



## Chantilly Highlands Dolphins Dispatch, Number 9 August 3, 2010

### End-of-Season Recap

Swimmers and their families enjoyed great company and delicious Rita's Italian Ice at Saturday night's end-of-season award ceremony and pool party. Thanks to [Andrea Ward](#) and [Michelle Grudi](#) for organizing the festivities, and to [Ellie Doyle](#) and [Sarah Graupp](#) for a creative slide show that captured some of our favorite moments from the season.

All of our swimmers were recognized for their contributions to the team with medals and time-drop ribbons. Individual swimmers who had contributed the most points during the dual meets, shown the biggest improvement during the season, broken team or league records, or been identified as "rising stars" on the team were also recognized. And our Minis and Juniors were among the swimmers who received the famous paper-plate awards that our assistant coaches create annually.

Three graduating swimmers were recognized: [Kathleen Brophy](#), [Michael Grimmnett-Norris](#), and [Janice Zhuang](#). Former swimmer [Julie LaJoie](#) was also recognized. Special thanks also to the following "graduating parents" for their many contributions and countless hours that they have given to the league: [Pat & Mike Brophy](#), [Becky & Mike Donatello](#), [Denise & Doug Fearson](#), [Peggy & Rich Lajoie](#), and [Jackie & Maury Saunders](#).

All families who fulfilled their volunteer requirements this season were entered into a raffle on Saturday night for fabulous prizes! The winning families were: The Plummer Family – 2011 Long-Sleeved Team t-shirt; the Chandrasekaran Family – 2011 Team Suit; the Robinson Family – 2011 Free Registration.

Thanks again to Head Coaches [Terri & Bill Marlin](#), and to our team of assistant coaches who helped our kids become better swimmers and better sports this summer: [Kathleen Brophy](#), [Roni Chang](#), [Michael Donatello](#), [Brenna Ferris](#), [Blair Mason](#), and [Janice Zhuang](#). Each of you makes our 190+ kids look and feel like winners, and we appreciate you!

### All Star Meet

During Saturday's Divisional meets, we had 20 Dolphin swimmers who were fast enough to qualify for All Stars. The top 12 swimmers in each event across ALL the Divisional meets are invited to swim at the All Star meet. Three alternates are also selected, for a total of 15 swimmers, but the alternates only swim if one of the top 12 can't swim at the All Star meet.

Congratulations to the following swimmers and alternates who will represent us at **Saturday, August 7th's CSL All Stars Meet**: [Roni Chang](#), [Brenna Ferris](#), [Sarah Graupp](#), [Megan Hern](#), [Ashlynn Marlin](#), [Christina Peters](#), [Alexis Tacinelli](#), [Cynthia Zhuang](#), [Dalton Chichester](#), [Timothy Contos](#), [Mark David](#), [Christopher Grimmnett-Norris](#), [Michael Grimmnett-Norris](#), [Matthew Guo](#), [Bradley Johnston](#), [John Macdonald](#), [Blair Mason](#), [Michael Mason](#), and [Michael Tacinelli](#).

### Practice This Week

... is for All Star swimmers only, from 8:00-9:00. If you are an alternate, you will know early this week whether it is likely you will be swimming on Saturday.

### Record Breakers

The following swimmers broke team records during Saturday's Divisionals Meet:

[Ashlynn Marlin](#) – Girls 8 & Under 25M Butterfly 20.25; Girls 8 & Under 25M Backstroke 22.30; Girls 8 & Under 100M Individual Medley 1:41.77

[Bradley Johnston](#) – Boys 15-18 50M Freestyle 25.32

[Michael Grimmnett-Norris](#)—Boys 15-18 50M Breaststroke 33.59

### Parents, It's Time to DIVE IN!

If your kids have enjoyed the team and you are interested in playing a bigger role next season, we have several important positions that will be available. No prior experience necessary—just a willingness to learn! ANY OF THESE POSITIONS CAN BE CO-CHAIRLED WITH A FRIEND! Contact [chdolphins@gmail.com](mailto:chdolphins@gmail.com) or talk to one of our current committee members: [Kelly Rowell](#), [Joanna Mason](#), [Sarah Chichester](#), [Pat Brophy](#), [Becky Donatello](#), [Ellen Green](#), or [Michelle Brahaney](#) for additional information.

Speaking of volunteering, this year we asked each swim team family to fulfill a minimum number of slots during regular meets. **Many thanks** to the following families, who went above and beyond this season: [Peggy & Doug David](#), [Martha & Ken Macdonald](#), [CJ & Scott Peters](#), and [Celine and Rich Contos](#).

### Winter Swim

Registration forms for the Dolphins winter swim program are now available on our website, [www.chdolphins.net](http://www.chdolphins.net). Between September 18 and May 21, swimmers can continue to improve their strokes most Saturdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cub Run Rec Center. The deadline to turn in your payment and forms to [Kelly Rowell](#) is **August 14**.

### Friendly Reminders

Check [www.chdolphins.net](http://www.chdolphins.net) for all the latest swim team news all year round!

### A Final Request

The Northern Virginia Special Olympics branch was so appreciative of our support during this season. [Allison Wulff](#), a rising senior at [Bishop Ireton HS](#) and assistant coach of the [Burke Special Olympics Team](#), spoke with us briefly during Saturday night's festivities. Please keep this local group in mind throughout the year if you would like to volunteer with any of their swimming programs.