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TIGERSHARKS



SHARKBEAT

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009



Important Dates

Jan

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| 7 | Munster Meet registration Deadline | |
| 8-10 | Academy Bullet Meet | Marmion Academy & Vaughan Athletic Center |
| 11 | PST Board Meeting, 7 pm | PPD Community Center |
| 16-17 | PPD Winter Splash | Elk Grove HS |
| 31 | Munster Swim Club 8&U Superbowl Spectacular | Munster HS, Munster, Indiana |

Feb

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| 12-14 | St. Charles Chicagoland Championships | Norris Rec Center, St. Charles North HS |
| 15 | PST Board Meeting, 7 pm | PPD Community Center |
| 19-21 | Fishers Valentines Invitational Meet | Fishers HS, Fishers, Indiana |
| 22 | End-of-Season Banquet, 6:30 pm | Durty Nellie's, Palatine |
| 26-28 | Regional Meet | Barrington HS |

Mar

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| 4-7 | Senior Championships | UIC, Chicago |
| 12-14 | Age Group Championships (Junior Olympics) | UIC, Chicago |

Please visit the website daily for meet entry deadlines, practice changes, updates, and details of upcoming events.

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In Memory of Coach Andy Rose

November 3, 1977 – December 11, 2009

Born in Urbana, Illinois, John Andrew "Andy" Rose had been the Head Coach of the Palatine Park District Swim Team for about the last 3 years. He passed away at the home of his family in Venice, Florida during a time of recuperation from recent surgery. He had previously coached many teams in numerous states, and will be greatly missed by all. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, humor, friendliness, and his ability to encourage kids to not only swim to their full potential, but to simply love the sport of swimming. He is survived by his mother; Christine, step-dad; Robert Jiantonio father; John D. Rose, brother; Jeffrey, and two nephews. We will miss you... Skyball away!



*I wanna walk up the side of the mountain
I wanna walk down the other side of the mountain
I wanna swim in the river and lie in the sun
I wanna try to be nice to everyone*

Rest in Peace, Andy.





Pete Chemello

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PRESIDENT

Hello Swim Team families,

Our Winter Splash is rapidly approaching and the team will need your support to make this meet the successful meet it has always been. We will need at least one parent to volunteer for each session that your child is swimming so that the meet can run smoothly. You have been sent the volunteer sign up sheet via email in order to sign up. If you have not done so already, you can go to the website to volunteer. If you do not sign up, a job will be assigned to you by our volunteer coordinators. Our hosted home meets are the biggest fundraisers our team has and all funds generated from these meets help keep our fees as low as possible.

I would also like to thank all the departing parent board members for all their effort and hard work on behalf of the swimmers. No amount of thanks will be able to show our appreciation for your time and effort. I welcome the new board members and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

A very large thank you goes to our coaches for keeping the high training standards we expect for our swimmers in very difficult times. I cannot thank each of you enough for your dedication to our children.

Beginning January 1, 2010, your new Board Member Contacts will be:

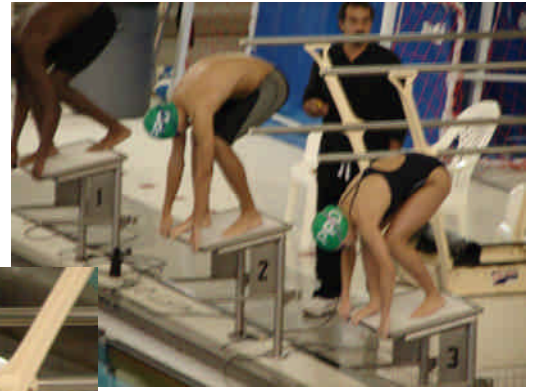
2010 Swim Team Parent Advisory Board

- President: Pete Chemello
- Treasurer: James Brustad
- VP: Brier Nelson
- Secretaries: Dan Anderson (recording),
Tom Lucas (registrar)
- Escrow: Rich Portmann, Lisa Schillinger
- Communications: Stacy Ruben
- Fundraising: Jean Taylor
- Meet Directors: Curt Freund, Kevin Mikolajewski
- Corporate
- Sponsorship: Gayle Huberty, Nicole Carlisle

CARMEL MEET AT INDY



HOMWOOD FLOSSMOOR MEET



WESTMONT MEET





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TREASURER

Happy New Year!!

In the last month of each year, the Team Membership and the Board review and approve the Program's budget for the upcoming year. The budget process for our club is a pretty good one; a few people that are willing to serve on a committee get together and review past years' financial performance and project for the upcoming year. Good conversations and debates are had; and, not just about the basic budget. It's a good process.

So, in December, we approved the 2010 Budget. Our club is lucky to be on sound financial footing and that is a testament to all those that serve on the Board and otherwise work hard for this Team in a multitude of ways.

As a Program, we're very good about "the formalities" of running a club. From a financial perspective, we report to the Board every month the Club's financial results and condition. The Board must review the information and vote to approve the presented financial results. Each year, there is a (relatively lengthy) budgetary process. Each year (which will start soon; ugh! :-), our financial records are audited by an outside accounting firm.

Below is an abridged excerpt off of the USA Swimming Club Page. I always think it's good to review such things every once in a while.

A very safe and prosperous New Year to all of our Swim Team Families!!

Introduction to Swim Club Finances

A club's financial health is often the key indicator of its ability to survive and thrive. Regardless of the organizational model, the club needs firmly established financial policies and practices. The leadership must be aware of financial areas of responsibility and get good financial advice. In addition the club must operate within a budget, balancing income and expenditures like any family or business. Often the club depends on fundraising to meet its budget or expand its offerings to the membership and the staff.

