



Veterans Park Swim Team

Home of the Marlins



July 14, 2009

Newsletter #8

Great job swimmers at the Brookside meet. It was great to see so many M.I.T. swimmers in the water. Also Congratulations to Kyra Bachman who beat her own record in the 8 & Under Backstroke. Thank you to all parents who helped out. Meet results are on the back. Let's keep up these great results for our final meet before Divisionals!

Fifth Meet – July 18th at HOME versus Old Bridge:

If you will not be at the meet, please alert your coach by Wednesday and put it into the blue Coaches Notebook. M.I.T. parents, please check with Coach Tony to see if your child is entered into events.

***** Arrival by 5:55am. Warm-ups start at 6:10am*****

***Swimmers** - Please check in with your coach upon arrival and listen to the announcer calling the events. We do not want any "scratches" if you are at the meet. When in doubt, ask!

***Relays** – Swimmers should not leave the meet until they check in with their coach(es) to see if they are in a relay.

***Cheering** – Parents are encouraged to cheer for their swimmers during the meets. However, parents cannot "coach" (i.e. yelling "Kick"; "Reach"; "Pull", "Two-hand touch") their swimmers from the pool deck. "Coaching" can result in an official disqualifying your child in that event.

***Volunteers** – We need volunteers for timing, recording, running, scoring, and Clerk of Course. Please see a Board member to volunteer.

***** Please gather all belongings and trash before leaving the pool area. *****

Meet Set-Up/Take-Down – Since we are HOME for this meet, we ask that all families with last names beginning with A through L come to the pool Friday night @ 6:30pm. We need help setting up for the meet. Swimmers are welcome to attend as well to help with lane lines. If you have an extra large-size cooler, please bring it for Concessions.

Families whose last name begins with N-Z are asked to assist with meet take-down immediately following the meet. Remember, the more "hands" we have, the quicker it goes!

Amberjax Meeting – Wednesday, July 15. Jamie Gaskill from Amberjax will be at the pool during practice. Any parents who are interested in year-round programs are invited to the meeting.

Marlins Apparel Items - Get your Marlin tattoos (50¢), magnets (\$4), rally towels (\$4.50) and t-shirts (\$10) for the swim meet. Please see a Board member for purchases and show your team SPIRIT!

Penny Drive Fundraiser – The final practice for contributions will be this **Friday, July 17th**. The winning age group will be treated to a Pizza Party on Wednesday, July 22nd after practice.

Divisional Heat Sheet Ads – Swimmer Encouragement Page: All submissions are **due by Saturday** at the meet. The cost is \$2 per "line" as we do need to pay for the ad space. See a Board member for details or to submit your words of encouragement.

Lost and Found – We have quite a collection of items. Any items that aren't claimed by the end of season will be donated.

Spirit Week – July 20th through 24th.

Tuesday – Near end of practice – Ice Cream Social.

Ice cream will be provided and we ask families to contribute a topping for the swimmers (for example: Chocolate or caramel syrup, sprinkles, mini marshmallows, cherries, etc).

Wednesday – Near end of practice – Pizza Party for the Penny Drive winners.

Thursday – Near end of practice – Flavor Ice Social and Poster or hat decorating

Awards Banquet and Pool Party – The end of season awards banquet is on Sunday, July 26th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Woodbridge/Occoquan Fire Station (1306 F Street, Woodbridge). For the banquet, families should bring their own main dish (lasagna, chicken, subs, etc) and bring a side dish to share with others (salads, fruit tray, veggies, etc). Dishes, plastic-ware, and dessert will be provided by the Team. The banquet will be followed by a pool party at Vets Park from 7:30-10pm. Swimmers, parents and immediate family members are welcome to attend.

Board Elections – Elections for all Board members will take place during the banquet. If interested in becoming a Board member for next season, contact Ross Schwalm.



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Family Balances and Swim A Lap Donations – There are families that have outstanding balances for registration fees. **Please pay off these balances as soon as possible. Also, please turn in any Swim A Lap donations by Monday, July 20th.**

On-Line Meet Results – The Washington Post has developed an on-line search page for all Washington area

swim leagues – including PWSL. Users can search by team name or swimmer name and receive a breakdown of meet results, swimmer times and points scored. Go to reachforthewall.com and search for Veterans Park Marlins.

***** GO MARLINS!!! BEAT OLD BRIDGE!!!! *****

Meet Results for Saturday, July 11, 2009

Final Score:

Brookside Hurricanes: 2,942

Veterans Park Marlins: 1,904

Veterans Park Swim Team records -- Girls: Kyra Bachman, 8&U, 25 Back (21.38) **(beat her own record)**

Veterans Park Swim Team triple winners -- Conor Bachman, 9-10 50 Free, 10&U 100 IM, 25 Fly; Amy Freeze, 9-10 50 Free, 10&U 100 IM, 9-10 25 Fly; Connor Schwalm, 15-18 50 Free, 15-18 100 IM, 15-18 50 Breast;

Veterans Park Swim Team double winners –Kyra Bachman, 8&U 25 Free, 8&U 25 Back; Donny Hadley, 11-12 100 IM, 11-12 50 Back; Rebecca Tellier, 11-12 100 IM, 11-12 50 Breast;

Veterans Park Swim Team other First place finishers -- Girls: (8&U)Keagan Carroll, 25 Fly; Delaney Carroll 11-12 50 Back; Colleen Hoffman, 13-14 50 Free; Boys: Adam Will 13&14 50 Breast;

Veterans Park Swim Team personal best times – Tre Horton, Derick Hill, Eugene ColemanIII, AJ Evans, Caleb Davis, Tommy Hamm, Yumani Warren, Britney Harper, Aaron Entzminger, Joshua Cook, Arwen Riley, Akira Painter-Thrift, Sydney Coleman, Kate Melava, Ken Ningcharoen, Timothy Hamm, Xavier Woodberry, Faith Oryang, Jala Huckaby, Tyra Huckaby, David Davis, Justin Moore, Emily Hilberer, Christian Yanez, Jewell Stockett, Aisha Surrate, Ruth Stockett, Anna Powell, Anthony Cruz, Ernie Coupe, Brianne Fotheringham;