



Gator Aide

Newsletter

February 2010

We Swim With Pride, We Win With Honor, We Build Character!



I. General Info

As the temperature drops outside it is especially important that swimmers have warm clothes to change into and shoes to wear. It might not seem cold when we get in, but is sure is a lot cooler when we get out!

II. Tom Clark, Head Coach



Senior Sweats

You can buy your Senior Sweats or you can earn them.

- o "A" Sectional Time – Free
- o 3 Senior Times – you pay half

I would like to see all swimmers in the Senior Group actually have at least one senior time.

Zone Championships-

We did not have vary many swimmers at Zones this year(21) which was very disappointing but the swimmers that did go represented the Gators well, thank you.

Meets-

I would like to see more swimmers going to the meets. Parents please have your children sign up for our assigned meets, it is good practice for them and it gets them a head start on the summer program.

Seniors-

Now that the high school season has started we have more room in the Gator practice, I would like to see more of my SENIOR SWIMMERS be at practice on a regular basis.



III. The Caimans Corner ~ Coaches Karen and Santiago

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

Zones came and went so quickly. This year, we REALLY were fortunate with the weather at Zones. It sprinkled and wasn't exactly warm, but we missed the rain by one day (thank goodness the meet wasn't a day longer, as the weather was miserable the Monday after Zones).

Not as many swimmers participated in Zones as we would have wished. But for the swimmers who did attend, everyone had a great time.

Some highlights from Zones :

- Andrew Blankley, dropping almost 30 SECONDS in his 200 IM
- Anna Brolin, dropping time yet again in the 200IM. The hard work at practice is showing!
- Anthony Weidner, with a fantastic Saturday, placing 3rd in 2 events (and dropping time in both his butterfly and backstroke)
- Brittney Malick, breaking the minute in the 100free
- Christina Collette, after dropping time in her first 2 events on Saturday, ended Saturday with almost a 1.5 second drop in her backstroke
- Edwin Uyuklu, always with a smile on his face, even when he lost his goggles on the dive on his butterfly (and still managed to drop time!)
- Emma Holm, who managed to start off the meet with a fabulous butterfly (and almost a 2 second drop).
- Jacob Holm, who looked fantastic in his 50 butterfly.
- Jonathan Jackson, who competed on Sunday, and stayed late to cheer on his sister in the relay.
- Kaelyn Jackson, who did a great job on Sunday in the free relay (and swam her 50 free faster in the relay leg than in her race, by over a second).
- Katelyn Brolin leading the pack from an OUTSIDE lane in the 100 free, and winning her heat (and dropping time in all 6 of her events at the meet)!
- Kimmy Davis, starting and ending the meet with time improvements, in the 100fly (over a 6 second drop), and also improving her time in the 50 free
- Kyle Collett, starting the meet strong with almost a 4 second time improvement in the 100fly.
- Linnae Rodriguez, dropping time in her least favorite stroke, the breaststroke.
- Marga Garcia, competing in the difficult 15/16 age group, and always with a smile on her face.
- Michelle Brunido, with a great swim in the 100 free.
- Mika Itow, improving in 5 of her 6 swims (darn that 100IM!). And her breaststroke just keeps getting faster.
- Natalie Garcia, another strong start to the meet with Natalie improving her time in the 50 fly
- The Nguyen sisters, Kaela and Kylie, swimming together on a relay, for the first time in their swimming career (and Kylie did a fantastic job as the leadoff swimmer, swimming the backstroke leg of the medley relay) And Kaela, with a new PRT in the 100IM, after a 2 second time improvement.
- Stephanie Blankley, with almost a 6 second drop in the 100IM

The next meet on the schedule is in late February, and it is our meet!! We will have the home team advantage, as we swim in the pool for practice. Please make sure to get your entries in, as this meet is sure to fill quickly.

See you at the pool!!

Coach Karen

IV. Swamp Monster News ~ Coach Cameron

Happy February! I would first like to wish a huge thank you and congratulations to all those swimmers who braved the cold, rainy weather and swam in our Zones Championship meet. The Swamp Monsters had five swimmers participate in Zones: Emma Holm, Kaelyn Jackson, Jonathon Jackson, Edwin Uyuklu, and Anthony Weidner. A special thank you to all our participating Gilroy Gator swimmers and families for your support.

The Swamp Monsters are currently fighting through the cold weather as we have been focusing this month on turns and finishes. Please make sure that all swimmers sign up for the Gilroy Meet, which will be held February 27 and 28. There are some great events being offered, and it's always nice to have the home pool advantage. Please make sure you sign up quickly, as meet entries have already been submitted and the meet will close very shortly.

