

TRI-CITY CHANNEL CATS
AN INLAND EMPIRE SWIMMING TEAM

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The Channel Cat Chat

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MAY 2010

It's Tri-City Invite Time!

HELLO, PARENTS! Time is fast approaching for our upcoming TCCC Invite, which is taking place June 4, 5, and 6. This is going to be a split meet with the older kids swimming in the morning and the younger kids (12 and under) swimming in the afternoon. The newly renovated Pasco pool is almost ready and we are very excited. **Please, if you have not done so, go onto the team website and sign up for different jobs.** There are a number of slots that remain empty including positions for timers, grounds maintenance, and concessions. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we need "ALL HANDS ON DECK". Working at our summer meet is the last opportunity to obtain your required 26 volunteer hours per family and it is a great way to show support for your team. If you have any questions or are not sure what to sign up for, then please call Todd Schaeff (967-5137) and he will help find a job that is just right for you! Thank you for the support and let's go have a great meet.

Remember, this is a HUGE meet and it takes all of us to pull it off!

Go to www.tricitychannelcats.org, log in to your account, click on the "Events" tab, and then click "Job Signup" next to the name of the meet. Choose a time and job that work for you . . . And remember, it all counts toward your 26 hours/family volunteer requirement! Any volunteers you recruit give your family credit, just use your family name to sign them up.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR



June 1

Zones applications and deposits due

June 4-6

Tri-City Invitational Meet
Pasco, WA

June 5

Scrip orders and payments due to Renee Schroder

June 8, 7:00 p.m.

Channel Cat Board Meeting,
CBRC Activities Room
Everyone is invited!

June 18-20

Summer Solstice Meet
Spokane, WA

July 9-11

Pendleton Invitational Meet
Pendleton, OR

July 20-24

Senior Sectionals
Gresham, OR

July 30-August 1

Inland Empire Long Course
Championships; Spokane, WA

August 5

Last day of summer practice
if you are not going to Zones

August 10-14

Western Zone Championships
San Jose, CA

September 7

Practice resumes (SC season)

From Our President

Channel Cats Families –

Thank you all for attending the 2010 Awards Banquet, please join me in expressing appreciation to Kiane Lesser doing a fantastic job in planning this event.

Congratulations to our newly elected 2010-2011 BOD (Todd Schaeff – President, Wes Bratton – Vice President, Wendy Francis – Secretary, Renee Schroder – Treasurer, CBRC – Dave Dooley, TCCC – Bart Connors, Kia Ora – Jan Przybylski, and IES Representative – Doug Wertz). These new elected officials begin the transition to BOD starting in June and will be officially in office in September.

Tri-City Channel Cats will host the 2011 Long Course Championship meet at Pasco Memorial Pool. This is very exciting and rewarding to all you parents who have worked endless hours at Channel Cat hosted swim meets. Our leadership, organization, and numbers on deck were the key to the Channel Cats being awarded this opportunity. Congratulations!

Our biggest most challenging event of the year, the TCCC Invitational, is upon us, have you signed up or contacted the meet director (Todd Schaeff) to offer your helping hand? There are work parties being organized all week prior to the meet, please make yourself available in the evenings and weekend prior to the meet and join me in preparing the pool for the meet. This swim meet is very large and requires all the Channel Cats families and swimmers to offer a helping hand. Thanks again for all your support, see you all on deck!

Chris Musick, President—TCCC Board of Directors

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Congratulations to Our 2010-2011 Board of Directors, elected at the Awards Banquet (taking office in Sept.):

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Todd Schaeff

Secretary

Wendy Francis

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Vice-President

Wes Bratton

IE Representative

Doug Wertz

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Bart Connors

Treasurer

Renee Schroder

Member-at-Large, CBRC

David Dooley





Summer Training Schedule

Practice will be very similar to last summer and will start as soon as the swimmers are out of school (approximately June 14). Don't be afraid to ask any of the coaches for more information.

