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# The Chatty Cats

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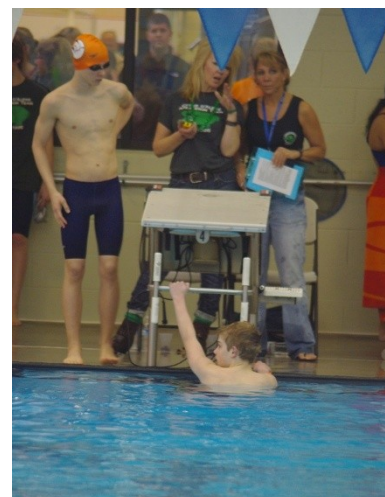
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## IES Short Course Champs Feb. 25-27, 2011

Winter wonderland could be designated as the theme of IES Short Course Champs Feb 25-27, 2011 in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. First there were lots and lots of big, fluffy flakes that descended upon us reminding us winter was still around. Then there was our small contingent of Channel Cats (shrinking as the weekend went due to illnesses) who on day three of the meet managed to pull out an amazing team victory to take first place! (We were only 50 points in the lead at the most up until Sunday finals!) And then there were the "Wonder-twins", Scott Francis and Luke Jackson, lighting up the lanes breaking meet records, team records and coming away with a high point award. Luke took a number of meet records and 4 team records, Scott took a team record as well a few meet records too. Actually, our team came away with three high point awards; Claire Schaefer took the 10 & under girls honor, Scott nabbed the 11-12 boys and Lisa Bratton showed her stuff to earn the 13-14 girls high point. Way to go team!

Our Channel Cat team tore up the pool with so many fantastic things where does one begin? Nick Connors finally earned the illusive NCSA Junior cut in the 200 backstroke qualifying him for the first time to go to Florida for the March meet. He has been chasing that cut and finally got it! Congrats Nick. Let this be a lesson to all our swimmers to

keep pushing for your goals!! Emma Pope cranked out best times in all of her 12 races, as did Cole Westendorf. Cole went 13 for 13!! That's some great swimming right there, Emma and Cole. Fantastic! Another tremendous swimmer worthy of mention was Marcia Kim. Marcia amazed us with two swims that qualified her for the Western ZONES Championship meet in August. In addition she also had best times in all six of her races. Way to go Marcia! Our Channel Cats were having yet another great meet!



## IES Short Course Champs cont.

### The best times list is as follows:

**13 best times:** Cole Westendorf

**12 best times:** Emma Pope

**10 best times:** Lisa Tixier

**9 best times:** Scott Francis

**8 best times:** Ashton Pollick

**7 best times:** Luke Jackson

**6 best times:** Mackenzie Schroder, Claire Schaefer and Jack Elliott

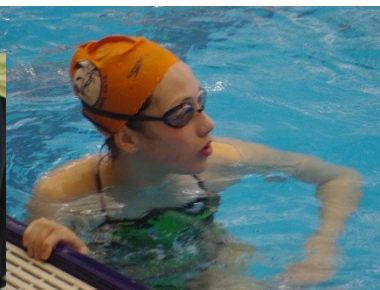
**5 best times:** Lisa Bratton, Courtney Comrie, Nick Connors, Jesse Fink, Katie Schroder and Brayden Vickerman.

**4 best times:** Stephanie Tixier, Jeevan Philip, Ryan Monrean, Kaylyn Lesser, Matt Lanzara, Cheyenne Griffith, Kayla Burnight and James Bennett.

**3 best times or less:** Mackenzie Hale, Claire Megna, Blair and Hailey Murphy, Kelcey Olsen, Hailey Rankin and Nicole Weinman; Max Timm-Ballard, Ryan Shippet, Tyler and Hannah

Pickett, Mylie and Aurora Oberg, Alyssa Musick, Alexis Murphy, Kelly Makela, Lucy Hernandez-Mejia, Lauren Hall, Kjerstyn Jordheim, Justyne Fink and Taylor Burnight; JaZee Griffith, Danielle McKeirnan, Katelyn McLaughlin, Elise Miner, Sarah Olsen, Mackenzie Ruby, Christine Tixier and Nathaniel Weinman; Natilee Ruiz, Luis Hernandez-Mejia, Mackenzie Gant and Kristen Bennett.

The coaching staff was very pleased with our swimmers and excited looking forward to the last few short course meets we have left. We have had a fantastic season and look forward to finishing up strong, enjoying a spring break, and then getting back after it for a successful long course season too! Congrats team...well done!



