

# Barracudas Bubble #4



Newsletter #4

July 7th, 2003

## CUDAS Dates to Remember!

July 7th to 18th

**HELL WEEK!**  
All Pools

July 21st-

**Splash Party  
& Raffle Draw-**  
Central Park  
Hosted by  
McPherson Parents

July 26th/27th

**Burnaby 'B' &  
Development Meet-**  
Central Park

SFU Region  
Swim Meets

July 12/13-

Port Moody  
B/Development

July 15

Mantas Best Ever (SFU)

July 19/20-

Coquitlam A- 'A' Finals

July 26/27-

Burnaby B/Development  
'B' Finals

July 26-

PoCo Speed Meet

August 2/3

'A' Regionals- Coquitlam

August 9/10:

'B' Regionals- PoCo

August 12 to 17

Provincials- Victoria

September 12th

Scandinavian  
Community Hall  
6pm

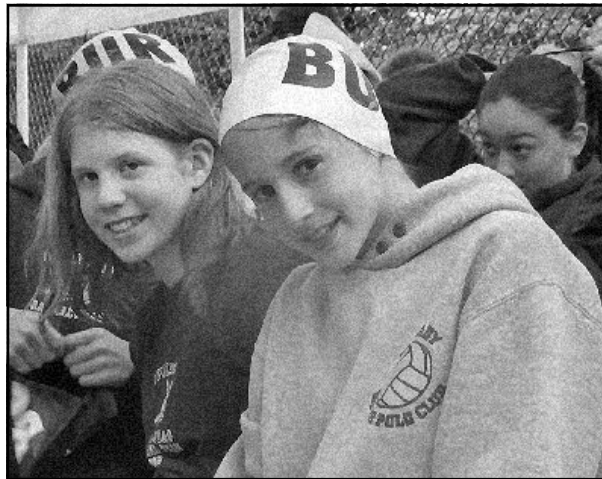
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Annual General Meeting  
Shadbolt Centre-  
7pm to 9pm

**RAFFLE TICKETS  
ARE DUE!**

**Monday, July 21st**  
Raffle Prizes will drawn at  
the Splash Party at Cen-  
tral Park. (5pm to 7pm)

## *Burnaby A/B Meet- Great Job!*



*Fast swims, good times &  
great friends- that's what the  
Burnaby A/B is all about!*

Well, it seems like ages ago since we held

our **Barracudas A/B Meet** on June 21st & 22nd. The Meet was a **great success** with plenty of best times, meet records, awesome swims, lots of fun and great experiences (even with the rain on Sunday morning!), fantastic raffle prizes, yummy deck food and the famous concession stand.

## *Meet Manager Says Thanks to All!*

This is just a short note to **thank all the Volunteers** who gave of their time and effort to the successful running of the Burnaby Barracudas A/B Meet on June 21st and 22nd.

To recognize everyone individually would be impossible and would amount to naming most of the Barracuda membership. **From A to Z, you made it happen!**

Congratulations to rookie **Meet Manager,**

**Donna Hua** for a job well done. Huge thanks to **President, Wendy Jung** for her guidance and expertise and a big **"Thanks!"** from the Executive, Coaches and Swimmers to **all parent volunteers** for helping to make the Meet run smoothly. **We couldn't have done it without you!**

A special note of gratitude to those of you who mentored others in your areas of expertise. Because of your patience in helping others to learn, we have now increased the "pool" of knowledge for caring about our children and fostering both enthusiasm and a love of the sport.

*-Donna Hua,  
Meet Manager*



## *Raffle Tickets Due*

This is a very **important reminder** to all Barracuda Members. Your raffle tickets are **due Monday, July 21st at 5pm**. Prize draws will take place during the **Splash Party at Central Park Pool** (Time: 5pm to 6pm- hosted by Robert Burnaby parents)

To ensure that your tickets are eligible to win, please turn them in by **July 21st or earlier** to your **Pool Rep**, Head pool Rep, **Judy Melton** or to **Chris or Wendy Murao**. More tickets are available to sell if you would like to help out.

