



# Broomfield Barracudas Swim Club

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March 2010

## Message from the President

Effective March 1st, the BBSC has a new Board. Welcome Scott Painter and David Rhine. Scott and David take the place of the term-expired seats of Steve Drozda and Karen Zimmerman.

The March general Board meeting is scheduled for March 19th, 11:00-1:00 pm, at the BCC. All BBSC parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

I've enjoyed serving as a BBSC Board member and will continue in other Club volunteer activities.

Regards, Karen Zimmerman, BBSC President

## Coaches Corner

### Head Coach Tex

#### 14 & Under State Champs

Shelly Drozda began her meet with a meet record in the 12 & under girls 200 back and finished it by winning 7 state titles in the 200, 100 back, 400, 200 IM, 500, 200, and 100 free. Out of all of the age groups in the State Championship, Shelly was the only one to win 7 titles. Her new meet record takes down a Jessica Rodriguez record from 2003 and

Jacob Davis earned his first-ever state title in the 13-14 boys 500 free with a 4:53.10 and then took 2nd in an epic battle in the 1650, finishing in 16:54.37. Both times easily qualify him for Senior Sectionals Championships in Oregon this summer, set new Cuda records, and put the state on notice that he is ready to race for championships.

We had several swimmers make breakthrough and made their first-ever appearances in the state finals. Anissa Mata got into finals in by improving by 5 seconds in the 200 backstroke, going 2:15 in the morning; not satisfied with that, she went 2:12 in the final. Hailey Spratte also took 8 seconds off of her lifetime best 200 backstroke to make that same final. Fiona Dretzka went her best 200 fly in the morning, making the final, then her first state final, put on a great show with a 4 second improvement in the final. Ryan Drozda earned his first spot in final and a trip to California for Far Westerns by improving by 8 seconds in the 500 free – he also added the 100 back leading off our 6th place in the state boys medley relay. We now have Jacob Davis, Kristopher Kerr, Fiona Dretzka and Ryan Drozda preparing for the Far Westerns meet in April thanks to fast swimming in March.

Also making her first appearances in the championship finals was Jessie Li, who dropped almost an entire second in the 50 freestyle finals – way to harness the excitement of finals. One rare streak continued for Nathan Rhine, who went one week to the last chance meet to qualify for Silver State, the next week to Silver State to qualify for JOs, and then at JOs, he swam even faster in the 200 fly and the 100 free in both of his relays.

Alesha Bratcher and Jacob Hahn shined as our club's top 10 year old representatives. As well as playing pivotal roles in relays that scored points at the meet, they managed to record a best time every time they stepped up on the block. Jacob's best race of the meet was dropping almost four seconds in his 50 fly which netted him an eighth place overall finish. Alesha swam best in arguably her hardest race of the meet dropping four seconds in the 200 IM and placing 16th in the state in that event.

#### Senior Champs

Colorado Senior Champs is the meet for 15 & older swimmers. While the majority of our team is 14 & under right now, that will change quickly, and the CUDA contingent to this meet will grow. In 2010, we had 5 swimmers represent us, and did so very well. Melanie Buckles sprinted well, with a great performance in the 50 free, while Brittany Holloway went 8 seconds faster with a really smart swim in the 400 IM. Alix Fields, with just one swim in the meet, the 200 fly, came in prepared and took 8 seconds off of her 200 fly. Taylor Davis, who qualified to swim Senior State 6 days before the meet, then took off 9 seconds in the 500 free and 16 off of his 400 IM. Kenji Holmes continued his tradition, starting with last year, of putting together fantastic Senior State meets, going best times in the 100 back and breast and 200 back and breast, highlighted by an 11 second improvement in the 200 breast!

Tex

## Coach Tom

### BCC Swimmers impress in February and at State Meet

This was a busy month for all of us on the team, but especially so for some of the swimmers at the BCC pool. Going back

to the last chance meet at North Jeffco we had an amazing meet, and saw qualifying swims from Meghan Borfitz, Sam Schauf, Noah Schauf, Ian Thomas, and Aiden Casper. In addition to the kids who were able to qualify for Silver State, the rest of our kids swam at almost an amazing 100 percent best time rate. It was just the start of great things to come.

The following weekend at Silver State our swimmers shook off the nerves of their first taste of high level competition to swim almost all best times, and qualify and amazing 9 more events for the following weekend at the 14 and Under State Championships. Daniels Bradford attained his 100 Backstroke cut, Noah Schauf qualified in the 50 and 100 Back, and Sam Schauf had one of the swims of the meet by dropping nearly 5 seconds in the 50 Back to qualify for the State meet. Mitchell Morales and Michael Lusman also had a 5 second drops to qualify in the Backstroke events. Sidney Trimm was lightning in a bottle as she qualified for her first State meet in 4 events in three days! Logan Sainsbury, Meghan Borfitz, Ian Thomas, and Sam Hahn (who was our youngest and only 8 year old who qualified to swim in the 10 and under division) also had great swims at their first Silver State meet.

