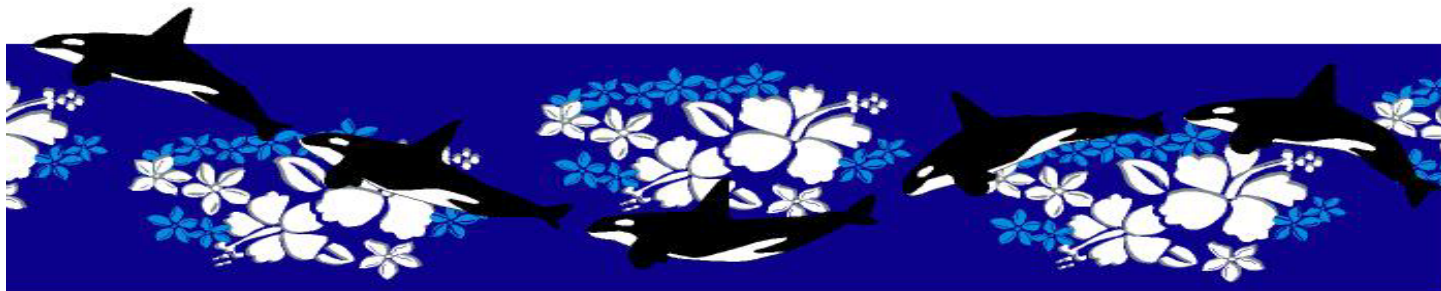


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COACH'S COMMENTS

What a meet against the Gators! We had some some clean sweeps, many lively races, fewer dq's than ever (!!!) and a whole lot of Orca spirit.

I was especially pleased at how our swimmers were taking responsibility for themselves, their races, and supporting one another. You guys were wonderful.

One week to go ...let's make the most of it. We'll tune-up on everything this week, finish up with a fun spirit day and talent show, and then the big meet. Make sure you get plenty of rest toward the end of the week. Keep hydrated and don't let the sun drain your battery!

GO ORCAS!

Coach Sandy

ORCAS THUNDERING INTO CHAMPS!

Orcas tuned up for the Championship Meet in a rain-shortened meet with Great Hills/Jester on Saturday. Hot from the start, our Orcas took 7 of the opening relays. Our Freestyle winners included Hannah Gordon, Madison Spencer, Ben Afflerbach, Kendyl Webster, Bailey Fellows and Scott Kelley. In the IM, Madison Spencer got her first of two wins, as did Mason Kerwick. Brother Max Kerwick took the Boys 11-12 IM, and the 11-12 Girls took the top four IM spots. In the backstroke, Yasmeen Farra and Mia Schmolze were 1-2. Other backstroke winner included Sarah Lackey, Mason Kerwick, Kendyl Webster and Nathan Glenn. Breaststroke winners included Mia Schmolze, Hannah Gordon, Kaitlin Wilcoxon, Kelsey Krug, Christie Newberry and Nathan Glenn.

JODIE'S JEWELS

Well, what would my third and last year as president of this incredible group of swimmers and parents have been, without at least one meet being cancelled due to rain. Not the same! At least we don't have to worry about the weather with the upcoming Championships at UT.

It has been a great season, and has come and gone so quickly. I can hardly believe it's already time for the grand finale next Saturday. All of you have shown so much spirit, it's inspiring. Remember to always carry that with you and have fun when you swim. I have enjoyed getting to know all our new parents this year and their children. You have all been a great addition to the team and are building blocks for its future. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers this season. It is impossible to do it all without your help. The Westover community has always impressed me with their dedication to our children's activities.

One last round of thanks to Chip Morris for his work on the newsletter and to Pete Wilcoxon for his tireless work with our website and databases. From the bottom of my heart, I thank my husband Lee (Head Timer, AAL Rep) and my daughter Hannah for their patience and support over the past three years. Special thanks to Leslie Bagby (Meet Director) and Laura Garner (Head Stroke & Turn Judge) for agreeing to be co-presidents of the Wild Orcas next year. They've told me they will give me the year off, but expect me to come back in 2004. Don't count on it! I planned on retiring back to my original job as Age Group Parent, but instead I think I'll write a book on "How To Handle Dysfunction within a Swim Team". [Just kidding, of course.] Every time we swim elsewhere, I appreciate our Orca smooth-running meets even more.

This has been a very special time in my life and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. I'll always have a place in my heart for ORCAS.

You rock!

Have a great Championship meet.

Jodie Gordon

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Championship Meet UT Swim Center Saturday, June 22nd

Morning Session Warm-up - 10 & unders 7:40 a.m. Meet starts at 8:15 a.m.

Afternoon Session Warm-Up 11 & up 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Starting time for afternoon session will be based on the finish of the first session. More precise info via email once the meet is seeded this Monday evening.

We'll be swimming at the end of the pool with the large scoreboard.

Championship Meet Volunteers

Meet volunteers who have been confirmed to work Champs, please get your name tag from Jodie by Friday. She will give you a special sticker for your badge that will grant you access to the deck area. Please do not forget to bring it with you on Saturday.

DON'T FORGET...

Be sure to check your email and bulletin boards at the Pool for important messages this week. Let's have a great finish and lots of fun.

AWARDS BANQUET SUNDAY JUNE 23rd

The Orcas' great season will be celebrated at our annual Awards Banquet on Sunday evening, June 23rd from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Las Colinas will cater the barbecue, followed by awards for our wonderful swimmers. The pool will be open an extra hour just for the Orcas, from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

The meal is free to team members, while parents and guests pay \$4.00. Under 3 years, no charge.

Get your reservations in by June 20th!

We could use a few more folks to setup for the banquet and to clean up afterwards. If you can help, please contact Pat Tomsho at pat.tomsho@misyshealthcare.com.



ORCAL DECALS

are a steal! You won't find anything this good anywhere for just \$2.00! A great way to support our Orcas!

BLANKETS WILL BE BACK!

Many of us missed our chance at those gorgeous looking Orca blankets that showed up at the Great Hills meet last Saturday. Never fear. They'll be back next year. Those who pre-order will get the early arrivals, so order now to have yours reserved. Just \$30.00. See Paula Ervin at practice for your blanket or window decal if you ordered one and haven't picked it up yet.

**A WHALE OF A THANK YOU TO
JODIE GORDON
FOR THREE FABULOUS YEARS
AS ORCA TEAM PRESIDENT!**