

Age Group Chair Report by Sherwood Watts

2008 Southern Zone Championships – Florida is # 1

1st place Florida 1036, 2nd place Georgia 776.5, 3rd place Gold Coast 717, 4th place Southeastern 658.5, 5th place North Carolina

Congratulations to all of Florida swimming, coaches and swimmers. What a great coaching job by all coaches preparing there swimmers for a long week of competition!

Outstanding job by our Zone Coaches: Benji DeMotte – Head Coach and Chaperones

Assistant Coaches: Mark Matuszak, John Bruenning, Kelly Wynns, Jeff Wise, Mio Vasic.

Open Water results have not been posted at this time – looking for them to be up soon.

2009 Southern Zones will be held in Orlando, July 28 to Aug 1st. Open Water is Aug 2nd

Coaches – let's get behind our home team and go for three in a row!

2008 All-Star Dual Meet

Florida Swimming 1st place 647 points and Florida Gold Coast 2nd place 623 points.

Congratulations !

Great job coaches.

Sherwood Watts – Head coach

Mio Vasic

Terri Leap

Kelly Wynns

Christian Bahr

Rita Ponder

2009 date is set for April 4 & 5 at Indian River Community College

Junior Olympics

The 10 & under age group and the boys in all age groups continue to grow in numbers.

The qualifying times will stay the same for the upcoming year both meets

Please note the summer meet was moved back July 16, 17, 18, 19. That is a weekend earlier than what was decided on last April. The summer meet will be at the Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers.

Please note the change in the summer format. We are trying to streamline the 10 & under age group into a 3 ½ day format.

Swimmer of the year

2008 S/C

10 & U Girls

Nancy Hu SYS

11-12 Girls

Merrill Wilson BSAC

13-14 Girls

Ashlee Linn SYS

15-16 Girls

Melanie Margalis SPA

17-18 Girls

Corrine Showalter SYS

10 & Under Boys

Jared Young

11-12 Boys

Ryan Murphy EAJ

13-14 Boys

Nicholas Caldwell GCST

15-16 Boys

Patrick Ceddia SYS

17-18 Boys

Jose Crescimbeni SPA

2008 L/C

10 & Under Girls

Hannah Kendal WIN

11-12 Girls

Merrill Wilson BSAC

13-14 Girls

Christina Papadopoulos FSLA

15-16 Girls

Melanie Margalis SPA

17-18 Girls

Amy Modglin SWIM

10 & Under Boys

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Omar Pinzon BSS

As I step down as the Age Group Chair, I want to thank everyone for the chance to serve the last four years. I want to give a personal thank you to Helen Kelly who was always there for me and Bill Vargo who brainstormed with me the last four years on improving Florida Age Group Swimming. It has been a privilege and a very rewarding job. I think we have the best coaches, swimmers, and support in the country.

As we go forward – I hope the support for our All-Star and Zone Teams continues...no LSC should beat us, period end of story. Florida Swimming Rocks!