

Swim Team Updates - May 24

CHECK THE WEBSITE!!

It has all the information about practices, meets, activities. Please look there first before emailing me to find out what time practice is today.

Joe Jackson, General Manager of HTCC has asked me to remind all parents about the pool rules –specifically the one about leaving children at the pool unattended. They must be at least 10 years old to stay at the pool without parental supervision. Kids 10-14 must be able to pass a swim test administered by the lifeguards before they can be left without parental supervision. Children 9 and younger must have parental supervision at all times. And anyone supervising children must be at least 14 years old. Our coaches are not giving the swim test to our kids. We will have to wait until the pool is open and those lifeguards know how to give the swim test and put your child's name on the test that they have passed it. Therefore, please plan accordingly to have your children age 10-14 supervised until they can take the swim test. And the 9 and Unders must be supervised at all times by someone 14 or older. This is in place for swim practice too. This is based on the Club's Insurance policy for the pool. Any questions about this, please contact Joe Jackson in the Club House.

CERTIFIED OFFICIALS

Here's a list of who is certified according to SAIL. Please let me know if you think your name should be on this list and it isn't.

Christine Brodsky – Stroke & Turn

Blaiz Buchanan – Stroke & Turn

Amy Bullard – Clerk of Course

Lori Farmer – Chief Timer and Runner

David Frengel – Stroke & Turn

Karen Holden - Stroke & Turn and Starter

Corey Holden – Stroke & Turn and Starter

Penny Rice – Clerk of Course

Kirk Vogt – Starter

Valerie Wetzell – Stroke & Turn

Jeff Wood – Referee, Stroke & Turn, and Starter

Clark Mungo & Karen Holden will train as Chief Timer at the May 31 training session.

Al Adams will train as Stroke & turn, Starter and Referee at the May 31 Session.

If anybody else with a little swim knowledge would like to certify as a stroke & turn judge, we would love to have you take this training. It takes a year or two of working in this position with an experienced person to really become proficient. The team really appreciates everyone who invests their time to do this for the team.

Records/Ribbons

According to SAILs records, here are the people who have passed the online ribbons/records training:

Jenny Justus

Michelle Weston

Wendy Dolven

Timers

According to SAILs records, here are the people who have passed the online timer training:

Cindi Mungo

Greg Snoad

Jean Kleis

Lori Farmer

Suzann Adams

Wendy Dolven

We need at least 20 more timers certified by next week. Please click on the link below to go your timer training. We will not be training people on the pool deck this year. This only takes about 10 minutes. I've heard it's a little tricky – apparently there can be more than one correct answer and you can click on two or more answers to some questions. <http://swimsail.org/official/Timer/> Thanks for getting trained!

MOCK MEET

Practice on Thursday, May 26 will be:

10 and Unders: 4-4:45

11 and Ups: 4:45-5:15

Mock Meet Starts at 5:30

NO GUPPY PRACTICE ON THURSDAY

Here's how Mock Meet will work. Please review this with your kids so they know what to do, especially the younger kids and new families.

- 11 and Up swimmers will line up in Lanes 1-3.
- 10 and Under swimmers will line up in Lanes 4-6.
- The lanes will be marked and it doesn't matter which of the lanes you swim in for your age group. Just pick one and stick with it so your times are all recorded on the same chart.
- The starter system will be used so new kids get used to the sound and so timers can adjust to seeing the light.

- First heat will take the blocks (or dive from the side), everyone does free style until everyone has had the chance to record a time.
- Then everyone will do Butterfly (if your child can't swim butterfly, they can just sit out this round). Then Back stroke, and finally Breast.
- When the child exits the pool, they tell the recording timer their name and the recording timer will find that child on their chart and write down the 3 times from the stopwatches.

We will need 18 timers and 6 recording timers. 9 timers and 3 recording timers will be at the far end of the pool in lanes 4-6 for the 10 and Unders who are swimming 25 meters. The other 9 timers and 3 recording timers will be at the blocks end of the pool for the older kids who are swimming 50's.

It's gonna go fast because there are no blue cards to check, no cards to run around. Just the charts to record the times. But this should give the timers, and stroke & turn officials some good practice before our first meet on June 2nd.

