

Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Woodley Swim Team, June 2015 No. 6

Swimmers of the Week

Our second swimmers of the week - chosen for their good attitudes, practice attendance and overall team spirit will receive their silicone caps on Monday (silver for boy and pink for girl).

We are proud to announce that this week Swimmers are brother/sister duo:

Omar Zamora (boys) and Paola Zamora (girls).

Congratulations Omar and Paola!!!!

Second A Meet - Fairfax Club Estates vs. Woodley - 255 to 163

Score smore - who cares about the score - what was really important at this meet was how the Woodley swim team community (parents, coaches and swimmers) really rose to the occasion!!!

It was quite gratifying to see how everyone came together and did a terrific job hosting a meet under extremely challenging weather conditions. All I can say is WOW!!!

COACHES - Marisa, James and Evan deserve a big round of applause. They showed great leadership and enthusiasm and kept the kids spirits ups until the very end!!! Thank you from all of us parents and our children.

SWIMMERS - Woodley swimmers showed true warrior spirit and grit getting through probably one of the most challenging meets we will have this season. We were missing lots of swimmers and it was cold and wet but everyone really tried their best and pushed through and there were some great swims as well!!!!

I would like to especially acknowledge and thank the following swimmers who really stepped up to the plate to help Woodley fill all lanes and relays and demonstrated great team spirit:

Alice Hunt - Alice was our sole 13 & 14 girl representing Woodley at the meet. She also just turned 13!!

Marisa Haas - Marissa is new to the team this year and helped us out at this A meet by swimming up in 13 & 14 freestyle, backstroke and on the relay (swimming first leg of backstroke).

Eliza Harrington - is 9 and swam up two age groups in 13 & 14 girls in 50 backstroke.

Maria Kidd - is 10 and she swam up two age groups in 13 & 15 girls 50 backstroke

Sophie Maginniss - is 12 and swam the butterfly leg of girls 13 & 14 relay

Jaiden Johnson - is 11 and new to the team this year and swam the breaststroke leg of 13 & 14 girls relay

Faith Weiss - is 12 and we welcome back to the team this year. She swam in the Girls 13 & 14 50 back.

Morgan Wilson - is 10 and swam up two age groups in the girls 13 & 14 50M butterfly (and remember that 9 & 10's only swim 25M fly not 50M - (: !!!!)

Sophia Zamora - is 10 and swam up two age groups in the girls 13 & 15 50M freestyle.

DOUBLE FIRST PLACE WINNERS included: Sara Giroux (who swam up as 11 year old in 13 & 14 50M free and won first place!!!. Sara also won the girls 11 & 12 50M butterfly. Abby McCall in girls 11 & 12 50M backstroke and 50M butterfly and Brad McCall is boys 8 & Under 25M free and 25M butterfly.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS included: Walker Hartge in boys 8 & Under 25M Free, Samantha Dell in girls 9 & 10 50M freestyle, Austin Byrd in boys 13 & 14 50M freestyle (and this was part of a sweep - see below), Elise McDonald in girls 11 & 12 50M backstroke, Aaron Tingley in boys 13 & 14 50M backstroke, Nickolas Hopkins in boys 8 & Under 25M breaststroke, Austin Schmidt in boys 9 & 10 50M breaststroke, and Sean Maginniss in boys 9 & 10 50M butterfly.

Second Place winners included: Matthew Kidd (in close race in boys 8 & Under free), Austin Schmidt, Daniel Schmidt, Josh Sims, Heidi Hort-Ly, Cody Yeatman (as one of few who did not DQ in backstroke!!), Helen Frankovich, John Cascella, Elliott Frankovich, Elise McDonald, Joseph Canan (in a great/close race in boys 13 & 14 50M back), Erick Samayoa, Nicole Drucker, Samantha Dell, Jason Giroux, Henry Lewis (in another exciting/close race in boys 15-18 50M breast), Eliza Harrington, George Lewis, Aaron Tingley and Bobby Dubas.

