

# The Chatty Cats

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**Tri-City Invitational June 3rd, 4th and 5th**

Things got hot over the first weekend of June but it was not just the temperature! The Channel Cats hosted the annual Tri-City Invite and fired up the pool taking the first place honor for the team as well! We had two high point winners, a few meet records were broken and some important qualifying times were achieved. Top honors go to Luke Jackson and Skyler Younkin who had an amazing meet. Luke blasted out one new IES record, 3 new meet records, 6 Zone Championship Meet qualifying times and went 9 for 9 in best times. Well done Luke! Skyler also earned 9 out of 9 best times, made 4 Zone Championship Meet qualifying times and was on 2 relays that also broke meet records! You boys did it big...nice job! A special shout out to Claire Schaefer too. She is 10 yrs. old and braved the 400m IM. That's the attitude we love! You're a tiger, girl!!! And the recognition must go on...

First our high point winners: Skyler Younkin nabbed the boys 10 & under award, and Luke Jackson won for the 11-12 boys.

Two Channel Cats came away with individual meet records: Luke "Action" Jackson and William Wertz got their

name on record as the fastest ever at this meet. Congrats guys! Meet records also went to 3 relays. Two went to our boys 10 & Under; 200m Medley Relay (Ryan Monrean, John Mar-killie, Skyler Younkin and Matt Lanzara) and the 200m Freestyle Relay (Jack Elliott, Matt Lanzara, John Mar-killie and Skyler Younkin) and the girls 10 & Under 200m Freestyle Relay (Marcia Kim, Kjerstyn Jordheim, Morgan Dooley and Claire Schaefer). Also worthy of notice is Lisa Bratton who made 2 new Senior Sectional qualifying times and Claire Schaefer, Max Timm-Ballard and Lisa Tixier who all nabbed a Zone Meet cut as well. Impressive girls...well done!



## Tri-City Invitational Continued

We also had a bunch of Channel Cats who got all best times for all their swims: Those swimmers are: Haylee Burnight (4/4), Hailey Dikeman (3/3), Toby Dizon (3/3), Makaylah Ferritto (9/9), Olivia Gillett (8/8), Cheyenne Griffith (9/9), Ja Zee Griffith (9/9), Mackenzie Hale (9/9), Lauren Hall (8/8), Luke Jackson (9/9), Jenacie Jones (8/8), Kjerstyn Jordheim (9/9), Marcia Kim (9/9), Maggie Kleist (5/5), Matt Lanzara (9/9), Kelly Makela (6/6), John Markillie (8/8), Danica Marlin (9/9), Claire Megna (6/6), Alexis Murphy (9/9) and Blair Murphy (9/9), Kelsey Olsen (9/9), Emma Pope (8/8), Lisa Tixier (6/6), Cole Westendorf (9/9) and Emma Westendorf (8/8). Way to go Channel Cats! That's great effort right there! Love it!

Twenty-two Channel Cats competed in their first long course meet as well. Vanessa Whatam, Andrew Um, Amanda Suter, Ryan Shiplet, Olivia Prince, Holly Rankin, Aidan Pollick, April Mercer, Danielle McKeirnan, Anna Lesser, Karl Kintner-Meyer, Jenna Gunter, Maha Hajifathaliha, Megan Gelston, Emily Goodnight, Miles Elliott-Lam, Maddie and Jack Elliott, Natalie Cory, William Chiang, Teagan Baumann and Austin Beierle-Miller. Way to go Cats!!

Forty-five Channel Cats earned new IES times qualifying them for the IES Long Course Champs meet held here at the end of July. WOW! That's a lot of Channel Cats! There were some standouts in this area as well: Those earning 4 or more new IES times were: BreAnne Bell (4), Daniel Dohnalek (5), Jack Elliott (9), Maddie Elliott (6), Makaylah Ferritto (5), Megan Gelston (7), Olivia Gillett (4), Emily Goodnight (5), Maha Hajifathaliha (4), Cricket Hoffner (4), Jenacie Jones (6), Jeff Kern (6), Karl Kintner-Meyer (7), John Markillie (7), Ryan Monrean (4), Kelsey Olsen (8), Hilary Petersen (4), Ryan Shiplet (8) and Emma Westendorf (6).



