

Barracudas Bubble #2



Newsletter #2

May 13th, 2003

Cudas Dates to Remember

May 31st:

Cudas Mock Meet & Splash Party
Central Park 1pm to 5pm

May 31st:

Clothing Drive-
Central Park Parking Lot
Noon to 2pm

June 21 & 22

Burnaby A/B Meet-
Central Park

June 24th

Splash Party & Pictures- Central Park

July 21st-

Splash Party & Raffle-
Central Park

July 26/27

Burnaby 'B' & Development Meet-
Central Park

SFU Region Swim Meets

June 6th-

Coquitlam Development

June 6/7-

Coquitlam A/B

June 13-

PoCo Development

June 14/15-

Poco A/B- 'A' Finals

June 21/22-

Burnaby A/B- 'A' Finals

June 28/29-

Port Moody Spike-
'A' Finals

July 12/13-

Port Moody
B/Development

July 15

Mantas Best Ever (TBC)

July 19/20-

Coquitlam A- 'A' Finals

July 26/27-

Burnaby B/Development
'B' Finals

July 26-

PoCo Speed Meet
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Cudas Clothing Drive - May 31st



The Cudas' big Annual Clothing Drive will

soon be here! On May 31st, before you head off to the **Mock Meet at Central Park**, don't forget to load up your vehicle with all those bags of old clothing, footwear and linens you've been collecting for the last few weeks. And if you haven't started collecting, **it's not too late!**

We are asking that each Club member to try and donate a **minimum of 10 plastic garbage bags** of old clothing, footwear and linens (towels, bedsheets, blankets, curtains etc...) The best part of participating in a clothing drive is that **you don't have to sell anything** and the bonus is that you get to clean out your closets at the same time! Ask your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers to do the same.

Clean out your closets & help out the Club at the same time. It's the Annual Barracudas Clothing Drive!

Donations can be dropped off at the **Central Park pool**

parking lot from Noon to 2 pm on Saturday, May 31st. **Big Brothers** will have a truck to accept donations. The Club receives \$3 for each bag collected.

Thanks for your support in making this a successful Club fundraiser.

Contact: Wendy or Chris Muraio at 604-322-2960 or email:

canasawa@aol.com if you need more info or have any questions.

Oops- Correction!

Please note the following correction to the May Schedule:

May 26th: 3:45pm to 5pm is Jr. Prep and NOT Synchro. Synchro is from 7pm to 8pm. Sorry about that!

Mock Meet & Splash Party at Central Park May 31st-1pm-5pm

A **Mock Meet** is an opportunity for everyone to have a racing opportunity at the beginning of the swim season. It's a **great way for new Barracudas** and their parents to experience how a meet is run and to participate in a meet. Parents will be able observe the inner workings of a meet so they know what to expect for future swim meets.

Veteran volunteer parents will be on deck to **demonstrate and answer questions** on how a swim meet is run. (Clerk of the course, marshalling, timing, crash desk, etc.) This will help make swim meets seem less intimidating for swimmers in their first race and for parents new to volunteering at a meet.

Four "long course" 50's (free, back, breast and fly) will be offered as events. There will be no 100 events. Results are timed and will not be official times. Coaches and volunteers will be in the water to help the **little ones finish a race.**

The **Splash Party** will be hosted by Robert Burnaby pool parents following the Mock Meet at **4pm**. The Club supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, chips & pop at **bargain prices**. The host pool families provide salad, veggies, fruit and desserts. Yum!

Needed- Barracuda Officials

Consider becoming a stroke & turn official, a starter or referee. Currently, the Barracudas can only supply 3 or 4 officials to help out at swim meets- which is not nearly enough for a club our size. It's not a big commitment- just attend a clinic for a couple of hours and then for the first while, you can shadow an experienced official until you are comfortable.

The Simon Fraser Region has organized a number of officials' clinics. These clinics are

designed for all levels from those with no experience to the most experienced deck official. For beginners, find out what your children are really supposed to be doing when they swim their strokes.

