

# PineBrookWood ORCAS

## Whale Tales



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### Pearland Meet Results

**112 Champ  
Times**

**86 Reserve  
Times**

**5 Orca  
Records**



### From the President

Dear Orca Swimmers and Parents:

Thank you for a great meet this past Saturday! Although we lost to Pearland 413 to 399, our swimmers had a great meet. Pearland is the defending CCSL Champ Series meet winners from the larger CCSL division, so to lose by only 14 points is outstanding. On Saturday we will face our division rivals, the Brooks Blue Marlins. Although it will be another tough meet, it should be a fun meet as many of us know parents and swimmers from their team. Remember to check-in by 6:30 a.m., both swimmers and volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank Jill Johnson, our volunteer coordinator, and all of our volunteers who worked the meet. This meet ran very smoothly and efficiently. We had over 400 swimmers participating, but the meet was still over by 1:35 p.m. Thank you so much for your time and effort in helping run these meets for our children.

We will have our mid-season party this Thursday, June 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. at our own Pine Brook pool. The party will have unlimited pizza, drinks, and fun as Coach Chris organizes our own wacky relays. To help cover a portion of the costs, we ask for a small donation of \$2 per person at the door. There is no need to RSVP, and we hope everyone can make it! The party was a lot of fun for everyone last year.

Thanks to everyone who is following us on Twitter. In addition to posting important information, such as meet scores and weather cancellations, we try to post fun and amusing tidbits as well. It seems to be catching on, so follow us @pbworcas. Our twitter live feed can also be viewed from the front page of our website.

Lastly, remember to let Coach Chris ([headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org)) and Jill Johnson, volunteer coordinator, ([volunteers@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:volunteers@pinebrookwoodorcas.org)) know if you will be missing all or part of the next meet.

Thank you, and Go Orcas!  
*Debbie Rudisill*

**HOME MEET THIS SATURDAY JUNE 19th**

**CHECK-IN IS AT 6:30 A.M.**

## Coaches Corner by Chris Woodard

I was pretty excited when I found out that our Interdivision Meet would be against Pearland, last year's Champ Meet winners. I knew that it would be a close meet, but I was confident that we could win as long as we limited our scratches and DQ's. We were up by a little at the end of butterfly, so it became a match between our freestyle relays. It was a very close meet but, in the end, Pearland narrowly won by a difference of just 14 points. The good news is that, because Pearland is not in our division, we are still in the running to be Division 2 Champs. We just have to beat the rest of the teams that we compete against. I think that it was a great meet, despite our loss, because our swimmers got more Champ and Reserve times and because our relay teams got some good seed times for the Champ Meet.

There was a first this weekend in the Orca Spirit Awards - they went to a brother and sister team. Michael and Amanda Morse showed great team spirit throughout the meet! In return, they each received their very own Orca towel signed by all of the coaches. We will have inflatable orcas for our winners at the last three meets, so let's see that Orca spirit. We do want you to take some breaks from cheering and the sun, though, because it can get very hot out there.

Our meet this weekend is against the Brooks Blue Marlins, who are our neighbors and the team who finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Champ Meet last year, just 40 points behind us. It will be another tough meet, so make sure that you work hard in practice this week. If you haven't signed up for our meet this weekend, please email me at [headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) with one event you want to swim and one event you don't want to swim.



## PineBrookWood vs. Brooks

The meet with the Brooks Blue Marlins on Saturday, June 19, starts at 8:00 a.m. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. 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 that we have busy families with other activities still ongoing and that you may have to leave early. PLEASE CHECK OUT BEFORE YOU GO!!!!

## Request on Ribbons:

We had a lot of kids going to their family folders this past Saturday to pull out ribbons. Please do not let your children go to the family folders during the meet. The ribbon workers need access to the folders to do their job, and we don't want wet hands going into the folders. The folders and ribbons will be available during the practices at the Pine Brook pool. The combined Monday practices at Pine Brook are a great opportunity to get your ribbons and other family folder information. Thank you for your help.

Like your morning caffeine jolt, but don't want to drink hot coffee in 90 degree weather?



We now offer iced coffee from Starbucks!

It is only \$3 per large cup, and it is delicious.

We will be serving bright and early this Saturday.

## Heat Sheets for sale at concession stand!

The Orcas are now selling heat sheets for \$3 at our concession stand. What is a heat sheet? It lists every event's heat and lane assignments by child, and it includes the swimmer's best time in that event. It makes it much easier to know when your child is going to swim, plus it is fun to look at all the other heats, lanes, and times from both teams. Try one this Saturday. (Please note that it is subject to change on meet day for a few reasons, including swimmer scratches.)