Third Place winners included: Helen Frankovich, John Cascella, Joseph Canan, Nicole Drucker, Sam Beuse, George Lewis, Josh Sims, Sophia Rodas, Tyler Byrd, Daniel Schmidt and Bobby Dubas.

PARENTS

There are a lot of folks to thank so here goes (and only silver lining at the meet was that we did not have to worry about sunscreen - (:):

Deck Officials - Referee Ken Yeatman, Starter Kevin Tingley, S&T Judges Susan Hunt & Janet Mansfield, Head Timer Laura Drucker, Marshal Ron Massaro & Janet Sims and all our wonderful parent timers!!!

Announcer - Brian Dubas as usual did a wonderful job for us even though he had a work project he had to put on hold so he could be at the meet.

Clerk of Course - Head - Holly Maginniss with lots of great assistance from FCE parents and Woodley's Ofelia Calderon and Sara Weiss (who was not even on the schedule but offered to help anyway!!)

Tables (Computers/Ribbons) - Ericka McDonald (who comfortably handled computers at A meet!!), Rattany Hort, Darryl Hopkins, Michelle Haas and of course Mark McCall who does a lot of "behind the scenes" computer work.

Concessions - Special kudos to Olsons who came to help us with grilling even though Lucinda was sick, Mirna Levia and Natalia Antezana who served yummy pupusas (and donated profits to the team) and finally Candi Wilson (who doesn't have child on team but helped anyway), Meredith Minix and Lisa Frankovich did wonderful job holding down the fort even with the absence of experienced concession manager - Alex Iglesias.

Meet Set Up/Tear-Down - Apologies if I miss anyone here but thanks Rob Wilson, Janet Sims, Carrie McCall, Leddyanne Dell, Ron Massaro and Daniel Kidd.

FINALLY BIG CONGRATS to our "sweepers" (Woodley swimmers who all placed 1, 2 & 3 in an event when 5 to 6 lanes are filled) who will be getting McDonald McFlurries (will try and do this next Wednesday or Thursday). Woodley had one sweep - Boys 13 & 14 50M Free - First - Austin Byrd, Second - Daniel Schmidt and Third - Joseph Canan!!!!

BUSY TWO WEEKS AHEAD - This is the crazy season for swimming when we have a lot of meets/events crammed in as well as holidays when a lot of our families/swimmers are out town. All we can do is have fun, get through it and then celebrate on the other side - (:!!!! Here are events coming up this week (and more information will also be sent by email):

MONDAY - 6/29

- ❖ Pictures - Monday - 6/29/15 at Woodley - see emails already sent for more information
- ❖ B Meet at Lake Braddock - see emails already sent for more information

WEDNESDAY - 7/1

- ❖ FISH Swim Clinic at Woodley - 9AM to 10AM for 11 & Older and 10AM to 11AM for 10 & Under - more information to come by email.
- ❖ TODD POTTS Meet at Forest Hollow - see below and more information to come by email

THURSDAY - 7/2

- ❖ YORK Swim Clinic at Woodley - 9AM to 10AM for 11 & Older and 10AM to 11AM for 10 & Under - more information to come by email
- ❖ TYE-DYE DAY - for all swim/dive team members - see below and more information to come in email.

FRIDAY - 7/3 -

- ❖ Swim Team breakfast in morning (believe it is muffins and juice but will double-check with Carrie).

Todd Potts I.M. Carnival – WEDNESDAY JULY 1st at Forest Hollow Pool

The Todd Potts I.M. Carnival will be held Wednesday, July 1st at Forest Hollow Pool. The coaches will recommend and sign up the swimmers that should participate. *Those who are participating should swim the I.M. event at the Monday night “B” meets on June 22nd and June 29th. The swim team pays a non-refundable entry fee for each swimmer so please inform the coaches if you are able to swim an IM but will not be available for this meet. Late entries are more expensive and not guaranteed.*

PLEASE NOTE THESE important dates for Todd Potts:

**Official list due to Todd Potts meet officials by Sunday - June 28th

**Meet Entries due by Sunday - June 28th

**Scratches or Substitutions due by Noon on Tuesday - June 30th

Do you hate matching socks? Bring white socks (or white shirts/other clothing!!) to Tie Dye Day – Thursday - July 2nd

This is a very popular and long-time Woodley tradition. Tye-Dye day will be held after the YORK swim clinic at the pool and hot dog lunches will be sold.

