

# Marlin News

February 2014

## Gearing up for Champs!!

It's the time in the season to be preparing for Championships, but before we do, we want to thank you in advance for your help with our Marlin Madness Invitational! It is only because of the volunteer work done by so many parents and even some of our swimmers that we can achieve a successful meet. Thank you! Thank you! We're hoping to see many more times dropped and nearly 100% participation of swimmers.

It should be the goal for every swimmer to be involved in a Championship meet, whether it's "A", "AA", Zones, or even Nationals. The first of these meets is the "A" Championship meet held at Countryside YMCA located in Lebanon. You can find rules of eligibility for this meet on page 2.

We also have a few meets to attend in case you need to cancel out any NTs (no times) for a particular event or are close to accomplishing a "AA", zone, or national qualifying time. We will swim in West Carrollton on the 9th, in Springboro on the 16th, and the Auglaize/Mercer YMCA is preparing for a meet on the 23rd. The meet on the 23rd will be only one session so that all swimmers can swim according to their fastest times. Excluding the 8 and under swimmers (due to their 25 yard events), boys and girls of all ages will swim in heats based solely on their time. This same format was used early in the season in Middletown and proved to be successful as far as time drops and a quick timeline. Be sure not to miss registration deadlines to take advantage of these last meets of the season!



Let's Go Marlins!!

### Coaching Staff

**Pam Fulton: Head Coach**

**Jim Fulton: Assistant Coach**

**Betsy South: Assistant Coach**

**Jared Wesbecher: Piqua Branch  
Aquatics Director & team finances**

**Kathi Roetter: Robinson Branch  
Aquatics Director**

**Contact information can be found  
under Contacts on Home page.**

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## GOAL ACHIEVED!!

**Congratulations** to the following individuals who have achieved AA cut times already this season: Julia Anderson (**zones as well**), McKenna Bollinger, Aaron Carmack, Gracie Clark, Colleen Cox, Ezekiel Fulton, Gabriella Fulton, Drew Gessner, Gracie Glaser, Anika Hurley, Averie Jacquemin, Alec Klint, Alex Merle, Matthew Newcomer, Corinne Tisher, Nate Watkins. Both the 13-14 girls' and boys' freestyle and medley relays have achieved AA cut times and the boys' medley relay has achieved a zone cut time!!

**Congratulations** also to the following swimmers who have conquered the Blue and Grey Challenge: Gabriella Fulton, Zeke Fulton, Alexander Klint, Matthew Newcomer and Corinne Tisher!! Awesome job!!!!

## CHAMPIONSHIP READINESS

All swimmers should be signing up to swim in a championship meet. To be a participant in the "A" meet, the swimmer must have competed in 3 meets this season before the entry deadline. No time shall beat the "AA" qualifying time for a particular event. Swimmers 8 & under who have achieved 4 or more "AA" League Championship qualifying times during this season may not be entered in the "A" meet in individual events. Swimmers 9 & over who have achieved 6 or more "AA" qualifying times may not be entered in the "A" meet in individual events. Each 8 & under swimmer is allowed to enter no more than 4 individual events over the 3 day meet. Each 9 & over swimmer can enter up to 6 individual events over the 3 day period. A swimmer can swim a maximum of 1 medley relay and 1 freestyle relay. Participation in senior relays is unlimited provided the swimmer is age 12 the first day of Short Course Nationals. Times entered as NT (no time) will not be accepted.

*"I wouldn't say anything is impossible. I think that everything is possible as long as you put your mind to it and put the work and time into it".*

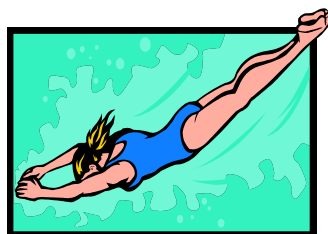
*-Michael Phelps*



### A Plus Meet Info:

The A Plus meet is a 'finals' meet for 11 and over swimmers who participate in the A Championships held at three different locations during Saturday and Sunday mornings. Any swimmer who achieves a top 16 time in an event is expected to swim in this A Plus meet, so please remember to check the psych sheet before leaving the pool both days. The swimmers who are in the top 16 will swim again in the evening both Saturday and Sunday for another chance at a faster time.

If you have questions in regards to this meet or the "AA" Championship meet, please read through **Meet Information** under the name of the meet on the front page of our website, ([www.swimmcy.com](http://www.swimmcy.com)).



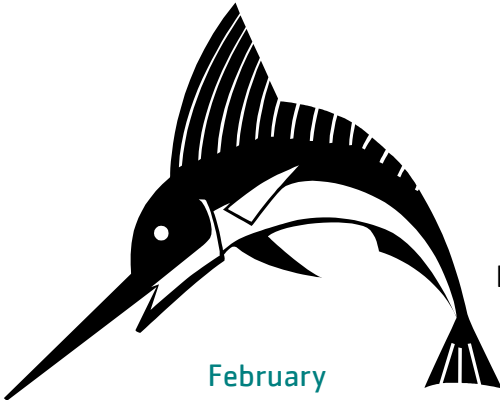
**Thank You** to all swimmers who submitted artwork for our Marlin Madness heat sheet cover. All participants will receive a candy bar as well as have their artwork featured in the heat sheet.

**Congratulations** to Colleen Cox and Gracie Clark whose artwork has been selected and will be presented on the cover sheets for our invitational's heat sheets.

**Great job girls!!**

## February Birthdays

4th Mason Corliss  
 5th Gracie Clark  
 15th Yuki Okamoto  
 16th Ella White  
 24th Cassidy Hemm  
 27th Courtney Carmack



## End of Season Meets

If you need help signing up for any meets, please see Coach Pam or contact her by email or phone.

### February

1st	Marlin Madness (Robinson Branch)	Saturday morning
9th	KEY Valentine Invite (West Carrollton YMCA)	Sunday
16th	Coffman Arctic Blast (Coffman YMCA)	Sunday
23rd	AMFY Last Chance (Auglaize/Mercer YMCA)	Sunday afternoon
28th - 2nd	"A" Championship Meet (Countryside YMCA)	Friday - Sunday

### March

7th - 9th	'AA' Championship Meet (Miami University)	Friday - Sunday
21st - 23rd	Zone Championship Meet (Ohio State Univ.)	Friday - Sunday

### April

1st - 4th	National Championship Meet (Greensboro, NC)	Tuesday - Friday
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## Newsworthy

If you know something that could be added to our newsletter, please email information to Lisa Clark at [llark29@woh.rr.com](mailto:llark29@woh.rr.com). We would love to spread the word about our swimmers' achievements outside the pool too! Thank you!