### Emma Westendorf



Emma is eight years old and swims at the Tri-City Court Club in Blue group. She has swam as a Channel

Cat for one and a half years.

Favorite stroke: Freestyle

Favorite events: 200 free long course and 100 free short course

Best memory as a Channel Cat: Hanging out at swim meets with all my friends

“Guess What? I really like math.”

Favorite swim meet snacks:

Fruit and pretzels  
What you like to do besides swimming? “Play softball, Play soccer, write, read and draw.”

## Tri-City Invitational Best times list

Finally...last but not least... the best times were as follows:

**9 best times:** Makaylah Ferritto, Cheyenne Griffith, JaZee Griffith, Mackenzie Hale, Luke Jackson, Kjerstyn Jordheim, Marcia Kim, Danica Marlin, Alexis Murphy, Kelsey Olsen, Blair Murphy, Alyssa Musick, Matt Lanzara, Cole Westendorf and Skyler Younkin. WOW...look at 'em all!!

**8 best times:** Emma Westendorf, McKenzie Schroder, Katie Schroder, Claire Schaefer, Emma Pope, Addison Pollick, Dominique Marlin, John Markillie, Jeff Kern, Jenacie Jones, Lauren Hall, Olivia Gillett, Justyne Fink, Jesse Fink, Ruth Chrisman, James Bennett, BreAnne Bell and Delaney Anderson. Great showing Cats...woohoo!

**7 best times:** Daniel Dohnalek, Morgan "Charlie" Dooley, Katelyn McLaughlin, Ryan "Ryno" Monrean, Lindsay Nelson and Justin Smith.

**6 best times:** Porter Withers, Lisa Tixier, Hilary Petersen, Blake Olin, Sarah Olsen, Claire Megna, Elizabeth McCarthy, Kelly Makela, Courtney Comrie, Lisa Bratton and Adin Anderson.

**5 best times:** Jake Douglas, Ariel Gambetty, Luis Hernandez-Mejia, Cricket Hoffner, Maggie Kleist, Mylie Oberg, Ashton Pollick, Lindsay Przybylski, Max Timm -Ballard, Brayden Vickerman and William Wertz.

**4 best times:** Hannah Pickett, Aurora Oberg, Abby Grimmett, Scott Francis, Kayla Burnight, Haylee Burnight and Stephen Antoniak.

**3 best times or less:** Tanner Collins, Alexis Day, Hailey Dikeman, Toby Dizon, Taylor Fievez, Ally Fuller, Keith Meline, Elise Miner, Andrew Peacock, Tyler Pickett, Hailey Rankin, Mackenzie Ruby and Stephanie Tixier; Nicole Weinman, Hailey Murphy, Garreck Lenz, Kaylyn Lesser, Ryan Francis and Nick Connors; Kristen Bennett, Tess Jenkins, Linnea Peacock, Jeevan Philip, Christine Tixier and Natilee Ruiz and Andrew Blanchard.

The coaching staff was very pleased with the many great swims; Best times, close to best times, qualifying times and close to qualifying cuts, many, many great efforts and kids swimming races that were quite tough but still going for it...our kids rocked the pool! We look forward to a great summer season. Keep in mind if you are traveling to a meet get your room reservations soon!

A special THANKS and WAY TO GO to our Channel Cats who sang or played the National Anthem: Skyler Younkin, Kelsey Olsen and Kjerstyn Jordheim. Nice job Channel Cats... Thanks! And thanks to all our families who chipped in to help make the meet run great! We appreciate all your efforts.



Elise is 16 and during the short course season swims at the Tri-City Court Club where she is a silver swimmer and has been a Channel Cat for ten months.

Favorite stroke: Free and Fly

Favorite events: 50, 100, 200, 400/500  
Free and 100, 200 Fly

Best memory as a Channel Cat:  
Playing the dice game on Halloween!