## *Belated Thanks*

**Some words of appreciation were left out of Bubble #3:**

A special **thank you** to **Dave Vallee of Re/Max Advantage Realty** (604-526-2888) for sponsoring our **Cudas Water Bottles**. The water bottles are a hit; they increase the exposure of the Barracuda Club name at pools and help keep our kids hydrated. **Thanks, Dave!**

Thanks to all the parents who helped out at the Water Polo Concession in May. **Thanks to Kim Baylis** for donating the smokies.

Thank you, **Shirley Conners** for helping **Wendy and Chris Murao** with the Cudas logoware table during the Mock Meet on May 30th.

**Burnaby B/Development Meet at Central Park on July 26th & 27th. Sign up your young swimmers & sign up to volunteer!**

## Kensington Splash Party

Great company, good weather and great food on **June 24th** combined to make our **2nd Splash Party** of the 2003 Season loads of fun.

A huge **Thank you!** to **Tim and Lynette Deaton** for organizing the **Kensington Pool** hosted Splash Party and **Ron and Liz Twaites** for their guidance and assistance. The Deatons are **brand new** to the Club and did an excellent job— again thanks for your time and effort! Thanks to **Kensington parents** who volunteered— you were great. And last but not least many thanks to a special group of **non-Kensington parents** who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help out— your assistance was greatly appreciated.

## Burnaby B/ Development Meet

Wendy Murao is in the process of gathering prizes for our B/ Development Meet. If you have prizes to donate please call Wendy at 604-322-2960 or email her at: canasawa@aol.com

### More Cudas Dates to Remember

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#### Water Polo Tournaments:

**July 9— Girls Only**  
Vancouver 1pm to 9pm

**July 9— P1/P1**  
Port Moody

**July 10— P3/P4**  
Coquitlam, CCAC

**July 14th— Burnaby Sr Tourney**  
6am to 5pm— Central Park

**July 16— P1**  
Vancouver, 1pm to 9pm

**July 16th- P3**  
North Van, 2pm to 9pm

**July 23rd— Burnaby P1& P2**  
6am to 2pm Central Park

**July 24th- P3/P4**  
North Van, 2pm to 9pm

**July 28th- P1/P2 SFU Regionals**  
Central Park

**July 29/30- P3/P3 SFU Regionals**  
CCAC

## Celebrate the Swimming Season



*A Junior Prep swimmer receives her award from the Coaches at last years ABBAs*

The **ABBA's** (3rd Annual Burnaby Barracudas Awards

Banquet) is great way to celebrate your children's success and wrap up the fun and exciting swimming season.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 12th** from **6pm to 10pm**. (with dinner being served at 6:30pm.) at the **Scandinavian Community Hall** located at **6540 Thomas St., Burnaby**. (west off Kensington across from Burnaby Lake East Fields) Cost is **\$10**

for ages **10 & under**, **\$15** for everyone else.

**We hope to see you there!** Tickets will be available for sale soon. Watch for the bulletin board and future Bubbles for more details.

This is a fun social event for all coaches, swimmers, water polo players, synchronized swimmers and family members.

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## Swimmer a No Show? Extra Strokes or Deck Entered?

Parents, please be aware that if you **owe money for no shows, extra strokes or deck entries**, your pool rep will be contacting you for **payment**.

The Barracudas pays the host swim club an entry fee for every Barracuda swimmer entered in every race regardless of whether they actually swim the race or not. The fee ranges from \$3 to \$6. If your child misses a race, you'll be asked to **reimburse the Club for each race entered but not swam**. This is another reason for checking the Validation

Sheets carefully!

The Club **pays for only 4 strokes**. If your swimmer signs up for more than 4 strokes, you will be asked to pay for the extra strokes.

If you deck entered your swimmer, you will have to pay for each stroke your child entered.

Your pool reps are:

**Robert Burnaby- Nicole Roland; McPherson- Colleen Day and Marie Slama;** Kensington- **Lynette Deaton** and Head Pool Rep is **Judy Melton**.



