



Central Zone Newsletter

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Greetings, Central Zone Colleagues and Friends!

Wow! Many exciting things have been happening here in the Heartland since we all met last September at convention. In this newsletter, we have attempted to summarize some of the swimming highlights in the Central Zone over the past six months as well as recognize and celebrate other accomplishments.

Great things are happening in our Zone, and they couldn't be accomplished without all the wonderful volunteers in our LSCs.

A sincere thank you for all your efforts and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic long course season that will culminate with Nationals and Juniors in Indianapolis! We look forward to seeing many of you on the pool deck in the next few months. Please stay in touch with your suggestions and questions.

*Sincerely,
Eric & Arlene
Central Zone Directors*

Central Zone!

Proud Home of the 2007 Super Bowl Champions

Proud Home of the 2007 Super Bowl Runners-Up!

Proud Home of the 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships!

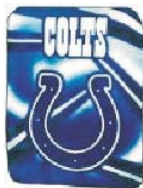
Proud Home of the 2007 Speedo Junior National Championships!

Proud Home of the 2008 Olympic Team Trials - Swimming!

Proud Home of the US Applicant City for the 2016 Summer Games!

CZ Officers

Arlene McDonald
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Betty Kooy
Kate Chronic
Lisa Ellis
Tony Young
Paul Jones
John Witzel
Jake Grosser



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2006 - 2007 Short Course National Events

US Open & Grand Prix: Many thanks to Purdue University for successfully hosting the 2006 US Open in West Lafayette. 979 athletes were registered in this very competitive meet kudos also to the University of Missouri for hosting their first Grand Prix meet this past February. Both meets were well attended and featured very fast swimming. Great job!

Spring Sectionals Summaries: Three very successful Speedo Champions Series meets were held in the Central Zone in March. Each is summarized below:

	Section 1 Chicago, IL	Section 3 Crawfordsville, IN	Region 8 St. Peters, MO
Dates	March 8-11	March 15-18	March 1-4
Host Team(s)	Lake Forest Swim Club	Sugar Creek Swim Club	RecPlex Sharks Clayton Shaw Pk Tideriders Rockwood Swim Club
Participating LSCs	IA, IL, MN, ND, SD, WI	IN, LE, MI, OH	AR, MV, MW, OK, OZ
Number of Athletes	568	345	561
Combined Team	1. Lake Forest SC - IL 2. New Trier Swim Club -IL 3. Wheaton Swim Club -IL	1. Cincinnati Marlins -OH 2. Middies Swimming-MR 3. New Albany AC -OH	1. Kansas City Blazers - MV 2. Clayton Shaw Park -OZ 3. Parkway Swim Club -OZ
Women's Team	1. Patriot Swim Club -IL 2. New Trier Swim Club -IL 3. Wheaton Swim Club -IL	1. Middies Swimming-MR 2. Cincinnati Marlins- OH 3. New Albany AC - OH	1. Parkway Swim Club -OZ 2. Wichita Swim Club -MV 3. Lawrence Aquahawks-MV
Men's Team	1. Lake Forest SC -IL 2. New Trier Swim Club -IL 3. North Suburban SC -IL	1. Cincinnati Marlins- OH 2. New Albany AC - OH 3. Dayton Raiders - OH	1. Kansas City Blazers -MV 2. Clayton Shaw Park -OZ 3. Tsunami Swim Team -MV

Many thanks to our club hosts for this spring's Speedo Champions Series!

Summer 2007

Central Zone Speedo Champions Series:

There will be three sites in the Central Zone for this summer series. Locations and dates are:

- Section 1: University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN; July 20 – 23
- Section 3: Cleveland State; Cleveland, OH; July 24-28
- Region 8: Oklahoma City Community College; Oklahoma City, OK; July 18-21

Central Zone Championship Meets:

The following are the two sites for this summer's Central Zone Championship Meets:



- August 3-5: Cleveland, OH. Teams competing at this site are AR, IL, IN, MW, OH, OK, and LE. Tina McCauley is the meet director at this site, and Kate Chronic is the Central Zone Championship Meet Coordinator who will serve as the Zone liaison in Cleveland. George Bare is the open water meet director.