All of this culminated this past weekend at the 14 and Under State Championships in Ft. Collins. Our 10 and under girls relays with the help of Alesha Bratcher, Sydney Fields, Meghan Borfitz and Sidney Trimm finished 18th in the 200 Medley relay and 17th in the 200 Relay. The 10 and under boys teams of Noah Schauf, Mitchell Morales, Daniel Bradford, and Jacob Hahn finished 10th in the 200 Medley Relay, and 15th in the 200 Free Relay. All the qualified swimmers swam great, and equally important, they got invaluable experience to take with them as they progress in their swimming careers. Individual highlights of the meet were Sidney Trimm finishing 11th in the 50 Free, and 16th in the 100 Free. Daniel Bradford swam six out six races for best times, and finished as high as 25th in the 100 Breaststroke.

**Swimmers of the month from BCC**  
**Red Group**  
**Girl ~ Diana Montanez**  
**Boy ~ Austin Griffith**

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**Girl ~ Diana Montanez:** Diana has been steadily improving since her joining in the Fall. Lately, Diana has taken great strides to improve, and has shown up to work hard on an almost daily basis. Keep up the good work Diana!

**Boy ~ Austin Griffith:** A new addition to the Red group, Austin completed his first 200 IM at age 7. His great attendance and hard work are shining through. Great job Austin!

**Silver Group**  
**Girl ~ Sidney Trimm:** Sidney's amazing ascension continued as she achieved her first qualifying time for the 14 and Under State Championships at the Silver State meet, and not only qualified in one event, but four! Sidney finished 12th in the 50 Free, and 16th in the 100 Free at the state meet. Congrats!

**Boy ~ Daniel Bradford:** Daniel competed at his first 14 and Under State Championships this month, and achieved a best time in all 6 of his races for the weekend. Daniel finished 25th in the state in the 100 Breaststroke. It was an impressive overall performance!

**WAY TO GO SWIMMERS!** ~Coach Tom

Mark your Calendar	Date	Meet
	March 19	CUDA Bowling Day - Team Day NO PRACTICE
	April 3	Brighton April Fools Meet
	April 11	Suburban League Pentathlon
	April 23-25	TOPS Spring Open
	May 2	CUDA/CAC One-Day LC Meet – Team Hosted Meet/Volunteer Opportunity

Practice Schedule During Spring Break March 3/22 – 3/27	White:	
	Monday	6:00 – 7:45pm @ADAMS
Wednesday	5:45 – 7:30pm @ADAMS	
Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	4:45 – 6:30pm @ADAMS	
Adams HS Swimmers:	Advanced White:	
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	Wednesday	5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS
	Tuesday/Thursday	5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS
	Saturday	7:45 – 10:00am @ADAMS
Senior:		
Monday	5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS	

