

# Chatty Cats

## Turkey Trot

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The Turkey Trot swim meet in Cheney November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> proved to be quite the meet. The snow was falling, the air was...well, let's just say not the best in the pool area, and the 52 Channel Cats attending were up against some strong opponents from a couple of other IES teams. The Spokane Area Swimming team came at us hard winning quite a few events and leading the meet in points...until the team awards were announced! According to Coach Todd, the Channel Cats won the meet by ONLY 15 points!! Wow! Well done Cats! If that does not prove EVERY point counts little will. The coaching staff was very pleased at how well the team stepped up against poor pool conditions and swam their hearts out!

We had 4 Channel Cats come away with high point honors as well. Congrats to Ryan Monrean (boys 8 & under), Skyler Younkin (boys 9-10), Cole Westendorf (boys 11-12) and Mackenzie Hale, (girls 11-12)

who tied for the honor! Nice swimming kiddos.

We had some swimmers break milestones too. In a first ever in Channel Cat history swim, Skyler Younkin broke 30 seconds for the first time a 50yd swim but NOT in freestyle... in butterfly! (He later broke it in free as well...impressive swimming Skyler!) Also breaking the 30 second mark was Brady Myers and Emma Pickett. Breaking the 1:00 mark in a 100yd/m swim was McKenzie Schroder and Ryan Shiplet. Congrats kids...you get your big candy bar at the annual banquet!

Skyler also broke two team records (which were his own) in both the 50 back and fly and is closing in on a couple of other very old records. Nice swimming Skyler, go get 'em.

That's not all the good stuff either. Some other notable swims were from Jack Elliott, Cole Westendorf, James Bennett, Ryan Shiplet, and Emma Pickett who all swam



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best times in all 6 or more of their events. Jack and Cole both went 8 for 8. Emma dropped 5-7 seconds in 5 of her events too. Wow! Great work Emma! Some other big time drops worth noting were from Jack( almost 10sec in the 100IM), Maddie Elliott (almost 10 sec in the 200br), Mackenzie Hale (10 sec in the 1000yd free), Lauren Hall (almost 13 sec in the 500yd free), Luke Jackson (over 12 sec in the 200yd fly), Kjerstyn Jordheim (almost 10sec in the 100IM), Kelly Makela (over **34** sec in the 500free!and almost 14sec in the 100 fly), Claire Megna (over 16sec in the 200IM and almost 11 sec in the 200br), Ryan Monrean (almost 10 sec in the 100yd free), Katie Schroder (almost 12 sec in the 200IM) and Brayden Vickerman almost 16 sec in the 200IM). We had many swimmers with time drops and many that were oh, so close! These were quite impressive for the weekend so well done team.

Finally we had 5 swimmers compete for their first time as Channel Cats. Welcome and congrats to Chloe Smart, Brady Myers, Lily Hill, Emma Hagner and Ryan Barnard. We hope you had a good time and a great experience!

And last but not least the best times list:

**8 best times:** Jack Elliott, Scott Francis and Cole Westendorf.

**7 best times:** Kjerstyn Jordheim, Ryan Monrean (glad the cast is finally off!), Emma Westendorf and McKenzie Schroder.

**6 best times:** James Bennett, Emma Hagner, Emma Pickett, Aidan Pollick, Katie Schroder, Ryan Shiplet and Skyler Younkin.

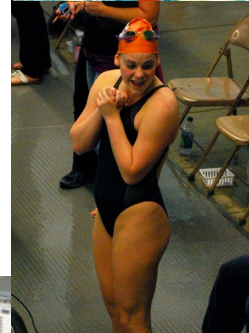
**5 best times:** Ryan Barnard, Daniel Dohnalek, Maddie Elliott, Victoria Estes, Megan Gelston, Lauren Hall, Luke Jackson, Kelly Makela, Alyssa Musick, Brady Myers, Hannah Pickett, Chloe Smart, William Wertz and Porter Withers.

**4 best times:** Courtney Comrie, Mackenzie Hale, Jillian Hendry, John Markillie, Danica Marlin, Claire Megna, Addison Pollick and Emma Pope.

