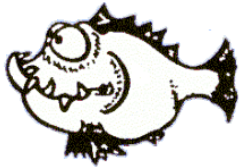


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The Piranha Post

Paradise Piranha Swim Team website: www.paradiseswimteam.com

Firecracker News

Most of you know that the Firecracker is our biggest fundraising event of the year and that it takes ALL of us working together to make it happen.

Each summer, swim families compliment the Piranhas on the fabulous meet we host. Please get involved in the planning and pulling off of this wonderful event!

Julie Johnston will once again serve as our Meet Director (Thank you, Julie!) and is already busy working out details. If you have a particular area of expertise or interest, please contact Julie and discuss it with her. **The dates of the Firecracker are June 23rd and 24th** so be sure to mark those dates in RED.

It's that time again! Summer will be here before we know it and it is time to start planning. Summer Swim Registration dates are as follows:

Thursday, April 19th from 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday, April 21st from 11am-2pm

At Round Table Pizza, Paradise

Registration will also be available at the **Season Kick-Off BBQ and Mandatory Parent Meeting** on Monday, May 7th from 5:30-7:30pm at Bille Park. If you have any questions regarding registration you may contact Joan Hasek at 877-6820 or email Coach Brian at Piranhacoach@hotmail.com

ATTENTION PARENTS

We are always looking for more volunteers to become certified officials. It is crucial that we have enough officials for our team to compete. To become an official you must **attend ONE orientation and SIX training sessions** (at meets). Finally you must **pass an on-line, open book exam** to complete your certification.

For more information contact Katy Schrum at 873-6667 or email her at Schrumfamily@comcast.net

Great Job, Winter Swimmers!

Paradise has been well represented so far in 2007. We sent nine swimmers to the Vacaville BB meet, ten swimmers to the Woodland Last Chance Qualifier and four swimmers to the Sierra Nevada Junior Olympics at Solano College. Congratulations to all of our athletes for their accomplishments and commitment! With all of the time our swimmers have been dropping, we will need lots of rolls of pennies!



From the President

Hello swim families! Summer is just around the corner, and the Board of Directors has been busy all winter planning for the best summer yet.

As you know, our team has entered a one year trial association with North Valley Aquatics (NVA). Now joining NVA-Paradise are the former Durham Dolphins and Willows Hydrojets. Including John Holzwarth's original NVA group, NVA is now cooperatively large enough to really compete (and win) at our meets. Needless to say, swimmers now know that *EVERY SWIM COUNTS!* The kids in the pool are working hard on setting new goals and bringing down those times. It's going to be a fun summer for the kids as they see their hard work and discipline pay off! Perhaps as you register for summer you might give some thought to registering YEAR ROUND for the coming year. The benefits of a year round commitment to swimming cannot be surpassed. Just ask our swimmers!

We now have a full board of directors for the first time in over a year. We have a capable group that will be calling on ALL of you for your part in supporting the level of excellence our team desires for our kids. Volunteer organizations typically struggle with the old syndrome "10% of the membership doing 90% of the work." My goal as President is to encourage and enlist 100% participation in our children's team. With so many tasks from which to choose, I guarantee we can assist every parent or guardian to find their niche and make a difference for their athlete and their team. We have a tradition of team pride, and we intend to see it continues.

Finally, this is **YOUR** team. It will be just as good as YOU make it! We've many new ideas for this year that will be fun and exciting. **Mark your calendars now:**

Season Kick-off BBQ and Parent Meeting

Monday May 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

at BILLE PARK (not Aquatic Park as in past)

Parent meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL FAMILIES.

See elsewhere in this issue for what to bring for the bbq.

- Team handbooks will be available that evening and parents must sign for receiving them.
- Those who missed registration at Round Table will be able to register.
- Committee assignments will be made, so bring your calendars.
- Team suits will be ordered

Looking forward to seeing all of you,
Claudia Chapman

Coach's Corner

It's that time. The weather is warmer, the days are longer and its time to start thinking about swim season again. I am very excited about our upcoming season and am looking forward to getting started again. There are a few changes that may take a little getting used to, but I believe it will provide our swimmers with more incentives and greater opportunities.

I understand that there may be some questions and reservations about the changes that we are going through. I hope that we can all enter this season with an open mind and a willingness to make this the best possible season for our swimmers.

If you have questions or ideas about how we can do this, please feel free to contact me, or visit one of our monthly board meetings.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing all of you this season.

Brian Wilson

Summer '07 Tentative Meet Schedule

Seasonal Swimmer/Short Course Yards

Target Meet: NVAL Championships

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meet Type</u>	
May 5/6	Davis	B/BB Meet	
May 30	Paradise	League Dual Meet or Intra-Squad	
June 13	Paradise	League Dual Meet or Intra-Squad	
June 15-17	Marysville	League Invitational	Team Meet!
June 23-24	Paradise	Firecracker Invite	Team Meet!
June 27	Paradise	League Dual Meet or Intra-Squad	
July 7-8	Durham	League Invitational	
July 18	Paradise	League Dual Meet	
July 28-29	Quincy	League Invitational	
Aug 3-5	Redding	NVAL Champs	Team Meet!

Yr. Round Swimmer/Long Course Meters

Target Meets: Junior Olympics and Western Zones

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meet Type</u>	
May 18-20	Santa Cruz	Open	(L.C. meters) If there is enough interest.
May 18-20	Woodland	Open	(L.C. meters) Those not going to S.C.
May 30	Paradise	Inter-squad	(S.C. yards)
June 8-10	Roseville	Time Standards TBA	(L.C. meters)
June 23-24	Paradise	Firecracker Invite	Team Meet!
July 13-15	Woodland	Last Chance	(L.C. meters)
July 26-29	SN J.O.	Time Standards TBA	(L.C. meters)
Aug 7-11	Western Zones	Time Standards TBA	(L.C. meters)

- **A swimmer must compete in two league meets to be eligible to swim at NVAL Championships.**
- **Swimmers (year round or seasonal,) may choose to swim at any meet on the schedule, short course yards, or long course meters.**
- **Swimmers must meet minimum qualifying times for meets with time standards.**

We're on the Web!

SEE US AT:

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The Board of Directors meets the second Monday of each month.

Call 872-1531 for the location and time. Parents are always welcome to become involved!

About Our Organization... The Paradise Piranha Swim Team is a year-round, USA Swimming affiliated competitive swim program specifically for youth ages 5-18 that has been developing young athletes since the 1960s.

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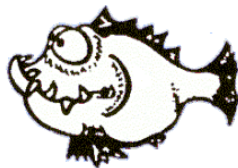
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