



Holly Tree Country Club Swim Team

Hurricane Happenings

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Activities This Week:

- Anne Vogt returns on Thursday!!
- Stroke sign up: Deadline Monday at 5pm
- Spirit Party: Wednesday, June 9, 5:15pm Cabana area; bring water bottle to paint!
- HTCC vs. Neely Farm: Thursday, June 17 warm-up time 4:45, Officials & Volunteers report at 5pm; meet starts at 5:30pm
- Donuts & Ribbons: Friday 10am in the Cabana area
- Guppy Meet HTCC at Stonehaven — Saturday, June 17 at 9am

June 14, 2010

Greenville Drive baseball Tickets are here!

The Greenville Drive Game is tonight! We have 47 fun swimmers and their families attending the game to represent Holly Tree. Wear your team shirt or parent shirt and show your Holly Tree spirit. There will be a parade of swimmers and their families who meet at the Field Street gate by 6:30pm. **So everyone can get to the game on time, we will not be having the 5:30 11 and Up practice on Monday.** If you don't want your swimmer to miss their pool time, they may join the 10 and under practice at 4:30.

3rd Meet: Neely Farm at HTCC

Our third meet of the season is this Thursday, June 17th against the swimmers of Neely Farm. Warm up times will be 4:15 so have your swimmer there by 4pm to get set up.

Volunteers and Officials for the 1st half of the meet should arrive by 5pm so they can get checked in and find their badge from the badge stand. We will be moving the check-in area to tables near the cabana steps and off the pool deck. Standing in the heat of the sun for several hours is just too dangerous. 2nd half Volunteers and Officials will also need to find their badge before

the meet begins.

The meet will start promptly at 5:30pm.

We still need lots of runners, timers, and recorders for the 2nd half, so log onto the website

www.htccswim.com and click on the meet sign up page and put your name on one of these fun volunteer jobs. You will be helping our team and getting to know some of the parents. We really appreciate your help. Be like Bo

Finley, timer extraordinaire!

Post Party

We will have a pool deck pizza party just like we did



after the first meet. Please stay

around to enjoy some good food, drinks and relaxation with other swim team parents. This should also give us time to get the pool deck back in order and things put away. Thanks for helping out.

Woody Creek Meet Recap

We've got the 2nd meet under our belts now, and it's beginning to flow a little easier for both the kids and parents. Everybody knows how to line up, move forward on the benches and chairs, and wear the right swim cap. By the time we all begin to understand our volunteer jobs, the season will be over with – but let's not get into that sad story yet. I want to thank everyone for staying on the pool deck or close by during the rain delay. Even though it

got a little muggy afterwards, and a few sprinkles, we did get to swim most of the meet. It's unfortunate that the Woody Creek coaches and referee decided to

eliminate the back stroke from our competition due to the pool not being equipped with lights. We will discuss with them their plans for ensuring we are able to swim the complete meet for the 11 & Up Divisionals the evening of Friday, July 9th. I saw some good races in the water last Thursday, and that is what really matters – swimming your best and cutting time.



3rd Meet—

Thursday, June

17th

Neely Farm at

HTCC

Swimmers Report

at 4:00pm!

Volunteer Online

To Volunteer to work at a swim meet, you must go online to our team website at www.htccswim.com and click on the "Meet Sign Up" button at the top. Next, click on the meet you want to volunteer at, then look for the position you want to help with. Click on the "volunteer" button, then just type in your name and hit "sign up". We Still have about 15 open positions for the meet on Thursday versus Neely Farm. Everything from timers and recorders to ribbons, records and starters. Please sign up today!

Spirit Party's This Tuesday and Wednesday!

Two spirit parties in a row rained out! The 3rd one will be charmed. And what fun they have planned!! **This week, bring a water bottle, plastic or metal**, and we have special paint markers there for you to decorate them in your best Holly Tree spirit! There will also be special treats for all our hard-working Holly Tree

swimmers. If we get rained out again, we will have our spirit party on Thursday morning at 9:30am.

Remember to bring a water bottle to paint!!



National Anthem

Do you have the voice to sign the national anthem? I thought the girls singing the national anthem at Woody Creek was very nice. If we have some budding American Idol talent on our team, we would love to hear it. Please let me know if you want to sing (solo or with a group) and I will arrange it at the beginning of our next home meet.

SAIL Parking

We will be designating several of the front row parking spots at the next meet for the SAIL Reps and Officials from our team and Neely Farms. There is a lot of stuff we have to carry in from our cars, in addition to our swimmers, and having those parking spots close by really does help. We certainly appreciated them at

Woody Creek, so we are going to offer that same courtesy to the Neely Farm officials when they swim at our pool. We also have a special designated parking spot for Gwinn Davis, the photographer from the Tribune Times. Please be respectful of all the designated parking spots.