Stroke & Turn Clinic:

Wed. May 25th: 7pm to 9pm
Coquitlam Rec Centre on Poirier
McGee Room
(Place judging covered as well)

Chief Meet Recorder Clinic

Mon. May 26th: 7pm to 9pm
Westhill Pool, Port Moody

For more info, contact Marie Parente at 604-420-1040 or email: mariaparente@shaw.ca

Special Thanks for Special O!

A special thank you to the following volunteers for representing the Barracudas by giving up a day of their time helping out at the Special Olympics on March 16th at Chimo Pool in Coquitlam- President **Wendy Jung**, Assistant Chief Timer, **Julia Parente**, **Debbie Massullo** for overseeing our timers and recorders, **Marissa Massullo**, **Sarah Marsh** and **Jessica Clark**. Again, our Club pulled through by bringing the most volunteers to assist at this special meet.

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More Cudas Dates to Remember

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Water Polo Meets:

May 24th - P1 & P2-
9am to 5pm

May 25th - P3 & P4-
9am to 5pm

June 27th- P3
6am to 5pm - P3

July 14th- P4
6am to 5pm

July 23rd- P1 & P2
6am to 2pm

(Water Polo Meets at Central Park)

August 2/3

'A' Regionals- Coquitlam

August 9/10:

'B' Regionals- PoCo

August 12 to 17

Provincials- Victoria

September 12th

Swedish Hall

October 7th

Annual General Meeting
Shadbolt Centre- 7pm to 9pm

Officials Clinics

Stroke & Turn & Place Judging Clinic-

May 28- 7pm to 9pm
Coquitlam Rec Centre on Poirier
McGee Room

Chief Meet Recorder

May 26th- 7pm to 9pm
Westhill Pool, Port Moody

RAFFLE TICKETS

DUE! July 21st

Raffle Prizes will drawn at the
Splash Party

Cudas Pub Nite- A Great Success!

The first Burnaby Barracudas **Pub Nite** of the 2003 Season held on Saturday, April 26th at the Firemen's Hose & Hydrant Club by Bonsor was a **great success!** Good company, great food, music and atmosphere, raffle prizes and a 50/50 draw all combined to make this night a most fun and enjoyable evening. Not only is the Burnaby Barracudas a great club for kids to meet new friends and have fun, the Cudas is a great club for parents as well! **PLUS, just over \$1,000 was raised for the Club.**

Many thanks to the following sponsors who donated prizes:

Ricky's Restaurant at Metrotown- Gift Certificate; **ExtraFoods** at Champlain Square- Gift Certificate. Grand prize was a **BC Lions Football** and a **autographed memorabilia.**

Thanks to **Bing Jung** who helped gather prizes from assorted donators. And a very special thanks to **Wendy and Chris**

Murao for organizing the Pub Nite. If you missed out on this last Pub Nite, **watch for future dates** and join in on the fun!

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Volunteer Coaches Clinic 2003

The **Volunteer Coaches' Clinic** runs for 5 sessions from **May 12th to 20th.** This is course offered by Head Coach Ryan for senior swimmers, **Division 5 & up**, who wish to volunteer this season. The clinic provides training, safety procedures and practice opportunities to ensure that Barracuda Volunteers are of the highest quality and standard. By completing this course, young coaches will have a foundation of

knowledge to build on when they start learning from the senior coaches they work with. **Anyone who wishes to volunteer during any part of the season must complete this course.**

All participants must be registered Barracuda swimmers, Division 5 & over. There is **no additional cost** to take this course. For more info see Head Coach Ryan.



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Synchronized Swimming News

Synchronized swimming starts at Central Park Pool on **May 19th and 20th from 7pm to 8pm** and moves to **Robert Burnaby Pool June 2nd-Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm.**

Are you interested in giving synchronized swimming a try? Come to Central Park on **May 19th** and meet our new head coach, Amanda Renaud and assistant coach, Genevieve Higgs. There will be an informal **meeting with Coach Amanda at 6:30pm** for anyone wanting to know more about this

challenging sport. There will be a **parents' meeting on Monday, June 2nd at Robert Burnaby Pool at 8:30 pm** to discuss expectations of the program.

