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# SWIM BIZ



March 19, 2008

## Just a Reminder

Banquet Tickets are on sale: Adults \$12, Children \$6. See Marianne Ross.

## Coach's Corner

The Marlins had a great meet this past weekend at the Great Lakes Zone Championships which took place at Cleveland State University. The Marlins took 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 86 teams which ties for the highest place we have ever taken. That really does not tell the story however. In scoring 977 points, we exceeded our previous high by over 400 points. What a weekend! We crowned a number of Zone champions at the meet. Sierra Wilson took home victories in all six of her individual events and Christina Zarate was victorious in the 50 back. Sierra and Christina were joined by Allison Parski and Tori Pellerito on the Zone Champion 200 medley relay team. These four girls were also responsible for winning the team high point championship for 10 & Under girls. We also started calling Christina the magician; in some of her events, I swear she made up 4 or 5 places in the last 5 yards! Marah Pugh continued her amazing year and was crowned a champion in the 200 free. Mack Biggert battled some amazing competition and was crowned champion in the 100 backstroke. And Hannah Pugh brought home championships in the 200 IM and 500 free. Great swims were not limited to these swimmers however. Our 11 & 12 boys had some eye opening swims, the most notable being in the 200 free relay where they cut 5 seconds off of their best time. John Nowinski, Kurt Schnell, Ben Pitlock, and Michael Martin had a wonderful swim. Our senior girls were also amazing. Brooke Will scared the bejeebers out of the coaches the way she attacked her 200 free leading off the 800 free relay. But, man did she ever hold on for an incredible swim. Nicole Hranchook had a great swim each and every time she hit the water. Emily Miller throwing out 2:05 and 57 relay splits in the 800 and 400 free relays was a joy to watch. Heather Thomson blasting away on the relays and 100 and 200 backstrokes and moving up in the results by leaps and bounds. Brianne Shock and Shaina Kulczycki swimming sooo fast. Nichole Contesti, who just keeps amazing us with her toughness and versatility. Nick Victor nailing the 100 and 200 freestyles and joining Mack, Jeff Voss, and Charles Ross for a 200 free relay that was as thrilling as it gets. These 13 & 14 boys swam a 1:33 which would have beaten every high school boys 200 free relay in Macomb County except two. Alyssa Kulczycki battling away against an amazing 15-18 group and giving us some great relay swims. Kevin Engelman swimming two amazing

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butterfly races and joining Chris Ciesinski and Ashley Iregbu for some excellent relays. Jon Rodgers swimming about as good as I have ever seen him on all of his relays where he was joined by Eric Platte who also had the "pleasure" of swimming the 500 and 1000 frees. Megan Ross, Julia Gniadek, Tori Nowinski, and Rachel Gates giving us the relay swims that we had to have with Megan breaking into the 26's in the 50 free. We had an absolutely wonderful meet that was also highlighted by Hannah Pugh and Mack Biggett adding National qualifying times and our girls adding the 800 free relay as a Nat cut. GREAT JOB!!

National swimmers will be practicing at LCN for until Nats and there will be no practice at the YMCA on Sunday. As we get closer to the meet, we will talk about the Nat schedule and what you can expect.

Have a great week!

## Spring/Summer Swim Programs

The spring/summer program flyer will be sent out through the yahoo group in a separate email, because it was too big to be included in this newsletter.

## Upcoming Meet Info

Apr. 1-4, 2008 - YMCA Nationals @ Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex



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## Presidents Column Presidents Column

Tonight was the Macomb County Coaches Association's "All County Banquet". It was a very delightful banquet. I was not only proud to see one of my sons receive an award, but very proud to see many other Marlin boys representing other school districts. Congratulation Boys!

If you have read the coaches column first, you'll see our Zone swimmers swam terrific. We had a great weekend, and downtown Cleveland was a fun place to visit. It is also very exciting seeing our National swimmers prepare to represent the Macomb Y Marlins in Florida at the YMCA Nationals Meet.

And yes, our year end banquet is fast approaching. With that, it is a little sad to see our year end. However, what a great year it has been. As many coaches will suggest, swimmers should consider practicing throughout the off season to stay fit and sharp for the next season. Therefore, attached to this newsletter is one of three summer programs that we will be promoting. Mike Owensby will be running a (2) part summer program. Both John Samonie of Chippewa Valley Schools and Dave Nowinski of Fraser will be offering summer programs as well. We will have all (3) program flyers at our banquet.

I first would like to thank our swimmers for their hard work and dedication this year. You have made us all proud and should be very happy with the results achieved. I would also like to thank all the parents and supporters of the Marlins who gave their time, money, and talent to make this one of the most successful years ever. I would like to thank the YMCA and staff for their support. And coaches, I cannot say enough.....THANK YOU!

## Presidents Column Cont.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Board of Directors for what they do and making my job very easy. I thank them and you for your support in allowing me to serve you. It is truly an honor. You are the most dedicated, fun loving, committed, supportive, understanding, generous group of individuals I have ever had the pleasure of serving.

I wish our graduating seniors success in their future endeavors and want to thank them for the memories. They will be missed, but I know our team is better because of them, and our communities will be better served because of them.

As I close here, until next year, Take Care, God Bless, and Enjoy your summer! Keep Swimming!

Your President, Ron Ross

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# Marlin Year End Banquet

Please mark your calendars. The Marlin Year End Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at Mac & Ray's @ 6:00 pm.

Our 12 & under buffet was so successful last year we are doing it again. This buffet will consist of chicken fingers, mac and cheese, french fries, fruit cup, beverage, and dessert. Because all of our Marlin families have out done themselves in fundraising this season the Marlin Board has decided that the team will cover \$2.00 of the cost of each banquet ticket. Your price is as follows:

Adult Buffet - \$12.00

Child Buffet - \$6.00

Your 12 & Under child is not obligated to purchase the Child Buffet. If your child is a "heftier" eater you may purchase the adult buffet for them. Because the food is prepared by the numbers we give Mac & Ray's it is important that your children eat off the buffet that you purchase for them.

To purchase your tickets please send a check made out to "MYM" along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Marianne Ross, 36306 Egan, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.

Be sure to include how many Adult and Child tickets you are purchasing.

