

# PineBrookWood ORCAS

## Whale Tales



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### Meet Results

**Orcas 473**

**Nauticats 292**

**95 Champ  
Times**

**76 Reserve  
Times**

**4 Orca  
Records**



## From the President

Dear Orca Swimmers and Parents:

Thank you again for another very successful meet! We beat the Nassau Bay Nauticats by the score of 473 to 292, to bring us to 3 – 0 within CCSL Division II. After 5 (!) Saturdays (counting the practice meet) at Pine Brook, we go on the “road” this week to visit the Clear Lake City Stars for the last regular-season meet of the year. The Stars swim at the Rec. Center on Diana Lane. Directions, the address, and a map can be found at our website [www.pinebrookwoodorcas.org](http://www.pinebrookwoodorcas.org). There will be additional information on parking and tent set-up in an email later this week. Remember to check in by 6:30 a.m., both swimmers and volunteers.

Believe it or not, the Champ Series and Last Chance meets are just around the corner. Look in this newsletter for an article providing information and explanations for the Champ Series. Timelines and meet sign-ups will be coming via email, so be on the look-out.

If you haven't purchased tickets to the end of the season party, it's not too late, but don't wait any longer! It is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at Incredible Pizza, starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per Orca swimmer and \$10 for everyone else (parents, siblings, friends). All paid attendees will receive a \$10 game card. We will be selling tickets at Saturday's meet. If you will not be at the meet against the Stars but want to come to the party, we will be selling tickets this week on Thursday and Friday (7/1 and 7/2) from 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. at both the Pine Brook and Brookwood pools.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your time and efforts this swim season. All of us on the Orcas' Board hope that your kids had fun this summer as they improved their swimming skills. Swimming is a great sport that will last them a lifetime.

Go Orcas!  
*Debbie Rudisill*

### Clear Lake City vs. PineBrookWood

Our last meet is with the Clear Lake City Stars is this Saturday, July 3rd at 8:00 a.m. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. at the Clear Lake City Recreation Center Pool. Please be ON TIME. If you don't know where the pool is, allow yourself extra time to get there. (I know that's hard that early in the morning, but please help us out.) PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR STICKERS!! The coaches should not have to hunt you down to give them to you. If we still have a sticker for you, we assume you are a scratch. Before you leave the meet, PLEASE CHECK OUT WITH THE CLERK!!!! Directions to the pool and additional information will be sent out Thursday evening when I send out the meet entries.

## Coaches Corner by Chris Woodard

Wow! It's hard to believe there are only 2 weeks left in the season. I guess it's true that "time flies when you're having fun." This weekend at the meet against Nassau Bay, with numerous families on vacation and swimmers on boy scout trips, we had probably our smallest number of swimmers competing. But yet again, the Orcas rose to the occasion and beat Nassau Bay by a score of 473 to 292. With this victory, we are just one win away from being crowned Division 2 Champs. Before our meet this weekend, however, everyone needs to work on butterfly and breaststroke because those seem to be our weaknesses as far as DQ's go.

This weekend our Orca Spirit Awards went to Stephen Lawson and Nicole Swingle, who both made very colorful signs to show off their team spirit. Some of their team spirit even rubbed off onto their moms - great job! With just one meet and two inflatable orcas left, those swimmers who want to win the Orca Spirit Award will have to step it up.

Just like last year, we are trying to maximize the number of swimmers that attend the Novice and Reserve Meets in hopes of getting everyone some experience at a highly competitive meet and giving them another chance at Reserve and Champ times. Anyone 12 and under who is within 3 seconds of his or her Reserve time will be eligible to go to the Novice Meet, and anyone 13 and up who is within 3 seconds of his or her Champ time will be eligible to go to the Reserve meet. At our meet this weekend against Clear Lake City, we will have our signups for the Novice, Reserve and Champ Meets. All I need to know is if you're going to be there or not. You are only allowed to swim 3 events for the weekend, and I will choose which 3 they are. If you have any questions about any of these meets, you can call me anytime at 832-221-1487 or you can email me at [headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:headcoach@pinebrookwoodorcas.org). Go Orcas!



