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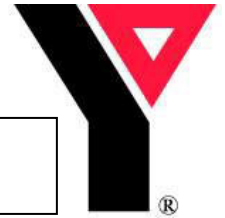
Coach: Christy Koehler

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SWIM BIZ

November 9, 2005



Just a Reminder

BBD Dual meet: Saturday, November 12 @ LCN
Warm-up 12:00; start 1:00

PRACTICE CHANGES: SEE BELOW

Tony's Tidbits

Hello Everyone. I hope everyone is having a good week. The girls' high school season has ended for most of the girls; we look forward to seeing them in the pool soon. When you are done swimming with your high school team you can begin swimming again with the Marlins. It is important that you get signed up right away and begin practicing so that you don't get out of shape and lose what you worked hard on all season, especially since you just tapered. I would like to mention a couple of our Marlin high school girls that are going to be swimming in the Division 1 State Meet next weekend, Marie Stuve and Maria Johnston. Good Luck Girls!

This weekend we have our second dual meet against BBD. It is at L'Anse Creuse North. It is important that the swimmers be there at 12 noon for warm-ups. The meet begins at 1 pm. The events the swimmers will be swimming in will be posted on the wall when they arrive.

Next weekend is the MC Classic in Grand Rapids. If you are swimming Friday night warm-ups begin at 4:30 and the meet begins at 5:30. Even if you are not swimming and will be there on Friday, you are welcome to join us for warm-ups. It would be a good idea after a long car ride there to loosen up and swim. For Saturday and Sunday the warm-ups begin at 7:30am and the meet begins at 8:30am. The afternoon session warm-ups begin at 12:30pm and the meet begins at 1:30. Remember please arrive 15 minutes before warm-up begins for your swimmer to get ready and get on deck to warm-up with the team at the start of warm-ups.

I would like to tell everyone about a little bit about our team and the great swimmers we have. The 8 & under girls are fueled by all newcomers who are performing great. Jessica Sedlor, Allison Parski and Jessie Bliss have been flying by the competition so far this season. Our large contingent of 8 & under boys has been a nice surprise this season. James Bagans, the only returnee in this age group, leads a great group of swimmers with support from Joshua Jolly, Jacob Klomp, Noah Kulczycki, William Marsolais, Lance Steagall and many others. There is definitely much talent in this group and much more to come from the younger swimmers in the group as they continue to work on their strokes.

The 9&10 girls started right where they left off last season, replacing key swimmers, with new swimmers and returnees. Marah Pugh leads the group with support from Laura Konopka, Jennifer Long and Amanda Elliot. While the 9 years olds are getting acclimated to doing 50s instead of 25s they are still performing great. The 9&10 boys are becoming an even stronger group than last year with the additions this year. With a strong core of Joseph Jolly, Ben Pitlock, Nathan Schapka, and Tommy Hranchook they are working to lead the age group.

Our 11&12 girls continue to be our powerhouse, even without those swimmers who moved up to the next age group. It is still our largest group of swimmers and our strongest group. This group has been helped out by many of our 2nd year swimmers who just moved up including Nicole Hranchook and our new swimmers are led by Hannah Pugh. They are led by a very strong core of swimmers returning from last season, so many that it would take way to long to mention them all. The 11&12 boys have left off where they finished last season with the addition of Jeff Voss and the move up for Aaron Shields. The returning core from last year of Mack Biggert, Charles Ross and Nick Victor has been helped out with the new swimmers in the age group.

The 13&14 girls have been invigorated with the addition of 11 new swimmers, most of who moved up from our talented 11&12 age group and a few new swimmers. Krista Matusiak, Alex Martin and Sam Milana are joined by our talented group of 13 year olds Emily Birch, Alyssa Kulczycki, Allie Starnes, Brooke Will and others. Michael Arena, Kent Hockenberry and Bradford Scott lead a young group of 13&14 year old boys.

Even with the boys that we graduated last year, the 15 & over boys are swimming outstanding. Justin Shields, Matt Victor, Alex Wagenhals and Patrick Alfes anchor a large group of very strong and talented group of swimmers. They all are improving very fast and look to be very key swimmers this season. We look forward to having our talented group of 15 & over girls return as soon as they finish their high school season, led by Marie Stuve and Maria Johnston.

Even though I did not mention your name, as it would take too long, everyone is doing outstanding this season and I am very impressed with your hard work so far. Keep up the good work and continue working on your strokes.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone swim this weekend and to continue swimming fast. Remember doing your best is what makes a happy swimmer!

Coach Tony



PRACTICE CHANGES

Monday, November 14

- Sophomores @ YMCA 6:00 – 7:00
- Juniors @ LCN 5:00 – 6:30

Wednesday, November 16

- Sophomores @ YMCA 6:00 – 7:00
- Juniors @ LCN 5:00 – 6:30

Friday, November 18

- Sophomores @ LCN 5:30 – 6:30



NO EFFORT FUNDRAISERS



We currently offer two “no effort” fundraisers to help keep our swim dues at an affordable level for all – Kroger and Meijer.

