

July 20, 2006



Racquet Club O•R•C•A•S

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COACHES CORNER



These next two weeks our Orcas are preparing for the Classic and City championship meets. Classic will be held at Neuqua on Saturday morning.

City swimmers will compete the next Saturday. The Thursday before each championship, there will be a pasta party to commemorate our time together.

To celebrate your swimmers accomplishments, we are having a banquet the Sunday following City. We hope that everyone can attend to help celebrate all the hard work our kids have shown during the summer.

It has been a wonderful season, and the coaches cannot wait to see how the kids do at the end of the season.

Classic meet update

Saturday, July 22

Warmups: 7 am to 7:50 am

Meet Start: 8 am

Where: Neuqua Valley High School

The Classic Swim Meet is just days away! For those of you who have volunteered to work the meet, please refer to Lynda Remec's July 19 email to you with your worker assignments for the meet. Lynda's e-mail also includes a detailed meet schedule.



Just a reminder that there are two sessions, A and B. All A session workers will need to check in with Lynda at 6:45 a.m. (officials, heat sheet sales, and t-shirt sales). For you B session workers, please check in with Lynda when you drop off your child(ren). All other non-assigned families will be back-up workers in the event assigned workers are unable to attend.

Don't forget to Carbo Load at the Classic Pasta Party

The Classic Pasta Party is still on tap for today, Thursday, July 20 at 6 pm. Joe and Andrea Stein will host at their Naperville home located at 961 Tim Tam Circle. If you've signed up to provide food or drinks, thanks so much! We're sure everyone will have a wonderful time getting pepped up for the meet!

Directions to the Steins': From Racquet Club... take Benton to Charles...stay on Charles until it turns left unto Canonero Drive. Take Canonero to Tim Tam and turn left. The house is yellow/beige in color and is on the left side of the street. The party is co-hosted by their backyard neighbor, Ed & Kirsten Holzauer, at 1007 Canonero Drive.

Pirates & pearls & pools, oh my!



After you've filled yourself with pasta, you'll want to relax at the pool with our second dive-in movie of the summer at **8 pm tonight** in the Orca pool.

We encourage everyone to dress up in pirate gear as we will be watching *Pirates of the Carribean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*.

Please come to the pool a half hour ahead of time if you'd like your floaty filled. This will allow us to start the movie as soon as it gets dark without having the air compressor going. Like the last time concessions will be sold with goodies baked by the coaches.

This dive-in is only open to swim team members- it is being done in replacement of the annual drive-in that followed the pasta party due to the fact that the drive-in has been closed down. We hope to see you all there dressed in your pirate gear!

Coach Mike says 'G'day mates!'

After 30 plus hours of traveling and 44 hours of being awake, Coach Mike Deely finally made it safely to the land down under of Australia. He is staying with the Ziegelaar Family (an Orca Swim Family from two years ago: Sam, Jake, Danica, and Tony). Mike and the Ziegelaars are now traveling north for a few weeks. They will be camping, snorkeling, hiking, and exploring the Ningaloo Reef. Mike sends his best wishes for the Classic and City meets and hopes everyone will do well. He will return August 13 and some time after that he hopes to resume life guarding until the pool closes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Classic Pasta Dinner

Thursday, July 20
6 p.m.

Dive-in Movie

Thursday, July 20
8 p.m.

Fun Friday

Friday, July 21

Classic Meet

Neuqua Valley HS
Saturday, July 22
8 a.m.

City Pasta Party

Thursday, July 26

City Meet

Neuqua Valley HS
Friday & Saturday
July 28 & 29

7/28 - 15 to 18 yr olds
Warmups @ 5:15 pm
Meet Starts @ 6:30 pm

7/29 - 8 & unders
& 9 to 10 yr olds
Arrive @ 6:30 am
Warmups @ 6:45 am
Meet Starts @ 8:10 am

End of Season Banquet

Sunday, July 30
2 to 4 p.m.

