

# PineBrook Wood ORCAS

## Whale Tales



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### Meet Results

**374 Orcas**

**229 Stars**

**71 Champ  
Times**

**75 Reserve  
Times**

**2 Orca  
Records**



## From the President

Orca families -

I cannot believe how fast the season has gone! I thank all of you for your help working our meets, driving your kids to many practices, and waking up early for 6 Saturdays. To paraphrase a famous quote, running a swim team takes a village.

Our last regular season meet this past Saturday was definitely our most challenging from a weather perspective. In the rain-shortened meet, we beat the Stars 374 to 229. We appreciated everyone's patience during the mid-meet storm. I want to commend the Clear Lake City Stars for their handling of the weather. Even with the storm, we were able to make it through a few heats of butterfly before calling the meet.

The Orcas had a very successful season. We won the CCSL Division II championship defeating the other 4 teams in our division. Our only loss came against Pearland, a Division I team, and the defending Champ Meet champs, and that was by only 14 points. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our swimmers, and we should all be very proud of them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Head Coach Chris Woodard, Assistant Coach Bo Schneider, and all of our pool assistants. They've worked hard with the kids all year to make each one of them a better swimmer. I hope your kids enjoyed working with them, too.

The Last Chance meet (Tuesday, July 6) and the Champ Series (Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11) are all that remain. We'll have plenty of information on both coming via email. We will need volunteers to work the Champ meet in timers, start area (getting swimmers from the ready area, through the waiting chairs, and to the starting blocks), our internal tent area, officiating, a parent to set-up Friday night, and a parent to take down Sunday afternoon. I think Jill has trained all of you well, so just be on the lookout for the schedule. Since I will be doing the coordination, your help would be most appreciated!

Our end of season awards party is Monday, July 12 starting at 6 pm at Incredible Pizza in Pasadena. If you are still interested in coming, but haven't RSVP'd yet, it's not too late! Email me at [president@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:president@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) with your ticket order. All swimmers will receive a trophy, and we'll also distribute medals and certificates for some individual accomplishments. It should be a fun evening for everyone.

Thanks again for all you've done this year. I'll be back as president next year as will Lee Ann Kerr (VP), Sharon Marston (clerk), Rob Plaza (operations), Greg Finch and Joe Swingle (CCSL reps). We hope to see all of you next year, too!

Go Orcas!

*Debbie Rudisill*

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

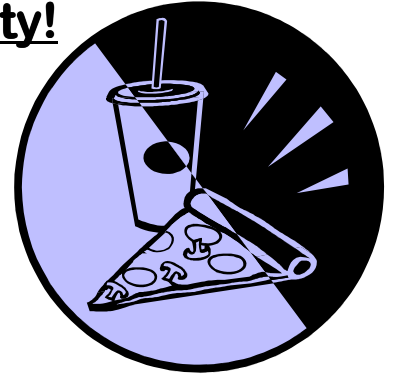
**Where: Incredible Pizza**

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

**Tickets: \$5/Orca swimmer & \$10/everyone else (age 3 & up)**

**Email [president@pinebrookwoodorcas.org](mailto:president@pinebrookwoodorcas.org) with your ticket order.**

**All swimmers will receive a trophy.**



### **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.



**Congratulations Orcas on  
winning the CCSL Division II  
Championship!**

**Good Luck at the Champ Series.  
Swim! Swim! Swim!**

## A Note from the Clerk

Sharon Marston



This week our swimmers achieved 71 Champ times, 75 Reserve times, and 2 Orca Records. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who have worked so hard to achieve their times!! Congratulations go to John Denson who beat an Orca record for the 7-8 Boys 25Y Breaststroke with a time of 21:50 (old record was 23:13) and to Max Finch who broke the previous Orca record in the 9-10 Boys Backstroke with a time of 36.34 (old record was 36:40).

The Champ Meet Series will be held this weekend at the Texas City Natatorium. The Novice and Reserve Meets are on Saturday, July 10, and the Champ Meet is on Sunday, July, 11. 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).

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!