Synchro is **open to all ages and no experience is necessary** as long as you can swim the length of the pool and are comfortable under water upside down.

If you have any questions or concerns about synchronized swimming, call the Synchro Rep, **Lila Gritchen at 604-520-1230.** See you at the pool! **We'll be the**

Water Polo News

The **Burnaby Barracudas H2O Ice Breaker Tournament at Central Park Pool** will soon be here. Juniors (13 years & under) will play on **Saturday, May 24th**, while the Seniors (18 years & under) will play on **Sunday, May 25th.** Both days will start at **9am and run til 5pm.**

This is a **low key** tournament

Parents: A Friendly Reminder or Two

Parents, just a friendly reminder that the **Pool Deck is a "Parent Free Zone."** Everyone who is a **non-registered Barracuda** (eg. parents, siblings, relatives, drivers etc...) **must stay off the pool deck, outside the chain link fence at all practices at all pools.** This is for safety and insurance reasons. Consider keeping a lawn chair or blanket in your vehicle because at most of the pools, there is no seating outside the fences.

The Deadline for turning in all Raffle Tickets is Monday, July 21st. Draw for raffle prizes will take place at the Splash Party. Ensure your tickets are winners, by handing in them early to **Wendy or Chris Murao, Head Pool Rep- Judy Melton** or your own **Pool Rep.**

We're Going Outside- May 19th

This season, we will start outdoor swimming and synchronized swimming practices at **Central Park Pool on May 19th** with waterpolo going outdoors on **May 20th.** Practising at Bonsor Pool can be a bit of a challenge and Head Coach Ryan is looking forward to having **more quality practice time and space** for all swimmers to ensure that the season gets off to a **great start.**

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and is really a warm-up to get the season started. No ribbons will be awarded - winners will just have the prestige of being **Top Dog** for the day.

The Barracudas are hosting this tournament and we are asking for volunteers to help out. The more help, the shorter the shifts.

Contact the Water Polo Rep, Jim Toy at 604-671-5273 for more details.

During the Season, we are all likely to have a question or two to ask one of the coaches about our child. They are happy to answer any questions, but please **ask the questions after the practice is over & the equipment is put away.**

Practice time is a very busy time for coaches and those 'quick questions' take valuable time away from the swimmers. This is especially important during meets. The coaches are extremely busy at meets as they give swimmers pre-race advice.

Please **ask your questions after the meet is over.** The coaches and kids will appreciate your cooperation!

Pool Reps:
Each pool will have a **parent pool representative.** This person answers questions about swim meets or tournaments, will have copies of the latest *Bubble and & Splash Party.* The *Head Pool Rep* is looking for volunteers. The job is not time consuming & is a great way to get to know more people in the Club. If you are interested or would like more info, please call: **Judy Melton at 604-434-4254**

Fundraising

The Barracudas is the largest & most affordable swim club in the Simon Fraser Region. But in order to maintain the diversity of programs offered, quality coaching and the unique fun culture that a swim club offers, fundraising has become a necessity.

Fundraising is becoming increasingly more difficult & competitive as more and more groups vie for the same pool of shrinking government grants and gaming funds. Organizations must become more creative in raising funds.

Already, the Club does 50/50 draws, raffles, pub nites, clothing drives and concessions. We are open to any other fundraising ideas. We are also looking at sponsorships, advertising at meets and in programs and newsletters.

If you own your own business or work for an organization that has extra promotional dollars, consider the Barracudas.

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Head Coach's Report

by Ryan Skomorowski

Welcome, all Barracudas! I am really excited about this year as we have assembled what I believe is the best coaching staff in the Province!

Congratulations to last year's Barracudas who repeated as Provincial Champs (by almost doubling the points of the next highest team!) With hard work & lots of fun, we will attempt to bring home a 3rd consecutive Provincial Title.

This is my 4th year as head coach of the Barracudas & I am looking forward to what I believe will be a very memorable year.

