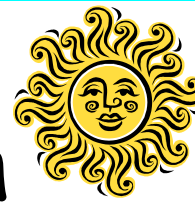




Splash Flash



Mid-October, 2008

WINTER FIGURE MEET

This year's Winter Figure meet will be held on November 15th, the site is still to be decided. Please mark your calendar! An exact schedule will be sent out at a later date.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Madeline Gallagher | 10/06 |
| Teagan Darst | 10/09 |
| Taylor Daniels | 10/12 |
| Coach Anna | 10/18 |
| Mackenzie Brinckerhoff | 10/22 |
| Kyley Rutherford | 11/03 |
| Lizzy Rivera | 11/12 |
| Victoria Burdon | 11/18 |
| Coach Shari | 11/25 |

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 15th – Winter Figure Meet,
Site - TBD

November 12th – General Parents Meeting, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. at Sheridan. One member of each family should attend.

November 27th – Thanksgiving, no practice.

SPLASH WEBSITE

Missing a newsletter? Not sure about practice times? Where is the next meet? Mary, our webmaster, does an amazing job of keeping our website, www.rmsplash.org up to date. Please check it often for information. If you have any suggestions of things you would like to see on our website, just let Mary Pieratt know.

CONGRATS MASTERS!

Our Splash Masters team just returned from competing at the U.S. National Masters competition in Las Vegas this past weekend. Melanie & Katy placed 1st in duet & the team placed 1st! Overall results put them 7th out of 40 teams! Congrats to all & especially coaches Melanie & Katy!

DID YOU KNOW?

Jewelry of any type is prohibited in figure competition. Please be sure to remove any earrings, bracelets, watches, rings, etc. before the competition!

BUTTER BRAIDS!

We have started selling Butter Braids! Orders are due to Bridget Gustavsen by Nov. 10th and delivery will be Nov 17th at 11:00 am at the pool.

YES, PRACTICES

Yes, we will be holding normal

practices on Wednesday, 11/26 & Saturday, 11/29.

INCLEMENT WEATHER?

When the weather turns bad on us, we try to decide if we are going to have practice or not as soon as possible. We also understand that with the families so spread out that it could be snowing in one spot & sunny in another – please be patient while we try to figure out the safest thing for all of our families & especially our driving swimmers. We will always try to phone those that live furthest away first.

Safety is always of utmost concern, especially for the swimmers that drive. Parents – if you ever are concerned about your swimmers driving in bad weather, please do the safest thing first – or maybe even help out & drive them to practice!

If you ever have any questions, please call Shari or your swimmers' coach.

BIG SISTERS/LITTLE SISTERS UPDATE

This week all swimmers will be placed with big/little sisters, the list will be posted at the pool. These sisters are meant to be a way for all of the swimmers to get to know each other better, to give each other support, and to build team spirit. Each swimmer will fill out a "Stuff to Know About Me" questionnaire which will be given to their big/little sister.

For the Winter Figure meet we would like for all of the swimmers to give each other good luck cards. These cards can be bought or handmade – we encourage creativity! Thank you for your support!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The *Splash* Flash is distributed two times every month, as close to the 1st & as close to the 15th as I can get. If you have anything that you would like to add to the

newsletter, just write it up or email it to me before those dates.

Also – parents PLEASE share information from the newsletter with your swimmers so that they know what is going on with the team. The coaches try very hard to share information with them, but may not remember every detail. Thank you!

ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION

At the November 15th Winter Figure Meet we will be holding a Silent Auction to help offset costs for Association Members to attend convention. Each team has been asked to provide one basket per team on their team. That means that we will need to provide 4 baskets, other teams will be providing baskets also. We will be deciding on themes for the baskets & asking for donations soon.

TAGAWA FUNDRAISER

The orders are **due** no later than **Nov 4th**. You can drop off your Form with Checks to Jeanette or put it in Siobhan's folder at the pool. The **Delivery** date is **Saturday, December 6th**.

Please make sure you are there that day to pick up your Orders.

The profits earned will go directly to your daughter's account.

Please call me if you have any questions or you didn't get a form and would like one.

Thank you, Jeanette Basdeo

SPLASH HOLIDAY PARTY

The date for the Splash Holiday Party is Sunday, December 7th. The

event will be held at the Roberts Family's Church. Details will be coming out at a later date – but please save the date on your calendar!

TEAM PRACTICE SUITS

Kompetitive Edge will be at our practice Saturday, November 1st to do fittings for our team practice suits...please try to attend practice on this date so you don't miss out!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of the swimmers that participated in our Girl Scouts in Sync Saturday Event – we had a great turnout & great feedback from the leaders & scouts. A special thank you to Melissa Sphatt for organizing the entire event!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Mike McKean for the donation of a printer, external hard drive & flash drives to the team! All of it helps to keep us functioning without having to purchase new items! Thank you Mike!

MORE THANK YOU'S!!

Thank you to the board for approving the purchase of 8 new ipods with speakers! These items will be replacing the tape recorders that we have used for years for land-drilling. Thank you SO much to the board for this great new purchase & to Leslie for finding the smokin' hot deals!

BINGO BITS

Well, we had a very successful must-go on the 7th-- we had 298 players, and netted just under \$7,000 profit! We started the 4th quarter with a bang, and here are some things we

can all do to keep the momentum going:

Greet EVERY patron with a smile-- thank them (sincerely) for playing with us-- without them, we would ALL be writing much bigger checks for synchro!

Be diligent in filling out the paperwork at bingo-- fill in your name, date, time, and NEVER, NEVER, EVER fudge the numbers-- if you don't understand which numbers should add up to balance, ask me or the session manager. Suggestive sell-- if you are working the registers, offer extra progressives; if someone asks for a machine, ask them if they would like to "super-size" it. Sell as if the money were going directly into your pocket. The better job we do of "upselling" the patrons, the less money will come out of ALL of our pockets.

Help us keep costs down by recycling the game formats-- if you are calling, announce that someone will be around during the last game to pick them up. Then, someone will have to pick them up during the last game.

Thank you to all of you for working hard to make our Bingo operation a smooth, well-run money-making machine!

Leslie Herndon, Bingo Manager