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3rd Guppy Meet; and new Guppy Directors for 2011!

The 3rd Guppy Meet will be Saturday, June 19th at Stonehaven. The meet starts at 9am, so have your child there by 8:45 for warm-ups. The meet should last about 1 hour. You may want to bring a small snack and drink for your child and yourself. The pool deck should have plenty of chairs so you won't need to bring your own. Bring 2 towels to keep your child warm. Also bring your spirit buddy gift to ex-

change with your buddy prior to the meet. Penny Rice manages our Guppy program and has done a wonderful job. She will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the meet. Just email her at ricep@charter.net or look for her around the pool deck during guppy practice or 10 and under practice.

We are pleased to announce the Damaris Collier and Mary

Ellen Bradley will be our new Guppy co-directors for the 2011 swim year. I'm sure they will do a good job. Thanks ladies for stepping up and taking on this important role in preparing our future swimmers.



Photos

There are two links on the website to photo's that have been taken by two of our team parents at meets. Check them out – there are many good candid shots of kids and parents around the pool as well as your kids swimming their events. These photos are available for sale in several sizes and as gift items. My kids love seeing us use their swim team coffee cups each morning!

www.greenvilleonline.com

Are you hooked on swim team yet? Well, now you can follow the standing of your favorite swimmers online. Just go to www.greenvilleonline.com and click on Sports, then SAIL swimming in the banner menu at the top. Then scroll down to Team Pages, Rankings and Results. Select "View Seson Rankings" and "Select Event". For example, select Girls 9-10 25 meter freestyle and you will see the rankings of every 9-10 girl in Greenville County that has swam the 25 meter freestyle. In this category you will see that our fastest girl is Sarah Young, ranked #10 out of



362 girls age 9-10 who swam this stroke at a meet this year. Way to go Sarah! These rankings will change throughout the season as everyone swims all the strokes and kids get faster as they strive to beat their times and improve each week. These times are usually posted by Friday morning each week, thanks to the efforts of each teams computer guru's who input all the times throughout the meet and upload it to the main SAIL servers after the meet has ended.

Relay Team Practice is Critical to Success

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Kids swim their hearts out in every event, but in the relays, it becomes even more exciting as the kids cheer each other on. To help them swim their best, the coaches will have relay practice every Wednesday afternoon and we encourage you to have your kids at that practice (in addition to all the other practices). We have

had a few teams get disqualified due to a false start and that is primarily due to a lack of practicing together as a team. Even year around swimmers need practice swimming with the summer swimmers. And the summer swimmers need to learn the rhythms of the year around swimmers. The coaches will

know who will be on the relay teams Tuesday afternoon and it will be announced to the swimmers. We want everyone to be at practice on Wednesday afternoon, but we really want to see our relay teams have a chance to practice with each other. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

What To Do If You Are Going to Miss a Meet

If you are going to be out of town on vacation, or missing a meet for any reason,

please email me at [LVI-Young@mmzero.com](mailto:LVIYoung@mmzero.com) and let me know by the Monday

meet and are not going to be there – please email me with that too. We will need to find a replacement for your job. As you have seen in our first two meets, every job is important and none can be left unfilled.

prior. It is important that we take your swimmers off the heat sheet for that week. Also, if you have signed up to work at a



Stroke Sign Up Every Monday on the Pool Deck or email them to LVIYoung@mmzero.com by 6pm. Thanks!

If you are not going to be swimming at a meet please email Linda Young with that information too. Thanks!

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

It's a Girls Night Out Tastefully Simple fundraiser! Tuesday, June 22 from 7-9pm Parker and Mitchell's Mom, Katherine Davis will host a Tastefully Simple party at her home at 302 Draymoor Lane along with Elizabeth and Amanda's Mom, Amy Bullard, a Tastefully Simple sales consultant. It will be a fun evening of sampling some Tastefully Simple foods and beverages. Bring a friend

who wants to learn more about Holly Tree swim team or to just support our team. All profit from the sales of food will benefit the many projects and equipment needed to keep our team current. If you have any questions, please



contact Amy at 593-7830 or Katherine at 962-5847. You can

also find them at the pool during each practice. So come hungry!

Directions from the pool:

Right onto Hwy. 14, travel 1 mile

Right onto Hwy. 296, travel 1.7 miles

Right onto Woodruff Rd, travel .1 mile

Right onto Scuffletown Rd., travel 2 miles

Left onto Jonesville Rd., travel .7 miles

Left onto Wickhaven Dr., then immediate Right onto Draymoor Lane, #302 in on the right. Park in front or in the pool parking lot.

8 and Unders & Guppy's Picnic This Tuesday!

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Tuesday, June 15th right after Guppy practice at 11:30am, everyone can head right on over to Heritage Park in Simpsonville for a picnic lunch and afternoon of playground fun. Bring your own lunch for you and your kids. There are plenty of picnic tables at the park. Enjoy getting to know a few of the

other Mom's while the kids play out of the pool.