**3 best times or less:** Delaney Anderson, Lindsay Nelson and Brayden Vickerman, Adin Anderson, Corey Bradshaw, JaZee Griffith, Lily Hill, Dominique Marlin, Alexis Murphy, Blaire Murphy and Blake Olin. Cheyenne Griffith and Matt Lanzara, Andrew Peacock and Ashton Pollick.

The coaching staff was very pleased with the perseverance of our kids and how well they handled a tough meet! We are looking forward to both the Wenatchee Invite and the Washington State Senior Champs coming up next in December.

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is preparing for the Christmas holiday and the training schedule over that holiday break. Please watch for the training schedule, as there may be some changes that affect your swimmer(s). Good luck to the high school boys as they start their season too. And finally, tryouts for the team will be Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at TCCC. Get the word out to interested swimmers!



## Happy Belated Birthday!

### December

- 3rd Annie Lai (15)
- 4th Kjerstyn Jordheim (10)
- 7th Luke Harrison (15)
- 9th JaZee Griffith (13)
- 13th Chloe Smart (10)
- 17th Aiden Lesser (9)
- 22nd Kelly Makela (13)
- 28th Maddie Elliot (12)
- 29th William Chiang (13)
- 31st Trisha Boonpongmanee (11),  
Dominique Marlin (14)

### January

- 8th Cricket Hoffner (10)
- 9th Jonathon Meng (18)
- 15th Elliot Jackson (11)
- 17th Miles Elliot-Lam (9)
- 18th Giulia Szanyi (15), Austin Vo (10)
- 21st Rachael Smith (13)
- 24th Haylee Burnight (12),  
Chamberlyn Leonard (12)
- 26th Brady Myers (13)
- 27th Andrew Blanchard (17),  
John Markillie (11), Aidan Pollick (9)
- 29th Phillip Fishburn (14)
- 31st Teddy Lai (12)

## Happy Birthday!

### February

- 1st Coach Jen (??),  
Emma Westendorf (9)
- 5th Jake Douglas (17), Taylor Fievez  
(16), Blake Olin (18)
- 6th Justin Smith (16)
- 8th Jeevan Philip (17)
- 10th Megan Gelston (12),  
Hailey Rankin (17)
- 14th Alexis Murphy (14), Blair Murphy  
(14), Hannah Pickett (17), Vanessa  
Whattam (17)
- 15th Adin Anderson (17)
- 20th Amy McDonald (10)
- 26th Todd Dizon (14), Lisa Tixier (16)
- 29th Danielle McKeirnan (16)





## Christmas Invite

A small number of Channel Cats attended the Christmas Invite in East Wenatchee over Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and made some big waves! In fourth place most of the weekend, our 25 swimmers bounced past the third place team on Sunday to take third overall. And did we swim well doing it too! Three swimmers had an exceptionally outstanding meet as well. Jeff Kern tore up the pool getting nine out of nine best times. Eight were BB qualifying times and one was near an Age Group Sectional cut! He also broke :30 in the 50yd free for the first time. And if that is not enough he dropped a total of 169 seconds on all his swims!!! That's almost 3 minutes...wow! Nice swimming Jeff! Morgan Dooley also had a stellar meet with nine out of nine best times! To add a little something to that, ALL were BB times qualifying her for Short Course Champs in all those events. Well done Morgan...way to rock it, girl! And Miles Elliott-Lam swam nine out of ten best times for a fantastic meet too. He dropped 12 and 16 seconds in two of his races to boot. Way to go Miles!



Some other nice big time drops worth mentioning were from Austin Beierle-Miller. Austin dropped 10 and 16 seconds in two races as well as 8 seconds each in two other races! Woo-hoo well done Austin! Morgan, in two of her races dropped 40 and 21 seconds! What did YOU eat for lunch that day? Wow! William Chiang dropped 17 seconds in a race and Emily Goodnight followed with a drop of 16 seconds in one race and 10 in another. Karma Johnson dropped over 9 seconds in a race and Karl Kintner-Meyer was 30 seconds below projected time in the 1000yd free. Finally, Mackenzie Suing dropped 8 and 9 seconds in two of her races also. Nicely done Channel Cats! Way to tear up the pool.