## Join us for the End-of-Season Party!

**Where: Incredible Pizza**

**When: 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 12th**

**Tickets: \$5/Orca swimmer**

**\$10/everyone else (age 3 & up)**

**Buy your tickets at the swim meet Saturday!**



## Volunteer Information

**from Jill Johnson**

I wanted to send out one more huge thanks for a great season. Today was officially my family's last meet as Orcas. I admit it was an emotional day for us. We have been with the team now for the past 3 years and have loved every sweaty minute of it!

We feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of such an amazing community. We have so many wonderful memories to take with us to Florida. I wish you all much success and happiness.

I have one last big favor to ask all of you. Please send me any changes in your schedules you might have so I can make one more accurate schedule for our last meet on 7/3. Kristen Boe and Debbie Rudisill will be acting as Volunteer Coordinator at that meet for me...Thanks girls!

I would really appreciate it if you can show them how wonderful and amazing all of you are! Please check in with Kristen, just as you would me. Please show up to your assigned positions just like always. I know you will, so thanks ahead of time.

You have been so dedicated and willing this season...thank you, thank you, thank you!

Good luck at our last meet and then on into the Champ series. I know we will do great!

### Champ Series Information

The Champ Series meet is fast approaching! It will be held the weekend of July 10 – 11 at the Matthew T. Doyle Natatorium in Texas City. Every swimmer is eligible to swim in the Champ Series meet. There are three sessions in the Champ Series which is considered one continuous meet:

Novice: for swimmers 12 and under who are close to Reserve times.

Reserve: for swimmers 12 and under who have achieved Reserve times, and 13 and up swimmers who are close to champ times.

Championship: for swimmers who have achieved Champ times.

Novice and Reserve are held on Saturday, July 10, and the Champ portion will be held Sunday, July 11. Points are awarded at the Champ meet. Because it is considered one continuous meet, each swimmer can only participate in three individual events for the weekend. Unlike regular season meets, swimmers can participate in 2 relays. All Champ meet event selections and relays are completely at Coach Chris's discretion in order to optimize points for the Orcas. If you have questions on whether your child should participate in Novice or Reserve, contact Coach Chris.

Champ and Reserve times are posted on our website ([www.pinebrookwoodorcas.org](http://www.pinebrookwoodorcas.org)).

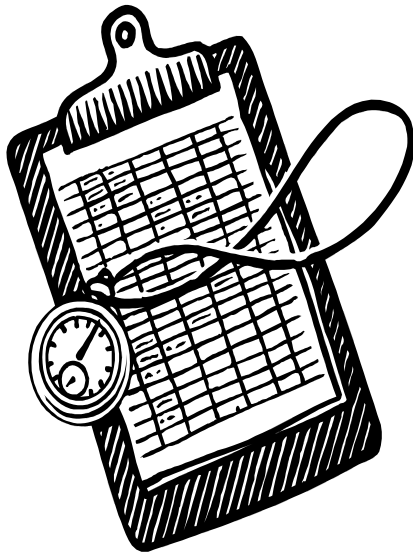
As mentioned, the Champ Series meet will be held at the Texas City Natatorium. This is a first class facility, and it will be hosting the CCSL Champ Series for the first time. Swimmers and spectators alike will stay inside the air conditioning throughout the meet unlike our regular season meets and last year's Champ meet.

Not to be forgotten, there is the Last Chance meet held Tuesday evening, July 6. This meet gives all swimmers striving for Reserve and Champ times one last attempt for those times. Look for future emails and Whale Tales for additional details about these events.

### A Note from the Clerk

Sharon Marston

The season just continues to get better. We only had 11 scratches this week, still not a new record low, but not a bad number. Hopefully that number will go down more at the Clear Lake City Meet on Saturday. Please make sure you let Coach Chris know if you can't make the meet on Saturday. Call him at 832-221-1487 or send him an email.



