

Otter Newsletter for Week of June 15, 2008

Thank you to all the swimmers who swam and the parents who volunteered at our meet this past Saturday at Hershey. Many Otter families had commitments that day, so we really appreciate those that could attend and help!

Our second meet of the season is this Saturday away at Halifax. Otters should arrive at 7:50 for warm-ups. The meet starts at 8:30. To get to Halifax from I-81, **take 322 north out from Harrisburg.** Take Route 147 or 225 off of 322 (both are labeled Halifax Exit) to Intersection of Routes 147 and 225 in Halifax. Continue on 225 past High School and turn left at the Beer and Soda Plus Store onto Rise Street. Go to second stop sign and turn left. Go one block to pool. Note: Route 225 takes you over Peter's Mountain and Route 147 takes you around the mountain. The Route 225 exit is at Dauphin and the Route 147 exit is on the east side of the Clarks Ferry Bridge.

You should have already signed up for all five dual meets last week. If your situation changes, let Jim know by the Sunday before each meet. If you cannot come to practice, you can let Jim know your intentions by emailing him at maryjimgardner@verizon.net or calling 867-4918. Thank you in advance for signing up in a timely fashion. A great deal of paperwork goes into each meet, and your timely responses reduce stress for our wonderful coaching staff-

-Did you volunteer to work at the meet? Slated to work are:

1st Half Timers: **Pete Pityk, Carl Gehenio, Gil Weik, Russ St. Clair, Terrence Mosby, Jess Dreibelbis.** 2nd Half Timers: **Nancy Pityk, Kathy Harmon, Tom Swavely, Gerri Brennan, Jen Swavely, Mark Schug.** 1st Half Stroke & Turn – **Pete Harris, Jim O'Connor,** 2nd Half Stroke & Turn – **Lisa Gehenio, Sandy Neidlinger.** 1st Half Finish Judge – **Tracy Cooper, Gary Peters;** 2nd Half Finish Judge – **Tom Shaheen, Keith Harmon.** 1st Half Line Up: **Mary Fair, Melissa Rode.** 2nd Half Line Up – **Jen Morgan, Pam Long** 1st Half Ribbons – (you don't need to begin right away) **Mindy Nguyen, Kelly Parrish** 2nd Half Ribbons: **Gretchen Mosby, Megan Mowery.**

Team pictures are Wednesday, June 25. Individual photos will be taken at 8 a.m. for those in the younger practice. The team photo will be taken at 8:30, followed by more individual photos.

Mark your calendars for our last away meet (Heatherfield) on June 28th – we will be having a parent meeting during the warm-up time.

The Otter-hosted MPSL All-Star Meet is Sunday, July 20, and work has already begun to insure another successful meet and fundraising endeavor for our team. **Deb Schug has been working on the meet program, and she needs your help procuring ads for the program.** Forms are available on the website and at practice. They also came as an attachment to last week's emailed newsletter.