



DORSEY DOLPHINS



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Message from the Coach

Hello Everyone!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful, swim team filled weekend! We had a great last swim meet against Harpers Choice. Everyone has done an amazing job at all of the meets this year. There were a lot of kids trying out new strokes and improving their times in all strokes. It was a fun filled season and I am so glad that everyone came out and had lots of fun at all of our various meets and other events.

We then had our Awards Night. Thanks to some quick thinking from our team managers we were moved indoors! I know it was a tight squeeze at times and there may have been some long lines at other times, but thank you to everyone who came out to support the conclusion of our wonderful swimming season. An extra special thank you to all of those who worked with the changes in the night and to those who helped out and volunteered!

Speaking of volunteers, I could not thank you all enough! You are what help the meets and everything else to run smoothly! Without you none of it would happen or go as well as it does.

But an extra special thank you to Dana and Barb, our Team Managers! You guys are really the ones who put up with everything and what really make everything happen with this team. From the big things you do to each and every little contribution, you all do so much. I know that everyone is so appreciative for all that you do! So thanks for a good two years as Team Managers!

Even though the season is basically over, we still have things that we need to take care of for next summer. If you have any interest at all in being a Team Manager or Concessions then please let us know! Everyone who has done it previously has done a wonderful job and could easily share some of their "tricks of the trade" with you!

So thanks again to everyone! All those swimmers who came out each and every morning, or night, for practice even when it was cold or when there was furniture in the pool. Thank you to all of the parents for being there in general for the swimmers, you guys are awesome! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped out in their various jobs over the summer! And thank you to Barb and Dana!!

Coach Alyssa

Message from the Managers

Big News!!! This just in Stacey Benzing has agreed to be one of our managers next year!!!! Yeah Stacey!! We just need one other parent to come forward and take on this vital role. We promise to be there for you, tell you everything we know and help wherever needed. Stacey cannot do this alone. Please feel free to call, email or find us at practice with questions. It is a big commitment, but one that is very much enjoyable and rewarding. Your kids think it is cool too and they get to go in the shed!! Added bonus. CNSL requires us to inform them of our new managers by the end of the season. Please give it a lot of thought!

Concessions needs help!! Jerry and Cathy have done a FABULOUS job for the last two years running our concessions for us. They have agreed to run the concessions at the All City Meet on Saturday August 1st @ 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed. **ALSO**, this is their last year. This is a most important job and we need a reliable family to take over next year. Please see a manager. They have great notes and ideas to pass along. This is another vital role for our team. Most of our team's budget is generated by concession sales.

Also needed next year is a Head Ribbon Writer. **Many thanks to Keri Stone who has done this for us for 7 years!! Way to go!!** For home meets this person is responsible for preparing the ribbons before the meet.

Thank you **Jeff Sweren** for taking over as our Treasurer next year! Yeah!! ☺

We have enjoyed our role as team manager. We love Dorsey and summer swimming. This is an amazing group of kids, coaches, parents and friends. You have all made our job easier. Thank you so much for the generous gifts we received. It is VERY much appreciated and thoughtful. Many parents have expressed their compliments and kind words to us. Thank you, it has been our pleasure. We look forward to a great meal and night out in the near future

We would like to say a special good bye to our graduating swimmers: Chen Burgoyne, Brent McBride, Jonathan Sham, Zachary Stone and Eric Surkovich. Good luck as you move on and keep swimming!! Your dedication is an inspiration to our younger swimmers.

We would like to thank the **Bentley Family** for donating the ice at our last home meet against the Marlins.

A tremendous THANK YOU to all the parents who helped at Longfellow this past weekend, you were wonderful. We appreciate your hard work and sweat! Maybe next year we can chip in and buy Harper's Choice a bigger pool. Haha

Thanks to all who came out and rocked at our coaches' "Diving through the Decade" Pep Rally. Some of us thought we were back in high school. Coach Alyssa, Jen and Casey did a great job. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck, lots of games and dancing on the deck! Thanks to the parents who helped set up and clean up.

Many thanks to our dedicated **Coaches; Alyssa, Jen and Casey** we appreciate you being out there on cold mornings and evenings in the water with our kids. You demonstrated good sportsmanship and set a good example.

Thanks for a great season. Thank you again for all you have done for the Dorsey Dolphins!!

If you have any suggestions or ideas please contact us.