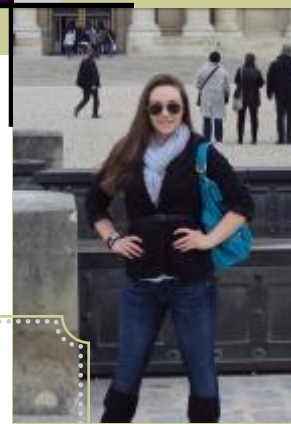
Guess What? "I speak 5 languages and I've swam in the Mediterranean Sea!"

Favorite swim meet snacks: Clementine oranges and Gatorade!

What do you like to do besides? "I love traveling, modeling/fashion and sports!"

*Unfortunately Elise will be leaving the Channel Cats after the long Course Champs meet. We will miss her and wish her the best.*

### Elise Miner



# Happy Birthdays!

## June:

4th	James Bennett (14)
5th	Patricia Ello (17)
8th	Austin Beierle-Miller (10) & Jemma Meng (16)
9th	Teagan Baumann (9)
10th	William Wertz (15)
13th	April Mercer (14)
15th	Makaylah Ferritto (13)
25th	Claire Megna (14)
26th	Hannah Monson (13)
29th	Emma Pickett (13)
29th	Lindsay Przybylski (15)
30th	Coach Todd (??)

## July:

1st	Cheyenne Griffith (15)
3rd	Maria Tartakovsky (15)
4th	Karl Kintner-Meyer (15)
6th	McKenzie Schroder (15)
7th	Marcia Kim (11)
8th	Matt Lanzara (11), Emma Pope (13) & Porter Withers (12)
12th	Tanner Collins (16) & Cole Westendorf (12)
17th	Nathaniel Weinman (19)
19th	Delaney Anderson (15)
21st	BreAnn Bell (12) & Mackenzie Gant (18)
23rd	Luke Jackson (13)
29th	Nick Connors (18)

Karl is 15 and swims at Kia Ora during short course. He has been a Channel Cat for nine months and is a Bronze swimmer.

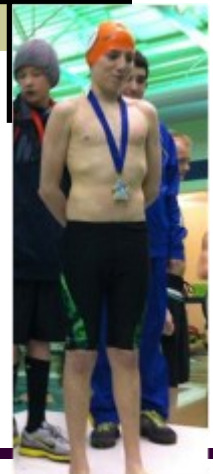
Favorite stroke: Freestyle

Favorite events: 500 Free  
Best memory as a Channel Cat: Hanging out with the Kia Ora team at swim meets  
Guess What? "I broke my arm dancing on a counter."

Favorite swim meet snacks:  
Cliff bars and Subway sandwiches

What do you like to do besides swim? "Biking, camping, backpacking and hiking."

**Karl Kintner-Meyer**



Swimmer Spotlight

Courtney is 14 and is a silver swimmer. During short course she swims at CBRC and has been a Channel Cat for six years.

Favorite strokes: freestyle and breaststroke

Favorite events: 50 free, 100 free, and 100 breast

Best memory as a Channel Cat: 2010 LC IES championship meet  
Guess What? "I play the piano in my free time, and I sort of, kind of like to read cheesy comics."

Favorite swim meet snacks: Ham, cheese, and grapes

What do you like to do besides swim? "Play the piano, read, listen to music, run, and hang out with friends."

**Courtney Comrie**



*If you have any photos that you would like to have seen in the upcoming Chatty Cats Newsletter please e-mail them to Cheyenne Griffith at : [chatty.cats@charter.net](mailto:chatty.cats@charter.net)*

**Congratulations to our 2011 Speedo Western Section LC Championship Team!**

These swimmers have the opportunity to compete in Gresham, Oregon on July 19-23 with the best senior swimmers in our Western Region [ Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Inland Empire, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, Utah and Wyoming]. Swimmers in red are travelling with the team.

**Kristen Bennett (18)**

**Tyler Pickett (18)**

**Lisa Bratton (15)**

**Natilee Ruiz (17)**

**Nick Connors (17)**

**Max Timm-Ballard (15)**

**Mackenzie Gant (17)**

**Christine Tixier (18)**

**Sara Hicks (21)**

**Stephanie Tixier (16)**

**Hailey Murphy (16)**

**Nathaniel Weinman (19)**

**Sarah Olsen (16)**

**Joe Wertz (20)**