

The Mansfield Splash

Monthly Newsletter of the Mansfield Aquatic Club

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April 2008

April brings the start of the long course season for our "BB" and above swimmers. It takes a little while for the swimmers to get used to swimming meters after they have swam 25 yards for the past 6 months. So, everyone needs not to worry if the first few performances are not all that great. Just go back and look at where the swimmers were at this time last year, and I'm sure everyone will be thrilled with how far the kids have come. I want to take a few moments to talk about the team's travel meet this



Mansfield IS Natatorium

Summer. All swimmers with "B" times or faster are encouraged to go to Shreveport, Louisiana with us on the weekend of June 6 - 8. We will be taking a charter bus, and encourage the parents to caravan along with us. We also have a block of rooms blocked off at the host hotel. It's a great meet with a great story behind it.

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For all the swimmers that are eligible to attend, there will be a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, April 28, 2008. At that time we will discuss all of the travel arrangements, and the itinerary for the meet. Lastly.....the summer season is always over before you know it. I know many of you have vacations planned, but I encourage you be in attendance at practice whenever you can. There's no substitute for hard work, and you can't do that unless you're here. Let's have a great summer season!

Coach Huckabay

Upcoming Swim Meets

April 25-27

- A Long Course @ MAC

May 9-11

- BB Long Course @ LAC

May 16-19

- A Long Course @ FAST

May 30 - June 1

- B/C Short Course @ LAC Keller

June 6-8

- A/B Travel Meet @ Shreveport, LA

2008 Summer
Practice Schedule

Beginning Monday, June 9, 2008

Senior / Junior	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Monday - Friday (Long Course)
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Monday - Thursday
	7:00 - 9:00 AM	Saturday (Long Course)
Gold Team	7:30 - 9:00 AM	Monday - Friday (Long Course)
	7:30 - 9:00 AM	Saturday
Silver I Team	7:45 - 9:00 PM	Monday - Friday (Long Course)
Silver II Team	5:15 - 6:30 PM	Monday - Friday
Bronze Team	4:30 - 5:30 PM	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
		or
	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Novice Team	6:30 - 7:15 PM	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Pre-Competitive	4:45 - 5:30 PM	Monday, Wednesday
	5:45 - 6:30 PM	Monday, Wednesday
	4:45 - 5:30 PM	Tuesday, Thursday
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2008 Summer Swim Meet Schedule

April 25-27	“A” Meet	MAC/MARS	MISD Natatorium
May 9-11	“BB” Meet	LAC	Keller ISD Natatorium
May 16-18	“A” Meet	FAST	Carroll ISD Natatorium
May 30 - June 1	“B/C” Meet	NTN	Carroll ISD Natatorium
<i>June 6-8</i>	<i>“A/B”</i>	<i>Travel Meet</i>	<i>Shreveport, LA</i>
June 20-22	“B/C” Meet	SWAT	Duncanville ISD Natatorium
June 27-29	“A/BB” Meet	12&U - MAC/MARS 13&O - NTN/ATAC	Mansfield ISD Natatorium Carroll ISD Natatorium
July 11-13	“A” Champs	NTN/ATAC	Carroll ISD Natatorium
July 16-19	Sectionals	TXLA	Texas Swim Center, Austin
July 18-20	“BB” Champs	FA	Frisco ISD Natatorium
July 25-27	“B/C” Champs TAGS Champs	MAC/MARS TXLA	Mansfield ISD Natatorium Texas Swim Center, Austin
July 29-Aug 2	Sr. Nationals	USA Swimming	Minneapolis, MN
Aug 4-8	Jr. Nationals	USA Swimming	Minneapolis, MN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, April 28h

There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents with swimmers planning on attending the travel meet to Shreveport in June.

Monday, June 9th

Summer practice schedule begins.

Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27

Mansfield Aquatic Club will be hosting an “A” Meet with Mid-Cities Arlington Swimming at the MISD Natatorium. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Coach Ingle.

Coaches Reports

Silver I

Congratulations on a great winter season. Swimmers of the month go out to Madison Yelle and Mike Thibert! Madison posted all best times this winter and numerous new “BB” times at the B/C Champs, and has graduated up to the Gold team. Mike has improved in every event this winter and posted five “A” cuts at his last meet.

Coach Huffman

Silver II

Awesome month of practices Silver 2! There has been noticeable improvement in streamlines and those very hard backstroke to breaststroke turns. The main reason there has been improvement is because your attendance has been very high. You can't get better if you don't come. Those of you who have had the best attendance have had the most improvement. Keep it up! Silver 2 swimmers of the month are Sydnie Jackson and Chris Morales. Both have been working hard at practices and been great teammates. Congratulations Sydnie and Chris! We are going on our first team travel meet to Shreveport, LA June 6, 7, 8. We want as many swimmers as possible from MAC to go to this meet. Talk to me or Coach Huckabay if you have questions about the trip. Also, there is a parent meeting April 28 at 6:00 pm at the pool to discuss the meet.

MAC PARENTS,

Parents, we are forming a group of parent volunteers to assist the team in planning and implementing some social activities for each practice group, and for the whole team. We would like to get one parent from each group to serve in this capacity. It should be a minimal time commitment since these events will not be very often.

We feel that the team has grown and is ready to start building a better team identity and stronger team cohesiveness. This is an important part of making Mansfield Aquatic Club a team that our swimmers will want to be a part of all through their swimming years, and even want to be a part of after they graduate by returning to see the next generation of swimmers succeed.

So, if you would like to help in this area, please let me know. We would like to start organizing this right away, so COME ON DOWN!

See you at the pool!

Coach Rob

Bronze Team

Coach Carlos' Corner

I want to welcome our new bronze swimmers:

Reagan Hoffman

Samantha Brand

Graeme Guttman

Tiffany Le

Kyle Nance

Caleb Reagor

Jordan Redmon

Taylor Walk

I am very excited to see so many talented kids, and I know we'll be having lots of fun!!!!

The Bronze team will begin using fins during the month of May, so get yours now. You may purchase fins at the Natatorium's Pro Shop during their business hours: Monday - Friday 5pm - 8pm.

Please be aware of the swim meet schedule so you know when entry fees are due. I will be contacting each swimmer to discuss their entries. We want to enter as many swimmers as possible so that we can have a strong presence in each event.

Remember, consistent practice attendance and participation at swim meets are critical to maintaining motivation in our young athletes.

Coach Carlos

Gold Team

It's been about a month since taking over the Gold team, and the swimmers are beginning to figure out what I expect out of them, and I'm beginning to get a feel for where we are as a team. We have made a concerted effort to pay more attention to the little things.....streamlining and dolphin kicking off walls, breathing patterns, and proper stroke mechanics. We are also starting to really understand what it means to train. There has been super attendance, and we've had a good group attending the optional morning practices. Everyone keep up the good work. I want to encourage everyone to get their entries in on time. My expectation is that if you are training, you are also competing in the meets. We need to have better meet attendance out of this group. If we keep working like we have this past month, it's going to be a great summer.

Coach Huckabay