

Dynamo Swim Club

February 2009

MONTHLY SWIMMERS EAR

Championship Season is Here!

Some Ideas/thoughts as we enter the Championship Season:

- On February 16 and 17 Dynamo will host the Swimathon. This is our major fundraiser of the year, and an important part of Dynamo's year. We are asking every family to participate this year, which has frankly been a focus of ours for the last two years; get everyone involved. As you look around or pickup any newspaper, it is important for us to do a good job at this. On Tuesday or Wednesday, you can bring your pledge card/envelope with you and get credit in raffles for every \$100.00 of pledges. The money is due by the 11th of March, during which time you can still get more pledges even after we have the 'event'. Thank you for your support.
- With the Championship season here, the 'what suit to wear' issue is as well. Please remember that Dynamo has a swimsuit [guideline](#) for 14 and under athletes. I had envisioned this being an issue in the fall, and the recent meets have not disappointed that notion. One family on our Team said the greatest thing recently, when the parents suggested that their athlete wait to get a tech suit until they could make it to SR Sectionals without one. There are real problems currently with availability from Speedo and other manufactures, with colleges scrambling to find suits for their Teams, with limited success. Here is one thing to keep in mind: Dynamo has had people swim well without a LZR or such 'Tech Suits' recently, and we have had people with LZR's not swim well. You get to decide your swims, you and only you.
- Two items of interest considering the current state of the "Tech Suits".
 - There is a FINA (international governing body of swimming, USA Swimming takes its lead from this body) in the next two weeks, and one major topic is going to be the role of buoyancy in some of these newer suits, most notably one's made by BlueSeventy. There are suits based on compression of fabric (Speedo, TYR others) and others with varying degrees of buoyancy (Speedo LZR and Blue Seventy). There is a chance that some suits will no longer be allowed in competition. Many Nations are for some stricter guidelines regarding buoyancy, including USA Swimming. I cannot gauge the probabilities, but it is possible.
 - I talked to three college coaches in the last week about our swimmers and performances, and all asked the same question, "What were they wearing?". The college recruiting process is now accounting for the performance values of different suits. We as Dynamo Coaches will be forced to as well as we plan for

group changes in the spring.

- As we go to our Championship Meets, one of the striking things about the Age Group State Meet last summer was the idea that our parents sat together in the stands and cheered together for every Dynamo Swimmer. I have even seen many of you do the same for your respective High Schools recently. It sure would be nice to see that at the Age Group State Meet again, as well as Sectionals.
- Remaining Meets:
 - Sundae Special (22 February)
 - Age Group State Meet (27 Feb- 1 March)
 - Sr Sectionals (5-8 March)
 - Age Group Sectionals (13-15 March)
 - Metro/Divisional (13-15 March)
 - Warren Stephens 10 and Under Champs (21 March)

Thanks for your continued support!

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2009 Long Course Schedule

(Break) April 2nd to April 12th

4/11-4/12

4/18-4/19 Sunday Special GRN/GLD/HS/AGD

4/25-4/26 Spring Splash AG3/2/1 SR3/2/1

5/2-5/3 or **5/9-5/10**

Saturday Special (2 session - short events AM/ long events PM) Non Qualifiers for Dixie

5/16-5/17 Dixie Classic and Grand Prix Meet-Qualifiers for both

6/6-6/7 Friday/Saturday IMX - Sunday Special GRN/GLD/SR3/AGD

6/20-6/21 Travel Meets SR Indiana University-'Cheeseburger in Paradise' Meet/ AG Largo-Florida

6/26-6/28 Coaches Invite

7/10-7/12 CAD

7/16-7/19 AG State/SR Sectionals qualifiers

7/23-7/25 SR State qualifiers

Additional Dates

7/28-8/1 Zones

8/4-8 US Open - Federal Way, WA

8/10-14 Juniors - Federal Way

9/26 LSC Meetings

Attention Parents of 10 & Unders

Would you like to have the best DRY seat in the house at your child's swim meets? Are you comfortable enough with computers to use email and Google? We are looking for a few parents of younger children who are willing to be trained as computer operators, and if you answered "yes" to both of these questions, you are qualified. For more information, please contact Sue Swanson at sueswanson@gmail.com.

Officials

You can't have a swim meet without officials! Auburn hosted more than 900 swimmers for the 2009 Ralph Crocker Classic, running the meet in two pools over 3 days in one of the top aquatics facilities in the country, however, they were short officials. If Dynamo officials had not volunteered, meet officials would have been forced to extend already-long timelines and run the meet in one pool. It would have been a disappointing and difficult experience for all. Thank you to Julie Allen, Florence and Georges Bordes, Gloria Davis, Warren Kitchens, Patty Neumeister and Maya Yodh for volunteering to benefit the swimmers and families that participated.

Officials meet a critical need for Dynamo in hosting meets and helping other teams whose meets we attend. Why sit in the crowded stands when you can be well taken care of as an official on deck with the swimmers? If you'd like to make a difference as a volunteer and learn more about the opportunity to become a Georgia Swimming Official, see the website officials page for information regarding upcoming clinics and information on becoming an official. [link](#)

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