

**SARASOTA YMCA SHARKS  
SUMMER ENDING NEWSLETTER**

**What a great summer of swimming! At the time of writing this newsletter, the team performed well at the Southern Sectional Championships and the Age Groupers won the Florida Junior Olympic Championships.**

**This coming weekend we are competing in the Area 3/5 Championships in St. Petersburg and 50 senior swimmers will be competing in the Florida Senior Championships in Ft. Pierce. On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, seven ( 7 ) members of the senior group, will be flying to Irvine, California, to compete in the 2006 ConocoPhillips National Championships, August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Those swimmers are: Kata Fodor, Ashley Largo, Nicole Maglich, Corinne Showalter, Ryan Crete, Austin Detra, and Spencer Maglich. This represents the largest group the Sharks have ever taken to a USA Swimming National Championship in the team history.**

**Good luck to all.**

**You will find important information enclosed in this mailing. You should have the 2006-2007 Registration information, fall practice schedule, and fall meet schedule.**

**2006 – 2007 SYS REGISTRATION MATERIAL**

**Enclosed you will find the annual registration material you will need to continue with the Sharks. This is done annually to update family information and swimmer move-ups. It is also a time to register with USA/Florida Swimming for 2007. Each family is required to pay a \$ 35.00 registration fee, which helps cover administrative costs of the monthly drafts/EFT.**

**Please bring all of the registration material, filled out with proper payments, to the Selby Aquatic Center, any one of the three evenings offered. Registration will be Monday, 8/14, Wednesday, 8/16, and Friday, 8/18 @ Selby from 4:00 – 6:30 PM. Ms. Christine Petrov will be here to accept all registration information. She is replacing Ms. Jayme Wolfe from the Accounting Offices of the YMCA.**

## SWIM-A-THON RESULTS

We are still receiving swim-a-thon monies, but we do have our three top award winners, and they are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cha-Cha Bugatti	\$ 785.00	( \$ 300.00 gift certificate )
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	John Silver	\$ 634.00	( \$ 200.00 gift certificate )
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Van Miller	\$ 632.00	( \$ 100.00 gift certificate )

We will set up a time, in late August early September, to recognize these individuals and all of the other swimmers who brought in over \$ 100.00, who will receive a t-shirt. At that time we will have a full accounting off everyone's efforts.

## TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be volunteering our efforts for a good cause, the Tri-County Special Olympic Championships. We need everyone's help with this event. Please plan on having your kids help. More information to follow.

## SHARKS SEISTA KEY TRIATHLON

On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at Siesta Key Beach, we will be holding our annual fund raising event. We have moved our meet schedules around so all swimmers and parents can volunteer. It is a great event and lots of fun to help with. Lets make this the best year ever. More information to follow.

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

We begin our new season, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, with the enclosed practice schedule. We will be offering practice, July 31st-August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>, for those who have already taken a break this summer or for those who have already had two weeks out of the water. Coach Helena Wilhelm will coach all 12 & unders and Coach Gary Trimble, masters Coach, and Coach Matuszak, will coach the 13 & overs. We will run these practices from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Any older swimmers wishing/needng to run or lift weights, please do this on your own before or after practice, as these workouts will be in the pool only.

### **INCREASE IN MONTHLY FEES**

Beginning this September our monthly fees will increase. All monthly fees pay the coaches salaries, which have increased between 6-8% over the past two years. We have increased the monthly fee 4-5%. Our last increase was two years ago. We are hoping to only increase every two years. With this increase, we feel we are able to provide the best coaching in the United States, at all levels of our program.

### **AGE GROUP PRACTICE PLACEMENT**

Coach Watts and his staff are currently working on swimmer placements. During the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> we will be finalizing all swimmer placements for the short course season.

### **SENIOR/JUNIOR PRACTICE PLACEMENT**

Coach Shofe, Coach Brown, and Coach Matuszak are currently working on swimmer placements. We have a number of swimmers who are qualified to be in the Senior I group, but may not be ready for the commitment it takes to be in the group.

Swimmers who achieve the standards for Junior I & Senior I and who have been members of those groups, who for whatever reason, decide to drop down a group or take a season off, will not automatically be eligible to return to Senior I or Junior I.

All placements will be determined on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHARKS PARENT MEETING – THURSDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please plan on attending the Sharks parent meeting on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pine View School. We will discuss the upcoming season, Siesta Key Triathlon, family volunteer requirements, and be on hand to answer any individual questions after the meeting. We will also be passing out team handbooks for all of those in attendance.

### **SYS SHARK OPEN**

I want to thank all of you who helped in running the Shark Open. It was one of the fastest meets of its kind in the United States. Stonewood Grill & Tavern provided many prizes and lunch for the coaches and officials.