

# TIGER TALES

*The strength of our team is each individual member.  
The strength of each member is the team*

## Coaches Corner-

Summer has sure hit our team... you can see it in every swimmer that enters the water... they are burned, tanned, giggly, and fun! We are also noticing that our practices are light due to everyone's vacations... I love our practices this time of year because you can feel the energy that everyone brings to the pool. It is still very important that everyone make sure that they come to the pool prepared- goggles, suits and WATER. With the temperatures outside it is that much more important to make sure that our bodies are getting the hydration that they need. The water that you swallow during practice doesn't help you to hydrate... :) Also, please be sure to check the practice schedule on the back of this newsletter and try to attend as many practices as you can to have a strong, fast finish to your swim year.

I would like to make sure that each and everyone of you know how proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished during this swim year. We have watched our swimmers come from learning the four basic strokes, to competing in their first meets, to qualifying for Sectional and Zone meets- what a great year! We are very excited to see what we can accomplish together next year. The possibilities are endless...

Make sure that you take time during our month off to think about what you would like to achieve during our 2006-2007 swim season, it's not too early to start planning... do you want to attend your first meet, break the minute in the 100 free, or make PNS CHAMPS? What is your goal and how hard do you want to work to get there? These are all things to think about during your time off.

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!

## WELCOME NEW TIGERSHARKS!

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WAY TO GROW TIGERSHARKS!!!

## BIRTHDAYS!!

July  
1st- Marques- 7  
14th- Lauren- 17  
18th- Maryn- 8  
29th- Carl- 14



## DATES & TIMES:

JULY 10TH-  
BOARD MEETING-  
7:30PM

JULY 15TH-  
EEC- FOOTBALL-  
5:30 call time

JULY 16TH-  
EEC- MARTINA  
MCBRIDE- 5:30 PM

JULY 20TH-  
TRI-MEET @  
ANACORTES 3-5P

JULY 22ND-  
LAKE SWIM @ LAKE  
STEVENS

JULY 29TH-  
EEC- CHAMPIONS  
ON ICE- 2 SHOWS  
1P & 6P CALL  
TIMES

JULY 26-28TH-  
NO PRACTICE

AUGUST 12TH-  
TEAM PARTY!!

CHECK OUT OUR  
WEBSITE AT-  
[www.tigersharksswimming.org](http://www.tigersharksswimming.org)

### 2005-2006 Meet Calendar

July 20th– Tri meet  
@ Anacorts  
3-5p

July 22nd– Lake Swim  
@ Lake Stevens  
3p

August 4-6th– Seahorse Invite  
@ Newport, Oregon

August 5th– Summer League Champs  
@ Marysville

### PRACTICE TIMES

Effective 6/19– 7/28/06

Lessons-  
Pick 2 days-  
M/W/F– 6:00-6:30p  
6:30-7p  
7-7:30p

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Up to 3 days  
M/W/F– 6:00-6:45p

1-  
Any 2-3 days  
M/W- 6:30-7:30  
T/TH/F- 5:30-6:30

2-  
Any 3-4 days  
M/W-6-7:15  
T/TH/F- 5:30-6:45

3, 4 & Masters  
4-5 days per week  
M/W 6-8p  
T/TH/F- 5:30-7:30

### High School Swimmers

**Please be sure to give Patty a copy of your H.S. swim meet schedule so that we can try to attend at least one meet for every high school that we have swimmers attending!**

### FUNDRAISING

**Here is a friendly reminder that every family is responsible for working at least once a month at the Everett Events Center in order to meet our fundraising commitment. The sign up is on Patty's clipboard. Please sign up early and sign up often and show your support of our great team.**

**Go Tigersharks!**

### 2006-2007 TSS Board Members

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- Head Coach–**  
Patty Funnell– 238-2198

### COACHES:

- Head Coach–** Patty Funnell
- Head Senior Coach–** Dee Dee McCoy
- Asst. Coach–** Lacey Sunderland

## From the President-

**Pick-up after practice** - All parents should come inside to pick up your children. This will give opportunity for you to ask questions of the coaches (and see your children in action, if you're early enough), and for the coaches to provide observations on your youngsters' swimming.

**Participation** - Please keep in mind that our team needs the participation and help of everyone, including all the parents, to operate smoothly. With a group our size, everyone should be doing something. Most of what we need help with can be done in just a few hours a month. Please ask how you can help out.

