



Shark Tales

JUNE 23, 2009

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Congratulations on a great and fun season!

From the Board

When they handed out the trophies at Divisionals, they announced Cypresswood finished fifth. All of us who were there cheered. And here's why. We are so proud of the effort of our swimmers, coaches, parents and volunteers! We don't care where we finish as long as we do our best, have fun, and improve in some important way. Did you enjoy this season, as short as it was? How about that movie. Great job Angela Thompson. Did you dance at the Hurricane meet? What a blast. Did you go hog wild at the Bannon's Bunk in or bowl strikes at extreme bowling? Were team nights a good time? We thought so. Did you make some new friends and enjoy some old ones this year? Betcha did. Did you cheer when Gloria Villalva swam her events. Absolutely! I think all of us on this Board can say this was one of the most fun swim seasons we have ever had. We are sad to see it end. Thanks to all of you for making it that way.

Remember, we swim against many of NWAL's very best teams and we fought them tooth and toenail this year. We didn't always win, but we did, we are sure, always win their respect!

Last year, the Woodlands Hurricanes finished 5th at Divisionals. Look what they did this year. First place! And we congratulate them. Their showing proves it is possible to go from last to first, whatever division we are in!

In case you missed it, the results were:

Woodlands Hurricanes, 297, Imperial Oaks, 288, Woodlands Marlins, 265, Rivershire, 220, Cypresswood, 173.

We want to give special mention to one family that has been a proud member of the Shark Family for 20 years. The Leuckenoffs, Sarah, Laura and Dana upheld the Shark tradition of strong swimming and great sportsmanship for all those years. Ken, their father, has for years been noted as one of NWAL's best starters and has served his time as President of the Sharks. Sadly, Dana just swam her last event for the Sharks. We will sorely miss the Leuckenoffs. Thank you for all you have done for the Sharks and we love you guys!

On Monday, June 29th, we have our team party. It starts at 6 pm at the East Pool Pavillion! Be there to get your trophy and other awards and so we can recognize your swimmers. See the remainder of this Shark Tales for other important information about Post Season Invitational Meets, practices, and the team party.

Thanks to all for making this a truly fun and exciting season.

Our team had 239 Time Improvements at Divisionals.

Coach Jim said he is extremely proud of the team. Our swimmers swam well and showed excellent sportsmanship! Go Sharks!



Upcoming Events

Here's the schedule of upcoming events through the end of JUNE.

Saturday, June 27,
Invitationals: All-Stars & Ponderosa; Individual events must have qualifying times.

Sunday, June 28,
Invitationals: All-Stars & Ponderosa

Monday, June 29, TEAM PARTY, 6 p.m.

Everyone must warm up before the swim meet and if a swimmer skips his/her event(s) they will be put only in those missed events in the next meet. If you do not contact Coach Jim before missing warmup, you will be scratched from the meet.

Meet Attendance Policy

This year our meet attendance policy will continue in effect unchanged. A few things you need to know.

1. If you do not attend at least two Cypresswood meets (one of our five meets during the season) you cannot swim at Divisionals. This is an NWAL Rule, not our rule.
2. If you miss a meet and do not let Ms. Buzonas (clerkofcourse@cwsharks.com) know (either by filling out the "no swim" form or, if you don't know you'll be absent in advance, calling and letting someone who is in attendance know by phone) you will not be eligible for relays at the following meet. If it happens again, you will not be entered in the next meet.
3. If you leave early and do not tell someone you will be leaving, you will not be eligible for relays in the following meet. If it happens again, you will not be entered in the next meet.

Rule Number Three is an important rule. Last year, on several occasions, we had swimmers stay to the end of the meet anticipating swimming in a relay, only to be disappointed because one thoughtless person decided to leave and the relay had to be scratched. This is a team, and part of being a team is having consideration for your teammates.

PIZZA ZONE

Awards Party, June 29th

KIDS MEAL.....\$3.00
(2 Slices of pizza, dessert and Lemonade)

ADULT MEAL.....\$4.00
(3 Slices of pizza, dessert and Lemonade)

SODA.....\$.50

CANDY/SNACKS.....\$.50

Contacts

Here is a list of board members:

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- Micki Wells - sponsorships@cwsharks.com
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You can locate the results from Saturday's swim meet on our website under "NEWS".

News from our Activities Coordinator, Angela Thompson!

ANNUAL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Calling All Artists! Swimmers this is your chance to put your creativity to use and make a T-shirt design that your fellow Sharks will vote on for next summer's T-shirt!

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL T-SHIRT DESIGN IS
FRIDAY JUNE 26th!!!**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DELIVERED TO ANGELA THOMPSON'S HOUSE AT 3802 EL JAMES DRIVE
(DIRECTIONS FROM TEAM POOL: Go towards Kuykendahl. Pass stop sign (Cypress Hill) then at next street (Mantana Dr) Take a RIGHT. At the first Street (El James Dr) take a LEFT and it is the FIRST HOUSE on the right hand side corner.

