



NEWSLETTER

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“Swimming Fast is Fun.*” Swim Right, Swim Fast. Swim for Life.

From the President

BIG thanks to our past Prez Susan Hernandez for all her hard work. I am Glynis Okamura and the new president of the MDSC board. The board is made up of dedicated parents like you and we would like to encourage all parents to get involved with the swim club. We all participate in our children's busy school schedules and complicated lives and getting involved with the activities of this club keeps each parent and swimmer informed and enthusiastic. Please take the time to swing by the front desk and sign up for a shift to work the desk. We all are volunteers and we could definitely use your help. Also, come on by to sign up to bring a snack for the hard working swimmers. This is YOUR swim club and with your help and enthusiasm, we can become better and more efficient. Swim on. . .

Coach's Corner

This month we inaugurate a new board, and a new monthly e-newsletter. The newsletter will be posted in Adobe format on our website, and in future months our other coaches will share ideas, too.

My first order of business is to thank outgoing president Susan Hernandez for all she's done over the past year – in the end she carried the ball alone for the board. Thanks as well to all Marna Harrell (continuing registrar), and to our accountant Linda Tocho have done, too. Mahalo and Aloha!

Mahalo and Aloha to our new board, too (see below.) Our club cannot run without you!

MOST IMPORTANT ... YOUR CHILDREN! Meanwhile we're in the middle of the Short Course Swim Meet Season (25 yd pool length) and it's time for swim meets. Please sign up for the meets if you can. **SWIMMING FAST IS FUN!** See below our website for this month's meet dates. The best way to get ready is to make every workout you can, and make them count by being on time and working hard. The more everyone makes practice, the better they get and the better friendships become part of practice and swimming becomes “play” ... FUN!

Swim Meet Info

Who swims and how to sign up? Meets are on various Saturdays and have a warm-up at 7:30 or 8am, start at 9am and are done usually by 1pm. All “Spinners” & “Silvers” should be going to all our meets – “Silvers” should be doing all or most all events available. Most “Flippers” should be trying the meets ... just a couple of events. Just sign up at the front desk by Wed before meet – first time swimmers need First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, & Birthdate. Ask your coach if you're not sure what to swim.

Schedule & events: www.maidolphins.org/MAGSA.htm

October 18. This meet has been moved FROM Lahaina TO Kihei. We will have CPR/First Aid Renewal.

November 1. This meet has been moved to Lahaina.

Ken Suenaga Invitational TG weekend. For an off-island experience, we'd like some swimmers to try out the Ken Suenaga Invitational on Oahu. Contact Malcolm if interested.

* Eddie Reese, Univ of Texas Austin

News

New Board Maui Dolphins had its first board meeting for this fiscal year electing officers; and one more board meeting Oct 9 getting business going for the year.

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New Entrance. For swimmer security (both from theft and from unauthorized people in the bathrooms), MDSC will be closing the front doors to the pool building (exit OK, entrance closed). Please enter through the gate near Pukalani St. by the shallow end of the pool.

Updating MDSC Website. I'll be updating the website this month to post some board documents, board meeting minutes, newsletters, adding PayPal™ as an option for paying dues (and other things), etc. We hope to have changes by next week ... and the next swim meet.

New Brochure. If you haven't had a chance to check out the new brochure, it's on the MDSC website ... click for the .pdf file and print it out. Rates, info and more.

Bright New Swim Caps. Riki Maeda is in the processing of ordering new swim caps. Our team colors are Blue ... and now yellow. We'll be getting bright yellow latex swim caps with our Blue Maui Dolphins logo on the side. These should be ready w/in the month. Now we'll be able to see at a glance all the dolphins on the blocks!

Fundraising

Recycling October is a challenge month for recycling at Aloha Recycling ... MDSC gets 6c (not just 5c) per H15; and if we do better than other organizations, we get an extra \$500!

eScrip Please also sign up for www.eScrip.com for Maui Dolphins and, perhaps, other charities you'd like to support. Please have your family and friends join in, too – even on the mainland.

Donations Maui Dolphins is a non-profit 401(c)3 – donations are tax deductible.

- Thanks to Palmer's family (visiting swimmer from Virginia this past summer who sent in a \$250 donation to the club this past month). Turns out the donation plus his monthly dues with us was less than they pay to swim through the summer on the mainland.
- Gerardo Flores is looking into a donation from Maui Electric for a project we're doing.
- If you know or work for an organization that is interested in donating, please contact us.

Other Ideas. If you have ideas for other kinds of fundraisers, or hear about opportunities to do a days' work (parking, helping at fairs or athletic events, etc.) speak up.

Tidbits (Flotsam and Jetsam)

Pool Closures & Problems.

- Sakamoto Pool is currently closed due to a pump closure – maybe another month. This is why the meet locations are currently being shuffled.
- Pukalani Pool ... Teaching Pool heater still down. They've got the switch and are waiting for parts that burned (melted) in the heater when they ran out of propane. The 50m pool heater is still being calibrated and ... so we still cover to keep your children from shivering (also saves taxes w/the county paying for propane to heat the pool).
- Pukalani pool ... The 50m pool will probably close sometime early next year for ~2 months (hopefully Jan-Feb only) to replace the existing filter. More info as it becomes available.

Please Help Cover the Pool. If you're here after practice, please help us cover half (M-Th) or all (Friday) the pool. Many hands make light work.