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## Bonnie say Thanks

**Bonnie Burnell, Deck Food Organizer** would like to thank all Club members for bring such wonderful deck food to our Burnaby A/B Meet on June 21st & 22nd. The Barracudas always has a great reputation for keeping all the volunteers on deck well-fed.

Special thanks to **Luisa Mirao, Theresia Lynch, Lorraine and Kimberly Myton** who worked very hard all weekend to keep the deck food going. **Great job!**

## Pub Nite- A Swinging Success!

The **Pub Nite** on **Saturday, July 7th** held at the **Burnaby Mountain Golf Course** was a swinging success! Everyone had a great time and **we raised over \$1250!**

The Putting Contest was a hit. **Rick Edgar** was the winner and was awarded the certificate for winner of the "1st Annual Barracuda Putting Green Contest" and a dinner for 2 at the **Vancouver Hilton Hotel at Metrotown.**

There were some great prizes for the raffle draw: Grand Prize- pair of tickets to the Vancouver Symphony (value \$120) donated by club member **Shirley Yuen**, and several other terrific prizes such as a vest, jackets, golf balls, caps, golf shirt, golf bag shaped cooler. All these prizes were once again donated by club members. **Thank you!**

The winner of the 50/50 draw was a friend of **Lynette Deaton**, our Kensington pool rep. She won **\$256!** Did she split it with you, Lynette?

Thanks to **Coach Matt Skomorowski** for helping with the Putting contest and **Coach Suzie Brodeur, Wendy Jung and Donna Hua** for selling all those 50/50 and raffle tickets.

## Burnaby A/B Report by Maria Parente

To all our Club parents- a job well done at our 2-day A/B Meet at Central Park Pool on June 21st & 22nd. Special Thanks to **Meet Managers Wendy Jung & Donna Hua** and **Meet Referee, Dennis Yoshioka**. Again, we had another successful meet!

Thank you to all of you for the hours put on deck. Our Club appreciates it and so do your children seeing their parents being involved in what they do.

I do not want to thank everyone personally for fear of forgetting to acknowledge someone. Therefore, we all know what we have done...if what we did was all we could that day- thank you. When we run a meet as large as ours, we need any time that parents can help out.

I must give a special acknowledgement to the **NEW parents** of our Club who came forward to time or to be a recorder. **A toast to all of you, we made it all happen!**

Our last meet to organize this

year is the **Burnaby B/ Development Meet** on **July 26th/27th** at **Central Park Pool**. Please come forward to volunteer.

**Meet Manager, Debbie Masullo** will be contacting you for positions to fill on deck. Please be there for Debbie and for the Club.

Each meet we host gives our children one more chance to strive for what they are trying to achieve in swimming. Let's support the B/ Development Meet by volunteering.

Over the years, I have found that most families split up on those 2 days to help. One parent attends the Speed Meet at Poco while the other helps out at our B/ Development Meet.

Parents who are not attending the Speed Meet at all or are B/ Development swimmer parents should try to see that they attend the B/Development Meet. **See you on deck on July 26th and 27th!**

-Maria Parente

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## Special Thanks to our Sponsors

Special Thanks to the following companies and families who sponsored or donated raffle prizes to our Burnaby A/B Meet on June 21st & 22nd.

- Allied Foods
- Bianches
- Buy Low Foods
- Creo
- IGA
- Just Ladies Fitness
- Maple Leaf Insurance Services
- Pacific Produce
- Rogers Video
- Safeway Canada
- Save On Foods
- The Huas
- The Conners/Yuen
- The Pughes
- The Junges
- The Hidakidas/Lee
- The Remples
- The Muraos
- The Izumis
- The Yoshiokas
- The Toys

Many Thanks to **Bing Jung** for selling 50/50 and Raffle tickets for both days. Thanks to **Shirley Yuen** for selling Barracudas clothing and helping out at the fundraising table



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## Head Coach's Report

This has been the fastest & most successful start in my 4 years with the Barracudas. The Coquitlam A/B, PoCo A/B & Burnaby A/B were all very fun meets with countless best times & great experiences. This year we have a great core of Div. 1 & 2 swimmers to compliment the Cuda squad & I have enjoyed seeing them bring their excitement to the pool deck!

