

Duck



Tales

Results from Wellington Meet

It was another tough meet, and we did well in spite of the rain. The final score was Brookside 2840.5 to BLST 2175.5, which is better than we fared last week against another team from the same division. We had one triple winner (Nihar Bhat), four double winners (Emma Knick, Pulak Deshpande, Spencer Scott and Natalie Purnell) and six single winners (Kiare McCorn, Catherine Purnell, Evan Thies, Christopher Stine, Nicholas Hoffman and Zachary Goulet). We also had 72 swimmers set personal best times in 105 splashes, including 14 swimmers with their first legal time in an event.

This Week's Meet

This weekend is the final meet of the season, which means it is time for Divisionals. We swim against the **Stonewall Explosion** and the **Veteran's Park Marlins** at Veterans Park Memorial Pool located at 14300 Featherstone Road in Woodbridge, Virginia 22191. We will be in the water for the 2nd warm-up session starting at 6:00 am. You should be there by 5:45 am, to be in the water by 6:00 am.

Because this is a triple meet, it will last longer than our previous meets. This means that there will be 3 shifts of volunteers, instead of our normal 2. Please make sure to go on-line to sign up or talk to Jim Stein or Corey Brown during practice to let them know how you can help with Divisionals.

Team Pictures

If you ordered team pictures, they should be in your mail box. If you have any issues with your order please contact Gerry Peters or Olson Photography.

Last Chance for Divisionals T-shirts

If you want to make sure that you get a Divisional t-shirt, you will need to order them on-line at <http://www.sunnyann.com> no later than July 25 (this Wednesday)! You will need to select which team you are with so your order gets sorted into the correct group. We will pick up the shirts from the host team and distribute them to you at Divisionals. Please be aware that only a very small number of shirts will be available for purchase at Divisionals.

Poster Night

We have Poster Night the last Wednesday of the season to make a new round of posters for Divisionals. This is especially important this year. Most of our older posters were destroyed by the storm at the beginning of the season, so we need everyone to show up to help replace the ones we lost. We will take all of our posters with us to Divisionals to place around our team area.

Poster Night will be held at the Franklin's house from 6:00 to 9:00 Wednesday night. The address is 4609 Starting Post Ct., Gainesville. You can contact Tracie Franklin at (703) 655-4325 if you need help finding it. We will provide poster board, markers, pizza and drinks. You just need to provide the time and inspiration.

Friday Morning Duck Breakfast

It has become a tradition to have a special breakfast buffet after the last morning practice of the season. We ask that everyone who comes to the Friday morning practice this week bring breakfast foods or drinks to share. We also need volunteers to help serve and clean up after the feast. There is usually a wide variety of food and fun for everyone!

Thank You for Friday Night Set-up

We want to say a special Thank You to everyone who helped with set-up last Friday. It was raining pretty hard at times, but we still had a good turn out, and got everything done that needed to be. That is the kind of dedication that we need!

End of Season Awards Banquet/Picnic

Everyone should have a flyer in their mail boxes about the End of Season Awards Banquet/Picnic. Set up begins at 1:30, and the picnic itself will start at 3:00. Each family is asked to bring a salad or side dish large enough to feed your family. Additionally, we need families with last names starting with A - K to bring a bag of ice, and families with last names starting with L - Z to bring soda/water. The team will provide cake, but if you would like to bring a dessert, feel free.

As with everything we do, we need volunteers to help this run smoothly. Please contact Leonard Cornelius (l.wcornelius@verizon.net) or Amber Burnett (amberb42001@yahoo.com) if you want to help with set up, cook crew, overseeing drinks/coolers or clean up. Please also let them know if you can provide either coolers or folding tables.

Splashdown Tickets for Sale

We will have Splashdown to ourselves 7:15 - 9:30 Sunday night after the awards banquet/picnic. Tickets to Splashdown will be available during evening practices, and at the picnic. Members of the team get in free, but you will need a ticket for anyone else that wants to get into Splashdown. The price is only \$2 per person, and you are more than welcome to buy tickets for friends and family members.

Donations and Thank You Notes for Coaches

As in the past, we will be collecting notes and donations for tips for the coaches this week. Your child's coach is not coaching because of the huge salary they make. They coach for the love of the sport and the satisfaction of sharing that love and their experience with your children. You can donate a flat amount to be split evenly among all the coaches or you may prefer to do something special for your child's coach only. You can also have your child write a personal note to his or her coach. These notes mean so much to the coaches and they are remembered for a long time after the season ends. Notes and tips will be collected by Becky Cornelius, Tracie Franklin and Connie Goulet at evening practices this week. You can find them under the upper pavilion.

Ducks of the Week

Congratulations to the following swimmers, whose great attitudes and hard work earned them this week's honors!

Group 1: Afton Scoresby

Group 2: Fabi Hernandez

Group 3: Maddie Nowak (10 & Under); David Gonzalez (11 & Up)

Group 4: Evan Thies

Group 5: CJ Hunsicker



END OF THE YEAR DUCK FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, July 29th – 3pm

It's that time of year again, our end of the year picnic/awards banquet, Sunday, July 29th at 3pm. It will be held rain or shine at the Coral Reef Pavilion (located to the left as you enter Splashdown). After our fun festivities at the pavilion, our families can once again enjoy the Waterpark from 7:15 – 9:45 pm.

NEW THIS YEAR: There is a cost of \$2.00/person to enter the Waterpark. All registered BLST swimmers are free. Tickets will be sold at all evening practices and at the gate that evening.

The team will supply hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixins. We are asking each family to please bring the following based on your last name:

**A – K
L – Z**

**Bag of Ice
Sodas/Water**

**IN ADDITION, WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY
TO BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE**

We are asking each family to bring a salad/side dish large enough to feed your family.

We will provide cake, but if you would like to bring a dessert, feel free.

Volunteers are needed for the picnic. Set-up will start at 1:30 pm. Please let Leonard or Amber know what you can help with:

Set up

Cook crew

Oversee drinks/coolers

Clean up

Also needed are coolers and folding tables. If you have either/both and are willing to donate for the day, please let them know.

Leonard – l.wcornelius@verizon.net **Amber** – amberb42001@yahoo.com

Thank you.

