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The Official Newsletter of the Waves of Westlake

2011 Season Schedule

June 18th—Greenbelt @ WOW

June 25th—@ West Laurel

June 25th—WOW Night with the Blue Crabs!

July 2nd—BelAir Swim & Racquet @ WOW

July 9th—@ Adelphi Recreation

July 16th—Whitehall Pool & Tennis @ WOW

July 17th—Charles County Championship Meet

July 23rd—B Division Championship Meet

July 23rd—Awards Banquet

July 30th—All Star Meet

LET'S GO WAVES!! 2011 IS OUR YEAR TO SHINE!

DIVISION STANDINGS

WAVES	0-0-0
Belair S&R	0-0-0
Whitehall	0-0-0
Greenbelt	0-0-0
Adelphi Rec	0-0-0
West Laurel	0-0-0

BRING ON GREENBELT!

The water has barely subsided since the 2011 time trials for the 2011 Waves ended on Saturday. While the team is significantly smaller this season, the talent is still BIG and bodes well for a great run in B Division. Next Saturday the Waves will get their first taste of the deep talent that abounds in the division as our friends from Greenbelt Municipal visit Hampshire Pool. Let's welcome them warmly. In the past, not only has Greenbelt provided some thrilling competition, but continue to be one of the best providers of good sportsmanship and fun.

Parents and swimmers, if you know of a young up and coming swimmer in your neighborhood, get them to come see a meet and perhaps convince them to join the team for 2012. As neighborhoods grow and age, every team goes through periods where it's difficult to fill key age groups on our teams. Let's not let the powerhouse Waves slip in numbers for 2012 and beyond. Next year there will be a lot of lost swimmers in the 15-18 age group and of course we desperately need those 6-10 year olds who will be the backbone of the team for years to come. You are our best ambassadors in the neighborhoods and are asked to always think of the team during the off season months. Help us stay on top and get those young swimmers into a Waves suit for next Summer!

Now that the 2011 season is upon us, it's time to remind parents that the sales of food and beverage items at the snack tables is key to every team's success. During the season at home meets, please take the time to check out the great breakfast and lunch items available, and don't ever forget those famous Walking Tacos!! Every dollar we earn goes right back into the team for new equipment to

keep our Waves in a professional swimming setting. And when the Waves go on the road to our opponents, pack those coolers lightly and help our friends support their teams as well. The Waves caravan of fans has always had a reputation of supporting all of our league teams. Remember too that we have a responsibility to the residents of Hampshire to help keep the pool clean both at practices and meets. Pick up any trash you find and replace the deck furniture the way we found it. Of course, one of the realities of the world today is that the safety of our kids when under our care gets more and more difficult. One of the great traditions of the Waves is how parents look out for everyone's children and treat them as our own. Keep our kids safe by keeping them in the pool area at all times and under a watchful eye. We all work hard to give your children two months of Summer fun in a safe, family-friendly atmosphere, and every set of eyes is needed to ensure it stays that way.

Allow me to also make an appeal to the younger parents to take an active role in the team. From simply volunteering to help in the snack area, being a timer or deck official, or showing up early to help with the pool setup and then getting everything broken down at the end of meets helps us make this a great season. Don't be afraid to ask what you can do to help! There's always something that needs an extra pair of hands to make a meet successful.

This is your team, your Summer extended family, and the friendships made here will last forever. Be a part of it all and volunteer! We need every one of you to make this a great 2011 for all of our kids.



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CHARLES COUNTY SWIMMING NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

June 25th marks the 2011 Waves fundraiser night with the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs! Our professional baseball team will take on the vaunted Long Island Ducks that night as they continue to race toward another division title. The Ducks lead the league annually in attendance at over 6,500 fans per game, so let's show them how Southern Maryland supports its team! Currently the Crabs are just 1.5 games behind the Ducks for the Division lead.

AND there's fireworks after the game!

Montgomery County may not want to admit it, but the talent of swimming in Charles County is quickly growing throughout the PMSL. Before 2005, the talent base for youth swimming centered on our neighbors to the North and Eastern Shore. But each year, the teams in Charles County grow a little closer and eyes in the swimming world are beginning to notice. On Saturday, four other teams besides our Waves will carry on this tradition in week one of the PMSL regular season, and the lone entrant from Calvert County is also making a splash. Smallwood will open against former Waves rival Fort Washington across route 301 in D Division. In E Division, Indian Head hosts Kings Landing of Huntingtown, while Bannister hosts Prince Georges Council. Hawthorne

Country Club will be the only county team on the road this weekend when they travel to Laurel City. So within about a 15 mile radius, the Waves, Marlins, Torpedoes and Barracudas will all be hosting home meets and well over 500 swimmers will be in action! After spending my 14th year as a Waves parent, I can tell you that our four County rivals have nothing more on their mind than wrestling the county trophy from our hands in late July! Nine straight championships for our Waves have left our county rivals hungry for redemption! And believe me, Bannister and Smallwood would love to be the ones to do it! Indian Head and Hawthorne always have great talent as well and will chip away at our points totals this year. Get ready for a great title meet in July!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PMSL

Forty teams in seven divisions will take to the water this coming weekend as the PMSL season kicks off yet again. The second largest swimming league in Maryland is back! In A Division, Silver Spring, Strathmore Bel Pre, Takoma Park, Belair Bath & Tennis, Theresa Banks and Maximum Velocity Propulsion will compete for the elite championship. Silver Spring remains one of the smallest teams in the league this year, but they have incredibly talented swimmers, as they replace the Waves in the top division for 2011. Just below us in C Division, our longtime rival Montpelier returns to challenge Marlton, Cheverly, West Arundel, and two teams bent on making history in Kingfish and Pointer Ridge. In D Division along with Smallwood is our old rival New Carrollton. Oh the

meets we used to have with them! Even a little water dumping and pushing and shoving may have occurred in those days. They truly brought competition at a very high level whenever they visited. In E Division, Temple Hills will again try to regain their past glory. Back in the day, Temple Hills was an annual entrant in A Division and one of the very best and largest teams.

No matter what division a team resides in, the PMSL has some of the best swimming talent in the state. Every division will come down to that final regular season meet, and then the divisional championships to decide a winner. 2011 appears to be no different as numerous teams hope to hoist a PMSL banner!

ENDLESS SUMMER, THE LAST WORD

Is everyone ready for a stellar Waves Summer season?? Excitement always builds this time of year as one of the great teams of the PMSL comes back to the pool to begin the regular season! We know how difficult it is to balance other sports, vacations and family time during a short Summer break, but we hope you will consider the Waves as one of those priorities

too. It seems each year we lose key swimmers to camp, vacations, baseball and soccer playoffs and flag football leagues. But swimming is one of the best things you can do for your kids for their health and team sportsmanship. Did you know that for 7 straight years, the NCAA has named swimming as the top sport in terms of athlete's grades and

school conduct? Swimming builds more than muscle, it builds character and solid young adults. It may not be one of the glamorous money sports that demands our attention on TV every night, but it's a great way to give your kids a leg up on life. The Waves are a great way to introduce your family to an ever-growing sport and positive impact on kids.

A DECADE OF DOMINATION! Charles County Champions!