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Whale Tales

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Meet Results

Orcas 348

Fins 426



69 Champ Times

92 Reserve Times

Mid-Season Party!

Thursday, June 16

6 - 8 PM

@ Funcity

Sk8 & Play*



* details on Page 2

From the President

Dear Orca Swimmers and Parents:

Thank-you to everyone for a very successful first home meet of the season! Although we lost to the Clear Lake Forest team by a score of 348 to 426, I thought our swimmers swam very well. It was a close and very competitive meet.

Thank-you again to all our volunteers! Home meets are challenging to staff with so many different job responsibilities and families taking vacations, so your cooperation is very appreciated. The Clear Lake Forest team president complimented our team on how well we ran the meet.

We host the Friendswood Fins this Saturday. Friendswood is the largest team within CCSL and is our only inter-division meet of the season. Because they have so many swimmers, we are limiting each event to only 6 heats. Otherwise, the meet has the potential to run well past 3:00 pm. This will challenge Coach Chris since some of our younger age groups are quite large. Thank-you in advance for understanding that your child may not be able to swim their maximum number of events. The remainder of our meets should not have this problem. Please remember to check-in at 6:30 am at the Pine Brook pool, both swimmers and volunteers.

We have our mid-season party coming up this week! We are hosting a skating party at Funcity Sk8 and Play on Thursday, June 16 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funcity is located at 1500 N. Texas Avenue in Webster (off Bay Area Blvd.). In addition to skating, we rented out the moonwalk / bouncing area. Admission is only \$2 for the full two hours and skate rental. For parents who do not plan to skate, there is no admission fee. If you want to eat, you can pay an additional \$3 for pizza and a drink. There is no need to RSVP, and we hope everyone can make it! Invite your friends and come join the party on 6/16.

Lastly, remember to let Coach Chris (headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) and Melanie Saunders, volunteer coordinator, (volunteers@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) know if you will be missing all or part of the next meet. It is extremely important this meet given our heat constraints. If you will not be there, please let these two people know.

Thank-you and Go Orcas!

Debbie Rudisill

PineBrookWood vs. Friendswood

The meet with Friendswood on Saturday, June 18, starts at 8:00am. Check-in is at 6:30am at our home Pine Brook pool. PLEASE BE ON TIME! It is extremely important if you are leaving early, that you tell us at the Clerk Table before the meet AND come by to check out before leaving. I know your family may have other activities and you may have to leave early. PLEASE CHECK OUT BEFORE YOU GO!!!!

Coaches Corner by Chris Woodard

First of all, let me give you some information on Clear Lake Forest. This is their first year in Division 2; last year they were in Division 3 where they were undefeated. They also finished 5th behind us at Champ Meet, and their girls actually finished 2nd behind Friendswood who won the meet last year. So this was a very tough team that we went up against, and we ended up losing 426 to 328. One thing that hurts us at every meet is that swimmers miss for vacation or because of other conflicts. DQs also hurt. If you were DQ'd in either a relay or an individual event and you were in a scoring heat, you really need to work to correct any mistakes you made. We are going to need you at the future meets, especially the champ meet.

As far as signing up for the next meet, it is very important that everyone who is at the meet needs to sign up for the next meet. All I need is a check for the one event you want to do and a X for the event you do not want to do. If there are any other requests you have, please write them in to the side of your events. If you would like me to choose your events or you are not going to be there, just write that in to the side as well. For those of you that are not at the meet, I need you to email me the next day as to what your preferences are. Since entries are due to the other team on Thursday, I must have them to our clerk of course by Wednesday. If you fail to email me by Sunday, then you are only putting more strain on me.



Now that school is out, all practices will be in the morning and, with the exception of the last week, Mondays will be combined at Pine Brook and the rest of the week they will be at both pools. Please make sure that if you live in Brookwood then you are going to that pool for practice and if you live in Pine Brook that you are going to that pool for practice. If for some reason you need to go to a different pool, please run it by me so that I know. If there is any confusion as to when practice starts, please check the website for the exact times.

I know you might be disappointed that we lost to Clear Lake Forest, but let's start looking towards the Champ Meet. If we work hard, we can get them back then.

Go Orcas!
Coach Chris

Come to the Orca Mid-Season Party!

Where: Funcity Sk8 and Play

1500 N. Texas Avenue, Webster
(off Bay Area)

When: Thursday, June 16 from 6 - 8 PM

What: Skating, Moonwalk, and
Bouncing

Only \$2 for 2 hours of fun!



