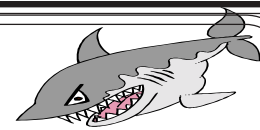


Shark Tales

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From the Board

We congratulate all the Sharks on an outstanding season. The post-season invitationals culminated in a First Place finish for the Sharks in Division 2 (second overall) at the All Star meet and the top one-third (out of 85 teams) at Ponderosa. Did you guys see that All Stars trophy at the team party? The individuals that qualified and swam were very important to the overall score of the Sharks, but those of you who did not qualify, yet were still willing to swim relays, were also very important. We racked up many points in both meets in the relays. Thank you to all who volunteered to come out and swim your individual events and the relays!

Some of our swimmers set All Star meet records. **Eric Clark** broke the 50 meter butterfly record and the 50 meter freestyle record! **Brandon Becker** broke the 50 meter breaststroke record! Way to go Guys!

The finishes at the prestigious All Star and Ponderosa meets are indicative of what we were telling you all season. We swam in an extremely tough division (the Hurricanes, for example, finished just ahead of us points wise at All Stars) with very talented competition. We had an excellent swim team with a lot of talent and depth and our performance at these meets proves that. Everybody team in NWAL is invited to participate in these meets and we came out at or near the top in both. We hope that everybody enjoyed finishing the season on such an upbeat note.

We look forward to seeing you at the volunteer party. If you volunteered, you are invited. More information to follow! Date to be announced!

Thank you to all the people who stepped up and volunteered to serve on the Swim Team Board or in a coordinator position next year. These people play a valuable role and help make Sharks the fun, smooth running and enjoyable community activity that it is. If you are interested in any of the remaining board positions, please

contact one of the existing board members/coordinators (a list is provided below) to show your interest. Thank you for your interest.

If you are interested in having the best view in the house, please volunteer to do post-season officials training. We need to certify stroke and turn officials for next season. For one of the largest teams in NWAL, we have one of the smallest groups of officials. Let's change that by getting a number of people certified as officials. Stay tuned for an email from webmaster Wendy as to when the post season training will take place. We anticipate it will be at the Cypresswood Clubhouse in mid-to late July.

We congratulate the Coaches, as well as the swimmers, for your outstanding efforts this season.

We are the Sharks, couldn't be prouder, if you can't hear us, we'll yell a little louder!

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Party—Date for the party to be announced. Will be held at the East Pavilion.

Contacts

Here is a list of board members and coordinators:

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Board/Coordinator Positions

Here is the list of board member positions and coordinators. Those without a name next to them are open for those who are interested. This year's Board Member and Coordinator will mentor you next year before you are on your own!

Please step up and volunteer!

Have a Question? Try www.cswharks.com first.

How can I help?

Parent Volunteers! We need your help! Some of us are trying to alleviate our duties and pass them on to other parents who have younger swimmers.

We need more people to consider being a board member or an assistant to a board member. We also need people to help out as a committee chair / coordinator (not on the board).

As you know, we have various jobs for the meets and other activities throughout the season. In order for our team to continue these traditions, we need you to consider some of the following volunteer positions for next year. We have highlighted the ones that are most needed at this time & prior to the next season. You will not be on your own, this will include being trained. We want to avoid leaving the team without passing on our experience. We listed board member positions and committee chairs / coordinator positions separately.

If you are considering any of these positions, please let one of the current board members know either by email or in person at the awards party.

A typical home meet has almost 800 people in attendance. This means that at least 90 parent volunteers are needed throughout the day. Most of these jobs will be filled when we all register again next summer. We usually have over 200 swimmers participating for the Sharks, this does not include siblings and parents, and therefore we have lots of people who are involved in our activities during the season. Here are some areas to consider:

BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Responsible for the organization of the board and the team. Interviews and hires the coaches.

Vice President: In line to become President.

Past President (from previous year): Advises President and board.

NWAL representative: advises board on NWAL information and previous experience on the board.

Team Representative: This person represents our team during the year at 4 NWAL meetings. The major meeting to decide meet placement, etc. is in January. This person also works with the other team reps to help coordinate divisionals.