There only minor changes from last year including the addition of the Barracudas "Mock Meet" on May 31st. There is a sign-up for this meet at Bonsor & Central Park pools for all Cudas

of every age & skill level. Our young Barracudas are also invited to come as there will be coaches in the water to assist.

New parents usually do not attempt to attend a swim meet until late in the season. By this time, it's too late to qualify for 'B' Regionals. The biggest complaint I receive is that parents had wished they attended more meets as they did not realize how fun they were! Hopefully, the Mock Meet will allow new parents & swimmers to experience a meet where they can ask all the questions they need in a familiar setting so that they don't miss out on the total Barracuda experience.

Any questions that you have should be directed to the coaching staff after practice. I encourage everyone to introduce themselves to their coaches & to me so we can always be available to help you along in the season.

See everyone at the Pool!

Coach Mike Wylie: Hi everybody, it's that time of year again! Yes, SUMMER! I'm glad to be back coaching with the Barracudas again this year. Last year was great & I'm looking forward to another fun summer with some serious fast swimming (& some nice weather.) See you at the pool!!!

Coach Max Jensen: Hi everyone! I am a University of Calgary student & swimmer. I have swam for 10 years & my best stroke is the 200 fly. My winter team is the Hyacks.

Coach Kathryn Rosburg: Hey, everyone, my name is Kathryn Rosberg & I've been swimming with the Barracudas since I was 7. This year I'll be helping out with the Intermediate swimmers at Robert Burnaby pool. I hope you all swim fast & have a

fantastic season. Good Luck!

Coach Matt Skomorowski: Welcome back, Barracudas!

I am looking forward to my 4th summer with the Barracudas and I can't wait to see everyone back in the pool!!!

Coach Suzy Bodeur: Hello, Barracudas! I want to welcome all new & returning Barracudas to this new summer season. There are some great things planned to make this the best season yet! I am originally from Toronto & began competitive swimming when I was 6. I moved to B.C. 2 years ago to attend SFU & to join the swim team. I was honored to be the women's team captain for the 2002/03 varsity season where we brought home a 4th consecutive national title. I started coaching in Ontario with the Markham Aquatic Junior Swim Club & loved every second, which is why I am so excited to get this season started! Can't wait to meet you all. I am looking forward to a great summer full of fun & fast swimming!

Coach Ross Izumi: Hi! My name is Ross and I will be coaching the Jr. Preps this season. I hope everybody will have a great season & will have fun in the water.

Coach Ben Keast: My name is Ben Keast & I'm a returning Cudas coach. this year, I'm finishing Grade 12 & am in my 10th year as a competitive swimmer. I've been anxious to coach ever since the finals of last year's BCSSA Provincials & can hardly wait to begin another season of developing the skills of our Jr. & Intermediate Cudas as Matt's assistant.

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Contributions and comments to the Barracudas Bubble Newsletter are welcome and greatly appreciated. Contact: Sandra Lee at 604-438-8921 or e-mail: sandra_lee@shaw.ca

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2003 Barracudas Coaches

Robert Burnaby Pool:

Ryan Skomorowski	Head Coach
Mike Wylie	Asst. Coach
Max Jensen	Asst. Coach
Kathryn Rosburg	Asst. Coach

McPherson Pool:

Matt Skomorowski	Head Coach
Susi Brodeur	Asst. Coach
Ross Izumi	Asst. Coach
Ben Keast	Asst. Coach
Travis Wong	Baby Cudas

Kensington Pool:

Dave Remple	Head Coach
Arthur Wang	Asst. Coach
Bronwyn Knodel	Asst. Coach
Jen Routtu	Baby Cudas

Waterpolo:

Kris Schjelderup	Head Coach
Hollis Nelson	Asst. Coach
Brandon Jung	Asst. Coach
Stephen Remple	Asst. Coach

Synchronized Swimming:

Amanda Renaud	Head Coach
Genevieve Higgs	Asst. Coach



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Coach Travis Wong: Hello everyone! My name is Travis Wong & I will be coaching the Baby Barracudas at MacPherson as well as lifeguarding the Synchro Team. This year will be my 11th swimming as a Cuda. I am very excited & hope to have a successful season coaching as well as swimming competitively. I have gained skills through volunteer coaching and coaching young swimmers with Red Snappers. Hope to meet many new people and looking forward to an awesome summer!