RULES FOR T-SHIRT CONTEST DESIGN ENTRY:

- 1) MUST BE DONE ON 8 1/2" X 11" WHITE PAPER
- 2) YOU CAN USE UP TO THREE (3) COLORS IN YOUR DESIGN
- 3) SWIMMERS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ENTER THE CONTEST
- 4) YOUR NAME CANNOT BE WRITTEN ANYWHERE ON THE DESIGN
(NOT ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF PAPER!!! THIS IS AN ANONYMOUS CONTEST AND DESIGNS WILL BE VOTED ON BY THEIR QUALITY AND NOT ARTIST! PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PART OF YOUR DESIGN! IT WILL BE ERASED FOR FAIRNESS!)
- 5) YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR DESIGN IN THE DESIGNATED DROP BOX ON ANGELA THOMPSON'S FRONT PORCH BY JUNE 26TH.
- 6) DO NOT LEAVE DESIGN WITH COACHES AND/OR ANY BOARD MEMBER. ALSO JUST LEAVE YOUR DESIGN ON ANGELA'S FRONT BOX IN DROP BOX! DO NOT RING/KNOCK ON HER DOOR TO LET HER KNOW YOU HAVE DROPPED OFF YOUR DESIGN! IN TRYING TO KEEP THE COMPETITION FAIR, IT'S BETTER THAT NO ONE KNOW WHO THE ARTIST IS.
- 7) WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TEAM PARTY/AWARDS CEREMONY ON 6/29

If you have any other questions, you can contact Angela Thompson at activities@cwsharks.com. However, please do not give her your design in person. Please just drop any designs off at her home in the designated box.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS ARE HERE!

If you haven't picked up your Team and Individual photos yet, they are here! They will be available for pick up at the Awards Night on June 29th. If are not available to pick them up at either Team Night, then you need to contact Angela Thompson at activities@cwsharks.com to make other arrangements.

PHOTOS FROM THIS SEASON!

If you have any photos from this season, we want to use them at the team party. Please email your photos to Wendy Dozier,
webmaster@cwsharks.com by
Thurs, June 25th.

**TEAM PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY
MONDAY JUNE 29TH AT 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Our Team Party/Awards Ceremony will be held Mon. June 29th starting at 6:00 pm. Please try to attend as we acknowledge the many accomplishments our swimmers have achieved this season!

We will have Pizza Zone for dinner and **ALL AGE GROUPS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BRING A DESSERT THAT EVENING!** (This night is our largest group turnout so we need a lot of desserts).

It is also **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you bring your own lawn chairs to this event as well as there will be a limited number of chairs available. We will also have an area designated for the swimmers to sit in front, so please be aware of this area when setting up your seating.

Programs and Awards will be presented for each swimmer and special recognition will be given to swimmers who qualified for certain records or achievements.

We will also vote on next summer's T-shirt design! Everyone (including family).



**PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR
NEXT YEAR! WE ARE IN NEED OF SEVERAL
COORDINATORS PLUS BOARD POSITIONS FOR NEXT
YEAR! CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR A LIST AND DE-
SCRIPTIONS OF THESE POSITIONS.**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS! IMPORTANT INFORMATION
LISTED HERE.
THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE
CYPRESSWOOD SHARKS
TRADITION CONTINUE TO THRIVE!!**

As many of you already know, *because it involves many of you*, we have several new families/swimmers on our team this year. We hope that you are enjoying swim team and want to extend a personal invitation to ALL of our parents.

You are invited to contribute your time and talents in several volunteer positions for next year! But please, wait just one moment! We are thrilled and excited to have all of you help us out. We want to establish several CO-COORDINATOR positions while the season is still underway so that you can get a good feel for the position you would be volunteering for! We completely understand that several of you may be hesitant to volunteer for some of these positions because your swimmers are young or too small but it all works out!! We want to train you and help you out as much as possible this season!

Another reason we are posting these positions is because several of these current volunteers have older swimmers (*we did not say "older parents"*) and have been doing these positions for years and it is time for the swimmers of younger parents (*not necessarily "younger parents"*) to jump on board! Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions. Remember, this is all for our children!! Not to mention the fame and glory!!

Board positions- Anyone interested in helping out the Sharks and serving on the board, please feel free to contact any of the board members. We are always looking for new ideas to help with the Swim Team. Most of the current board members have swimmers that are 13 and up, so our days are numbered. It's a great time now during the swim season to learn the ropes of the various positions. Does it take some extra time to do it? Sure it does!. The common reason we all do it is for our KIDS!!! We all try to make it the best experience for our kids, and to have as much fun as possible. I know that a lot of parents spend a lot of time helping with all the different jobs that need to be done for all of the events that we have. We are very appreciative of your help, we couldn't do it without you. You can contact any of the board members thru the website.

Thanks Again
The Shark Board

**ENJOY PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND MAKING OUR
KID'S HAPPY?**

Then we have the perfect job for you!!!

If anyone is interested in assisting the current Activities Coordinator, Angela Thompson, for the upcoming year, please let her know!

She would be more than happy to talk with you this year and would also still be involved next year as a Co-coordinator to help you learn the ropes and who knows, maybe one day you would like to be the Head Coordinator yourself? If this is something that interests you, but you are not ready to do it alone, then this is a perfect time to start assisting while the current Activities Coordinator is still here and can help make it an easier transition for the future Coordinator. We have built so many great relationships with our current vendors and suppliers, they are a dream to work with. It really is an enjoyable, but very busy job that has many rewards.

***Website co-coordinator!**

***Invitational coordinator(s)**

***Ready Bench co-coordinator!**

***Pictures/Slide Show
coordinator(s)**

***Concessions co-coordinator!**

***Sign up each week to take 45-
50 pictures at each event**

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