

Shark Shorts – July 3rd

SWIM & DIVE MEET AGAINST NORMANDY:

Wow! What a great meet. We saw some great dives and swims from everyone while both teams won the respective meets. Most importantly it seemed to me the kids and maybe a few adults had fun. Some of the highlights were:

- Barry Dillion at the dive meet doing a reverse flip with a can opener. One judge gave him a 9 ½ on the dive.
- Sam Moody singing the National Anthem. Great job Sam!
- Senior Recognition to seven Sharks: Kyle Wohleber, Becky Ison, Katie Zeh, Lindsey Homan, Katie Olson, Bryan Dillion and Sarah Ratcliff. Congratulations to our Seniors and good luck.
- After the win, Ian, Marie and Phil took the plunge off the high board.
- Paula Carroll selling Split-the-Pot tickets, in which she collected \$270, where half that amount (\$135) goes towards the swim/dive team. Thanks to all who participated but a special “Thank You” to Paula for all the work she did.
- Pizza for all the swimmers afterwards.
- Finally, if you were able to stay for the whole meet, at the end you would have witnessed the 15-18 Boys Annual “**Bikini**” Relay. Yes they were in Bikinis and if you missed it, there are some very flattering pictures on Shutterfly

On top of this excitement, the kids performed very well. There were another 120 Life Time Bests from the swimmers. Additionally, George Morrison’s record from 2004 in the 50 meter Backstroke was broken by Patrick Butkovich. The old record of 38.27 was eclipsed by Patrick’s time of 37.45. Great job Patrick.

SWIM & DIVE MEET THIS THURSDAY AGAINST TERRACE PARK SWIM CLUB

This week's meet will be held at Terrace Park Swim Club. Directions to the club can be found on the Seven Hills website however I copied them below:

Take Newtown Road until it ends at Route 50 (Wooster Pike). Turn right on to Wooster. The fields are on the near (southwest) side of Terrace Park. The first entrance to Terrace Park is Elm Road, turn right on Elm. Go under the tunnel. The entrance for Drackett Field and the Terrace Park Swim Club is immediately on the right.

Again like last week, please mark the sign up if you will miss a meet for any reason. *This is already posted on the Bulletin Board.* Put an X on the form under the meet that you will miss. The coaches will use this list to create the line up for the meet. The lineups have to be planned by the coaches two days before a meet. They will be polishing the lineup the day before the meet and will present the events to each swimmer on the morning of the meet at their practice.

For Thursday Swim/Dive Meet at Terrace Park, we ask the divers to arrive at 3:00 p.m. and swimmers arrive at 5:45 p.m. to get settled in the team area. Sit with your age group. For younger swimmers, check in with age group parents and get events written on arm before warming up.

Dive Team warm ups are at 3:15 p.m. with the meet starting at 4:00 p.m.

Swim Team warm ups are at 6:00 p.m.. Swim meet starts at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks to all the parents of swimmers who signed up for the Normandy meet to be a volunteer. For this week, there are plenty of jobs still available. Remember, a parent should complete two jobs per swimmer. Also as I stated in the last Shark Shorts, parents with children under 12 should consider being an Age Group Parent first before do any other job.

We are responsible for keeping our team area clean at home and away meets. After last week's meet against Miami Hills there was an area were about 30 plastic bottles along wrappers were all over the ground and there was a garbage can 20 feet away. I had to stay afterwards and clean up the mess. It is beneficial to clean up your things before it gets dark. Any help with this by parents during and after the meet would be appreciated.

Swimmers should check in with one of the coaches soon after their swims. They would like to talk to them about their swim while it is fresh in their mind and give them a piece of candy for the wonderful swim.

Pasta Lunch will be on Thursday @ the Geiger's from 12-1:30 p.m. for all of the 13-18 year olds. This is a team tradition, so come hungry! Directions to their residence will be posted to the bulletin board.

Uno's Pizzeria on Beechmont Ave at the Anderson Towne Center has kindly offered to stay open after hours just for our hungry Shark swimmers, divers and coaches to get something to eat. Plan on stopping by with your family to dine on some good pizza and hang out with the fellow Shark swimmers/divers, parents and of course, coaches. This is a fun time for all.

Ribbons will be in the family folders the next morning (Friday) at practice. Please see league rules for ribbon distribution. These folders will be labeled by family name and kept in the guard office when there is no one to supervise it. There are still some ribbons from last year that were not picked up and I have placed them in your folders.

BRAVE SHARK

Brave Shark this year, will be held Sunday, July 10th at 4 p.m.. We are having it earlier this year so that the divers can participate in this event as well. They have warm-ups that evening at 7 p.m. and I felt strongly about including them. The Brave Shark format will change a little bit compared to the past in order to include the divers. Typically we start with poster making then afterwards the coaches sit with the kids to go over the events they will swim at Swim Champs. This will now be flip-flopped. Coaches will meet with the kids promptly at 4 p.m. while I speak with the parents about Champs. Then once they are done with the coaches, they can have ice cream, which will be provided by the team, and then they can make team posters.

SILICONE SWIM CAPS:

I still have a few more caps available so if you are interested in purchasing one, please let me know. The cost is \$10 per cap

SHARK TEAM BANQUET:

Please look at the bulletin board for information about the banquet and sign up. The banquet will be Friday, July 15th starting at 6 p.m. with the award ceremony starting at 7 p.m. Afterwards the pool will remain open until 10 p.m. so have your kids bring their suits if they want to swim.

We are asking families with their last name beginning with A through H to bring a dessert and families with a last name of I through Z to bring a side dish.

COACHES GIFTS

Each season it is customary that we reward our Coaches with a monetary gift for their efforts with our children this season. If you would like to donate \$ for the Coaches, please give the Diving \$ to Kerry Butkovich and Swimming \$ to Mike & Ruth Grimes. This will be given to the Coaches with a gift at the banquet.

BEACH WATER PARK

Attention all SHARKS mark in your calendar, Tuesday July 20th as this will be the day we will swim at The Beach Water Park near Kings Island. Below is the group rate we received from them

Admission for all Swimmers & Divers: \$10.00

Non-Swimmers and Adults: \$17.99

Drink Bands are \$7.00 each

Parking is \$8.50 per vehicle

More details will come out later but I wanted you to mark on your calendar. Finally as we did last year, you will pay at the Group Sales Window at The Beach.

If there are any questions, please email me at mbgrimes01@aol.com.

Thanks.

Mike Grimes
Swim Team Coordinator

Kerry Butkovich
Dive Team Coordinator

I SENT THIS OUT VIA EMAIL ON SUNDAY JULY 3rd . IF YOU FIND THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS EMAIL PLEASE LET ME KNOW. YOU CAN CALL ME AT 474-6879 OR BY EMAIL mbgrimes01@aol.com