GOLD & SILVER

M-F, 5:50-8:30am LC

M,T,Th 2:15-3:45pm

Sat 8:00-10:00am LC

Sarah Hicks
Cody Roberts
Joe Wertz
Lisa Bratton
Natilee Ruiz
Nathaniel Weinman
Tyler Pickett
Danny Tixier
Ashton Pollick
Stephen Antoniak
Kristen Bennett
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Ryan Francis
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Nicole Weinman
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Megan O'Leary
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Hannah Pickett
Meghan Pickett
Mackenzie Ruby
Christine Tixier
Stephanie Tixier
Sarah Olsen
Max Timm-Ballard
Hanna Rankin
Mylie Oberg
Jeevan Philip
Linnea Peacock
Allyson Maynes
Taylor Fievez
Hailey Rankin
Sean Stephens
Lisa Tixier
Katelyn McLaughlin
Tanner Collins
Mckenzie Schroder
Micah Cruz
Yaritza Rodriguez
William Wertz
Joseph Hendry
Alyssa Musick

BRONZE

M-F, 5:50-7:55am LC

Sydney Cobb
Ashley Christenson
Nicole Christenson
Kaylyn Lesser
Taylor Fievez
Jordan Hendry
Tess Jenkins
Ruth Chrisman
Andrew Peacock
Elizabeth McCarthy
Alexis Murphy
Blair Murphy
Dante Vega
Scott Francis
Justin Smith
Danica Marlin
Adin Anderson
Cheyenne Griffith
Allyson Fuller
James Bennett
Amanda Vega
Ellen Liu
Lindsay Przybylski
Luke Jackson
Blake Olin
Hailey Dikeman
Jake Douglas
Bertha Kim
Kayla Burnight
Taylor Burnight
Cameron Sullivan
Vanessa Whattam
Jonathon Peacock
Courtney Comrie
Aurora Oberg
Delaney Anderson
Mackenzie Hale
Lauren Hall

BLUE 1

M-F, 6:30-7:30am LC

Joseph Szendre
Cade Musick
Jazee Griffith
Lindsay Nelson
Dominique Marlin
Clair Schaeff
Cole Westendorf
Cheyanne Rollins
Ariel Gambetty
April Mercer
Maria Tartakovsky
Marcia Kim
Addison Pollick
Emma Pope
Katie Schroder
Skyler Younkin
Porter Whithers
Emma Pickett
Bre Ann Bell
Michael Tyree
Luis Hernandez-Mejia
Shaylee Kieffer
Trevor Sharp
Blaine Broberg
Kelly Makela
Daniel Dohnalek
Maggie Kleist
Matt Lanzara
Garreck Lenz
Amira Lisle
Clair Megna
Cyrus Stephens
Janae Sullivan
Kelsey Olsen
Justine Fink
Jillian Hendry

BLUE 2

A: M&W 7:30-8:30am LC, or

B: T&Th 7:30-8:30am LC

M-Th, 11:00-12:00 @ TCCC or

M-Th, 4:00-5:00pm @ Kia Ora

Fri 11:00-12:00 @ TCCC

A Katelynn Broberg
A Jessa Van Wormer
A Iovani Rodriguez
A Hannah Bryan
A Cyrus Stephens
A William Chang
A Victoria Heard
A Makaylah Ferritto
A Brayden Vickerman
A Jeff Kern
A Cameron Edwards
A Phillip Fishburn
A Abby Grimmatt
A Luke Harrison
B Kjerstyn Jordheim
B Ryan Monrean
B Hilary Petersen
B Spencer Hoffner
B Morgan Dooley
B John Markillie
B Jesse Fink
B Natalie Przybylski
B Olivia Gillett
B Alexis Day
B Jennifer Ip
B Natalie Ip
B Emma Westendorf
B Darby Ufford
B Todd Dizon
B Toby Dizon

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Turn Clinic a Hit!

Approximately 45 swimmers registered to participate in two Turn Clinic sessions offered by our coaches in April. It was a valuable experience for all . . . many thanks to Coaches Todd, Jen, and Rachel!



Bergstrom BBQ Lunch Fundraiser a Success!

