



# DORSEY DOLPHINS NEWSLETTER – SPRING

2009

<http://dorseydolphins.home.comcast.net>

## Message from the Coach

## Message from the Managers

Welcome back Dorsey Dolphins!! We are excited about managing our second year with the team. We have been planning, organizing and getting ready for another great season.

The Columbia Association has added a new website dedicated to the Columbia pools. Information about all of CNSL is posted and a link is available to our team's home page. Check it out, [www.columbiapools.org](http://www.columbiapools.org)

A few things we would like to mention; in trying to make things run smoothly for everyone we are proposing a few additional volunteering positions. First, concessions are a huge responsibility for our team. We all like to eat and drink during the meets and this is our primary way of fund raising. Also in an effort to help Jerry and Kathy with their responsibilities we are offering a position for someone who would like to pick up the bagels/ donuts in the morning before the meet and also an ice runner (someone who distributes bottles of water to our volunteers during home meets.) Second, for those of you who like to plan parties, Swim Mania (our pool fund raiser/ sleepover) and Awards Night could use a few folks to work with us as a committee to over see the registration, food, prizes, games/ entertainment etc. If interested look for the newly listed positions on the volunteer sheet at Splashdown (our kick off event) or at the pool once practices begin.

We would also like to encourage a few more individuals to take the Stroke and Turn training clinic. The times have not been announced yet, but we will pass the information as soon as we know. Each team must supply at least one qualified Stroke and Turn Judge for each meet. The clinic training is to ensure consistency throughout the league.

This is also our last year managing the swim team. Please consider filling this important role. We are willing to help train the new managers throughout the season. The sooner you let us know about your interest the better. This position is best filled by two people. The Columbia Association compensates you by waiving your swimmer's registration fee. We have enjoyed our role as team managers and would love to see an enthusiastic person continue with the fun events, good times and of course great swimming our kids have come to love with summer swim team. We promise we will be here to help you!! Give it some thought!

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## Request for Volunteers

The success of our swim team not only depends on our children but also on their parents. There are a lot of behind the scenes jobs that need to take place to make it all run efficiently. Our expectation is that **EVERY** family contributes in some way. There is a job for everyone and we can work with you to find one that fits best. Please make sure you sign up for a job at the Kick-Off Party. Even if you are unable to assist during meets we have other ways you could help. Thank you!! We have a great group of dedicated parents.

## Kick-Off Party

Our 2009 Kick-Off Party will be held at Splashdown at the Columbia Swim Center on **Saturday, May 9 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**. Everyone can swim and use the water slides. Friends are welcomed!! We encourage new swimmers to come and check it out! Be prepared to have fun, register for the team, buy your new swim suit and spirit wear, participate in a 50/50 raffle, update your contact info, and sign up for volunteer jobs for the summer. Remember your check book. Snacks will be available for purchase. **Please RSVP to a manager by May 6**

## Registration

Registration can be set by mail to CNSL Registration, 9450 Gerwig Lane, Columbia MD 21046 OR dropped off at the Aquatics Office beginning May 1, 2009. Registration forms will NOT be accepted at the pools. **CA is offering a \$7 per swimmer discount for registration forms received on or before May 30th.** We are encouraging you to register as soon as possible and take advantage of the discount. The CA registration deadline is June 27, 2009 by 2 pm. Please note registration must be postmarked by **Saturday June 13, 2009 in order to be eligible to swim in the Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> swim meet. AFTER JUNE 13TH YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SWIM LEAGUE UNTIL YOU ARE REGISTERED.**

Please note also- new this year is a CODE OF CONDUCT that must be signed by both the swimmer and their parent. This is to ensure good sportsmanship is practiced. This is a new policy instituted by the CA.

A swimmer's age as of June 1, 2009 determines the age group for competition throughout the summer.

### Swim Suits

Our current swim suit is the same suit we used last year. There will be 2 opportunities to get fitted and purchase the suit if needed from Cy's of Catonsville.