Important Upcoming Dates

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| June 16: | Bullritos Fundraiser (11:00 am—9:00 pm) |
| | Mid-Season party at Funcity Sk8 Rink
6:00 - 8:00 pm |
| June 18: | Home meet against Friendswood |
| June 25: | Away meet against Brooks Blue Marlins |
| July 2: | Home meet against Pineloch |
| July 9 – 10: | Champ Series meet |
| July 11: | End of Season party at Pine Brook pool
6:00 - 9:00 pm |

A Note from the Clerk

Sharon Marston

We had a great meet with Clear Lake Forest on Saturday with our swimmers achieving 69 Champ and 92 Reserve times. It was tough to lose this meet, but they had a lot of good swimmers and the competition was really close in some of the events I watched. Keep working hard with our coaches in practice this week, and try for even more Champ and Reserve times at the meet with Friendswood. Friendswood is a Division I team, so this meet doesn't count toward the Division II Banner.

If you haven't notified Coach Chris this weekend of your status for the meet with Friendswood Saturday, please do so immediately. Knowing who is and isn't coming will help him place swimmers to challenge them and contribute to the team score. Remember that it is even more important than usual because we are limiting heats for this meet. Friendswood is so much bigger than we are, we have no choice but limit to 6 heats per individual event. Please make sure we know so that your swimmer will be able to participate in the meet. Exhibition entries will be difficult for this meet especially in the younger age groups, and I will likely only be able to place swimmers in empty lanes where another swimmer has scratched.

As I have mentioned before, scratches are always of interest to clerks, because scratches ALWAYS make a clerk's job harder. This week, we had 12 scratches, 7 Girls, and 5 Boys. THANK YOU everyone for notifying Coach Chris so that we were able to bring the scratches way down. It made it much easier for me, especially since I think Clear Lake Forest only had a few scratches as well. Our record low number for scratches is still 10 and I'm still hoping to break this record. This would be the perfect week to break this record, and will allow the meet to run much faster. Girls, are you really going to let the boys show you up again?

This week we had even more families check out with the Clerks. THANK YOU!!!! You helped the meet run more smoothly. For those who didn't check out, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you do at ALL future meets. Knowing who is leaving helps us when we are trying to fill a spot on the late relays due to a swimmer scratching. That late in the meet, we appreciate all the information we can get. Also, please don't leave and come back. It is very hard to judge exactly when an event is going to swim and you may be disappointed at missing an opportunity if you leave.



Volunteer Information from Melanie Saunders

Thanks to our FANTASTIC Orca Families for a great job volunteering Saturday. Clear Lake Forest was a good warm up for our upcoming meet against Friendswood. This will be the biggest meet of the year and we will need all hands on deck to run the meet. Please be sure to check in with me at 6:30, right after you check in your swimmers with the coaches. It will be a long day and I realize everyone will be feeling the heat. But without all of you, the meet comes to a standstill, so please hang in there and together we will make the meet run faster. Although our last meet ran very well, there seemed to be a little confusion over transition. If you are a timer, listen for the announcements and follow those instructions on when to trade out shifts around event 40-41 because the head timer will need to meet with you to go over procedures. If you are working the tent area, or scoring or any other job that transitions beginning with event 41, that transition occurs when event 40 is ending in the pool. The sign by the starter will show the event in the water. If you are working hot concessions, because the meet will go longer than normal and be busier than normal, I assigned the shifts a little differently. For hot concessions, you will see specific times for this Saturday instead of events so I could be sure to have enough people at peak times. Finally, if you are listed as a sub, please check in with me because last minute things always come up and I will most likely need you for this meet. If you want to work extra this week and be able to sit back and relax on the 25th at Brooks, this is your big chance to get ahead and have the next week off. Just check in with me first thing and let me know that. THANKS!



Fundraiser Information from Shawn Lovely-Kennedy

Thanks to all who attended the Mr. Gatti's Fundraiser! I saw a lot of Orcas at Mr. Gatti's having fun eating and playing games! This week, our fundraiser is at Bullritos off of Nasa Rd 1. Please bring the Bullritos flyer to the fundraiser on Thursday June 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and we will receive 20% of Orca orders. This fundraiser is good all day long. Orders can be faxed in for lunch or dinner, along with the flyer, for the Orcas to receive 20% of the order. Orders can be placed for eat in or carry out. This fundraiser is a little different in that you must present the flyer when you make your purchase! We will have flyers available at practice or you can print your own. Tell all your friends and family about Bullritos day & give them a flyer! Remember every little bit helps to keep costs down for our swim team.