

Coaches Corner

Thank you all for another amazing dolphin season. I want to thank everyone for being flexible as things changed at the last minute again and again and each time everyone stepped up to the challenge.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped the season run as smoothly as it did. We can't put on meets or run the team without you and everyone stepped up in a major way this year which is something that I do not take for granted. The amount of parent participation this year was amazing and every time we needed someone to step up we had people happy to do what was required.

Every year at this time I want to express how lucky I am that I get to coach this team for the past 8 years. This team is amazing in terms of how much the welcome new families and embrace the dolphin spirit year after year. I have been involved in swimming for 18 years and worked or swam with 6 teams during that time and I have never had a team that has this kind of family atmosphere. Thank you all for an amazing season year after year and giving me the opportunity to work with your kids. This year brought new challenges but all the swimmers stepped up in a major way not only accepting the challenges but surpassing them with flying colors.

I do not know what the next year holds but I do know that the dolphin spirit will prevail and the dolphins will come back again stronger than ever.

Birthdays of Note

The Dry Diggins Dolphins would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following swimmers and coaches this week:

Lillian Infante

Seamus Carroll

Austin Placek

Avery Veerkamp

Season Recap

We had a very successful season through our virtual meet series. The 6 and under, 7-8, and 9-10 age groups didn't lose a meet and generally won their age groups by over 100 points anchoring our team and setting the dolphins up for success for years to come. The 11-12's started off slowly but came on strong at the end with some very strong performances at the end of the season the 13-14's and 15-18 age groups also performed very well despite not having a lot of swimmers which is a major detriment in our league.

We had a very successful 4-1 record in our dual meets only losing by 40 points to an Orangevale team with many more swimmers. We lowered our DQ's each meet and we were able to hold close to 50 percent best times at every meet which is a great accomplishment.

Congratulations on a great season and I have high hopes for what will happen next year where hopefully in person meets will come back and we can compete face to face again.

Meredith Little

Liana Round

Madison Warden

Savanna Warden

Milo Mazzy

Awards Winners

Awards

6 and Under

Most improved –Cate Cannedy and Cooper Collins

High Point— Vivianne Cannedy 73 points and Emmet Guth 80 points

Dolphin Award— Matilda Hanson and Rayland Parsons

Coach's Award—Avery Veerkamp and Austin Placek

7-8

Most Improved—Finley Swarbrick and Axel Veerkamp

High Point—Caroline Strand 121 points and Gage Little 113 points

Dolphin Award—Harper Parsons and Gio Aguilar McPartland

Coach's Award—Lucy Ramsey and Max Smith

9-10

Most Improved—Ana Padovan and Josh Hodnett

High Point—Josilyn Cobb 114 points and Oliver Mingle 120 points

Dolphin Award—London Romney and Wyatt Little

Coach's Award— Julia Ramsey and Jaxxon Bledsoe

11-12

Most Improved—Morgan Williamson (I messed up and had her in a different spreadsheet. She is easily the most improved in the age group) Alan and Jacob White (Collin)

High Point—Meredith Little 119 points (Alan) and Dennis Warden 97 points (Amanda)

Dolphin Award—Sophia Thomas (Alan) and Caleb Hodnett (Alan)

Coach's Award—Destiny Ogden (Emily) and Luke Lamm (Alan)

13-14

Most Improved—Eliza Hodnett and Morgan Bishop

High Point—Eve Harm 102 points and Mason Schneider 115 points

Dolphin Award— Keira Hennefer and Sam Cleveland

Coach's Award— Emily Phillips Widroe and Joe Lamm

15-18

Most Improved—Abby Cleveland and Austin Hennefer

High Point—Jia Dickson 128 points and Chris Bishop 104 points

Dolphin Award—Audrey Schneider and Gavin Boyatt

Coach's Award—Hannah Elzinga and Seamus Carroll

Years of Service Awards

5 YEARS

Leah Alkema
Lily Alkema
Bailey Bowers
Brooke Bowers
Lily Jacks
Meredith Little
Kaelin McKenna
Charlotte Metropulos
Gaige Popejoy
Ethan Schneider

8 YEARS

Abigail Cleveland
Alexandra Doescher
Hannah Musgrove
Maya Musgrove
Samuel Cleveland

10 YEARS

Audrey Schneider
James Bath
Seamus Carroll

12 YEARS

Jia Dickson

If you got an award and were not able to attend the awards ceremony on Monday, you can pick up your awards at the El Dorado front office from 8AM-4PM starting on July 26th. If you go into the office and talk to Chelsea at the front desk she can help get you what you need.