- Kick-Off Party on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Splashdown from 7:30-9:30pm.
- Dorsey pool on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.  
Cy's also has the suits in their store and they can be purchased there as well:  
Cy's Of Catonsville 719 Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228 (410) 747-8760

### Practice schedule

**Pre-season practice** starts on Monday June 1 and continues until June 19 (the last day of school.) Practices are Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri at the Dorsey pool.

5:00 - 5:30 pm Swimmers 8 yrs and under  
5:30 - 6:15 pm Swimmers 9 to 12 yrs  
6:15 - 7:00 pm Swimmers 13 yrs and up

**Regular season practice** schedule starts on Tuesday June 23 and goes until Thursday July 30. Practice is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All morning practices will be held at the Dorsey Hall pool.

8:00 - 8:45 am Swimmers ages 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18  
8:45 - 9:30 am Swimmers ages 7-8 and 9-10  
9:30 - 10:00 am Swimmers 6 yrs and under

**Make-up Practice** - If you miss a morning practice during regular season, the evening times listed below are available for make-up practice. On these days the pools are closed to the general public.

Phelps Luck (Wednesday Evening)

Running Brook (Thursday Evening)

5:00 - 5:45 pm Swimmers age 10 and under  
5:45 - 6:30 pm Swimmers age 11 and up

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5:45 - 6:30 pm Swimmers age 11 and up

### Calendar of Meets and Events

The Columbia Association has not posted the Meet Schedule yet. We will make it available as soon as we know. All meets begin at 8:00am/ Warm-ups start at 7:00 am for home meets and 7:30 am for away meets.

Date	Day	Event
May 9	Saturday	Kick-Off Party @ Splashdown 7:30 to 9:30 pm
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Register on or before May 30 to receive \$7 per swimmer discount</b>
June 1	Monday	Preseason Practice starts
June 11	Thursday	Cy's will be available with team swim suit 5 - 7 pm at the Dorsey pool
June 12	Friday	<i>Practice 5 to 7 pm by age group. Pool closes at 7 pm. We'll need parent volunteers to help stay and set up the pool from 7 to 7:30 pm. Swimmers stay and practice cheers from 7 to 7:30 pm.</i>
<b>June 13 - home</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Time Trials @ Dorsey Arrive by 7:30 am. Trials begin at 8:00 am.</b>

	Friday	Pep Rally - 5 to 7 pm Picture Day - Individual Photos @ 5 pm and Team Photos @ 5:45 pm
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Meet 1:</b>
June 23	Tuesday	Regular season practice starts (times listed above)
June 26	Friday	Pep Rally 6 to 8 pm
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Meet 2:</b>
July 3/4	Friday/Sat	NO MEET- Enjoy your holiday
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Meet 3:</b>
July 11	Saturday	Swim Mania pool sleep over – Charity fund raiser
July 17	Friday	Pep Rally - 6 to 8 pm
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Meet 4:</b>
July 24	Friday	Pep Rally – 6 to 8 pm
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Meet 5:</b>
July 26	Sunday	Awards Night @ Dorsey pool 6 to 10 pm
July 30	Thursday	Last day of practice
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>All City Meet for 8 and under</b>
<b>August 1</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>All City Meet for 9 and older</b>

## Spirit Wear

Show your Spirit Dorsey!! We have spirit wear available for purchase. Mary Adams is in charge. Please check out the sheet included. Information will also be available on our website. Items will be available at our Kick off event and throughout the early part of our season. Orders will also be taken until Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

New this year "Dorsey Dolphin" travel coffee mug. Look for more information soon.....

Spirit wear as well as concession sales are a critical part of our team's fund raising. We are often asked, Why fund raise? Where did my money go at registration? The money the Columbia Association collects goes Towards paying the coaches, paying the supervisory staff, paying the lifeguards for open pool practices, Swim Mania and Awards Night, pool usage, pool chemicals, our team trophies, supplies, mailings, equipment maintenance and All City rental equipment. All other expenses our team faces we are responsible for as a team. Thank you for your continued support!!