- August 10-12: Topeka, KS. Teams competing in Topeka will be IA, MI, MN, MV, ND, OZ, SD, and WI. The meet contact is Dave Carpenter, and Lisa Ellis is the CZ Championship Meet Coordinator who will be working with the Topeka LOC.

2007 USA Swimming ConocoPhillips National Championships &

2007 Speed Junior National Championships:

All Great Racers Come to Indy this summer for USA Swimming's National & Junior National Championships! The meet information is now available on the USA Swimming website. Visit the local event website at www.allgreatracers.com for reduced price pre-sale ticket packages, up-to-date hotel information, and all the latest news and activity surrounding these events.

Special ticket packages to NASCAR's Allstate 400 at the Brickyard (July 29) have been designed for swimming fans traveling to Indy.

Don't miss the fast swimming in Indy this summer as the IU Natatorium celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Arlene McDonald is the contact for these events.

2007 USA Swimming 10K Open Water Grand Prix & World Championship Trials Qualifier: This exciting open water competition will take place on Sunday, August 5, at Eagle Creek Park on the northwest side of Indianapolis. This is a pre-qualifying competition for the 2008 World Championship Trials which is a qualifying competition for the 2008 FINA Open Water World Championships which is a qualifying competition for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Meet information will be posted by May 10 at www.allgreatracers.com. Contact Arlene McDonald for more information.

Thank you to all of our summer meet hosts for their tireless efforts in support of great swimming in the Central Zone!

Central Zone Business

January 2007: The Central Zone General Chairs and Zone Directors met by conference call on Wednesday, January 17. Additionally, the USA Swimming Board of Directors met on January 20 in Colorado Springs. Summary notes of both of those meetings can be found on the Central Zone website at www.centralzones.org.

April 2007: Central Zone General Chairs and Officers met by conference call on Wednesday, April 18. The following is a summary of that discussion.

Participants: Staff Liaison – Randy Julian; General Chairs - John Dicus (MV), Judy Hackney (IA), Ed Gbur (AR), Dick Boettcher (OH), Mary Losee (MW), Mark Hesse (IN), Bob Merchant (MI), Grant Richardson (ND), Jane Grosser (IL), Bob Staab (OK), Scott (MV), Arlene McDonald (IN), Betty Kooy (MW), Kate Chronic (IL), Lisa Ellis (MW), Paul Jones (MI), John Witzel (MN), Jake Grosser (IL).

Zone Officer Reports

- Sport Development Consultant: Randy Julian, Central Zone Sport Development Consultant, has scheduled several CLBMS throughout the Zone this spring and early summer. Randy reminded the participants that the CLBMS is now tied into the club recognition program. Randy will be sending his CLBMS schedule (dates, times, locations) to Betty Kooy to post on the Central Zone website. Randy also spoke about the four levels of the Club Recognition Program and emphasized that this program is a great tool to help clubs create an evaluation process. He encouraged all LSCs to promote this program as well as the My USA Page among their member clubs. Randy also announced his spring and summer Zone travel itinerary
- Zone Directors: Eric and Arlene submitted written summaries of the January GC conference call and the January BOD meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding the vision for LSCs. Further discussion will continue at the May General Chairs' meeting in Omaha.
- Secretary: Betty announced that the 2007 Zone Manual has been revised and posted since the start of the year on the CZ website www.centralzones.org
- Officials Chairs: Paul and John gave a summary of LSC participation in officiating at this year's spring sectionals as well as an update on the officials' applications for this summer's meets. There are several sectional sites still recruiting meet referees. LSCs are asked to encourage their officials to participate in these events.
- Championships Meet Coordinators: Kate and Lisa have conducted their site visits for this summer's Central Zone Championships meets. Kate is assigned to the Cleveland site, and Lisa is assigned to Topeka. Both had positive reports about the efforts of the local organizing committees. The meet information letters are completed and will be sent to Betty for posting on the CZ website. There was a brief discussion about meet security and the importance of keeping a watchful eye for suspicious activity at these events and at all meets. LSCs should stress this to their member clubs who host meets.
- Athlete Rep: Jake requested that all CZ General Chairs send him contact information for all athletes who sit on their LSC boards of directors. Allison Terry, the AEC vice chair and LSC athlete rep coordinator, is working with the zone athlete reps to mentor and improve communications with the LSC athlete reps.

