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SWIM BIZ

August 16, 2006



Just a Reminder

All returning swimmers practice begins Sept 5, 2006, with the exception of Freshmen who begin September 11, 2006

New Swimmer two week trial period: Sept 11– Sept 22

Sunday Practices start September 17, 2006

Coach's Corner

Welcome, Welcome to another year of Marlin swimming. Amazing how fast the summer just blew by. Hope you enjoyed it while it lasted. Anyway, I am going to make this short and sweet. This year Coach Mike and myself (Brad) are going to share the head coaching duties. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions. I am also very pleased to let you know that Coach Christy and Coach Katie will also be back with us this year – you will be seeing lots of them this year. Coach Karl Klomp will be helping us out with the Freshmen this year. You may recognize Karl from last year as he was constantly helping us out. Karl also has two amazing swimmers on the team. Karl is also a former Marlin who was a National Qualifier during his swimming days. Our second new coach will be Kevin Knoblock. Kevin will be working with all of our groups. Kevin is another former Marlin who has also done stints as assistant coach for both the Chippewa Valley and L'Anse Creuse North High School teams. I hope you will give both Karl and Kevin a warm welcome this year. The practice schedule while very similar to last years does have some differences so please check out that schedule. Practice assignments have been made with the swimmers best interest in mind. However, we have tried to keep multiple swimmer families together in the same practice whenever possible. If you have any questions, please give Mike or myself a call. Take care and we will see ya at practice.

Brad

ps remember to talk to friends and family – we always want new swimmers, if each family could get one friend to the trial period, it would be GRREEEAT!



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



I hope this first newsletter finds all of you healthy. This summer felt like the season really did not end. For some it didn't but I am glad to welcome you back to another great season.

First of all I would like to extend a warm welcome our newly elected corresponding secretary, Bridget Pitlock. I believe the news letter and correspondence will be as great as always if not better. I would also like to welcome Tim Eddings as the new Aquatics Director at the YMCA. Tim was hired at the end of our last season but I wanted to re-introduce him here and thank him for all he has done already to support and become involved with the team. You all will see Tim on deck and around helping and supporting the team.

Marianne, my lovely wife as some may see by the front page of the news letter has taken the role of treasurer. I wish her well with that and has done a great job this summer in working with the YMCA to get the numbers to balance.

Another change (unexpected change) is my resignation as President. I resigned as president approximately two weeks ago but agreed to preside at the helm until my successor is found. So I will be looking for one of you great parents to fill that role. As some may know, I was laid off in March. I have worked on and off in different capacities but have accepted a permanent job with Armstrong International in Three Rivers, Michigan. Don't be alarmed; Marianne, Daniel, Megan, and Charles will be here for a minimum of one year. I will be as active as I can via email, phone, and most, if not all weekends will be home here. As in the past, Marianne is great a fulfilling both roles. I can't believe I admitted that!

Another loss for the team is the Long family. John Long has accepted a job in Texas and reports in late August. John, Taunya, April, Katharine, and Jennifer will be greatly missed. But we wish them well, great health, prosperity, and happiness. I already miss you guys!

I am proud and encouraged by our volunteers that make my job easy and fun. You all know my

philosophy; the more people that help just a little, the less we all have to do. This year, I want each and every one of you to commit time to help out. Here is why, you will have fun, you will be experiencing your child's' successes on deck with them not as a spectator, you will be meeting and mingling with what I believe is the greatest and most dedicated parents in the world, you will learn more about the sport, you will forget about work and the world and completely focus on the success of the team and your child, and lastly I will find a new president! Okay, that was not to scare you off but believe me when I tell you this. Drafting my letter of resignation was one of the hardest things I have done in a while. Why? Because these people that work to make this team successful are some of the greatest people I have ever met. They are selfless, honest, dedicated, proud, and mostly fun to be around. That is why for those that are not involved, you must get involved. You will be a better person for it and we will be a better team because of it.

Okay, that's my plug. Now it's your turn. I love this team and I love our swimmers and parents. Let's all have a great season.

Until next time, take care, God Bless and enjoy a great swim season.



The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.

From the Treasurer



Welcome Back returning swimmers and a warm welcome to our new swimmers. I am looking forward to a prosperous year as your new Treasurer.

Many of you may have some questions regarding the way the dues have been structured on the registration form this year. As many of you may not know all YMCA program dues MUST cover their program costs. Our program costs include coach's salary, pool costs, lifeguards, and overhead costs. Our program (swim) dues have never covered the program, usually falling about \$10,000.00 short. However, with our successful fundraising every year the team has been able to make up the shortage in the program costs. As you know, fundraising income is never guaranteed so the YMCA wants the dues structured to guarantee that the program is covered. Your current Board of Directors has taken time out of their summer days and has negotiated with the YMCA to transfer up front \$10,000.00 from our Team Fundraising Account into our Marlin Program Account. This \$10,000 is from your 2005/2006 season successful fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of you who participated in our Marlin Marathon, Kroger Gift Card program, Euchre Party, Concession donations, and your incredible help in running the best Invitational in town we were able to lower every swimmers dues by \$75.00 from the YMCA's suggested amount. The first numbers on the registration form would be the dues your swimmers would have had to pay had our fundraising not been successful.

Registration for the 2006/2007 swim season takes place now at the YMCA and the dues are as follows:

Freshman - \$300.00, Sophomore - \$325.00, Junior - \$400.00, Senior - \$425.00, High School Girls - \$275.00, and High School Boys - \$225.00

Remember your child must also have a YMCA membership, whether it be a Youth/Teen membership or as part of a family membership. All returning swimmers MUST be registered before getting into the pool on Sept 5.

We have another Euchre party planned on October 21, 2006. Last season's party we made \$912.00. More information will be coming out shortly. The more people we can get involved the more fun we will have. You can also earn credit towards your swim dues for next season by participating in our Kroger Gift Card Program. For every dollar you spend at Kroger using your gift card, the team gets back 5%. Of that 5%, you will receive half in a voucher form to deduct from your swim dues next season. Families who participated last year have received vouchers ranging from \$4.00 to \$197.00 to deduct off of their 2006/2007 swim dues.

Remember: EVERYONE SWIMS, EVERYONE WINS!

Marianne Ross

2006-2007 Marlin Dues

Freshman	\$375.00 less \$75 discount = \$300.00
Sophomore	\$400.00 less \$75 discount = \$325.00
Junior	\$475.00 less \$75 discount = \$400.00
Senior	\$500.00 less \$75 discount = \$425.00
HS Girls	\$350.00 less \$75 discount = \$275.00
HS Boys	\$300.00 less \$75 discount = \$225.00

***Above \$75.00 discount is a 2005/2006 season fundraising discount**



If we did the things we are capable of we would astound ourselves.

Thomas Edison