HUGE thanks are in order for everyone who helped with the Bergstrom Aircraft Learn to Fly Open House lunch fundraiser! During the three hours our concession booth was open, we brought in approximately \$700 that will be used to purchase a new laptop and carrying case for the team! The laptop will be assigned to Coach Jen and also used at meets. It will be in the office at our upcoming Tri-City Invite, so stop by and check it out. And please express your appreciation to the Tixier, Schaefer, and Wertz families who organized this event with very short notice. Way to go!

Summer 2010 Hotel Blocks

Spokane Summer Solstice(June 18-20) – Quality Inn Valley Suites held under Tri-City Channel Cats, 20 rooms at \$109.95/night. Cutoff date of 5/28/10. 509-928-5218

Inland Empire LC Champs(Spokane July 29 – August 1) – Quality Inn Valley Suites held under Tri-City Channel Cats, 25 rooms at \$109.95/night. Cutoff date of 7/8/10. 509-928-5218

Over 200 Channel Cats and family members attended our 2010 Awards Banquet. Congratulations, swimmers, on a fantastic season!





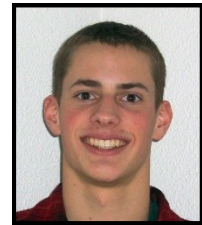
Our Graduating Seniors are Movin' On!

ERIC BLANCHARD (Richland High School) will be attending and swimming for the United States Merchant Marine Academy in New York. He has been a Channel Cat for 9 years, achieving times that took him to Senior Sectional meets and placed him on the Channel Cat record list as a part of several relay teams. During the last 4 years, Eric swam for Richland High School as well, where he had 10 top-eight finishes at the 4A High School State Swim & Dive meet and was awarded 10 First Team All Conference positions in the CBBN.



ASHLEY CHRISTENSON (Hanford High School) is planning to attend Eastern Washington University in Cheney. She has been swimming with the Channel Cats for 6 years and treasures her memories of making friends when she first joined the team and having those friendships grow stronger through each challenging practice endured together.

ROBBIE PFAFF (Hanford High School) will be attending, and possibly swimming for, the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. He has been a Channel Cat for 4 years and has also enjoyed swimming for the Hanford High School swim team during that time. One of his fondest swimming memories is of achieving High Point honors at B Champs during his first short course season.



MEGHAN PICKETT (Richland High School) will be attending Eastern Washington University in Cheney, where she plans to study Secondary Education and possibly start a swim or water polo intramural team. She has been a Channel Cat for 9 years and her favorite moments include qualifying for the 2008 Western Zones meet, decorating the coaches' cars, and attending practice with great friends who stuck it out together in their "No Skip Lane."

HANNA RANKIN (Prosser High School) is planning to attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. She has been a Channel Cat for 2 years and swam with Prosser High School during the past 4 years. She fondly remembers getting all best times at this year's Short Course Championships and winning first place in the 100 back at 2A High School Districts.



DANNY TIXIER (Hanford High School) will be attending LeTourneau University in Texas. He will be swimming there, although they do not have a competitive team. Danny has been a Channel Cat for 10 years and also swam for Hanford High School. Some of his favorite swim memories include FINALLY making Senior Sectionals this year, attending Western Zones when he was 10 and 16 years old, and swimming in three finals at the 3A High School State Swim & Dive meet this year.



2010 Swimposium: A Weekend to Remember

Clinics, classes, speeches, food, awards . . . the HOD/Swimposium weekend in Moscow, Idaho was a great experience once again. Swimmers enjoyed the motivation and instruction of Jason Lezak, Olympic Gold Medalist, while parents and coaches brushed up on techniques and got organized for next year. **Channel Cats were awarded THREE meets for 2011 . . . Winter Invitational (January 29-30), Tri-City Invite (June 3-5), and Inland Empire Long Course Championships (July 29-31)!**

BELOW: Our very own Doug Wertz (dad of William and past swimmers Joe and Maggie) was presented with the ConocoPhillips Outstanding Service Award from USA Swimming! Pictured: Vicki Marsh, Doug, Jen Tonkyn, and Karen Eddy.



BELOW: IE swimmers listen attentively while being instructed on freestyle techniques by Olympic Gold Medalist Jason Lezak.



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