

Comets Newsletter May/June 2009

Presidents Message

Well the season is almost finished and with the sun coming out, I am sure it is difficult getting to the pool. However, those of you still swimming and working towards qualifying for provincials, or getting best times, your hard work and dedication is paying off! Congratulations to all swimmers who have stayed committed, competed and represented the Cochrane Comets well!

It is with sadness that we will be saying good-bye to our very own head coach Suzanne after eight seasons. Please join me in wishing her the best and every success in the next chapter of her life. The Comets have grown and succeeded thanks to her coaching and leadership. We thank her for her friendship and look forward to being able to say hello at the pool. We will miss you Suzanne. That being said, the search is on for a new head coach and the executive will keep you abreast of any developments.

Please RVSP for the Annual General Meeting and awards evening on June 10, 2009. Parents, please be ready to volunteer your time and talents for positions on the executive. There is no club without parent volunteers! Thank you to all parents on the executive who have played such a pivotal role in the success of the Comets. The children are the winners here by having committed parents involved in the club. I have been very fortunate as President, having a great team to work with. Thank you seems insignificant when I realize how much work the executive has done over the last three years. Hats off to you all.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual General Meeting and awards evening and wish you all a great summer!

Donna Matthezing
Club President

Coaches Corner

Well, this is it. The season is coming to a close for all the Comets, the Comet parents and the coaches. What an amazing year it has been. You need to congratulate yourselves for an awesome season. All of you improved in your technique and your times over the last year. The amount of focus and dedication you all have shown is awesome. I, as always, am inspired by you all. You could be sitting on a couch, eating junk and have no focus but instead you have all decided to become involved in a sport that takes up a lot of your time, allows you to live a healthy lifestyle, while still enjoying the junk, and brings you into a wonderful social team.

I am looking forward to the Awards Banquet, June 10. It is always great to wind up the season by getting together and celebrating your successes. I hope to see you all there.

For those of you still swimming - good luck at Provincials you have worked hard for this opportunity.

As most of you know, this is my last season with the Cochrane Comets. My life has become very busy with exciting new challenges at work and more time is expected of me at my job. With all the added responsibilities at work, I have decided to focus my energies in that area.

As I look back at the last eight seasons that I have been the Head Coach of the Cochrane Comets, I feel great accomplishment and have extremely positive memories. From the swimmers to the parents to the boards that I have had the opportunity to work with, I have watched this club has grow through my guidance and expertise in swimming and club function. I have enjoyed the support the club has shown me and the coaches that I have worked with. I believe the Comets have an opportunity to grow and go further with a new coach with passion and vision. As a new facility is on the not-so-far-horizon, the Comets need to be ready to grow and become a club to be reckoned with in Alberta.

I wish the Cochrane Comets great successes in the future and I will still see you at the pool. I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

Take the time to enjoy this thing we call LIFE!!

Suzanne

From the Merchandiser

Another season is winding down and I would like to thank Mark Kondrat of Edge Sports Cochrane for his support of swimming in our community by providing the various accessories required at a 20% discount for members of the Comets Swim Club.

This season brought new lime green Speedo swim bags with swimmers initials embroidered in the flap and competition racing silicone caps printed with the swimmers surname.

It has been four years since I took over the job of merchandising, but all good things must come to an end. I have informed the executive of my intent to resign as merchandiser at the end of the current season. A new merchandiser will be voted in at the Annual General Meeting on June 10th, 2009.

These past four years saw major changes in how we purchase merchandise from a new website with a full page dedicated to merchandise, a new PDF order form, and a merchandiser email.

I would like to thank all the past and future executive members for their support and dedication to this club. Without volunteer s, our Cochrane Comets Swim Club would not exist.

Ron Matthezing
Merchandizing

Photos

If you're taking great photos of our swimmers, please forward to Shelley Luckasavitch at luckasar@telus.net for use on our website and to Danielle Genung at dannygirl4@mac.com for our yearbook.

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