Coach Dave Remple: Hello & welcome to the 2003 swim season! My name is Dave & this summer will be my 4th as a coach & my 14th as a Cuda. This year I will be at Kensington pool coaching the Senior group. I am looking forward to working with this group over the next couple of months & plan to have a fun filled season with lots of hard work & best times. Good luck to all new & returning Cudas! I hope you have a fun & successful season!

Coach Arthur Wang: Hi, my name is Arthur! I've been coaching Jr. Prep at Kensington. I hope we will all have a fun & competitive time this summer.

Coach Bronwyn Knodel: Hey!!! Welcome to another exciting season in Burnaby! I am Bronwyn Knodel & this will be my 2nd year coaching for the Cudas. I am not a new face around the pool- I've been swimming for the Cudas for 9 years now. This year, I will be coaching the Jr. group at Kensington pool. You will find me smiling by the pool deck! I look forward with anticipation to a great season!

Coach Jennifer Routtu: Hi, my name is Jennifer Routtu & I have been swimming competitively for the past 10 years as a winter & summer swimmer. I have been with the Burnaby Barracudas for the past 4 summers & love it! I will be teaching Baby Barracudas this summer at Kensington. See you in the pool!

Coach Kris Schjelderup: Hello everyone! I am so excited to be coaching for the Cudas this summer! I can't wait to meet all the new faces! As this is my 1st year here, I would like give you some of my background & previous playing/coaching experience. I grew up playing waterpolo for the Coq. Sharks in the summer & the Coq. Lions in the winters where we won numerous provincial titles. I have also played BC Summer Selects & Pacific Storm for many years where I have competed in Nationals many times. I know what kind of determination & hard work it takes to be a successful team player. My waterpolo coaching experience includes Port Moody Aquarians & Coquitlam Lions. I have also coached high school rugby for Centennial. My vast coaching experience has taught me how to build a winning team while having as much fun as possible. I am looking forward to coaching such a well-respected club with an amazing winning history. I have a good feeling that this summer will be another exciting & successful season for Barracuda Waterpolo!

Coach Hollis Nelson: My name is Hollis Nelson. I am going to be one of your assistant waterpolo coaches. I've been swimming with the Barracudas since I was 8, and playing waterpolo since I was 10. I coached Atom waterpolo last year for the Burnaby Waterpolo club, so some of you should be

familiar with me. As well, I have been coaching for the Red Snappers during the last year. I'm really looking forward to a great season with everyone & hope we have new kids out for polo!

Coach Brandon Jung: Hi everyone, Brandon here! I am back again for another season of coaching water polo. I was a member of the 2002 Canadian Youth National Team last year & I am hoping to pass along alot of the skills I learned this past year. Looking forward to a great season. See you all at the pool!

Coach Stephen Remple: My name is Stephen. I've been a swimmer & waterpolo player with the Cudas for the past 11 years & it's about time I put something back into the club. I have a lot to offer as a waterpolo coach & I'm anxious to keep our reputation going strong. Our waterpolo program is growing each year & I hope it continues to attract new players interested in joining a fun & enjoyable sport. There's no sport quite like water polo & the only way to experience it is to come out & play!

Coach Amanda Renaud: I was a synchro swimmer for 9 years & my career includes many national & international competitions. I have been a coach for 6 years working with girls from ages 5 years to senior level. I'm really excited about becoming a Barracuda coach & I am pleased to be given the chance to start & develop a synchro program for the club. In September, I'll be returning to Douglas College to make some headway in becoming an elementary school teacher. I'm working hard this summer to save money & won't have much time to actually enjoy the summer sun, so I'll make the most of while I'm at the pool!

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