

**SPIRIT OF MIDLAKES  
2014**

Club	Comments
<b>Kingsgate Gators</b>	We always love swimming our neighbors, the Gators, and always have <i>great</i> experiences with them! This was a well run meet. I always enjoy your team cheers, especially for the relays at the end. Thanks for a great meet.
<b>Kingsgate Monarchs</b>	We always have a great time at your pool. Thanks for the warm welcome and a great meet.
<b>Kingsgate Royals</b>	Organized, polite - good meet.
<b>Maple Hills</b>	They allowed us to host our meet there bcse our pool was a broken. Everyone I spoke to at the meets were very positive and friendly.
<b>Mercer Island Beach Club</b>	Always a great time at Beach Club. Everyone is always in a good mood at this pool
<b>Newport Hill Swim &amp; Tennis</b>	Overall it was an excellent time and a fun meet for everyone involved!
<b>Newport Yacht Club</b>	We hosted this meet but it was at NYC's pool which we greatly appreciated since we are unable to host meets at our pool. They provided some of the equipment we needed to run the meet and were very helpful. The NYC kids made great posters for their swimmers that they put along one side of the pool to show their team spirit. I saw swimmers from both teams shaking hands after their races. Overall a great experience for our first meet of the season.  Great meet at NYC! Welcoming atmosphere, beautiful pool and location, nice friendly team.
<b>Norwood</b>	Always a great time at Beach Club. Everyone is always in a good mood at this pool We love that the Ducks pool set up promotes the crowd to gather around the pool and watch the meet. It's always a fun time with great crowd involvement. We love racing against Norwood because they are always so fun Welcoming and smooth run meet
<b>Plateau</b>	Fantastic experience for first time. Gracious hosts. Welcoming and helpful
<b>Samena</b>	We were greeted at our away B Meet by a smiling Samena preschool teacher at the edge of the parking lot. She really set the tone! Talking to her later (asking if that was specific a volunteer role – since I found it so effective) she said she has taught preschool there for years and her growing up “alumni” just always ask her to come watch them swim. In addition, Samena Parent Coordinator / Parent Rep Lisa Switzer sought me out at both the B & A meets to check in and share her perpetual smile and exchange “tips” for organizing volunteers. And finally, speaking for myself and several parents on deck, I climbed the stairs to compliment the Samena 2nd half announcer at the B Meet on the smile in her voice and clarity. I have no idea if she is new or experienced, but she deserved to be affirmed for a great job.  Meet was incredibly efficient and well run. Both teams had full exhibitions and the meet was still over by 7:45.
<b>Seattle Tennis Club</b>	Like rubber duck heat winners and ice cream, good communication by coaches and parent reps. like duck's for each heat and ice cream.  I got to meet and spend time talking to Corinne Crabs who was just lovely. She was pleasant, helpful and very nice. Our coaches went on about the STC head coach, one even said she was one of the nicest people she has ever met. Prior to the meet they sent us full information on where to be and what was expected of us as guests at their club. The cherry in top was me being able to brag to my husband, - who chose to skip the meet - that I got to see ‘Viper’ in person!  Based strictly on the team staff we would give top scores.
<b>Somerset</b>	Somerset had a Hawaiian Theme for our meet which was very fun and I loved the Hawaiian music that was playing when we arrived the pool. Facility was very clean and their concession food was yummy! They had a great concessions with very nice kids running the stand. They gave our team the shady area
<b>Strattonwood</b>	Provided 2 parking spaces, timely emails, BBQ truck, welcoming announcements and ample deck space.
<b>Woodridge</b>	Great meet against Woodridge! Friendly team, parents and volunteers. Very easy to work with, and great communication. We hosted this meet but it was at Woodridge's pool. They were very helpful and provided the concessions and equipment needed. Their starter system was not working so they helped our Starter/referee figure out how to do whistle starts. Overall it was a really great experience for our team to host at their pool.

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**Things we need to work on**

- Communication between coaches
- Communication with the opposing team
- Hospitality - making visiting team feel welcomed
- Keeping a path cleared to the pool deck
- Making sure there is space reserved for the visiting team
- Coaches using a positive attitude toward officials
- Knowing when announcing scores is appropriate