If you have any questions, please email Penny Rice (ricep@charter.net) or Karen Holden (kjc10@msn.com). They are the party planners for the 8 and Unders and the Guppy's.



Zip Lining Trip for the Teenagers

Lucky teens!! On Friday, June 18th the teenagers are going on a zip-lining trip. Please sign up online so we can make arrangements for cars and drivers. Thank you to Katie Rutledge for being the first to sign up online!! Look under the schedule section for June 18 and click on "See Who's Going to be There and Sign Up for this Event" link. Anne Vogt is coordinating this trip for our teen swimmers. Please contact Anne at anne.vogt@charter.net with any questions. I hope she will get back in touch with you because I don't know about cars, drivers, lunches or any of the several questions being asked. I do

know they leave the pool at 12noon and return at 9:30 that evening.

We have several kids and parents who have told Anne, Karen or Linda that they are going to attend this event, but haven't signed up online yet. Please go to the website and sign up there so Anne can follow up with you individually about payment, assigning drivers, and communicating with you. With her out of town, being able to see in one spot who is participating is very helpful. Linda or Karen will be glad to take your payment check for this event until Anne returns on June 17.



HTCC Swim Team Stones

Scott Farmer and Jeff Wood have organized their own fundraiser for the Holly Tree Swim Team. They want to help each child to make a stone out of concrete that the child can decorate and write on as they wish. Scott and Jeff will do the mixing of the concrete and they have 20 molds ready to go. We will be able to have 20 kids do this each day. As soon as they give me a list of days they are available, I will post it in an email to everyone and you can sign up. The cost per stone is \$5.00.

Teens Tubing on Lake Hartwell

More fun teen activities. This time you are going boating and tubing at the Young's house on Lake Hartwell, Saturday, June 26 from 1-7pm. Again this is for teens only and a parent(s). No younger siblings please. Please sign up online so we can buy enough food. The cost is only \$10 per person. Thank you to Anne & Jordan Vogt for signing up online. We cleaned up the house and yard this weekend and are getting them party-ready. The boat

is running great, just ask Sarah & Alex Young who spent many hours tubing and riding the waves this weekend. We even warned the neighbors that y'all were coming. So sign up online, find me on the pool deck, or Jordan will be getting all the fun rides.

9-12 Year Olds Have a Night at the Movies!

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Heritage Park in Simpsonville shows free family movies on Tuesday evenings so pack up a picnic dinner and bring the kids over the Heritage Park on Tuesday, June 29 at 7pm. The movie starts at 9pm, but lots of playtime happens before the

movie starts. The movie that night is *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*—a very funny, kid appropriate movie, good for all ages. This activity should be good for everyone's budget. Hope to see you there!



What Are Divisionals?

Divisionals – what are Divisionals? You've heard it talked about, people make it sound really important, kids jump up and down and get all excited when it's mentioned. So what is it exactly? Well, it's the big 2-day swim meet with all the teams in our division. And at the end of it someone becomes the Divisional Winner! (determined by a point system that I don't understand).

We are in the White Division with Stonehaven, Woody Creek, Pelham Falls and Forrester Woods. All five of our teams will

come together at Woody Creek and swim our last meet over two days, July 9th and 10th. The kids age 11 and up will swim the evening of July 9th (time TBD) and the kids 10 and under will swim the morning of July 10th (time TBD).

This will be the last time you exchange gifts with your spirit buddy. The times the kids swim at this meet will determine who moves on to the Championships and Classics meet on July 17th & 18th.

During the week prior to Divisionals we will have

many traditional Holly Tree Activities like the pasta pump-up party and the shaving cream fight. It is always a very fun week for all. To cap it off, on the evening of July 10th we will have our big end-of-the season party back at the Holly Tree pool. We will have food, drinks, fun activities for the kids, a picture slide show to remember all the good times from the season, and of course, swimming in the pool! It will be an evening to remember.

Eileen Wells is managing our Divisionals Saturday night party, and just like last year we know she will make

it a party to remember.

Please note there won't be a donuts and ribbons party after the Divisional meet. Ribbons are not given out for the Divisional swim meet. It's all about swimming to make Championships and Classics. Kids who do make Championships & Classics will be notified late in the afternoon of July 11th. More details will come later.

A full week of divisional fun will be posted on the website and in the newsletter in the next week or two. Please be looking for it and get it on your calendar.

Parents Want Team Shirts Too!

Several parents have expressed an interest in ordering a team shirt just like the kids shirts for themselves. Raye Carson has agreed to manage this t-shirt order. To order email her directly at rayecarson@hotmail.com or find her on the pool deck each morning or afternoon. The cost for the shirts is \$10. Thanks!



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