<p><b>BCC Swimmers:</b> Due to the smaller number of lanes at Paul Derda we are limited in space and therefore have a modified schedule. Please try and attend the days your groups are scheduled. THANKS!</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday/Thursday</td> <td>4:45 – 7:15pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>4:45 – 7:00pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>7:45 – 10:00am @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Elite:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>4:45 – 7:30pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday/Thursday</td> <td>5:30 – 8:00pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>4:45 – 7:00pm @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>7:45 – 10:00am @ADAMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Developmental, Red and Silver:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Developmental:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>5:30 – 6:15pm @Derda</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Red:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>5:00 – 6:00pm @Derda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>7:30 – 8:30pm @Derda</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Silver:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>5:00 – 6:00pm @Derda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>7:30 – 8:30pm @Derda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>6:00 – 7:00pm @Derda</td> </tr> </table>	Wednesday	5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS	Tuesday/Thursday	4:45 – 7:15pm @ADAMS	Friday	4:45 – 7:00pm @ADAMS	Saturday	7:45 – 10:00am @ADAMS	<b>Elite:</b>		Monday	4:45 – 7:30pm @ADAMS	Wednesday	5:45 – 8:00pm @ADAMS	Tuesday/Thursday	5:30 – 8:00pm @ADAMS	Friday	4:45 – 7:00pm @ADAMS	Saturday	7:45 – 10:00am @ADAMS	<b>Developmental, Red and Silver:</b>		<b>Developmental:</b>		Friday	5:30 – 6:15pm @Derda	<b>Red:</b>		Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00pm @Derda	Thursday	7:30 – 8:30pm @Derda	<b>Silver:</b>		Monday	5:00 – 6:00pm @Derda	Tuesday	7:30 – 8:30pm @Derda	Friday	6:00 – 7:00pm @Derda
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<p><b>Call for Officials</b></p>	<p>The CUDAs are in need of more officials to assist the club when hosting meets. Officials play a critical role in making each meet count for times, without this role, meet times can not be entered into USA swimming results. You do not need to have previous swimming experience, just the joy of seeing your child from the front row. There are several training opportunities to become an official over the next several months. If interested please contact Marilyn Kerr, at MKKerr@Q.com, and she can explain the training process.</p> <p>The CUDAs will be hosting a Stroke &amp; Turn Officials clinic in early May, so you do not need to travel far to start this training. There are several other opportunities listed below.</p> <p><b>Stroke and Turn Clinics Scheduled as Follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date: 4/13/2010, Time: Full Clinic 6-9pm; Recertification Clinic 7:30pm – 9pm</li> <li>• Location: Falcon Police Station   7850 Goddard Street   Colorado Springs, CO 80920</li> <li>• Date: 5/11/2010, Time: Full Clinic 6-9pm; Recertification clinic 7:30pm – 9pm</li> <li>• Location: West Elementary School   25 North 20th Street   Colorado Springs, CO 80903</li> <li>• Date: 6/8/2010, Time: Full Clinic 6-9pm; Recertification Clinic 7:30pm – 9pm</li> <li>• Location: Cheyenne Mountain Resort; 3225 Broadmoor Valley Road   Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (venue secured)</li> </ul>																																								
<p><b>Notes from the CUDA Treasurer</b></p>	<p><b>Dues and Payment Options</b></p> <p>Below is the dues structure:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Developmental</td> <td>\$55/month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red</td> <td>\$195/quarter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td> <td>\$225/quarter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td>\$285/quarter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advanced White</td> <td>\$315/quarter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior</td> <td>\$345/quarter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elite</td> <td>\$390/quarter</td> </tr> </table> <p>I would to thank everyone who has signed up for Automatic Checking Withdrawal (ACH), automatic Credit Card charges (CC), or paid their dues in full for the season. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.</p>	Developmental	\$55/month	Red	\$195/quarter	Silver	\$225/quarter	White	\$285/quarter	Advanced White	\$315/quarter	Senior	\$345/quarter	Elite	\$390/quarter																										
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Just a reminder for those of you in the CC program, there is a \$4 service charge per month. Also, per team policy, payment of your invoice is **due by the 5th** of each month. Failure to pay may result in your swimmer(s) not being allowed in the pool for practice and meets. Meet fees already paid are not refundable due to non-payment of your invoice.

There have been a few questions this month regarding the \$4 surcharge for swim meets. This has been a standard charge for years and is intended to cover charges to the team for relay entries (you are not charged directly for those), as well as to cover travel expenses for the coaches to meets. If you have further questions please contact us. Note: This charge does not apply to the team's Pizza Meets.

All fundraising credits for Short Course season have been issued. Please review the fundraising section of this month's newsletter as it explains how credits are accrued. If after reviewing your account should you have any remaining questions please contact us.

**One Final Note:** The Treasurer and Business Manager terms will expire at the end of August. Unlike other positions with the team, these two do require some training. No prior experience is required, but a background in bookkeeping, accounting, and QuickBooks does help. If you are interested in filling either of these two positions, please consider volunteering early to enable a smooth transfer.

Please send any questions you might have to [cudacash@comcast.net](mailto:cudacash@comcast.net)

## Auto-Pay FAQs

Q: Can team administrators see my account information?

A: No. When you sign up for Automatic Check Withdrawal or Automatic Credit Card payments, the CUDA team administrators can only see the last four digits of your account information (similar to what prints on most receipts). Your information is kept in a secure, encrypted fashion. It is stored under an HTTPS secured connection by a 128-bit encrypted algorithm. Not even you can long back in and see your own information.

Q: What if the amount on my invoice is not correct?

A: Easy. You will receive an invoice on the 21st of each month, but you will not be billed until the 1st of the month. Contact the business manager prior to the 2nd to last day of the month and your invoice will be reviewed, and if incorrect, adjusted prior to your account being charged.

Q: Why the change to auto-payment?

A: The answer is in fact, to keep the team's fees and dues to a minimum. Factoring in the team's current size, and growth goals, the role of the business manager, a volunteer position, has grown to a point where it requires approximately 80 to 100 hours per month of their time (a part-time job). The majority of other teams in the Denver area pay either an accountant, or a business manager, to administer their books. Moving to an auto-payment program reduces the amount of volunteer time required, and overall, keeps the team's costs to a minimum.

Q: What if I do not want to give out my account information?