See you at the pool!
Coach Cameron

V. Crocodile & Mini Gator News ~Coaches Diane and Santiago

Winter Swimming

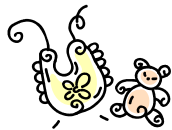
Swimming, swimming, swimming! The Crocodiles are doing awesome! We've had a lot of swimmers working hard all winter long and coming to practice even on the cold and rainy days! The Crocodiles are continuing to work on swimming all four strokes legally, flipturns, endurance training, and have been practicing doing sets on the clock. Keep up the hard work!

Zones

Congratulations to Kylie Nguyen for swimming fast at Zones! She got the opportunity to swim on the 10 & under relays with her older sister, Kaela. Way to go!

Crocodile Rate

The Crocodile Rate will be in effect through March. Beginning in April, those families currently paying the Crocodile Rate will need to decide to pay year round or month to month dues.



Baby on the Way

Coach Diane is expecting her baby boy in just a few short weeks. She will be taking some time off (beginning mid-February) to be with her family and might be "retiring" from coaching after being with the Gators for 14 years.

VI. Time Improvements

Courtesy of Brian Mallick

Individual Meet Results - Personal Bests Only

Zone 1 South Closed Short Course Championship 16-Jan-10 to 17-Jan-10 Yards

Sanction: 10-005 Location: USA

Gilroy Gator Swim Team [GGST-PC] Coach: Tom Clark

Time	F/P/S	Event	Place	Points	Improv
BLANKLEY, ANDREW (13) M					
3:18.51Y	F # 6	Male 17-18 200 IM	---	---	-27.14
1:41.71Y	F # 14	Male 13-14 100 BREAST	---	---	-0.85
1:15.86Y	F # 48	Male 13-14 100 FREE	---	---	-4.50
34.16Y	F # 72	Male 13-14 50 FREE	---	---	-1.08
BLANKLEY, STEPHANIE (11) F					
37.38Y	F # 11	Female 11-12 50 FLY	---	---	-0.03
45.26Y	F # 23	Female 11-12 50 BREAST	---	---	-1.13
1:12.87Y	F # 57	Female 11-12 100 FREE	---	---	-0.79
1:23.98Y	F # 69	Female 11-12 100 IM	---	---	-5.04
BROLIN, ANNA (13) F					
2:28.91Y	F # 59	Female 13-14 200 IM	7	4	-0.14
BROLIN, KATELYN (10) F					
40.81Y	F # 9	Female 9-10 50 FLY	---	---	-0.12
48.43Y	F # 21	Female 9-10 50 BREAST	---	---	-0.23
41.02Y	F # 33	Female 9-10 50 BACK	---	---	-1.18
34.03Y	F # 55	Female 9-10 50 FREE	---	---	-0.17
1:27.77Y	F # 67	Female 9-10 100 IM	---	---	-5.19
1:16.76Y	F # 79	Female 9-10 100 FREE	3	6	-5.55
BRUNIDO, MICHELLE (12) F					
38.40Y	F # 23	Female 11-12 50 BREAST	---	---	-0.88
1:03.39Y	F # 57	Female 11-12 100 FREE	6	4	-1.13
COLLETT, CHRISTINA (14) F					
1:11.03Y	F # 1	Female 13-14 100 FLY	---	---	-0.32
1:23.81Y	F # 13	Female 13-14 100 BREAST	---	---	-3.33
1:10.32Y	F # 25	Female 13-14 100 BACK	---	---	-1.39
COLLETT, KYLE (15) M (FR)					
1:03.98Y	F # 4	Male 15-16 100 FLY	5	4	-3.68
DAVIS, KIMBERLY (14) F					
1:14.19Y	F # 1	Female 13-14 100 FLY	2	5	-6.19
29.35Y	F # 71	Female 13-14 50 FREE	---	---	-0.28
HOLM, EMMA (7) F					
26.01Y	F # 7	Female 8 & Under 25 FLY	---	---	-1.89
HOLM, JACOB (12) M					
34.99Y	F # 12	Male 11-12 50 FLY	8	1	-0.39
ITOW, MIKA (10) F					
37.19Y	F # 9	Female 9-10 50 FLY	7	3	-1.51
38.85Y	F # 21	Female 9-10 50 BREAST	4	9	-0.53
37.20Y	F # 33	Female 9-10 50 BACK	3	8	-0.28
32.10Y	F # 55	Female 9-10 50 FREE	---	---	-0.86
1:10.65Y	F # 79	Female 9-10 100 FREE	8	3	-1.17
MALICK, BRITTNEY (14) F					
1:08.62Y	F # 1	Female 13-14 100 FLY	4	6	-0.33
59.97Y	F # 47	Female 13-14 100 FREE	3	8	-0.05
NGUYEN, KAELA (10) F					