**Help for our coaches at practice** - It would be a big help to have at least one parent volunteer on deck during each practice, available to help the coaches as required. Please let one of the coaches know what days you would be able to help. Board members are preferred, but all parents are encouraged to assist.

**Fundraising and publicity** - We need people and ideas for these.

If you know of any businesses that would be willing to sponsor our team, please let us know. This can be a big source of support.

We hope to have flyers to distribute in area schools. When these become available, we will need people to deliver them.

**Recruiting** - The biggest need for our team at present is more swimmers. If everyone can recruit one new swimmer, that would double the size of our club, and in a short time. Parents and swimmers, please consider any friends or neighbors who might be interested and ask them to give it a try for a week.

**EEC (Everett Events Center)** - At the most recent board meeting, November 26th, 2005, we re-considered how fundraising work at the EEC is to be applied. We decided to continue the option of allowing this to be applied quarterly, instead of having the first 12 EEC sessions be applied to satisfy the fundraising commitment for the swim year (September through August) with no other option. However, once a method is selected, please do not ask that this be changed, as it becomes a headache for the treasurers. We thank the parents who provided the constructive feedback on this issue.

**Stroke and turn officials** - The judges that you see at swim meets are all parent volunteers. Without them, it would not be possible to have meets. More judges make it easier for the ones who are working, and all clubs should be offering at least one official for each 8 to 10 swimmers. Currently, I am the only one who regularly works at meets as a judge. I highly recommend this activity for any interested parent. You will understand the sport a lot better; it helps our club's relations with other clubs; it gives you something worthwhile to do at meets; you are treated to good snacks for your efforts; and most important, your youngster will likely have a boost in motivation seeing Mom or Dad so involved.

A couple of parents have expressed interest in becoming an official. The process is straightforward, and the first step is a training clinic (about three hours). I can help set one up at a convenient time. Please let me know if you are interested.

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The kid gave away his spot in his final race, the 4X100 medley relay, to Ian Crocker, the teammate whose sore-throat, cement-Speedo leg in the 4X100 freestyle relay at the start of the week cost Phelps his chance at seven golds and a \$1 million bonus from Speedo. "I wanted him to show the world what he was really made of," Phelps said. Wait a minute. A pro athlete giving up a worldwide prime-time moment to a lesser swimmer out of simple kindness? Uh, driver, what planet are we on?

"All he said was, 'Thanks,'" Phelps recalled, "but you could see in his eyes what it meant to him."

No wonder Phlipper Phelps was the focus of 10 press conferences. Toward the end his answers all started sounding like warmed-up Spackle. He said, "a dream come true," about 1,006 times and declared even more often, "I'm having a blast" -- maybe not the best phrase to use in terrorist-wary Athens.

When asked if he will try different events in Beijing in 2008, he said, "No, I don't think so." Wouldn't it have been great if he'd said, "Absolutely. I'm going for the pommel horse"?

And is there anybody he'd like to meet now that he can meet anybody? "Well," he said, grinning like a schoolboy, "Lindsay Lohan would be nice."

Hard to believe, all this from a kid with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, a kid whose mother was once told by a teacher, "Debbie, he will never be able to focus on a *thing* in his life."

"I'm just different in the water," Phelps says. "I just feel at home in it. I work with autistic kids a little, and there's this one kid, once he gets in the water, he's relaxed. He gets happy. That's how I am."

Watching him tear off after that stupid dinghy, you knew that was true -- with one little difference.

When Michael Phelps gets in the water, everybody *else* gets happy.

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I would like to take a moment to share something about the past couple of years with everyone. Our family has gone through a lot over the last couple of years. We were living a modest, but good living for quite a few years before. Then my husband was let go from his job. I immediately went back to work, and had to quit coaching for TSS. I ended up working the swing shift, and was working while practice was going on. I missed working with the kids terribly.

We have been through quite a struggle trying to figure out how to keep our kids in the water. It was a big debate trying to decide where to put money you don't have. Because I was able to work at the Events Center, I worked all of my dues that I owed off. I was able to work my account down from over six hundred dollars to nothing. I know this is the only reason I was able to keep my kids in the water. In a time of our need, it was good to have the option to work my balance down, without having to pull my kids out of the water due to money. It was a wonderful gesture on behalf of Tigersharks Swimming to let our family keep going even when things got rough for us.

I would encourage any parents that have balances and are unable to pay, to please use the Events Center to work your balances down. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have regarding this opportunity.