This week our swimmers achieved 95 Champ times, 76 Reserve times, and 4 Orca Records. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who are working so hard to achieve their times!! Congratulations go to John Denson and Kyle Kerr who tied in an Orca record swim for the 7-8 Boys 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :22.28 (old record was :23.13). Congratulations also go to Erin Johnson and Grace Burgess who both bested the previous Orca record in the 7-8 Girls 25 Butterfly. Erin swam it in :18.34 and Grace in :18.75 (old record was :19.29). Let's get some more Orcas records at the next meet!!! All swimmers who break the Orca record during the season are recognized here. The swimmer who has the fastest new record time after the Champ Meet is the new record holder going into next season. Please cheer on our swimmers as they strive for those records.

Please continue to come by and check out before leaving the meet on Saturday. We need to know, even if you have finished all of your events!!! If you haven't max'ed out on your allowed number, we may need you for a late relay. We try to notify swimmers when we make substitutions or have to scratch a relay, but sometimes things are a little hectic and we don't always make all of the notifications. Also, we sometimes swim up a younger swimmer with an older age group in those late relays, so don't assume you are finished early if your relay scratches!

## Last Chance Meet

The Last Chance Meet has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th at the Galena Park ISD Natatorium. If you are close to achieving your times and want an additional opportunity to make it into the Champ Series, please see the Clerk, Sharon Marston, at the Clear Lake City Meet or send an email to [clerk@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:clerk@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) by 5:00pm Monday, July 5th. I have to submit entries by 9:00pm Monday July 5th. Due to the entry deadline I cannot accept entries after 5:00pm On deck entries will be accepted Tuesday at the meet, but advance entries are preferred. On time entry fees that I submit will be paid by the Orcas. If you aren't sure you will be going, information for on deck entries will be provided. On deck entrants will be expected to pay their own entry fees of \$5 per swimmer per event when they enter. Swimmers must have participated in at least 2 regular season meets to be eligible – the Intrasquad on May 22nd DOES NOT COUNT! If you do not make your Champ times at the Clear Lake City Meet on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, you are strongly encouraged to attend the Last Chance Meet for another opportunity.

## Champ Meet Series

The Champ Meet Series will be held at the Texas City Natatorium, Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Novice and Reserve Meets are on Saturday, and the Champ Meet is on Sunday. Entry grids will be available for the Champ Series this Saturday at the Clear Lake City Meet. Please sign up for these meets so the coaches don't have to call you to find out if you will attend. I know this is a holiday weekend. If you aren't attending the Clear Lake City Meet, please make sure you notify Coach Chris of your status for the Champ Series. For the third year in a row, we are recommending that more swimmers attend the Novice Meet to up the number of Champ and Reserve times even more. What that means is that even if you don't have a Reserve time (for 12 and unders), or your Champ time (for 13 and up), we may be asking you to go to the Novice Meet (12 and unders), or the Reserve Meet (13 and up) to see if you can achieve your times for the next meet. If you make Reserve times at the Novice Meet, you are automatically entered in the afternoon Reserve session. If you achieve your Champ times at the Reserve Meet, please find Coach Chris, or Sharon Marston, Head Clerk to let us know you will attend. Any swimmers achieving their times at Last Chance will be able to enter the Champ Meet Series, and we will assume (because you went to the trouble of attending the Last Chance Meet) that you will be at the Champ Series. If you choose not to swim the next meet after qualifying, let one of the Coaches or the Clerk (Sharon Marston) know so that we can scratch you by the deadline and not have to pay the penalties. Remember, if you have achieved times in more than 3 individual events, Coach Chris makes the final determination on which events you swim. He also makes the final determination on relays the day of the Champ Meet, taking into account who is swimming well and who might be having an off day. Please respect his decisions. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Marston at [clerk@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:clerk@pinebrookwoodorcas.org). Please make sure you sign up at the League City Meet for the Champ Meet. We will also be watching the times for Saturday's meet to see who achieves their times for the Champ Meet series.

The Texas City Natatorium has two attached air conditioned gymnasiums, and the League has full use of the facility for the weekend. This means that, unlike last year, we will be sitting inside in air-conditioned comfort. The current director of the facility is the parent of a former league swimmer, understands our Champ Series, and most importantly, has promised to crank up the A/C! We should be in good shape, though we may be a rubbing shoulders in our seating area. Come prepared to keep wet swimmers comfortable in the air conditioning!