Congrats to our new swimmers competing with the Channel Cats for the first time: Nathaniel Jo, Annie Lai, Giulia Szanyi, and Karma and Broden Johnson. Glad you were with us!!

The best times list is as follows:

**9 best times:** Jeff Kern, Morgan Dooley and Miles Elliott-Lam

**8 best times:** Austin Beierle-Miller, Lauren Bell, Emma Hagner and Chloe Smart.

**7 best times:** Hilary Petersen and Mackenzie Suing

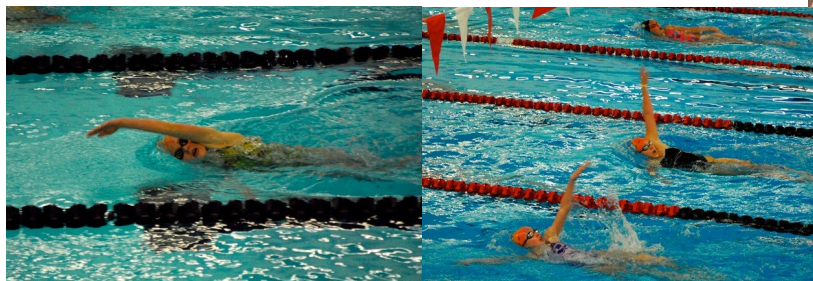
**6 best times:** BreAnn Bell

**5 best times:** Giulia Szanyi

**4 best times:** Ryan Shiplet, Brayden Vickerman, Karma Johnson, Emily Goodnight, Brady Myers and William Chiang.

**3 best times or less:** Karl Kintner-Meyer, Nathaniel Jo and Makaylah Ferritto; Annie Lai, Broden Johnson and Daniel Dohnalek; Emma Pope and Ryan Barnard

Heading into the Christmas break the coaching staff is quite happy with how the team is progressing. We have some teams looking to oust us from the number one spot at Champs this year so it is important to be training hard over the break and to stay healthy! Our kids are swimming well and we want to come out strong at our next meets in January. Remember our own hosted meet in Ellensburg at the end of January and make plans to attend!!



# High School Girls State Qualifiers

## Richland High School



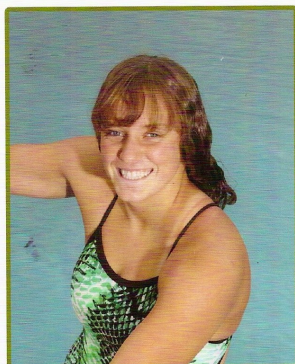
Lisa Bratton  
Sophomore  
200IM  
500 Free



McKenzie  
Schroder  
Freshman  
Relay



Danica Marlin  
Junior  
Relay



Nichole Weinman  
Junior  
200 Free  
500 Free



Hannah Pickett  
Junior  
100 breast



Vanessa  
Whattam  
Junior  
100 Free



Sarah Olsen  
Junior  
100 fly  
500 Free



Mackenzie Ruby  
Junior  
200 IM  
100 Back



Kaylynn Lesser  
Sophomore  
Relay



# High School Girls State Qualifiers

## Hanford High School



Lisa Tixier  
Sophomore  
200IM



Melissa Merrill  
Senior  
200 IM  
100 Free



Kayla Burnight  
Freshman  
Relay



Cheyenne Griffith  
Sophomore  
500 Free



Stephanie Tixier  
Junior  
50 Free  
100 Butterfly



Linnea Peacock  
Sophomore  
200 Free  
100 Butterfly



Mylie Oberg  
Sophomore  
200 Free  
500 Free



Taylor Fievez  
Sophomore  
100 Back



Tess Jenkins  
Senior  
Relay



## Quick Notes:

Saturday morning practices will be held from 8:00-10:00AM at TCCC.

The February BOD Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 21. It will be held at the Tri-City Court Club in the Star Studio at 7pm.

High School Girls or boys that swam at state and would like to see themselves in the next newsletter please e-mail Cheyenne Griffith your events, grade and a photo.

If you have any photos that you would like to see in the upcoming Chatty Cat Newsletter please send them to Cheyenne Griffith at [chatty.cats@charter.net](mailto:chatty.cats@charter.net). Thank-You, Cheyenne Griffith

