

## Otter Newsletter for Week of June 8, 2008

Hello summer, and welcome back swimmers to another season with the Otter family!

To those families joining us for the first time, we are glad to have you! If you have questions, we are happy to help. Feel free to speak to any board member: President Barb Bohn, [barb@shining-light.com](mailto:barb@shining-light.com); Vice-President Deb Schug, [Dschugfam@aol.com](mailto:Dschugfam@aol.com); Secretary Kathy Wingert, [dkwingert@comcast.net](mailto:dkwingert@comcast.net); or Treasurer Tina Hain, [tlhain@aol.com](mailto:tlhain@aol.com). At least one of us is usually at practice, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can. To our veteran Otter parents and Otter swimmers, we have many new faces on deck this year. Be sure to welcome these swimmers.

**Believe it or not, our first meet of the season is this Saturday, June 14, away at Hershey at the Cocoa Plaza Pool.** Otter Swimmers should arrive by 7:20; the meet begins at 8:15. To get to the pool, take 422 West into downtown Hershey. At the light at the Hershey Theater Building (on your left), turn left onto Cocoa Avenue. The pool is approximately .5 miles south on Cocoa Avenue, on your left, as part of the Hershey Recreation facility.

**--To swim in the meet, you must sign up on the sheets at practice by Tuesday, June 10. In fact, Jim would like everyone to sign up for all 5 dual meets by that date.** If your situation changes, let him 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](mailto:maryjimgardner@verizon.net). 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?** Many of you did, and we thank you! In fact, so many folks volunteered for this first meet that we couldn't use you all. (Don't worry; we'll get to you later, particularly for our home meets when we need lots of help!) Slated to work are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Timers:** Lane 1 – Scott Rode; Lane 2 – Russ St. Clair; Lane 3 – Terrence Mosby; Lane 4 – Tom Swavely; Lane 5 – Susan Loncar; Lane 6 – Nancy Pityk.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Timers:** Lane 1 – Kevin Mowery; Lane 2 – Jess Dreibelbis; Lane 3 – Melissa Carter; Lane 4 – Jen Swavely; Lane 5 – Deb Schug; Lane 6 – Bob Tobias. **1<sup>st</sup> Half Stroke & Turn** – Gil Weik, Mark Schug. **2<sup>nd</sup> Half Stroke & Turn** – Tracy Cooper, Gary Peters. **1<sup>st</sup> Half Finish Judge** – Pete Pityk, Kathy Wingert; **2<sup>nd</sup> Half Finish Judge** – Tom Shaheen, \_\_\_\_\_.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Half Line Up** – Cindy Clark, Lynn Gryboski, Nicole Enigk. **2<sup>nd</sup> Half Line Up** – Mary Fair, Jen Morgan, Terri McDaid. **1<sup>st</sup> Half Ribbons** – (you don't need to begin right away) Mindy Nguyen, Tracie Kirkessner. **2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ribbons** - Gretchen Mosby.

As you can see, we are looking for a few additional finish judges. Pete and Tom are pros at this, and it would be a great opportunity for newcomers to train under them. If you are willing, email Barb Bohn at [barb@shining-light.com](mailto:barb@shining-light.com).

**Practice this week:** We are inside at LVC Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9-11 for the older group and 11-11:45 for the younger group. On Thursday, June 12, we head outside for practice at the A-C Pool following the normal summer schedule, beginning at 7:30 a.m. for the older group and 8:30 a.m. for the younger group.

**Mark your calendars for our last away meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> – 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.** The details are attached to this email as a word attachment, and forms and details are also downloadable from the Otter website. Hit up those employers NOW!

**A special note from our president, Barb Bohn:**

*I just want to congratulate everyone on sending your registrations in such a timely fashion. I want to especially thank the majority of those who were able to complete their volunteer forms for the upcoming season. I know it can take some effort to really think ahead that far, but hopefully this process helps everything move smoothly and not seem so rushed. We all want to enjoy the summer – especially our swim practice and meet summer!*

*My original plan was to let everyone know by the Monday before each meet what the volunteer schedule looks like. If you are unable to fill these opportunities, please let me know at my e-mail address, [barb@shining-light.com](mailto:barb@shining-light.com), ASAP or let Kathy Wingert know. Since my oldest son is now driving, my time sitting at the practices in the morning will be a bit less. But Kathy is usually around at some point as well as our new vp, Deb Schug.*

*Thanks for all your help – Barb Bohn*