Board members may think of their responsibilities in terms of how much money they should give or what committees they will serve on. They may not realize that their responsibilities encompass far more. Board members are responsible for the corporate survival financial, viability, and program success of the club. Most important, they have a "fiduciary responsibility". They are the keepers of a trust held for the greater community.

Board members are custodians not only of the club's assets and liabilities, but also of the accumulated efforts of those who preceded them in founding and expanding the entity they now serve. Board members hold in trust the economic engine that is the nonprofit's ability to continue to serve the community. Protecting and enhancing this capacity are the true financial responsibility of board members of nonprofit clubs.

Financial Basics

Clubs should follow a standardized reporting process that includes a balance sheet, an income/expense statement, and a cash flow report. The format for these reports adheres to accounting rules and regulations and are mandated. Some funders, such as United Way and foundations, have their own reporting requirements and want financial information be presented in alternative formats. For example, they may prefer a breakdown by particular line-item expenses, or they may want a particular program or event broken out separately.

Board members need to understand that they are not expected to be accountants, but are responsible for overseeing the financial health and well-being of the organization. One of their responsibilities is to manage resources effectively.

When setting up a financial system a club should contact an accountant and/or tax attorney to make sure they are following standard accounting/reporting procedures. Establish a checks and balance system so that no one person has total control over large sums of cash. It is a very, very good idea for the financial statements to be audited by an independent auditor. This will help protect the club and board members. Audits vary in price depending on how in-depth the auditor looks at the finances. Remember that the IRS can (and has) held a nonprofit board of directors liable for back taxes and/or non-payment of employees withholding taxes. An audit could easily detect that or the embezzlement of a swim club's funds.





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ESCROW

Now that the Short Course 2009-2010 season is well under way and we have had a number of meets, it's important that you regularly check your escrow balance on the PPD website www.ppdswim.org. You must be logged in to the website in order to find your current escrow balance and to see all charges against your escrow account. Click on "My Invoice/Payment" on the left side of the screen. This will bring up a list of all invoices processed against your account. The invoice dated 01/01/2010 contains all activity to date in your escrow account. On the right side of the screen, there is a column titled "Account Balance". This is your current family escrow balance. If the amount is negative, you currently have funds in your escrow account. If the amount is positive, you need to send a check to cover the amount due (and additional funds for any upcoming meets). **It is important that you ensure adequate funds remain in your account, as your swimmer may be declined meet entry due to insufficient funds.**

If you click on "view" by your current account balance, you will see all items charged against your escrow account and all funds deposited into your escrow account. The website generates invoices each month on the 21st so you will see items move from "Un-Invoiced Items" to "Current Invoiced Items" each month. The meet fees are listed by meet and indicate the number of Individual events and the number of Relay events that each swimmer was charged. Please note that if you signed up for a meet, but were unable to attend the meet, your escrow account will be charged because we must still pay the host team for entries submitted.

You can also look at just the current month escrow activity by clicking on the most current invoice in the "Print Invoice" column. If you have a positive account balance, you can print the invoice and mail payment to the address included on the invoice (Palatine Swim Team c/o Ann Portmann, 255 W Helen Road, Palatine IL 60067).

If you have any questions, please contact us at the e-mails listed above.

Recently, we (coaches) have been receiving a hefty amount of questions in regards to the swim caps dedicated to Andy Rose and people without escrow accounts. If there is anyone without an escrow account that would like to purchase some of the memorial swim caps, you can make a check out to the Palatine Park District Swim Team and turn it in to the coaches or at the Birchwood offices. Each swim cap is \$7.50. If there are any other questions, feel free to contact the coaching staff.

The Coaching Staff

WHEATON MEET



HOLIDAY BOWLING PARTY



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VICE-PRESIDENT

Shark Shop

It is never to late to place an order



Long Sleeve T-shirt - \$15



Hooded Sweatshirt - \$20



Navy Blue Knit Beanie Winter Cap - \$10
PPD TIGERSHARKS in Kelly Green



Dry Mesh Shirts- \$20
Men's Crew Neck
Women's V-Neck shirt

Please e-mail me you orders. gjnbln@comcast.net

All Items are by PRE ORDER ONLY, please make checks payable to Palatine Swim Team.

If you need Swim Caps please contact Brier Nelson, gjnbln@comcast.net.



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FUNDRAISING

As of January 1, 2010 I am no longer your Fundraising Chairperson. How quickly the two years went by! Fundraising will now be handled by **Jean Taylor**, her email address is ppdmanna@att.net. Be sure to send your Manna Express orders to her from this point forward, as well as any questions you may have.

In just 4 months, TigerShark swim families have taken advantage of the various options to earn back their prepaid fundraising fees paid at registration. Over \$5,000 has been earned back already, and there are still a few months left in the season.

Don't forget the TigerSharks Discount card. The cost is only \$10, and discounts are valid thru September 30, 2010! No coupons to cut, just present your card and earn the discount.

See you all at our Winter Splash!



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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Many thanks to Lori Brustad for her fine work as Volunteer Coordinator over the last few years! Please help welcome Betsy Smith as your new Volunteer Chair! We're sure she'll do a great job.



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COMMUNICATIONS

I have very much enjoyed my last two years as Communications Chair. It has allowed me to photograph many of the antics and happy times of our swimmers. You will be in able hands with our new Chair, Stacey Ruben. So for my last time... Remember to **check in regularly with the PPD website** to keep up-to-date with all of the Tigershark happenings!

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