

Yuma Heat News Splash ... March 22, 2006

Something New

Instead of monthly newsletters, the team will begin sending a weekly News Splash via e-mail. The News Splash will also be posted on the poolside bulletin board. In order to keep the News Splash short, many items will refer you to specific pages on the team's website (www.yumaheat.org). The website will be well maintained and give greater detail than the News Splash. This is Splash #1.

Spring Break

Thursday, March 23 will be the last regular practice of the Winter Season. Practice will resume on Monday, April 10. Morning Masters practice will continue and there may be some afternoons offered to the Senior swimmers that want to stay wet over break.

Season Finale

The final short course meet of the season will be held March 25-27 at Moon Valley County Club in Phoenix. The meet flyer, heat entries, and a map can be found on the *Meets & Results* page of our website. Good luck to all those swimmers attending this meet !

Free Swim Clinic

Yuma Heat will be running a Swim Clinic during the Spring Break. This clinic is designed for new, or nearly new, swimmers. It will be a great way for children interested in competitive swimming to learn a little about the strokes and to meet the Heat coaches. If you know of anyone that might be interested, tell them to check out the flyer on the *NEWS!!* page of our website. The clinic will run from 4-5:30 PM, Monday, April 3 through Thursday, April 6.

Short Course in Review

There is a lot to say regarding the 2005-2006 Short Course Season ... more than there is space to print here. A full review will be presented at the Yuma Heat Team Banquet (see info below). For the here and now, the season saw some tremendous improvement in the team and new heights were reached. There is much yet to learn and accomplish, but we are moving in a good direction.

New and Returning Swimmers

Some of our athletes have taken time off this winter. As we enter the summer season, we hope to see many of these swimmers return to the pool. We are also interested in finding youngsters that would like to join the team for the first time. If you know of anyone that might be interested, April 10th would be a great time to start ! For team information, direct them to the Heat website, or they can call Coach Andersen at 580-7404.

Arizona Swimming Swimposium

Arizona Swimming (our local USA Swimming governing body) will be hosting a Clinic/Banquet on April 22. Every registered swimmer should receive the Swimposium flyer in the mail this week. You will also find the Swimposium flyer on our website's *News* page. Last year's event was a very positive experience for the swimmers and coaches that attended. Consider participating this year.

Heat Banquet

The Heat Board of Directors set April 22 as the date for the team's Annual Banquet. However, since we now know that the Arizona Swimming Swimposium will be held that day, we will be looking for an alternate date for our gathering. It will be in April, so watch for it !

Team Office

The team office at 291 S. Main Street, Suite F, Yuma, AZ 85364 will close the week of March 28th. Most of you use the drop box for making payments, but those that do use the US Postal system will need to use the drop box until further notice. The official address for the team will become 10475 Mountain Drive, Yuma, AZ 85367 (Coach Andersen's home address). The team e-mail address will also change. You may continue to use yumaheat@earthlink.net until the new address is confirmed.

Used Team Equipment

Troy Maryniak will begin selling/recycling team equipment (fins primarily). Troy will buy back fins that no longer fit and resell them. See Troy for details. This is a great way to cut down equipment costs. On a similar note ... Big 5 Sports is selling Churchill fins and a very good price, BUT, they do not have the smaller sizes. Sports Authority has the smaller sizes, but the price is a bit higher.