Please bring an extra towel for your child to keep warm. Also bring them a snack to eat before the mock meet starts.

After the meet we will have pizza brought in from Domino's and drinks for everyone. Then I have asked the coaches to stay for an extra half hour to life guard so the kids can swim and play in the pool while the adults reorganize the pool again.

Any questions – just email me, or find me on the pool deck.

Coaches Lunch

It's time to take our coaches out to lunch! They have been working hard along with the kids. So join us at Anita's Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, June 7th at 11:45am. We have reserved the back room for all the kids and parents. This party is for both the Hurricane and Guppy teams. Anita's is located on Main Street in Simpsonville. For those with GPS – the address is 101 Alice Ave, but it's right on the corner of Main Street and Alice Ave. in a yellow house. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their meal. If you are not old enough to drive yourself you must have a parent or someone responsible for you to attend the lunch. Please RSVP to me so we know how many to expect.

Team Shirts/Parent Shirts

Team shirts and Parent shirts have been ordered. They should be at the pool for distribution during a practice one afternoon next week. We will have Sharpies so you can write your child's name on their shirt immediately.

TEAM SUITS

I just received an email from Augusta Ski that they were shipped yesterday, so they should be here later this week. The earliest we could distribute them is Friday, but most likely Tuesday next week. If you did not order a suit with the team order, but you would still like one go to the links below for Swim Outlet. They can get the suits to you quickly and the prices are good.

http://www.swimoutlet.com/product_p/21250.htm for girls suits

http://www.swimoutlet.com/product_p/21250.htm for boys jammers

Meet Sign Ups

Kids need to sign up for strokes and parents need to sign up to work! The June 2nd meet is right around the corner! The kids will be able to swim up to 3 events at a meet, plus they may be chosen to swim up to two relays. We will do stroke sign up at the Friday afternoon practice. For this meet, the kids get to select 2 strokes that they will swim, and the coaches will select 1 stroke for them to swim. Don't worry – they will not make them swim the 100 IM in the first meet if they are not ready to swim it. But for those that are capable of swimming it, the coaches may expect you to push your limits and comfort zone a bit and swim it in the first meet. We are having the coaches select some of their strokes this year so the team is represented in all events for all age groups. If you can't make the Friday afternoon practice, just email your child's strokes to Eileen Wells at eileen.home@charter.net by Friday evening. Thanks!

Parents also need to get on the website and get signed up to work the June 2nd meet! I have some of the volunteer sign-up's from the April 3rd registration day and those are input already. But several positions remain open. Please go to www.htccswim.com and click on Meet Sign Up and volunteer to help out. We need the parent of every swimmer to work at least one half of each meet.

I will create the meet sign up pages for the rest of the Meets this weekend. Thanks for your patience.

Memorial Day Weekend/Pool Opening Party!

The Club is having an Opening Day pool party on Saturday, May 28 from 11am – 3pm. They will grill food and have drinks available. It can be billed to your pool account. There will also be a DJ playing music.

We will be there at 1pm to make concrete stepping stones and to paint the shed. Helpers are needed for both jobs. If you are around the pool, please come over and help paint for a few minutes. Any child

that helps paint, will be able to write their name on the back of the shed. Next week, Sharon will be able to get started on the Hurricane logo for the shed. It's gonna look awesome!

For the stepping stones, please bring a \$5 contribution to cover the cost of the concrete. We will use the stepping stone your child makes to create a pathway from the shed to the pool. If you have any pretty rocks or shells, bring them to decorate your stone.

Team Photos

I have been looking at the calendar to select a date for the team photo. We will do it on a Friday morning before donuts and ribbons. If you cannot be at one of the Friday donuts and ribbons events, please email me. I will select the Friday with the least people who cannot attend.

Private Lessons

Private lessons will be available in the pool during open swim times. The cost of the lessons is set by each instructor. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board. I know both Gene and Molly plan to offer private lessons along with Annie Gillig. If your child is struggling to learn a particular stroke, you may want to consider signing them up for a lesson or two. My kids really benefitted from the 30 minute lessons.

That's all for now. If you have any questions about something, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

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