Old Business

- Golden Goggles: LSCs are encouraged to budget to send a delegation to this year's Golden Goggles which will be held on Sunday, November 18, at the Beverly Hilton. As the time gets closer, LSCs may be interesting in partnering to purchase a table at this event.
- Meet Bids: The Zone Directors are currently soliciting bidders for the 2009 Central Zone Championships Meets, both of which will be held the weekend of August 7-9.

CZ Business Continued

- Elections/Appointments: These Zone positions will be elected or appointed at this fall's convention: Zone Director – Coach (elected); Championship Meet Coordinator (appointed), and Disability Swimming Coordinator (appointed). General chairs are encouraged to recruit qualified nominees and send their names to Arlene by July 1. Remember: Convention will feature a new condensed "agenda" and also will be held later this year (September 25-30) in sunny Garden Grove, CA. Make plans to be there!
- 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships/Speedo Junior National Championships: Both of these events will be held in the Central Zone (Indianapolis) starting on July 31 and ending on August 10. Indiana Swimming is offering a ticket package consisting of 50 free tickets for one full day (prelims & finals) to every LSC in the CZ. Arlene distributed a CZ LSC submission form to acquire these tickets. All-session tickets purchased by May 1 are being sold for \$10 off the normal price. Randy reiterated what a great opportunity this is for our CZ athletes and their families to come and watch the heroes of the sport compete. Visit the local event website at www.allgreatracers.com for online ticket ordering, hotel information, and other updates. Arlene requested that CZ LSCs display the event web banner on their LSC websites. She will be sending that file to all the GCs for posting.
- Omaha 2008: Mary Losee discussed the LSC involvement in the 2008 Trials. She said that the MW LSC will be hosting the Grand Prix meet leading up to Trials and will also be supplying many of the Trials volunteers. CZ LSCs should be encouraging their members to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity here in the CZ next summer. Arlene invited Mary and any other interested MW volunteers to participate in Nationals this summer in Indy.
- 2008 MegaZone Meet: The MegaZone advisory committee will be having a conference call on Wednesday, April 25, to start discussion of the bid presented at last fall's convention. Updates should be available at the May GC Workshop in Omaha and will be presented at this September's convention for final approval by the Zone delegates.

New Business

- There was a discussion of the pros and cons of team vs. individual travel for Zone and All-Star meets. Some LSCs are examining their current policy of team travel.
- LSC Financial Reporting: Arlene and Eric identified the LSCs who still need to submit various financial documents to USA Swimming. All agreed to address this with their LSC treasurers and get it done.
- The agenda of the April BOD meeting was distributed and briefly discussed.
- A reminder that Rules/Regs amendments must be submitted by May 15.

Announcements

- Kudos to Betty Kooy for getting the 2007 Central Zone Manual revised. Special thanks to Lynn Kinstler (IN) and Kate Chronic (IL) for serving on Betty's committee.
- Upcoming National Events in the Central Zone
 - A. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Michigan; May 17-20 (LCM)
 - B. 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships: Indianapolis; July 29 – August 4
 - C. 2007 USA Swimming Open Water Grand Prix (10K): Indianapolis – August 5
 - D. 2007 Speedo Junior National Championships; Indianapolis; August 6-10
 - E. 2007 Grand Prix; University of Minnesota; November 9-11 (SCY)