Volunteer/Activities Coordinator – This person will coordinate all volunteers and make sure all meets and events are covered. Possibly add up volunteer hours if needed in exchange for a volunteer payment system. (This is new to our team).

Treasurer: Responsible for our checking account balance and making sure our bills are paid!

Clerk of Course* (see below):

*Before the season starts...need to enter swimmers into team manager, make sure that their years of service are correct and attempt to verify ages. Before the first meet, need to send a roster to NWAL with all swimmers and their subdivisions.

*Computer Entry pre-meet - Give coaches a list of swimmers and the coaches decided who swims what event and gives the list back to you. They also put the relays together, but as we all know, that changes all the time. Need to print out eligibility reports, entry reports and top time reports for every meet.

*Meet Exchange -need to exchange our information with the other teams. Need to set up meet manager before every meet and import our information and the other teams' information. The exchange is done by email except for divisionals. After the information has been exchanged, reports printed to post at the pool, and then a set for check in. Need to print information for heat sheets.

*Team party program - List swimmers by years and mark who has participated/qualified for invitational meets.

Committee Chairs / Coordinators:

Age Group Parents / Meet check-in: This position needs 2 parents for each male and female age group to be at a designated location where the children meet when their event is called. These people are the ones responsible for lining the swimmers in the correct order and bringing them to the ready bench. Parents will need to be available to assist with the relays and the individual events. Probably the most important job. Please designate which age group you would like to be assigned. These volunteers are also the first to arrive at home and away meets to assist swimmers on meet days by pulling their swimming form, writing their events on their arm, (the only time a parent can write on a child's arm) and answer general questions.

Head Timer: Coordinates timers and scribes at each meet.

Timers: Kick off your shoes, grab a stopwatch, and get an up close view of the race. These people are located at the end of the pool with two others per lane and take the times of the swimmer in their lane. There are three shifts per day, with two timers so we need lots of help. Please designate first, second or third shifts.

Scribes These people are located at the finish line sitting next to the timers, recording their times as the timers communicate them. Please designate first, second or third shift.

Runners Burn some calories, and get ready to say, "Excuse me" 500 times in a morning! This person takes the times from the timers, and delivers them to the scorekeeper. Here the times are entered into the computer, scored, and posted.

Ribbon Writer: An old term for an easy job. The top kids in each event are awarded ribbons for their achievement. This person takes a sticker from the printer and places it on the correct ribbon to be distributed to the swimmers. An air-conditioned job! Can usually be done at home. Ribbons are handed out every Tuesday after practices.

Set-up – Equipment / Meet / Team Night Manager: This is the muscle behind the Sharks! Home meet set-up on Friday night or early Saturday morning and stay a little later after a home meet. This will vary as directed by the set-up equipment manager. There are lots of things (tents and seating, etc.) that need to get put up and taken down at a swim meet. We have four home meets this season so help is needed! Responsible for set-up of meet, Prepare for Team night: Meet concessions at Sam's, meet at clubhouse to unload supplies, attend Team Night: Help setup, assist during team night, help tear down, meet at clubhouse Friday for setup during home meets. Set up for Saturday - Meet at clubhouse 6am on Saturday, set up and make sure meet has everything ready, -Eat donuts, Assist with anything during meet.

Concessions coordinator*:** We generate additional revenue for our team from concessions. This person or people plan and purchase supplies needed for concessions and coordinate the people who set-up, cook, serve, quench our thirst, and build our teams coffers!***

****Shopping:** Help shop for supplies needed for the concession stand at home meets.

****Baking:** Help bake cookies, breakfast tacos, etc, as needed by concession manager – made the day before and brought the day of the meet.

****Workers:** Volunteer to work in concessions all day or by shifts.

****Cooks:** The Grill Masters! Volunteers needed to grill and deliver food to concessions during meet and possibly a few Team nights.

****Set-up:** The best coffee to be found while setting up for the day!

Announcer(s): This person needs to have a strong voice and can talk all day, they will be communicating announcements throughout the day at all home meets.