A: Other Denver area swim clubs have told us some of their members have opened up separate, free, checking accounts at their banks. Their members monitor and keep just enough money in these accounts to cover their fees/dues, thus eliminating any privacy concerns. However, in the event this account does not have sufficient funds, you will be charged an over-draft fee.

Q: Why is the team charging a \$4 service charge for credit cards, but checking withdrawals are free?

A: In fact, ACH is not free, but the costs are much lower than CC. The team has built the ACH expense into this year's budget and fees. We simply wished to offer CC as an option based upon requests from team members (often other "perks" are offered by their CC companies). The team has no preference, to us, a payment via either program is no different.

Q: Debit Cards

A: Debit Cards can be used, but they will incur the same fee as a credit card.

Q: What if I cancel my credit card?

A: You are responsible for keeping all of your information up to date. However, as a reminder, an email will be sent out

	<p>on the 15th of every month if your card has expired or been canceled, asking you to update your information in the system. If you fail to keep your credit card info up-to-date, you will be charged any fees that the team in turn incurs.</p> <p>Q: What if my account does not have enough money to cover the invoice?  A: Please review your invoice sent on the 21st. If your account has a problem, and a fee is charged to the team, you will in turn be charged as well. As with any company you do business with, it is your responsibility to ensure your account is in good standing. We do not plan to mark up these expenses as many businesses do, but they will be passed onto you so that you can reimburse the team for the added expense.</p> <p>Q: Can I use my Pay Pal account?  A: No. The system is not set up to accept payment via Pay Pal.</p>
<b>Fund Raising Policy</b>	<p>The fundraising commitment is \$50 per season per family, both Short and Long Course, and is a required charge at the beginning of each season. The fundraising charge can be earned back and credited to your account in a few ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase King Sooper scrip</li> <li>• Purchase Safeway scrip</li> <li>• Old Chicago Pizza Pals vouchers</li> </ul> <p>All monies received by the team thru fundraising are credited to your account fully until you earn a \$50 credit. King Sooper and Safeway script credit 5% of your purchases to your family account. Old Chicago Pizza Pals credit \$5 per voucher. Once you reach \$50, the team splits the monies with you 50/50. This means King Sooper and Safeway scrip will credit 2.5% of your purchases and Old Chicago Pizza Pals is \$2.50 per voucher.</p> <p>Contact Scott or Kelly Bratcher to purchase scrip or Pizza Pals (<a href="mailto:scottkellie@earthlink.net">scottkellie@earthlink.net</a>). Please email Scott and Kellie to arrange a time to meet, at one of the pools during regular swim practice for purchases.</p> <p><b>King Soopers &amp; Safeway gift cards</b></p> <p>The new King Soopers cards are now re-chargeable; this means you can reload the cards on your own at King Soopers and a credit % still goes toward your family commitment. We are pleased that so many families are purchasing the King Soopers &amp; Safeway Gift Cards and earning a percentage credit towards your seasonal \$50/family commitment. King Soopers &amp; Safeway gift cards are easy to use for the purchase of groceries, grocery store gas, as well as the purchase of other national and local retailer's gift cards (Starbucks, Target, Olive Garden, Sears, Home Depot, Subway, etc.). You may purchase the cards, in \$25 denominations.</p>
<b>Upcoming Fundraising Events</b>	<p><b>Save the Date: Saturday May 1st – Cuda's 1st Annual POKER TOURNAMENT Fund Raiser</b></p> <p>The Fund Raising Committee is in the planning stages for a fun, adult night out. We will be holding a poker tournament starting around 6pm and lasting until the last man or woman takes all the stakes. This is an event where we will want to invite our friends and neighbors to come and join in the fun – so start planning for a night out now! Look for a lot more details in the next coming 2 weeks!</p>
<b>Volunteer Policy</b>	<p>Each family is required to volunteer 8 hours per year, 4 hours for Short and 4 hours for Long Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swim meets (timing, concession stand, etc)</li> <li>• Other BBSC sponsored functions (Swim-a-thon, Broomfield Days, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Each hour under 4 not volunteered will result in a \$25/hour charge at the end of each season. Sign-up to volunteer at <a href="http://www.teamcudas.com">www.teamcudas.com</a>. Contact Wendy Allee with questions at <a href="mailto:cudavolunteer@gmail.com">cudavolunteer@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Team Communications</b>	<p>If you have not done so already, please visit the Team web site and register yourself as a CUDA parent. ALL Team communication, meet information, meet registration, and member updates, etc. is done via email.  Web site: <a href="http://www.teamCUDAs.com">www.teamCUDAs.com</a></p> <p>Please contact Laura Peterson with any questions regarding registering as a CUDA parent.</p> <p>The Team does not sell or communicate outside of the CUDAS any personal information including email addresses.</p>