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NEWSLETTER

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LAPATHON WINNERS!

Our thanks to the many, many swimmers who came out to Rancho Arbolitos on Monday to support our annual Lapathon! We had a lot of fun swimming in the sunshine, and enjoying the hotdogs, chips and drinks that Di provided! Those swimmers that raised upward of \$100 will be receiving their super cool t-shirts soon! Congratulations to our raffle winners:
Sam Allen – Ipod Touch, earphones and i-Tunes card
Eric Mueller – Michael Phelps memoir
Bo Lee – Michael Phelps memoir

2009 Lapathon = What is the money used for?

This is the one and only fund raiser we do every year for our team. We try to make it fun and throw in some prizes and motivating products to help make this a very successful fun event. We need the money to fund travel and coaching expenses for National clinics and away travel meets like Far Westerns. Zones, Palm Springs and LA meets. Also some of the banquet costs are subsidised from boosters and the parties for groups at the club and home pools. The cost of these travel meets over the year usually amounts to about \$15,000.00 with air travel, hotels car rentals and meals.

We also use these funds for JO shirts and motivating patches for the younger kids.

Thanks
Di

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMERS: Please note that a TWO WEEK notice is mandatory for all swimmers in the year round program who want to stop swimming. This notice must be sent to our Team Administrator - gary@pacificswim.com. This is very important for high school swimmers who will be leaving on February 23 to swim for their schools. Please submit notice by February 7 so that you will not be billed for March.

Please note... Effective January 1, Pacific Swim dues increased by \$5.00 per swimmer.

J.O. Dinner at Rancho Arbolitos

Our annual J.O dinner for all individual and relay qualifiers, along with their families is coming up soon! Competitors will receive their FREE Jo Qualifier t-shirt, and JO caps will be on sale for \$8.

When: Wednesday, February 18

Where: Rancho Arbolitos

Time: 6:30pm

Bring: Last name A-Z dinner for 10-15 people
Last name S-Z dessert for 10-15 people

** If you can, bring a dish that reflects your families' cultural heritage

Remember that JO entries must be hand-entered (no online entries) and are due to PS by Monday, February 2. If you swim in a meet after this date, please send Gary Scott an e-mail so that he can put your entry in for you. If this is not done, you will not be entered in the meet!

LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR JO's

A reminder that today is the last day to enter the 12 and Under meet, and that this meet is the LAST CHANCE to get a JO qualifying time! Any swimmers who want to swim in this meet must be registered with USA swimming by Wednesday, February 3.

ALL SWIMMERS – You should already have registered for USA Swimming for 2009. Download the registration form off the San Diego Imperial website (www.si-swimming.com) or collect one at Rancho Arbolitos!

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On-line meet entries

After reviewing all the negative feedback from our members we have come to a conclusion the online meet system is in need of some improvements to make all qualifying meets more accurate. Until these changes can be implemented in our software we ask that if there is any event you can not sign your swimmer up for by either entering their best time or clicking on the entry box you will need to email gary@pacificswim.com so he can make the adjustments prior to the deadline. We made many for the q-meet but some were missed. It is not our intention to not enter your swimmer in an event or to post their best times. We are actually very upset when this happens and ask for your help by letting us know we need to address an entry for you. Please stand by us as we improve our on-line system.

PS Upcoming LC meet

It's almost that time again. Time for our Long Course seasons annual PS swim meet at the end of March. Everyone knows we are anxiously awaiting a volunteer or two to come forward and take the responsibility of being our snack bar supervisor. This is a big job and we will support the person or persons that volunteer with all of our ability to make sure they are not overwhelmed. As you know at the last meet we did not have anyone from our 400 families volunteer to help with this position and we sub-contracted out these services. It was not so good and the team actually ended up supplementing the cost so we lost money. We are hoping that with so many smart and talented professional parents on our team, someone will offer to do this. **Please email gary@pacificswim.com if you want to know more or if you can fill this critical position for our team.**

Last week's PS Trivia: Which one of your PS coaches owns a bull mastiff puppy named Brahma?

Answer: Coach Chelsea Vasconciellos-Fillo

This week's PS Trivia: Which Pacific swim coach is getting married in May?

Answer next week!

Far Westerns Championship Meet Information

Far Westerns is coming up for all qualified swimmers April 2-6. Please note that entries for this meet are not done through PS, but must be done on your own.

Online entries can be done at:

www.swimconnection.com/pc/meet/almaw

All Far Western meet info is available on their website at:

www.farwesternchamps.com

Hotel Information is available on their website, but we have established a PS Group Rate at the Marriott Residence Inn. Their address is 18620 Madrone Pkwy, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Their number is (408) 782-8311. Ask for Brenda Armenta, and ask for the "Pacific Swim" group rate. This group booking will be in effect until March 1, and then the rooms will be released.

Pacific Swim Meet Schedule 2008-09 SD-SI Short Course Season

DATE	MEET/EVENT	PS Entry Due	Host Team
Sat.-Sun. Jan 24-25	SI vs CC vs SN Tri Meet San Diego Imperial Coaches		
Fri.-Sun. Jan. 30 - Feb. 1	12 and Under A/B/C (North) Coaches- Owen, Grace	Jan 19th	FAST Fallbrook HS
Thur.-Sun. Feb. 13-16	Senior Classic Coaches- Dan	TBA	TBA
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 20-22	2009 Short Course Junior Olympics All Qualified Swimmers Only! All Coaches	*Feb 2nd	SD-SI
Fri.-Sun. Mar. 6-8	JO Max (North) Coaches- Alex, Aren, and Grace	Feb-23rd	ICAC Palomar

- * Designates special due date for meet entry
- * Coaches listed to attend may change without notice

**(Please Note: If a meet is not listed in the schedule above Pacific Swim is not participating)
 PS will not send coaches or process entries for any meets not listed on our schedule!
 Special senior level qualifying meets will be updated as we decide which meets we will attend!**