

MONTANA SWIMMING

April 1997

MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Montana Swimming House of Delegates will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1997, immediately upon conclusion of the Bozeman May Classic Invitational (approximately 3:30 p.m.) at Bozeman Senior High, corner of West Main and North 11th, Bozeman, Montana. Everyone is invited!

THREE MONTANA SWIMMERS ATTEND JUNIOR NATIONALS

Montana Swimming was proud to send three of its swimmers to the Speedo Junior West Swimming Championships in College Station, Texas, March 18-23. Among the competitors were Kathryn Kafentzis and Charlie Cromwell from MAC and Lee Frye from BOZ.

The competition was well attended and very fast. The women's events hosted between 50-88 swimmers per event and men's events hosted 40-70 swimmers per event. Event highlights included:

Carly Geehr, 200 y breast, 2:15.34-Jr. Rec. Carly is 12 yrs old and swims for Rose Bowl Aquatics, CA.

David Morrow, 100 y free, 44.81-Jr. Rec. David is 18 years old and swims for Swim Omaha, NE.

Philippe Demers, 100y back, 49.01-Jr. Rec. and 200y IM, 1:48.85-Jr. Rec. Philippe is 17 years old and swims for Irvine Nova, CA.

Our Montana Swimmers swam and placed as follows:

Lee Frye, 100y breast, 1:05.40 - 12th; 200y breast, 2:20.79 - 14th 2:20.38 - prelims/new state record.

Charlie Cromwell, 100y back, 53.12 - 36th; 200y back, 1:54.99 - 33rd.

Kathryn Kafentzis, 200y free, 1:56.83 - 65th/new state record; 500y free, 5:09.65 - 63rd; 1650y free, 17:26.62 - 42nd/new state record.

Kathryn, Charlie and Lee are looking for a few more hard workers to join them at the Long Course Speedo Junior West Swimming Championships in Clovis, California, August 5th-9th. Congratulations swimmers!

MONTANA SHINES AT

SENIOR REGIONALS AND AGE GROUP REGIONALS

This year Montana made a good showing at both Senior and Age Group Regionals. Sr. Regionals was attended by swimmers from Missoula, Helena, Bozeman and Billings. All teams saw improvements in their swimmers' times, although some stood out from the pack. Charlie Cromwell, MAC, swam two Jr. National qualifying times in the 100 and 200 backstroke. Lee Frye, BOZ, and Kathryn Kafentzis, MAC, as well as Charlie had top eight finishes in events. Bozeman, Missoula and Billings had top 16 finishes in their relays. All in all the swimmers at Senior Regionals had a good meet.

At Age Group Regionals Montana sent its largest contingent ever with swimmers from Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, Missoula and Kalispell. Overall Missoula finished 15th, Bozeman tied for 8th and for the second year in a row Billings placed 5th. Many swimmers placed in the top 8. Montana's first place finishers were Bobbi Snider and A.J. Marble from BAC, Bjorn Anderson, Jens Anderson and William McCallum from BOZ, and David Cromwell from MAC. The Montana teams definitely left Federal Way, Washington with people knowing their names. Congratulations swimmers on a job well done. Keep up the fast swimming!

STATE SHORT COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

The Missoula Aquatic Club was the host for the Missoula Short Course Swimming Championships March 7-9, 1997. 324 swimmers from 11 teams attended and set 19 individual and 3 relay records.

RESERVATIONS FOR ZONES

Montana Swimming has made reservations for swimmers who will be attending Zones. If you are a parent and plan on attending, you are advised to make your reservations as soon as possible.

STATE QUALIFYING TIMES AMENDED

At the May 1997 Montana Swimming meeting a Quadrennium 2000 time standard will be adopted to take effect Short Course 1998.

1998 SHORT COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

The 1998 Short Course Meet Schedule will be set at the May meeting of Montana Swimming.

1997 LONG COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

May 16-18	Bozeman
May 31-June 1	Kalispell
June 14-15	Havre
June 20-22	Helena
June 27-29	Missoula
July 12-13	Butte and Sidney
July 17 - 20	Sr. Reg., Fed. Way, WA
July 19-20	Big Sky St. Games, Blgs
July 26-Aug 1	Sr. Nat., Nashville, TN
Aug 1-3 Long Course State Championships,	Bozeman
Aug 1-3 AG Reg., Fed Way, WA	
Aug 5-9 Jr. Nat., Clovis, CA	
Aug 12 -16	Western Zones, Roseville, CA (suburb of Sacramento)

MONTANA SWIMMING NEWSLETTER

The Montana Swimming Newsletter is published quarterly:
June 1 - News deadline May 25
Contents: Summary of the Spring Montana Swimming Minutes
Sept. 1 - News deadline Aug. 25
Contents: Long course triumphs and up and coming news about the short course season
Nov. 15 - News deadline Nov. 8
Contents: Summary of the Fall Montana Swimming Minutes
April 15 - News deadline April 8
Contents: Short course excitement
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