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Marlins Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Carbonear Satellite Invitational Jan 11-13
- Goods Bingo K of C on Greenwood Crst. 7:00pm
- CBS Winter Satellite Meet Feb 8-10
- Speedo Eastern Canadian Championships Feb 14th to 17th
- SNL SCChamps Feb 29th to Mar 2nd

Still not on our email list??? Contact our Head Coach Duffy Earle at duffy.earle@gmail.com

Happy New Year!

I'd like to wish a Happy New Year to all the swimmers and their parents. The next couple of months are going to be exciting ones for all of our swimmers. The weekends will be packed with meets and it's a big time to qualify for meets at all levels.

The Carbonear meet is coming up this weekend and I are looking forward to some great racing. Most swimmers have a session with no events and are not required to be at the pool during that session. Entries and session events can be found on our website. There have been some changes to the meet schedule. Warm-up on Friday will start 30 minutes later and the relays are moved to Sat am. If you are not going to be at the session Sat am or Sun am make sure that I know not to include you in the relays.

Only four weeks later we have another meet in CBS and then only three weeks following that we have the Provincial Champs, our biggest meet so far this season. The Provincial Champs Standards are posted on the swimmers page of our website under time standards. We want

to have as many swimmers as possible at that meet. If you are interested in taking a bus to Corner Brook please let me know by Jan 9th.

Also in February the Marlins will be sending a team to the Eastern Canadian Championships. This is one of the biggest meets in Canada. So far we have Adam H and David F qualified. There are two standards one for under 16 year olds and one for 16 and overs. Next year I would like to have at least 6 swimmers attending this meet! Have a look at the standards on our website and see if you think you could be one of them!

We have so many swimmers that are within reach of Age Group Nationals. Age Group Nationals is definitely the biggest and most exciting age group meet in Canada with over 1000 swimmers from all across the country. Last year the Marlins had four swimmers qualify. I think we can beat that this year, but it's going to take the support of our whole team.

The Atlantic All Star Team will be chosen following Short Course Champs.

The team is chosen based on FINA points. The top male and female 12, 13, 14 and 15 year old in each stroke from Atlantic Canada will be chosen to attend a training camp lead by past National Team Coach Dave Johnson and Tri meet, against Ontario and Quebec. I hope to have the majority of the Newfoundlanders on that team be Marlins. 12 year olds need to be at the top of the rankings for 50 and 200 m's of the same stroke, and 13,14,15 year olds need 100 and 200m. Freestylers have a little more of a range needing 200 and any other free event. If you think you could be in the running be sure to chat with me about what events are your best chances.

Check out the Power Rankings on www.swimming.ca under the stats tab. I've found 5 Marlins in there right now, plus our 11-12 girls relay team!

If you are unsure what events your child should be aiming to qualify for this season please feel free to send me an email at duffy.earle@gmail.com

Snow Days

If are closed there will be no practices. When there is lots of snow in the morning and it's too early for school announcements parents have to use their own discretion. If the coach is unable to get out of their driveway or if the forecast is specific enough to be sure the night before an announcement will be posted on the website by 5:30am. Don't wait past 6:00am at the pool. If the coach isn't there then they likely couldn't make it.

Carbonear

The warm-up of Friday will now start at 6:00 pm with the meet beginning at 7:00pm. The relays have been moved from Friday evening to Saturday morning. Meet events, entries and warm-up times can be found under the swim meets page of our website. The warm-ups are going to be split so on deck times will be posted on the site later this week once the meet manager send out the times.

Bring a Friend

Tuesday Jan 8th we will be having a bring a friend session for all 10 and under swimmers. Come and bring a few friends for a practice from 5:00-6:00pm. We'll play games and give them a chance to see what the swim team is like. On Jan 10th and 15th there will be tryouts for new swimmers. If you know anyone who is interested be sure to pass on the news! 10th- 6-7pm, 15th 5-6pm.

The Goods Bingo

Going ahead on Jan 14th at the Knights of Columbus on Greenwood Cresnet beginning at 7pm. This is a great night out for the family and friends. All proceeds from the Bingo go towards our club and we usually profit about \$100.00, an important part of our fundraising efforts!

We need each parent to donate a prize valued less then \$20.00 or send a donation of \$10.00. Brian Tucker can be contacted at

betucker@nf.sympatico.ca to receive donations or answer questions. If you are making cash donations please do so before the 12th. Please make every effort to come out and attend the Bingo and bring as many friends as you can!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Congratulations for Darci Tucker for breaking the 200 breast club record with a time of 3:09!!

I hope to have all the Marlins records updated and online within the next week.

Upcoming Events and Reminders-Carbonear Meet

Calendar Money Due January 31st. Calendars are available at the office. We require each family to sell 4.

Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Tickets- are available for \$1.00 each. \$.50 of each ticket goes towards individual fundraising accounts.

Tickets are available from Brian T or Steph D. Tickets and money must be returned to them by Jan 31st.

Bus to Corner Brook? If you are interested please contact Duffy by Jan 9th.

Discovery Group Saturday Schedule: Jan 26th 7:45-9:00am Discovery group swimmers are asked to please be on deck 4:45 on Tuesdays and 5:45 on Thursdays.

