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Afghanistan Water Polo prepares for month-long training trip with National Water Polo Team in Kabul

Bonsall, CA – December 7, 2014 – Afghanistan Water Polo (AWP) announces that in January 2015 representatives of the organization will travel to Kabul and complete a one-month training program with the Men’s Afghanistan National Water Polo Team. Trip participants include Jeremy Piasecki, Head Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team and Executive Director of AWP, of Fallbrook, California; Scott Caruso, Director of International Operations of AWP, of Chicago, Illinois; and Bill Richardson, Assistant Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team, of Detroit, Michigan.

The coaches will train the national team and local athletes in Kabul and mentor coaches and support staff. Daily practices will consist of skill development drills, conditioning exercises, and scrimmaging. The team will continue to train to be in a position to play in more formal game settings with international competition.

The upcoming trip is Caruso’s third visit to Afghanistan with AWP. His last trip in the summer of 2013 was energizing for the organization as it was not just limited to developing the athletes’ skills in the pool.

“In 2013 we engaged in any event we could that would advance the principles of developing peace and stability,” Caruso said. “In January we’ll continue our work with the team as we look ahead to fulfill our dream of securing an Olympic bid.”

Afghanistan Water Polo is the brainchild of Piasecki, a Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3, who played and coached water polo in southern California, Germany, and Italy. He established AWP in 2008 to develop and promote peace through sport in a country where sports take a distant place to the realities of war. This program has developed over the years to include provincial level programs in Kabul and Helmand Province and the National Team.

“We are excited about the progress we have made over the last few years, but we still need support to continue our mission,” Piasecki said.

Donations in support of AWP’s January trip can be made online at www.afghanistanwaterpolo.com.

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