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Awards Night



Well, we had our Awards Dinner rain or shine. Last minute due to the unfavorable weather forecast we relocated to the Peterson Center owned by the Girl Scouts. Thank you for understanding and bearing with us. There was a lot of effort put into making the evening happen and our kids deserved their chance to shine, so we didn't want to see it rained out. We need to thank the Girl Scouts for being so accommodating last minute and opening their facility up to us. And Bristol Sounds, our DJ who had our kids up and dancing and who stayed past their contracted time. Who loved the hula hoops? How bout' the limbo?

We would also like to thank;

- **Julia Rineman** and **Lorri Raney** for ordering and handling the trophies for our team.
- **Ellen Mackey** for ordering, handling, bringing and serving the delicious food catered by Trattoria.
- **Carolyn Pilcher** for the use of her projector.
- **Jenn Cavey** for helping to make the coaches' photo memory books.
- **Marion Hemerly** for her help getting our last year swimmer's and coaches' towels embroidered.
- **Holly Buck, Jenn Cavey and Ben Sussman** for contributing pictures to our slide show.
- **Julia Rineman** donating the McCormick Old Bay raffle prize
- **Joe Cavey, Heather Sites, Shelly Jordan, the Schulze and Laper Families** and everyone else who came early to help set up. You all did an amazing job.
- **Jerry Budai, Cathy Sagrillo, Bill Windley, Nicholas Anthony** and all the parents and family members who helped clean up and stayed late.
- **Julio Varela and Ken Pavao** for putting up with Dana and Barb and doing every last minute job.

The evening was fun and we thank you for being so patient. Thanks to everyone else who helped serve food, check-in and hand stamp the kids.

To all of our parent volunteers who helped throughout the season, Barb made custom "note pads" with the Dorsey logo. If you didn't receive it, we placed them in your child's file folder. We also raffled (16) prizes. Every time a parent volunteered their name was entered in the pot. Congrats to our winners.

If you were unable to attend we have your child's trophy. There were also Certificates given by the coaches. If you are able to come to morning practice this week, please have a manager get your trophy from the shed. If not please contact a manager or Coach Alyssa who also has a key. The trophy selected this year is a laser cut crystal award. The kids were very excited with them.

All City Information July 31st and August 1st

Come swim in the All City Championship Meet. CA goes all out for this. Electronic scoring, touch pad in the pool, BIG RIBBONS! All 14 CNSL teams are there. It is a lot of fun.

The Phelps Luck team is asking all families to bring a can food item to donate to the Howard County Food Bank. Donation special, bring a can food item, get a \$1 off an event T-shirt.

2009 CNSL All City Championship Meet Information is now available on their website. See the CNSL website for more information <http://www.cnslswimming.org>

The meets are held at the Phelps Luck pool.

- Swimmers 8 years old and younger swim on Friday July 31st. Warm-ups at 4:30. Meet starts at 5:30pm
Swimmers 9 to 18 swim on Saturday August 1st.
- Session 1 – 13 years old to 18 years old. Warm ups begin at 8 am, meet starts at 9:00am
- Session 2 – 9 years old to 12 years old. Warm ups begin at 12 pm, meets starts at 1:00 pm.

We are responsible for providing (3) volunteers per meet at the All City Championship. You can register your position at the website, then click on CNSL All City Meet Online Volunteer Request Form We have completed our requirement for Friday's meet. We still need volunteers for the two Saturday meets.

Our team is also providing concessions at the Session 2 meet on Saturday August 1st . Please consider helping. This is a BIG fundraising opportunity for our team.

Submit a dedication or special message to be printed in the 2009 ACCM Program. The form is available in the file folder in the front or online. Each dedication is \$2. A separate form is needed for each message. All forms must be returned along with the \$2 payment to the Aquatics office by **July 29th**. The office is open 9-5 M-F and Saturday 9-2:00pm.

Practice Information

Regular season practice goes until Thursday July 30. No Friday morning.
Please note there will be NO evening practice on Wednesday July 29th due to Phelps Luck's Awards Dinner.

Future Swimmers

Parents please try to keep your older swimmers interested in returning to Swim Team each year. It is not only how we remain competitive but it helps create a life time love of swimming and good exercise. It also makes for a wonderful tradition to have every summer and something special to look back on and always remember.

If anyone has suggestions for retaining older swimmers please feel free to share with us. We are always willing to make any social event cater to all age groups.

Stay Informed

Our main method of communication with Dorsey families is email. Please keep us updated with your current email address by sending any changes to dorseydolphins@comcast.net .

Calendar of Meets and Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
July 30	Thursday	Last day of practice
July 31	Friday	All City Meet for 8 and under
August 1	Saturday	All City Meet for 9 and older