Swimmers of the Week announced

Congratulations to our swimmers of the week for the week of July 14: **Robert Stein & Ellie Hipp!**



Thanks to all Swimathon participants & donors

A huge thank you goes out to all those who helped raise \$608 to go towards the purchase of new lane lines. Our current ones are drowning in the pool. The cost for the lane lines will be \$2,000 to \$2,400. We are also looking for a better cover for them over the winter...those can run between \$150 to \$300.

Thank you - part 2

Another big thank you everyone who has volunteered to bring drinks to our final Fun Friday!!! Those wonderful families are the Thompson's, McKees', Hipp's, Aderton's, Hild's, and Spinner's.



Reminder:
End of the season Ice Cream Social orders are due Saturday, July 22

Help send Coach Raab to Kenya

The Swim Conference has a wonderful opportunity to participate in a partnership with Kenya! Dick Raab, one of our veteran swim coaches, has been asked to lead a swim clinic in the cities of Mombassa and Nairobi, Kenya, August 5-13. We have been asked to help their local swim program establish a structure similar to ours. Coach Raab will also run clinics for coaches and individual swimmers. The Swim Conference will provide our rules & bylaws to serve as a program template and we have contacted Hy-Tek Scoring Systems to donate the software that we have standardized on.

If any of you know Coach Raab, his commitment to the swimming community is unparalleled. He has quite literally coached thousands of Naperville's kids. What a wonderful opportunity to share the success of our program and the goodwill associated to a developing country. I'm asking for any kind of sponsorship support and/or donations that you can provide towards Coach Raab's travel expenses of \$3,500. Please refer to the attached letter for further details.

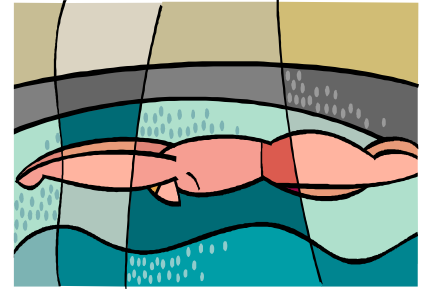
We will have a donation table set up at both Classic & City. So please forward this email to your membership and any other interested parties who can contribute to this worthwhile expedition... and please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Kevin Glynn
Naperville Park District
Swim Conference

City meet follows Classic

The City meet on July 28-29 at Neuqua Valley High School is conducted differently from the Classic meet. All of the Naperville teams participate in it so it is broken up into three different sessions.

The first session is just the 15/18 swimmers on Friday night. The swim meet begins at 6:30 pm but swimmers need to be there at 5:15 (warm-ups begin at 5:45). The second session is Saturday morning at Neuqua Valley high school. This is for all 8 and under and 9/10 swimmers- these swimmers need to be at Neuqua



at 6:30 am because warm-ups begin at 6:45 am. This session ends approximately at noon. So all of the afternoon swimmers (the 11/12s and 13/14s) need to be at Neuqua at noon in order to be in the water for warm-ups at 12:30 (this allows time to find parking and get settled as the morning swimmers leave).

This is confusing to those who have not participated in City before so if you have any question feel free to ask Erin.

City Pasta Party

Craig and Diane Mankowski have offered to host the City pasta party this year at their home. So, on **Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 pm** all City swimmers and their families are invited to head over to the Mankowski's for great food, fun games, and volleyball. Look for a sign-up sheet at the pool in the upcoming week.

Directions to Mankowski's (639 Balmoral Circle, Naperville): From the Orca Pool, take Charles south to Balmoral Circle, turn left, as entering circle, then turn right. It is the house with the big fence. Please RSVP Diane at 305-9777 or email her at diane_mankowski@glanbard.org.

Pool Party after City

Orca swimmers and their families are invited back to the pool for an end of the season pool party. Families should head to the pool at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of playing in the pool with the coaches, games, and parent verses swimmers and coaches relays. Every year everyone has a blast playing at the pool. We will collect money for pizza for anyone who wants to order. Bring your own beverages. Pizza will be ordered at 6 p.m. and probably delivered around 6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. We hope to see you all there!