A Meet - WOODLEY vs. Fox Hunt (HOME AT WOODLEY) Saturday July 4th

Our third scored “A” dual meet will be held Saturday, July 4th at Woodley. Official’s list will be e- mailed and swimmers should be notified about what they are swimming at Wednesday or Thursday morning practices. A copy of the Officials list will also be emailed (Thursday morning) and posted on the bulletin board.

Woodley’s warm-ups will be at 8a.m. The meet will begin at 9:00a.m.

*We know this is 4th of July and lots of Woodley families will (AGAIN) be missing the meet. This means this is a meet where it is **VERY LIKELY** that your child will be swimming so please do check E-MAIL, and with Coaches James/Marisa, Evan or with Robin with questions!!!*

B Meet vs. Parliament at PARLIAMENT (Away MEET) – July 6th - Everyone can participate in this meet swimming a maximum of 2 events and I.M. (unless they placed first, second, or third in one of those events at the previous Saturday’s “A” meet). Woodley warm-ups will be at 5:20PM. Meet starts at 6PM. Officials assignments will be coming soon to a location near you (e-mail).

Why does it always storm during the Divisional Relay Carnival?

The Divisional Relay Carnival is a “special” meet held on Wednesday, July 8th at WOODLEY. More information will be e-mailed but each of the six teams within our division selects their fastest swimmers for relays and swimmers *must swim in their own age group, no swimming up*. There are two relays in each age group – freestyle and a medley relay (composed of all four strokes including the 8 & Unders who will swim the medley relay). Dependent upon their finishing place, points are awarded to that swim team. **This relay meet has to be completed on this night as the results directly tie into the seeding for the NVSL All Star Relay Meet held the week after.** If it storms, the swimmers MUST wait the storm out. For many years, this meet has encountered a storm tempting parents to leave, and then finished after dark.

Swimmers, it is very important that if you are selected to be on a relay team, that you stay until that relay race has been swum!!!! It is very disappointing if one swimmer leaves early and the other three swimmers are unable to race.

Please let the coaches and Robin know if you (as a volunteer) or your child (children) is **NOT available** to participate in this meet by **Monday (MORNING) – July 6th (and preferably earlier)**.

Learned from experience, it is very stressful for the swim reps and the coaches to find a last minute substitute. Our goal last year was to field a relay in every event. The goal this year is to do the same and avoid last minute substitutions.

The fastest 18 relay teams from all 17 divisional relay carnivals (more than 100 teams) will be asked to swim in the NVSL All Star Relay Meet held at Hunt Valley on Wednesday, July 15th!. Making it to this level is quite an honor. For the last few years Woodley has sent both of 9 & 10 and 11&12 Boys relays which included Austin Byrd, Jason Giroux, Gabriel Hain (his family moved to Alabama), Daniel Schmidt and Aaron Tingley. We have also sent 3 to 4 other relays over the last 10 years from Woodley.

Woodley warm-ups are tentatively scheduled for 6 to 6:15PM (Lanes 4-6) and the meet starts at 6:30PM. This is a Wednesday night and Officials meet from 6PM to 6:20PM. NO DIVING DURING WARM-UPS.

Mark Your Calendars Now - Woodley Annual Mini Meet Sunday, July 19th

All Woodley families, please mark your calendars now for the Annual Woodley Invitational Mini Meet. This is a special meet we run each year, with six local pools, for our 10 and under swimmers only. This meet is a fundraiser for Woodley Pool (and the general membership) - All proceeds, including concessions, goes to the pool and/or swim/dive teams. Please see Carrie McCall if interested in volunteering or participating.