Sponsorships : Volunteer to help coordinate and collect sponsors to help pay for things needed throughout our season. This person is responsible for getting logos from sponsors for heat sheets, website and team t-shirt. Also, consider doing some sort of party such as a crawfish party, casino, etc. to raise extra funds if needed.

Team Night Coordinator(s) per age group: This person coordinates team night with other parents in the age group that is responsible for their specific Team Night date. (Dates TBD-usually Thursday nights before our meets). They may also help coordinate with restaurants (sponsors) if needed on their date.

Team Nights: Lots of fun for our Sharks- a pep rally for our meets! Each age group(s) will be responsible for one team night per season. This means parents of that particular age group night will help set-up, serve, cook (if needed), bring desserts, & clean up.

Ready Bench Manager: Help line up swimmers in their lanes, assist swimmers from waiting area to pool deck, & help relay teams line up in order. This area is critical in running a smooth and fast meet. The lane assignments come from the computer entry people after the meet starts and you line the swimmers up as the computer assigns them.

Shark T-shirts and Apparel Coordinator: Volunteer(s) responsible for deciding swim suit every other year, getting t-shirt design made each year, collecting orders, money and delivering back to our Sharks!

Event / Meet Picture coordinator(s) – Take pictures at each meet and event and coordinate a DVD for the end of season party.

Shark Tales Editor – Edit and coordinate information for all meets and events to send out and communicate to parents each week. Gather all articles weekly. Information will pertain to that week or future events. Send email reminders to board members to submit information by Sunday. Compile, organize and design newsletter. Save document as a PDF. Email to board. Email to webmaster for mass distribution. Newsletter needs to be completed and ready to email by Tuesday. Webmaster will distribute on Tuesdays.

Webmaster : Person responsible for adding online registration and sending out information regarding registration, new season information starting in February or March. Also updates website, sends messages, coordinates volunteer needs for events and meets on job sign-ups.

Treasurer: Responsible for our checking account balance!

Stroke & Turn, Referees, and Official: These volunteers monitor and watch swimmers on deck, make calls if they are disqualified. There are classes for this via NWAL and must complete qualifications before the season starts in order to do this.

Heat Sheets: This person is responsible for making copies and coordinating the heat sheets for each meet.

Computer Entry People – at meet need to remove all swimmers who are scratches. Then need to seed the meet. Run programs and reports for lane timers, meet officials and ready bench. When the meet starts, need to enter the swimmers times and verify them. Print a results report to post, and print award labels for both teams. Posts meet results during the meet. Print time improvements for the meet, post the results to NWAL and our website, export results from team manager to meet manager, and then run reports for coaches again.

Invitational meet coordinator(s) – responsible for finding out who will be swimming at the meets and sending the proper files to the host team. We participate in 4 invitational meets: summer thunder, pentathlon, all stars, and ponderosa. All stars and ponderosa entries need to be delivered in person the day or two after divisionals. We usually give each swimmer who are participating a 'packet' during the week that helps to answer their questions.

Special Events Coordinators:

Pictures (Team and Individual): Responsible for setting up day and time for team photo and individual pictures with Photographer, making sure people get the photo forms, collect money

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NEXT YEAR! WE ARE IN NEED OF SEVERAL
COORDINATORS PLUS BOARD POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR!**

Movie Day: Volunteer(s) responsible for coordinating movie with theater, collects money for the movie, drinks, etc.

12 & under Bunk-in: Volunteers help monitor and chaperone, collect money, order pizza, etc.

13 & up bowling: Responsible for setting this up and being chaperones.

Parade and Pep Rally Coordinator: Lines up the trucks, trailers, bikes, fire truck for parade. Purchases candy for swimmers to throw during the parade.

End of Season Party Coordinator: Order trophies, towels, blankets and plan the party events.

End of Year Dinner/Party: Volunteers needed to help plan, decorate and organize the end of season awards dinner. All families bring dessert this night.

JDF Fundraiser Coordinator: Responsible for handing out fundraiser information to our swimmers, getting donuts and juice, getting lap counters for this event, collecting money and distributing the prizes. If interested in any of the volunteer positions, please send us an email!

We thank you for your commitment and dedication to the team. We are excited to watch our swimmers succeed each summer with you and your family.