# Happy Birthday!

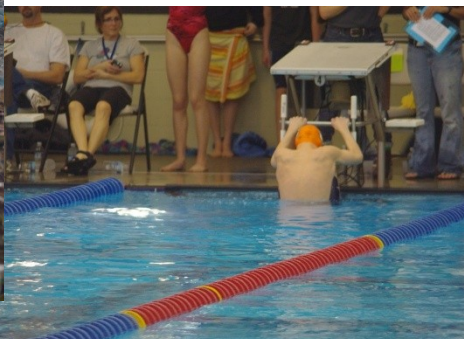
## April Birthdays:

2rd.	Mackenzie Hale (12)
14th.	Natilee Ruiz (17)
19th.	Morgan Dooley (10)
21st.	Anna Lesser (11)
23rd.	Jordan Hendry (16)
24th.	Ashton Pollick (15)
25th	Coach Karen (??)

## Senior Sectionals (Federal Way) :

Seven swimmers represented the Channel Cats at Senior Sectionals in Federal Way last month. Leading the way for the Channel Cats was Lisa Bratton who got best times in all six of her events. This also included an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 400 IM with a 4:23.31, a new team record for the 13-14 and senior girls. Sarah Olsen also had a great meet with improvement in 3 out 4 of her events. The rest of the girls team (aka "Team Puke")

, consisted of Kristen Bennett, Mackenzie Ruby, and Mackenzie Gant. They were not very lucky as the flu bug ran through their room. Mackenzie Gant was the only to survive unscathed, but Kristen Bennett and Mackenzie Ruby ended up leaving the meet early. Nathaniel had time drops in the 100 free and 200 back. Tyler Pickett came over to swim 400 IM to try and qualify for Junior Nationals, but fell short of his goal. Great effort by all that attended the meet!



## Annual Awards Banquet

***Just for attending, you can enter to win a free iPod Touch!!***

**Date: Saturday, May 21**

**Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Place: Christ the King School Cafeteria, 1111 Stevens Dr. in Richland**

Come and enjoy a time to look back over the year and see what our amazing swimmers and coaches have accomplished! If you have photos to contribute to the PowerPoint presentation, please e-mail them to [Coach Rachel](#).

**Pizza and cake will be provided. Please bring a case of drinks (water, soda, sports drinks, or juice), cooled down if possible.** Drinks not served at the Awards Banquet will be saved for use by Hospitality and Concessions at our two team-hosted meets this summer.

**Please park behind the cafeteria by the field, NOT in the upper or lower lots by the church.** Turn into the parking lot off Stevens and pull into the lots closest to (behind) the cafeteria and the field. There is an upper and a lower lot close to the church, those we need to avoid. When coming in to the parking lot, the cafeteria is to the far left of the school building. There is a playground and field next to the cafeteria where the kids can play during the parent meeting portion of the banquet.

## Japan Swimmers Need Our Help

***Lives, houses, businesses and schools weren't the only things lost in the devastating quakes and tsunami...***

UNLV Team Rebel Aquatic is conducting a fund raiser in support of Japanese swimming. The Roberts family is supporting this fund-raiser ("We are so fortunate for what swimming has brought to our family—we hope we can pass that on in some way") and asked us to pass this letter onto the Channel Cat family in hopes that others too might be interested in giving.

To learn more you can go to the Tri-City Channel Cat website.



**Get to Know:**

**JaZee Griffith**



Age: 12

Bronze at CBRC

JaZee has swam as a Channel Cat for eight years.

Favorite Strokes: Breast and Free

Favorite event: 500 Free

Advice to a new swimmer:

“Don’t back talk the coaches, or they will make you do 50 pushups.”

Best memory as a Channel Cat: “ One year when we were swimming in the 50meter pool, it was rain-

ing, and we were freezing, the garbage truck went by and somebody yelled ‘I think I heard thunder, can we go now?’ Coach Bobby said ‘No, that was just the garbage truck, now get back to swimming.’

Favorite movies: Just Go With it, Sherlock Holmes and Red Riding Hood.

Besides swimming JaZee enjoys hanging with friends, twirling baton and annoying her big sis, Cheyenne .



Age:13

Bronze swimmer at TCCC

Favorite stroke: Butterfly

Favorite event: 200 Butterfly

Advice to a new swimmer: “always stretch and swim hard, and do outdoor stuff to move your body”

Best memory as a Channel Cat: doing my first 400 medley relay with

older kids.

Favorite movie: Legends of the Guardians

What do you like to do besides swim: TDK (Martial Arts)

**Luis Hernandez-Mejia**



**Editors Note**

I am putting together the Senior slideshow for the awards banquet. This years seniors are: Kristen Bennett, Mackenzie Grant, Joseph Hendry, Aurora Oberg, Tyler Pickett, Christine Tixier, and Nathaniel Weinman If you are know them and have any positive Comments, Memories, and words of

wisdom you would like to share you can e-mail them to me at [chatty.cats@charter.net](mailto:chatty.cats@charter.net) I will need them no later than Wednesday May 11th. Also, I will gladly take photos for the upcoming newsletter.

Thanks, Cheyenne Griffith