

Naperville Tennis Club



Friday June 18, 2004

Home Meet Tomorrow v Huntington Commons – arrive by 7:45am

Picture Day – Wednesday, June 23

Coaches Corner

The season is now on the books with our first meet victory over Steeple Run. I was very impressed with how well all of the kids swam, especially the younger kids who have just learned the new strokes like butterfly and breaststroke. We had very few disqualifications, and this is a great sign that the kids are learning quickly from our coaching staff. This is great because often times it takes kids a while to learn but these kids just continue to impress the coaching staff. Also, we appreciate the compliments we have received since the first meet. We try very hard to make sure the kids are behind their blocks and know exactly what they are doing, because with parents timing and such it's often hard for you. So, thank you very much, we will continue to do our very best to teach your kids all we have to offer about this sport, and we hope to continue our successful start to the summer in later weeks.

Since we do have some new families on the team, I feel like I should let you know a little bit about myself. I should have done this last time but it completely slipped my mind. My name is Ryan Whitsitt and I'm 19 years old. I just completed my freshman year at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI, where I plan on majoring in business management. I also was a member of the varsity swim team at Grand Valley where I competed mainly in freestyle, backstroke, and some IM as well. I've been on the Racquet Club swim team since I was 5 years old, so this is my 15th summer here at the RC and my first summer not competing.

--Ryan

Meet Workers for Saturday v Huntington Commons at Home

Off-referee/Announcer	Katz
Off-starter	Stratton
Off-stroke judge	Brotzman
Off-Turn judge	Hammer
Off-Relief	***OPEN***
Meet Director	Romberg
Timers (9)	VanHooser, Hammer, Pell, Kottis, Ni, Terrell, Brosius, Will, Will
Timer-back ups (2)	Brosius, Emrie
Runner	Wickman
PA/Starter System	Bertram
Comp-Event Sheet	Forthaus
Comp-Input Scorer 1	Quevillon
Comp-Input Scorer 2	***OPEN***
Ribbons (2)	Goworowski, Kolbe
Floater (2)	Belair, Deely
Concessions-1st shift (6)	Legenski, Macaskey, Martin, Mankowski, Mills, Mills
Concessions-2nd shift (4)	Macaskey, Givler, Terrell, Remec
Clean up (2)	MaCaskey, Terrell

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Picture Day

Picture Day is **Wednesday June 23 with a Thursday, June 24 rain-date**. Swimmers should arrive at 8:30am wearing their team suits and T-Shirts. There will be no practice that day.

Order Forms. If you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, your form is attached. For all you glorious emailers, there are picture forms available in the Newsletter Mail Box in the folder marked "Picture Forms". How's that for imagination and creativity??

Saybrook Girls' Invitational

Jackie Romberg has kindly volunteered to coordinate workers for the Saybrook Girls' Invitational to be held Thursday, June 24. Parents of girls entered in the meet are needed to volunteer to work at the meet. Jackie will have a sign-up sheet available at Saturday's home meet.

Spiritwear

For anyone who did not order Orca caps, we do have extras available. We will be selling them 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. Also, parents – Orca-wear for parents will be on display at the pool and during home meets. Please contact Irene Brotzman at 305-3612 if you are interested in ordering anything.

Fun Fridays

We are looking for 4 volunteers for each Friday to provide about 50 snacks or drinks each. The snacks need not be expensive or elaborate, but please . . . no candy or gum. Individually packed snacks can be given to Ryan early in the week, rather than on Fun Friday if that is easier for you.

If you would like to volunteer to bring in treats for the kids, please contact Margaret Gerstle (phone: 357-9615 or email: letlive@ameritech.net.) There are still open slots for July 9, 16, and 23. Thanks to the **Katz, Quevillon, Gerstle** and **Pell** families for today's treats. Next week the **Legenski** and **Forthaus** families will provide drinks and the **Tuskey** and **Mankowski** families are bringing snacks.

New Starting Block Rules

The Park District Swim Conference has instituted the following new rules regarding pool depths and starting blocks in the interest of safety. You may have noticed that the relay laps starting at the opposite end of the pool for 8-unders began in the pool last Tuesday, a direct result of Rule #1. The only pool in the conference that is affected by Rule #2 for all kinds of races and for all age groups is Naperville North and we don't swim there this season. Pools at which we swim this season that are affected by the rules - but *only* for 8-under relays - are: Farmstead (Rule #2), Maplebrook I (Rule #1), and Maplebrook II (Rule #2).

Rules:

1. In pools with a depth of less than 3 feet 6 inches at the starting end of the pool, all swimmers must start in the water. All measurements are taken from the water surface to either the pool bottom or block at the starting end of the pool.
2. In pools that have a depth of 3 feet 6 inches - but less than 4 feet - at the starting end of the pool, swimmers must start from either the deck or in the water.
3. In pools that have a depth of 4 feet or more at the starting end of the pool, swimmers can use blocks that are no more than 30 inches higher than the surface of the pool's water. Measurements are to be taken from the water surface to the surface of the front edge of the block/platform at the starting end of the pool. Portable starting blocks are not permitted.

4. Before the start of each swim meet, it is the responsibility of the home team to verify for the referee the permitted starting positions (i.e., water, deck and/or block.)

Note from the (Forgetful, Doddering) Editor

Several people have come up to me and told me things, such as that their email is out and that I should make them a hard copy of the newsletter or that they'd be tickled pink to bring in a drink/snack for Fun Friday. Alas I have forgotten who said what. So . . . please call me at 357-9615 or email me at letlive@ameritech.net to remind me of what you said. It's most humbling to grow old and forgetful. And from now on I'm bringing a pad of paper and a pencil to Orca events!!

Upcoming Events

Market Day

Throw a party to empty out that freezer! Market Day is just around the corner. Stock up on succulent Market Day meats and savory Market Day treats and help support the team. Flyers will be available next week. Pick-up is scheduled for Friday July 16 from 9 - 10am at Prairie School.

Car Wash Fundraiser

It looks like the June 27 Car Wash is not going to take place. All the more reason to dirty up your car in time for the Sunday July 25 Car Wash! Details to follow . . .

Workers for Away Meet at Mablebrook II, Saturday June 26

Off-stroke judge	Bertrams
Off-Turn judge	Emrie
Meet Director	Jackson
Timers (9)	Emrie, Kottis, McKee, Will, Prechtel, Deely, Ni, Belair, Grillaert
Timer-back ups (2)	Ni, Henry
Runner	Martin
Comp-Input Scorer	***OPEN***
Ribbons	Goworowski
Clean up (2)	Martin, Deely

Go Orcas!