The Marlin Meijer code is 120028.

See the Web Page for further information.

Keep your calendars open for January 28th for the Marlin Team Euchre Tournament Fund raiser. Plan on attending and bringing friends for a night of fun, food, and cards. More information and tickets will be available soon!



ZONE HOTEL INFO

See the website for more information.



Marathon Collections Dates

Mon & Wed & Thurs. Senior Practice
Marianne Ross

Tuesday – Jr/Senior Practice
Taunya Long

Freshman Practices
Brigid Hranchook

Mon & Wed. Sophomore Practices
Marianne Ross

Wednesday, Nov. 9
LCN during Team Photos
Marianne Ross
Brigid Hranchook

Sunday, Nov. 13 @ YMCA (6:30 – 7:30)
Marianne Ross

All Monies must be turned in by Sunday, November 13 to qualify for a prize.

- Please have cash/checks totaled
- Prizes to be picked up at the Holiday Fun Party
- Any H.S. Boys who were not able to make it to the Marlin Marathon may talk to their coach and swim their Marathon lengths during practice.

A Marathon Make-up date will be scheduled shortly.

Any questions, call Marianne Ross @ 792-4708.

*Practice does not make perfect,
perfect practice makes perfect.*

Holiday Fun Party

Our Holiday Fun Party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2005 at the YMCA. The party will run from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Bring a 2 liter beverage and a dessert or appetizer to pass. More info to follow in later newsletters.



GM EMPLOYEES



If you work for General Motors and volunteer at least 50 hours of your time to the swim team, GM will donate \$250.00 to the team in your name. All you need to do is complete a simple form. If you have any questions regarding the GM Volunteer Plus Program call (877) 865-GMVP for answers or a form. The web address is www.easymatach.com/gmvp. Last year we had several parents whose general donation of time brought us extra funds.

Nominating Committee

We have several Board Positions that are up for election this year. These are two year positions. If you are interested please contact Cindy Martin @ 725-2844 or the person currently holding the position.

President (Ron Ross)
2nd Vice President (Mark Ososki)
Recording Secretary (Marsha Wills)
Freshman Coordinator (Brigid Hranchook)

If you have any questions regarding any of these positions, please feel free to contact the person currently holding the position.

High School Corner

We would like to recognize some of our High School swimmers who made the Macomb Daily.

Nov 6: Maria Johnston (LC); Lauren Carpenter & Danielle Schoenegge (Stevenson); Marie Stuve & Danielle Berry (Fraser); Lindsay Slemmer (CVHS); Bailey Miller, (Anchor Bay); Danielle Kelly (LCN); Anna Lovins & Jackie Mannio (Lake Shore)

A Special Congrats to Danielle Schoenegge for being named "Athlete of the Week"!

Marie Stuve received MVP for Mac Red
Danielle Schoenegge received MVP for Mac White

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone

You need to compete for something greater than the experience of simply winning.



Advertising for Marlin Invitational and B-Cluster Swim Meets

It is that time of year for us to start planning the Advertising for the Marlin Invitational and B-Cluster Meets. Taunya Long and MaryKay Kohrman have the honors of organizing the Advertising for our Marlin Invitational and B Cluster programs. These events will take place January 14 and 15, 2006 and March 4, 2006, respectively.

This is another form of fund raising for our swim team. We ask each family to assist us in soliciting ads for one or both programs. The ads can come from a business or a family. If you know of a business that would like to help us, the form letter and pricing list is attached to the newsletter. You can also pick up more forms from Taunya, MaryKay or get them off the Marlin web site. If you get it off the Marlin web site, go to Meet Information, Additional Meet Information and finally to Marlin Invitational.

A great way to support your swimmer and the Marlin swim team is to place a “family” ad. A “family” ad is when the family (or friend) places an ad for their swimmer who is on our Marlin Swim Team. These ads will **ONLY** be for the Marlin Invitational Program. The swimmer loves to see the special ad that was made just for them. The cost of a family ad is lower than the cost of a business ad. For the family, the prices are as follows:

Full Page	\$40.00
Half Page	25.00
Quarter Page	15.00
Swimmers Squares	5.00

If you would like to place an ad, please submit your camera ready art and payment by **Friday, December 2, 2005**. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Taunya Long at 586-598-5839 or MaryKay Kohrman at 586-412-0379. Resources are available to help create your ad if needed.

Taunya and MaryKay will be set up across from Concessions at the beginning of the Dual meet this weekend (12 NOV). Look for them if you would like to place an ad or have questions.

Please make your donations payable to **Macomb YMCA Marlins**.

Thank you for your support!