## **Want to Receive Important, Emergency Information in a Timely Manner?**

**Problem:** If you are interested in getting up-to-the minute emergency information such as practice location changes or cancellations due to weather, there is a way to receive text messages directly to your cell phone.

**Solution:** tXtBlaster is a text messaging program that will send out short, useful text messages directly to your cell phone. Standard messaging rates will apply. This feature will only be used for critical information to hopefully save you and your family time.

**How to Sign Up:** text 'pbworcas' to BLAST (25278) from the cell phone you want the text messages sent to. You can sign up more than one phone.

This is a very controlled program, and your cell phone number will not be shared with anyone. We are continually striving to improve our communication to make summer swim team a fun experience for everyone.

**Diving Well Off-Limits**

The diving well at the Pine Brook pool is off limits during meets. Lane 6 next to the diving well is the worst lane in the pool. Extra turbulence from swimmers jumping in or kicking with their feet increases the disadvantage of that lane. Please be courteous to all swimmers who swim in lane 6 and stay out of the diving well. We had some swimmers who had to be told multiple times during the last meet to get out. This includes sitting on the side and dangling in your feet.

**Volunteer Information from Jill Johnson**

It's official...YOU ROCK!!! Once again, just sending out a big THANK YOU for all of your hard work and efforts on Saturday. I think the meet ran very well, especially considering the number of swimmers. We received several (well deserved) compliments about how well everything was run, and it is all thanks to you!



I appreciate how so many families were willing to pitch in with what ever was needed. It certainly makes my job easier! The transition from first to second shift was wonderful again because you were all paying attention to the event # and getting in place when your shift began. I could go on and on, but as a whole...we represented the Orcas very well on Saturday! Please send me any special circumstances again ASAP as I will be completing the schedule for next weekend against Brooks. Hang in there guys...we're half way there!

**Join us for the Mid-Season Party!**

What: Pizza, drinks & wacky relays

Where: Pine Brook pool

When: 7-10 pm, Thursday, June 17



**A Note from the Clerk**

**Sharon Marston**

Ummm.... were our swimmers on fire Saturday? I know that we lost to Pearl-land by 14 points but, in the process, our swimmers swam 112 Champ Times! This is more than I have ever seen this early in the season and may be the most we have gotten in any one meet. In addition, we had 86 Reserve Times and 5 Orca Records. Congratulations are in order for Erin Johnson for swimming the 8&Under Girls 25 Fly in 00:17.93 (old record 00:19.29), John Denson for swimming the 8&Under Boys 25 Back in 00:20.13 (old record 00:20.33) and the 8&Under Boys 25 Breast in 00:21.27 (old record 00:23.13), and to Max Finch for swimming the 9-10 Boys 50 Back in 00:36.30 (old record 00:36.40) and the 9-10 Boys 50 Fly in 00:35.13 (old record 00:35.97). Way to go ORCAS!

And now for the usual reminder. If you didn't notify Coach Chris this weekend of your status for the meet with Brooks on Saturday, please do so immediately. Brooks will be another very challenging

meet to swim, and this meet will count for the Division II banner, which Coach Chris really wants us to win. Knowing who is and isn't coming will help him place swimmers, to both challenge the swimmers and contribute to the team score. There's just a little rivalry with this team too!

We just can't seem to get lower than 12 scratches. This week, the girls won again with only 4 scratches to the boys 8. 12 scratches, same as last week, is close to the record of 10 last season. Let's try even harder to beat that record next weekend and make your clerk extremely happy! Boys, you still need to work harder this week! And yes, I do understand that we had a few sick swimmers who had to scratch late. Hopefully they will all be feeling better soon and be back in the pool!

Our families are doing a great job of checking out with the clerks before leaving. We appreciate your coming by

to say bye and being patient if we are busy and can't help you immediately. I know that it is tough when you just want to get home and out of the heat. I do, however, want to bring up an issue we had with the early Medley Relays. We had to sub a swimmer into one of our relays. That swimmer and family, thinking the swimmer wasn't swimming until later in the meet, went home. We were scrambling to find the swimmer for the relay, and fortunately we were able to locate the swimmer in time.

PLEASE do not EVER do this to your teammates, Coach Chris, or your friendly neighborhood Clerk whom you want to remain friendly!