The Burnaby A/B Meet was a fantastic event. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Wendy Jung who provided her expertise, leadership and experience to run a great meet. I would also like to thank Coach Matt for setting up the Meet on computer and inputting late into the night with Donna Hua, Wendy & myself. This meet has a reputation of a being well-run event which reflects the hard work and great support from all the parents & coaches.

Challenge weeks are fast approaching. For those of you new to the Barracudas- this is an opportunity for individuals to accomplish challenges that will be invaluable for achieving success as a swimmer. Challenge week also provides self-esteem & a sense of accomplishment by completing challenges swimmers never thought possible! For recognizing the accomplishment of this event, the Club will pay \$5 towards a team trip to Splash-

down Park for each swimmer who finishes 100% of these workouts. (Each individual coach will determine who in their group is eligible for the Splashdown trip.

I would also like to welcome all summer-only Cudas & remind them that there only a few meets left in the season if they want to qualify for "B" Regionals. Please talk to your coach about information about "B: Regionals & how to qualify for this great meet. Also, a reminder for all families to book off the "A" Regionals & Provincial weekends. There will be many opportunities to compete in each of these meets. (Last year, the Barracudas qualified a record 31 relays for the Provincials!)

On a personal note, I would like to comment on my group, the Seniors at RB. This year has been the most fun I have had coaching with the Barracudas. The commitment & hard work has been fantastic, allowing us to move past levels that we have not achieved in previous years! We have seen the results already & the hard work over the winter & in the early stages of the season have brought the performances out in the meets. When you compare the times that have achieved at this time last year, we are far ahead of schedule.

**GREAT JOB! Keep up the good work, Barracudas!**

**- Ryan Skomorowski**

## Barracudas Waterpolo News

Looks like we are going to have an amazing summer of Barracudas Waterpolo! All 4 teams look strong as we head into tournament time! Attendance has been pretty steady throughout June & I hope it continues into July so we can continue to improve and dominate our opposition!

In July, our practice times move to Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:15 to 10:30am for Seniors (P3/P4) & 10:15 to 11:30am for Juniors (P1/P2)- all at Central Park Pool. The schedule has been designed so that everyone can make practices without any swimming conflict. Also, the email system of communication

as well as the attendance records seem to be working out very well.

Awesome work, everyone! All the coaches are very impressed by everyone's determination to make the summer of 2003 one of the best Barracuda Waterpolo seasons ever experienced!

My email address is kschjelderup@hotmail.com if anyone has any questions or concerns.

So pumped up for the upcoming tournaments!

Let's go and prove who belongs on the top of BC Waterpolo!

**- Kris**

## Waterpolo

Hey everyone out there! So far, this year, Waterpolo has been going great! We have had great attendance at practices which allows for more scrimmages which we know you all love!

Keep up the good work & try & make as many practices & tournaments as possible! See you on deck!

**-Hollis**

## McPherson News

It's July already! Swimmers hoping to attend B Regionals should make sure they talk to their coach to see if they have won 2 clean swims in their events. The Burnaby B/Development Meet will be the last chance for clean swims.

Hell weeks are fast approaching, so remember to bring your water bottles & attend as many practices as you possibly can. Practice for Juniors starts at 8am now in order to get some quality Dryland in before we hit the water.

Good luck on the 2nd half of the season, swimmers!

**-Matt Skomorowski**

## Kensington News

Things at Kensington Pool are going great! Both the Senior & Junior Prep groups are progressing very well. Arthur, Bronwyn & I are pleased to report that attendance has steadily improved over the last couple of weeks.

We are starting to pick up the hard work as Challenge Weeks begins this Monday. I am looking forward to continued hard work & good times throughout the next couple of weeks!

Keep up the good work!

**-Dave Remple**

## Baby Cudas

The Baby Barracudas at Kensington Pool were awesome. Everything has been going great. We have just finished the first season and are excited to have more fun in the next!

**-Jennifer Routtu**

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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