advance. The problem was that despite the California environment, the pool was unused in the winter months. Jim and Linda Theiring started their search for a solution that would allow them to offer a year-round swim program. Ideally the solution would cover the pool, allow protection from inclement weather while still preserving that indoor-outdoor' feeling.

After much consultation, the Theirings selected OpenAire Inc. – a pool enclosure company that features operable skylights and retractable roofs. Together, the OpenAire design team and the architect developed a glass-enclosed teaching facility that is a gable style enclosure which spans 73' and is 78'9" long. Divided into 10 bays, 8 panels open up approximately 50% at the touch of a button. All the framing is thermally broken aluminum extrusions, non-corrosive material that is highly appropriate for an aquatic environment. The roof glazing is 25mm quintuple wall polycarbonate and provides a .27U value. The new indoor pool was painted in bright colors with a whimsical aquatic theme which results in a bright and friendly environment.

Completed in September 2000, the glass-enclosed teaching facility now permits a swim program that runs year-round. Indeed, the 5 acre, 10,000 member, award winning club has something for everyone. Jim Theiring says "... business used to be seasonal and now Almaden Valley is open all year round ... enrolment is up ... the OpenAire enclosure has made a tremendous difference ... there has been a definite investment payback." Take a tour at [www.almadenvalleyathletic.com](http://www.almadenvalleyathletic.com).

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