



INSIDETHE WAVES

The Official Newsletter of the Waves of Westlake

2010 Season Schedule

- June 12th—Time Trials
- June 19th—@ Maximum Velocity Propulsion (L—304-266)
- June 26th—@ Takoma Park (L—337-232)
- July 3rd—@ Strathmore Bel-Pre (L--314-259)
- July 10th—Theresa Banks @ WOW (L—324.5-241.5)
- July 14th—"B" Meet vs Bannister @ WOW (6 pm)
- July 17th—Bel Air Bath & Tennis @ WOW
- July 18th—Charles County Championship Meet
- July 24th—A Division Championship
- July 24th—Awards Banquet
- July 31st—All Star Meet

LET'S GO WAVES!!

DIVISION STANDINGS

Takoma Park	3-0*
Teresa Banks	3-1
MVP	3-1
Belair BB&T	1-2*
Strathmore	1-3
WAVES	0-4

* Weather delayed meet

TIGER SHARKS TAKE A BITE OF WAVES

Mother Nature played a nasty trick on the fans of the Theresa Banks and Westlake fans Saturday sending waves of rain across the pool for the better part of four hours, but not one crack of thunder to postpone the meet! Congratulations to the T-Sharks who have, over the years, progressed through the PMSL's lower divisions to stand as one of the top three teams in the league. A talented group of swimmers and throngs of dedicated fans to be sure! The rain clouds, and one glaring reminder that our Waves remain on "double-secret probation" with the Hampshire board, were unable to dampen some great performances by Sharks and Waves alike.

Theresa Banks posted a strong 324.5—241.5 victory over the Waves to move to 3-1 on the year, and pending the conclusion of the weather delayed Belair-Takoma Park meet, could own a share of the top spot in A Division.

Once again the Waves proved that their stay in A Division may last another year, as they competed well throughout the matchup. The Waves lost the opening relay on a judges decision despite posting a better time, then had to wait until event 7 when Austin Fisher's butterfly opened up the door to the Waves winning four of the next five events, and sixteen of the forty-nine. But the Waves were only able to muster nineteen second place finishes, well below their average on the season and that helped build a 50 point deficit midway through the meet.

Anthony Nguyen not only was a triple winner, but claimed Hampshire pool records in the 8 @ under Free, Breast and Back events, while older brother Andrew was a triple winner and set pool records

in the 11-12 free and 12 & under IM events. Great job boys!

Double winners were Austin Fisher, Noemi Arquero, and Kendall McMillen. Single winners were Brad Tipper, Amelia Tarlton, Carla Arquero and Darian Bassett.

Coming up it's the annual "Double Header Weekend"! On Saturday, the Waves close out their impressive A Division debut with a very tough meet against perennial Division power Belair Bath & Tennis. BB&T is a very talented team and one of the oldest PMSL member squads. Then on Sunday our Waves attempt to break their own unprecedented record of nine straight Charles County Championships! The field is stacked with great swimmers on Sunday as Smallwood, Indian Head, Hawthorne CC and Bannister attempt to knock the Waves off their pedestal. The crowds always come out in force for this great meet between schoolmates, friends and family so get there early for the best seats! Each team has a designated area for swimmers and fans so look for the Waves signs when you enter Bannister pool. And as always, pack lightly and support Bannister's snack bars. The CCC meet brings a lot of much needed and appreciated funds to the host teams. A special invitation to our great classy swimmers to extend a hand to their opponents before leaving the pool in each event. You've been great all year long at carrying the proud Waves tradition of class, dignity and good sportsmanship! Let's show em how Waves lose with dignity and win with humility! Congratulations Waves on a very impressive season in A Division. A lot of folks thought you couldn't compete, but you showed them that a great team should never be overlooked!



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PMSL SWIMMING NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever mistakenly searched for “Westlake Waves” on the internet instead of “Waves of Westlake”? If so, you’ve probably come across our name-sakes on the West Coast. Westlake Village in California boasts one of the top swim teams in all the state. They have a great website by the way! Amazing that the Waves of the East Coast and Waves of the West Coast are equally dominating! LET’S GO WAVES!!!

With the BB&T vs Takoma Park meet still to be decided, the A Division regular season championship remains muddled in a three team race. Takoma has the inside track having beaten Theresa Banks, but still has a huge matchup with MVP on Saturday. The Division Championship meet at Strathmore on July 24th should be one for the ages! Westlake will make it’s own noise that day too as we matchup very well in at least 16 of the events. A fourth or fifth place finish would certainly go a long way to keeping the Waves firmly planted in the division for another season.

Our friends at Silver Spring continue to have a stellar season despite being one of the smallest teams in the PMSL. They have dominated the B Division standings

all year and slipped past a resurgent Whitehall team this past week.

In C Division Greenbelt and Marlton race to the finish as the two teams to beat. Both won handily last week again with their division championship up for grabs. Sentiment is with our friends from Greenbelt of course, who were always a joy to swim with over the last few seasons.

Down in D, the Kingfish continue to look like the next team to begin its rise as they went to 4-0 on the season with a thrashing of Indian Head.

Pointer Ridge of E Division is making sure that their Bowie-based big brothers take notice! The Ridge continues having another great season in 2010.

NEWS FROM AROUND SOUTHERN MD POOLS

What else can head up this part of the newsletter but mention of the 2010 Charles County Championship? Our Waves hope to clinch their ninth consecutive title, more than any other team in county history at Bannister’s home pool on Sunday. Swimmers scoring the top three times generally are selected to compete against Smallwood, Indian Head, Bannister and Hawthorne in the area’s premier swimming event. Be there early to gain the best seats because everyone from team fans to County Commissioners show up to cheer on the best swimmers in the area. If you’re a first time Waves parent or swimmer, selected to swim or not, this is the meet to attend! Almost every high school in the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference will be represented along with

many of the area’s middle and elementary schools. It’s a fun day for all with schoolmates and neighborhood friends squaring off for bragging rights.

Smallwood continues a strong season in D Division as they dominated Fort Washington this past weekend. The Marlins appear to be the Waves prime threat as usual this season, but the Torpedoes, Baracudas and Hawthorne CC are all going to be in fine form come Sunday morning with one thing on their mind...stop the Waves juggernaut! Remember to come hungry and help Bannister make a lot of profits for their team at their always plentiful snack bar. Division t-shirts are on sale and you can contact Bonnie Impostato if interested. Do it WAVES!!

ENDLESS SUMMER, THE LAST WORD

I would like to personally thank all the parents and Waves family for the great outpouring of volunteer support so far this season. It really has been outstanding and means so much to our team’s long term success. Every team goes through a tough period where the core parents who seem to volunteer for everything suddenly “age out” and the team is left flailing for a season or two. But the Waves have

watched key families depart for the last few years, and yet the talent and support keep growing. It’s a testament to all of your hard work and being willing to step up to get the job done for our kids. We older parents know how rewarding being a part of this team really is, and we truly love to see younger parents taking over our roles and knowing in 10 years we can come back and still see the

Waves succeeding. It leaves one to wonder why it’s been so hard to garner the same support from our community board members. A shame really, that they haven’t embraced the Waves family. Our 120 kids and all of our great parents are really the best the community has to hang their hat on, yet year after year we have to sweat out being granted access to the pools we all help pay for!

WAVES OF WESTLAKE, REIGNING DIVISION B CHAMPIONS!