

July/August Newsletter
SARASOTA YMCA SHARKS

SHARKS WIN 4TH JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP!
WAY TO GO SHARKS!

COACH SHOFE

As I write my part in the newsletter, we are heading into our season ending meets. Should be an exciting finish. With school starting later, we are able to send a big group to the Zone All-Star Championships, in Texas, the first week of August. Junior Olympics are this coming weekend and our team has over 70 swimmers qualified. Senior Championships and Area 3/5 Championships are the following weekend. Both meets have large numbers of Sharks entered. The same time the Zone All-Star Championships are being held, we have swimmers competing at the USA Swimming Nationals in Indianapolis. Good Luck to all.

By now you have all seen that Corinne Showalter won a bronze medal at the Pan American Championships, July 17th. Quite an accomplishment, as she was added to the team in June. Congratulations Corinne.

SHARK OPEN

Thanks to all of those who volunteered at the Shark Open in June. As most of you know, Mrs. Janet Clark is in charge of securing volunteers for our events. Below are the percentages of volunteer participation:

- 10 % - No Participation
- 30 % - 1-2 Sessions
- 20 % - 3 Sessions
- 20 % - 4-5 Sessions
- 20 % - 6 or more sessions

We are in the process of putting together the volunteer expectations, for the upcoming Shark events. As we start the new fall season, everyone will be notified of the expectations.

ANNUAL UPDATE INFORMATION

Annual update information packets will be coming home in the mail soon. We are sending them home so you can complete the information and bring everything back at the

days we designate in August. Also, we are going to try and get the family assessment out earlier this year.

STONEWOOD GRILL & TAVERN

Be sure to mention you are a Shark family when you visit Stonewood.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th

On Saturday, August 18th we will be holding the Tri-County Area Special Olympic Championships. As in the past, our team/swimmers will be volunteering running the event. More info will follow.

SENIOR / JUNIOR SWIMMING – Coach Shofe

There will be a two-week break, after your last competition. The Selby Aquatic Center will also be closed during our training break, July 30 – August 12th. During the week of August 13th-17th we will run practices for all 13 & over athletes from 7:30 – 10:00 AM. This will include dryland. Our regular practice schedule will begin Monday, June 20th.

NATIONAL / SENIOR I / SENIOR II

This fall, we will be separating all High School swimmers, into three training groups. Our training will be separate at times, and combined at times. This is being done to accommodate the large numbers of swimmers we have and to group athletes into the correct ability/commitment level group.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Make sure you all have had your physical completed and paperwork turned into your High School, before the season begins.

From Coach John-

The good word is spreading in Venice! Not only do we have our first two JO qualifiers, but our team is growing by leaps and bounds, having had over 25 new swimmers join our team since summer season began. Congratulations to Maggie Hibnick and Pepper Smith for making their cuts and representing the Sharks in Gainesville. Way to go girls! Our Black group has endured the pain of dryland/IM days and have instituted the phrase, “Thank you sir, may I have another” as the theme of the summer. Only two more weeks before they can see all the hard work pay off. With the championship meets around the

corner, just a reminder to each family to check your folders in our office for updates on Fall practice schedules and group changes for your swimmers. Let's keep up the enthusiasm and continue to grow our Venice site into the team we all know it can be!

A determined group of Pre-Teamers swam in the First Venice Summer Splash on Saturday, June 30th. Lots of ribbon awards soothed the jitters of the first "away meet," and prepared the swimmers for the July 13th Developmental Meet at our pool. Our Friday night meets begin at 5:30 PM, and July's competition averages 70 Pre-Team and Novice participants annually.

Coach Bob

From Coach Watts

Upcoming Meets & events

July 27,28,29	Area 3-5	St. Pete
July 30 – Aug 11	Team break	
Aug 13 – 17	practice 13 & over 8:00 to 10:00 am Practice B & G 10:00 to 12:00 noon	
Aug 18,	No practice	
Aug 18,	Special Olympics – SYS Host	Selby
Aug 20,	Normal practice begins	
Sept 8,	SYS Age Group invitational	Selby
Sept 21-23	St. Pete Invite	St. Pete
Oct 7	Triathlon – SYS Host	Siesta
Oct 19-21	WFLA Halloween Meet	Largo
Nov 16-18	SYS Turkey Meet	Selby
Nov 30- Dec 2	Gator	UF
Dec 8,	B Champs	Clearwater
Dec 14-16	Cat Invite	Clearwater

Future Dates

Feb 8-10	Y-States	Orlando
Feb 21-24	J.O.s	Clearwater
TBA	All-Stars	TBA
March 23-25	3-5s	Selby

ESJ WHITE, NOVICE, PRE

WOW! Our last July developmental meet showed incredible improvements! Our youngest Sharks are really stepping up! Congrats to all who completed in the Shark Open, Gulf Coast Invitational and Junior Olympics! (if you haven't checked it out yet, look at our website, sysharks.org) Sharks RULE!

We are taking up 25 swimmers to the Area 3/5 meet in St. Pete on July 27-29. This is the season's first short course competition. After this meet, we will be taking a short break until August 13th. Our new schedule for the fall (starting Monday, August 20th) is as follows:

WHITE - Mondays-Thursdays 5:30-6:30 and Saturdays 11:00-12:00 (non-meet weekends)

SILVER - Mondays-Thursdays 4:30-5:30 and Saturdays 11:00-12:00 (non-meet weekends)

PRE 1 - Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:30-5:15 and Sat. 10:00-11:00 (non-meet weekends)

PRE 2 - Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:15-6:00 and Sat. 10:00-11:00 (non-meet weekends)

We have a meet in Port Charlotte on Saturday, August 25th. More info to follow...

Thank you all for allowing me to teach your talented children to swim -- they are a joy!

Coach Piper

Practice Schedule starting Aug 20th

Selby

Black – Mon Thru Fri 4:45 to 6:15 pm

Saturday – 10:30 to 12:00 noon

Dryland 6:15 to 6:35 pm

Gold – Mon thru Fri 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday 8:3 to 10:30 am

Dryland – 5:30 to 6:00 pm