

## Brian Jones Class of 1983

Brian Jones started swimming at an early age, initially swimming with a swim club in Dixon and later outside Dixon. During these formative years, Brian set many age group records. By the time Brian began high school, he was a seasoned swimmer. Brian swam for the newly organized Dixon High swim team and quickly set school records for every boys event that stand today except for three. Brian never lost a regular season high school race. He was a three time high school All-American swimmer. He won the Sac-Joaquin Section championships in the 100 Butterfly in 1982 and 1983, setting the record in 1983 that he held until 2006. He also set the Sac-Joaquin Section record in the 200 Freestyle in 1983. Brian was able to participate in the USA/USSR Junior Dual Meet based on his performance at the U.S. Swimming National championships in 1983. Brian received a scholarship to U.C.L.A. and continued his swimming domination there. He was a four-time college All-American and became captain of the UCLA team. As a freshman, Brian qualified for the NCAA swimming championship and set a school frosh record in the 100 fly. He was selected to swim at the Italian International Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy in 1986. In 1987, Brian won the PAC-10 Championship in 200 Freestyle in 1:37:30 and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50. Brian was able to maintain his academics while swimming, earning Phi Beta Kappa honors with a degree in Economics. Brian qualified for the Olympic trials but was unable to make the Olympic team. He did swim in the Pan American games where he won a gold and bronze medal. He also swam on a relay team that set a meet record at U.S. Nationals. Brian is married to Kim Ikelman and has two children, Stephanie and Derek.