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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



May the Luck of the Irish be with you at  
Swim Meets!



## President's Message



Congratulations to our raffle prize winners. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Craig Somers from Calgary, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Rod Youngblood, our very own Taylor's dad and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Lorne Stenseth of Cochrane.

Thank you to all who donated anything to the gift basket, which was well received. Good work to everyone who sold tickets and bought tickets. Now onto the next event – the Swim A thon. This fund raiser is mandated by Swim Alberta but does certainly benefit our club. Be sure to be collecting pledges and setting your “number of laps” goal high this year. If there are any parents who would like to take part by counting laps, please let Danielle Genung know. Also we are in need of swim-a-thon prizes so please drop these off to Danielle Genung as well!



Good luck to all the swimmers going to “A” and “B” finals. What a great showing our little club has at these swim meets. Have you been looking on the web site for the new “swimmer's profiles”? Every month different swimmers will be showcased. The swimmers names were drawn randomly.

Reminder to all parents, the executive meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The location of the next meeting will be put up at the pool, one week prior to the meeting, as the executive doesn't feel putting the persons address on the web site prudent. (The March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30 pm will be held at Linda Van Dyke's house – 34 Bow Close – in Bow

Meadows – 932-1547) As a paying member of the swim club, you are considered a “member”. You DO NOT need to be a member of the executive board to attend these meeting. There is a copy of the “approved” minutes at the pool in the colored duo tang in the folder on the wall beside our bulletin board. The minutes will always be from the prior month as only “approved” minutes can be distributed. As stated in the duo tang, please do not remove or alter these minutes in any way as they are a permanent record for the club.

Enjoy the nicer weather coming and the well deserved breaks for swimmers and coaches. Good luck again to all swimmers striving for those best times and hats off to the hard work and dedication you possess.

Donna Matthezing  
Club President



Coaches Corner



Well it is February already. The time sure flies when you are having fun!! The school year is already half over. Before you know it, you will be enjoying the summer holidays.

With February comes the start of provincials. Age Group Trials are happening in Calgary February 22-24. Congratulations to Jacquie Sinnett, Amanada Dawe, Kelsey Crocker, Brad Crocker, Haley Jaques, Michael Audia and Stefan Daniel for qualifying. Senior Champs are happening in Calgary March 7-9. Congratulations to Claire Uren, Jon Wilkins and Jesse Boutin for qualifying. Age Group Champs are happening in Edmonton March 14-16. Congratulations to Stefan Daniel, Kelsey Martinez and Connor Matthezing for qualifying (and there may even be a few more following Trials). All these swimmers will represent the Comets well!!!

Swim-a-thon is March 19. All swimmers will swim for 2 hours. This is a great opportunity to get pledges and raise some money for our great club. There will be fabulous prizes and a lot of hard working swimmers. Make sure you attend and swim as far as you can!!!

Following Swim-a-thon, all Comets will be getting a well deserved break. During this time it is important to continue to eat healthy, stretch and do your core strengthening work. Enjoy your break!! During the break I will be traveling to Montreal to watch Olympic and Paralympic Trials. I am very excited to see the top Canadian swimmers compete for the ultimate swimming dream – competing at the Olympics/Paralympics for Canada.

## Swim Meets

Just a reminder to all parents:

Parents are not allowed to be sitting on deck with the coaches and swimmers at swim meets. Swim Alberta allows only qualified coaches and officials to be on deck. If you want to be close to the action you need to volunteer to officiate. If you have any questions or comments on this please see Suzanne.

## Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Swim-a-thon - 5:30-7:30pm

March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> – Blue Squad on break

March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> – Gold & Black Squad on break

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Last Practice for Blue Squad

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Last Practice for Gold Squad members no longer competing at meets

