



## 2011 Smallwood Marlins Newsletter Week of 6 June 2011



**Welcome** back to all our returning swimmers and their families, and a warm welcome to all our new team members! Each week we will publish a short newsletter highlighting the previous week's events and letting you know what to expect for the current week. Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the folder on the swim team board next to the guard office.

**PMSL Official's Training:** Saturday, June 11, 5:30 pm at Univ. of MD Armory. This is the only training session this year. The training will consist of Referee, Starter, Stroke and Turn, On-deck scoring, Data Manager, Clerk of Course, Timer, Head Judge, etc. This training is very important as only trained officials may be Stroke and Turn judges as well as Starter and Referee. Please contact Rodney Peltzer for further information regarding this training or to sign up to car pool (email: [rpeltzer@comcast.net](mailto:rpeltzer@comcast.net) or phone: 301-934-4030). For those who are already signed up to car pool and any additional parents/guardians who want to attend the training, we will meet in the pool parking lot at 4:30pm.

**Saturday, 11 June, we have our Time Trials here at Smallwood Pool.** Each of our swimmers will be swimming to get a time in all their age-group strokes. We ask that all set-up volunteers arrive at the pool between 6:00 and 6:15am. Swimmers should be at the Smallwood pool by 7:15am. Warm-ups will begin at 7:25 and the meet will begin at 8:00am. We are having time trials against ourselves again this year. This allows for the coaches to get a time on every swimmer in every event. Also, this will allow all our parents to practice their Officiating skills. The meet will require 18 Timers, 4 Stroke and Turn judges, a Referee and Starter, ribbon writers, runners, an announcer, 2 snack-bar coordinators and 8 snack bar workers. We will need many Parent volunteers to run the meet. Hopefully, everyone who signed up to volunteer during registration will be able to honor his or her commitment. If not, please contact our meet manager Charlie Rawson (301-638-2759, [cerawson@gmail.com](mailto:cerawson@gmail.com)).

**Reminder:** You must notify the coaches in writing by the end of practice on the Wednesday before the meet if you will not be able to attend the Saturday meet. Please also check off the PRESENT/ABSENT box next to your child's name on the list posted on the swim-team cart or Email the Head Coach, [lindseylou209@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseylou209@yahoo.com), and she will check off the list for you. Please CC the president, [rpeltzer@comcast.net](mailto:rpeltzer@comcast.net).

**A brief reminder for parents/guardians** – parents/guardians are **not** permitted on the pool deck during meets or practice sessions. Only Officials (i.e. timers, judges, etc.) are allowed on the deck during meets. This is necessary for both safety and efficiency. During practice, the coaches have a specific agenda they are using, and parent/guardian interruption during practice affects both the individual swimmer and the whole team. I know, and appreciate, how hard it is, sometimes, to stay off the deck, but we **must resist** those temptations. Please talk to the coaches before or after the practice sessions. Thanks for your understanding. Any SVAC Board member can also answer your questions.

**The Pre-Season Luau was held this past Saturday.** Hopefully you had a chance to meet the coaches as well as the other swim team families new and old. Thank you to the Jamesons for the wonderful food. The kids swam, enjoyed the limbo contest and everyone seemed to generally have a great evening. What a great way to kick-off the season!

**Eat lunch at Three Brothers in the Waldorf Marketplace (Off Rt. 228 next to Five-Below) after Time Trials and raise funds for the team!** Our sponsor, Three Brothers, will write a check to the swim team for 15% of their intake from our patronage after the all the swim meets during the 2011 season! We will also hand out ribbons during lunch. When you purchase your meal, be sure to tell the cashier you are a member of the Smallwood swim team.

**Fund Raising Event on Sunday:** Our first SVAC fundraiser is at Noodles & CO (off Rte 228 next to Cold Stone) this Sunday, June 12th from 5:00pm-9:00 pm. Come out and support our swim team! Please mark your calendars and invite your friends. Eat-In or Carry Out. When you purchase your meal, be sure to tell the cashier you are a member of the Smallwood swim team.

**Birth certificates for your swimmer should be on file with us to verify your child's age.** If you have not provided a copy of your child's birth certificate, please bring a copy to a practice or at least by Time Trials.

**Check the Team Information Board!!!** Please check the team information board weekly. The board is located directly in front of the Guard Shack. The weekly meet and snack bar volunteer lists will be posted on the board. Please check the lists and sign up to fill any volunteer vacancies in both lists. When important information needs to be passed on to our members, the bulletin board & Email are our best form of communication, so be sure and check them frequently.