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32.98Y	F # 9	Female 9-10 50 FLY	6	7	-0.30
29.86Y	F # 55	Female 9-10 50 FREE	4	9	-0.22
1:13.51Y	F # 67	Female 9-10 100 IM	3	10	-1.80
NGUYEN, KYLIE (6) F					
23.82Y	F # 31	Female 8 & Under 25 BACK	---	---	-2.93
50.98Y	F # 77	Female 8 & Under 50 FREE	---	---	-0.22
RODRIGUEZ, LINNAE (13) F					
1:25.57Y	F # 13	Female 13-14 100 BREAST	---	---	-1.28
UYUKLU, EDWIN (10) M					
45.59Y	F # 1	Male 9-10 50 FLY	---	---	-0.44
45.78Y	F # 34	Male 9-10 50 BACK	---	---	-1.77
WEIDNER, ANTHONY (8) M					
19.03Y	F # 8	Male 8 & Under 25 FLY	---	---	-0.78
19.21Y	F # 32	Male 8 & Under 25 BACK	3	8	-0.67



VII. News from our Board of Directors

Board of Directors

Please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors with questions and concerns:

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The GGST Board Meetings are scheduled on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month (except when rescheduling is necessary due to school events, etc.)

The next meeting is scheduled **Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 (time and location to be announced)**

All swim team members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact: Shellie Mayorga shelliemayorga@yahoo.com



Ad Campaign for February 2010 meet program

The ad campaign for the Dec. 12-13 meet program collected \$3380 from 26 businesses with only 4 families participating. This still falls short of our goal to beat the record of \$7,500 with 93 businesses in 2006. We get another chance to sell ads for the Feb. 27-78 meet program and we need the help of both winter and summer families to raise more than \$4120 to beat the record before we close out this swim year's campaign. Please keep in mind that there was no swim-a-thon in 2009 and so the ad campaign was our only fundraiser besides the Garlic Festival. Besides the Garlic Festival, the Ad Campaign has been our most successful fund raiser for the team with \$35,093 raised in 8 years since 2002. Just imagine how much we could raise if each family sold just one business card for \$50. Also if a family sells more than \$500 in ads they get a 10% thank you incentive credit on their account. Ads sold in Dec. count toward reaching the \$500 to qualify for this credit. All the forms/documents needed to sell ads are on the website under Membership Info. Check the business sign up list to see what businesses are available so you can pick a business to contact and then email that file to John Collett. Fundraising is a team effort so please do your part to help support the Gators.

All advertising, forms and checks must be turned in by Feb. 12, 2010.

Please submit to John Collett.

Thanks,
John Collett, Ad Campaign Chair

VIII.

Upcoming Events/Calendar



Feb 27 ~ 28, 2010 - C/B/A+ (SC) hosted by Gilroy Gators Swim Team

Registration Deadline: **February 12, 2010**

Job Signup Deadline (till midnight): **February 24, 2010** (this is a team hosted event)

Please sign up as soon as possible. We are hosting so we need all the help possible. You can sign up online or at the pool. Please remember that it is cold and wet so bring a lot of warm clothes and towels. Please let your coach now if you are attending this meet. Hope to see you all there and have fun. The meet is going to fill up fast please sign up!!!!!!!

Mar 13 ~ 14, 2010 - C/B/A+ (SC) hosted by San Jose Aquatics

Mar 26 ~ 28, 2010 - Spring Junior Olympics Championship (SC) San Ramon Valley

IX. Team Store



TEAM SPIRIT WEAR

We order a variety of team spirit wear, suitable for the season, on quarterly basis and sell these items to our membership at the membership office window. If you have suggestions for items that you'd like to see made available for purchase, send us an email at gilroygatorsswimteam@yahoo.com.



PARKAS

You can order your Parkas and swim bags through Nor Cal Swim Shop. Please telephone your order in at 1-800-752-7946. The Parkas generally run about \$150 plus tax and shipping. Parkas take 10 to 12 weeks to arrive.

FINS/GOGGLES/CAPS and a variety of other items are sold regularly at the membership office. Items can be paid for at the time of purchase or charged against your GGST account. Pricing is as follows:



FINS - \$20, GOGGLES - \$12 or \$14 depending on style, PULL BOUY - \$8, BOYS JAMMERS - \$20, GIRLS SUITS - \$20-35 GATOR TSHIRT - \$15, GATOR TSHIRT XXL - \$17, GATOR LICENSE PLATE FRAME - \$3, GATOR WATER BOTTLES - \$2 Visors w/Gator logo - \$15, Baseball caps w/Gator logo - \$17, Bucket caps w/Gator logo - \$20



SWIM CAPS

Silicone w/'GATOR' logo - \$15

Silicone w/miscellaneous logo - \$10

Latex w/'GATOR' logo - \$7

Latex w/'GGST' logo - \$2

Latex w/'GATORS SWIMMING' logo - \$4 Other Latex caps \$5

Have a suggestion or request for specific gear or team spirit wear? Email us your ideas! gilroygatorsswimteam@yahoo.com.

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