



# INSIDETHEWAVES

The Official Newsletter of the Waves of Westlake

## DYNASTY BORN! CHAMPS AGAIN!

### 2011 Season Schedule

June 18th—Greenbelt @ WOW (Win! 291-272)

June 25th—@ West Laurel (Win! 295-280)

July 2nd—BelAir Swim & Racquet @ WOW (Win! 298-270)

July 9th—@ Adelphi Recreation (Win! 315-264)

July 10th—Guppy Meet @ Smallwood

July 11th—TEAM PICTURES!

July 16th—Whitehall Pool & Tennis @ WOW (Loss 294-281)

July 17th—Charles County Championship Meet (WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!)

July 23rd—B Division Championship Meet

July 23rd—Awards Banquet-

July 30th—All Star Meet

### DIVISION STANDINGS

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| WAVES       | 4-1-0 |
| Whitehall   | 4-1-0 |
| Greenbelt   | 2-3-0 |
| West Laurel | 2-3-0 |
| Adelphi Rec | 2-3-0 |
| Belair S&R  | 1-4-0 |

Montreal Canadiens, Green Bay Packers, Boston Celtics...the very names invoke “dynasty”. In sports, a dynasty is one team’s run of success being so superior to all others, that the performance will be remembered for the ages. The Waves of Westlake can now officially count themselves as a dynasty. For the next fifty years, swimmers who come after this group of talented athletes will look at the Charles County Championship trophy and see one name from 2002-2011, the Waves of Westlake. When parents gather someday at a summer pool in the county someone will see the trophy for the first time and ask “Wow, who were those kids?” On a hot, clear Sunday morning, the Waves etched their names forever in county lore as the best to ever take the pool. The 2011 meet’s final score was WOW 380; Smallwood 284.5; Indian Head 188; Hawthorne 183.5; Bannister 134. Closer than in year’s past, and certainly our four rivals showed some tremendous talent of their own this year. The Waves captured 25 of the 49 events and pulled away early to a comfortable lead by event 10. There were two Charles County meet records set; Anthony Nguyen set the 10&under 25m butterfly record and then helped brothers Alex and Andrew, and Xavier Hall set the 200m free relay record later. Congratulations Waves of Westlake, 10-time Charles County Champions! See the list of our swimmers who won events on page 2!

There was another meet this weekend, and although it didn’t work out in the Waves favor, it certainly adds intrigue to the Division B championship meet this coming Saturday! Whitehall up-ended the Waves 294-281 in the regular season finale and both teams will go into the champion-

ship as 4-1 co-leaders. With Whitehall earning the tiebreaker, the Waves will need to finish first on Saturday among the six teams to claim the banner.

The Waves started fast, winning the first seven events but then Whitehall took advantage of several key Waves swimmers missing and they were able to win 25 of the last 42 events to overcome the early lead. In the PMSL, depth is everything and without all of our team present, key points were lost in the middle events.

Triple winners for the Waves were Anthony Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen and Alex Nguyen. Double winners were Carla Arquero and Kendall McMillen. Single event winners were Emily Decker, Riley Hayes, Xavier Hall, Christian Fisher, Darian Bassett, Kerrigan McMillen, Austin Fisher and Noemi Arquero.

Another great season for all of our Waves! At 4-1 the Waves need to finish first at the championship to hold onto the banner. Whitehall will win with a first place finish.

If this is your first trip to a divisional championship meet, plan to leave early! With six big teams present, seating at Whitehall will be at a premium. Take in the sights and sounds of a great division! Then when it’s all over, at 6 pm the Waves will gather one last time as a team to celebrate a fantastic 2011 season at the year ending awards banquet. There will be dinner, a short team meeting for the parents and elections held to fill three positions on the team board. If you want to make a difference for the team, now’s the time to step up and be heard! After a great dinner of ribs and all the fixings, stick around for the trophies and famous pool party that closes out our season.



# PAGE TWO: SHOOT THE CURL

## CHARLES COUNTY SWIMMING NEWS

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2002, the Waves of Westlake came into the Charles County Championship meet as one of several teams with a legitimate claim of being the county's best team. Smallwood and Indian Head had recently won the trophy, and Hawthorne had just ended a run of impressive titles. But on a hot July Sunday, the Waves broke through for a late victory over their county rivals in a close 338.5, 302 (Smallwood), 224.5 (Bannister), 127 (Hawthorne), 102 (Indian Head) meet. The Waves would never look back winning nine more!

Following up on the story from page 1, our Waves swimmers who won events at the championship meet were triple winners Anthony and Andrew Nguyen; double winners were Austin Fisher, Kerrigan McMillen, Alex Nguyen and Kendall McMillen. Single winners were Emily Decker, Noemi Arquero, Xavier Hall, Abby Belote, Chris Dang, Susan Duncan, Matt Essing and Carla Arquero. Great job gang and to all our Waves who should be honored by being selected to represent this historic team!

On Saturday, our four county rivals completed their respective division regular seasons and now gear up for their championships. Congratulations to our friends at Smallwood not only for their crushing of New Carrollton in the season finale, but for once

again being great hosts at the County meet. Indian Head lost a tough final meet to Severns Crossing 300-250. Bannister took the brunt of a talented Kings Landing as our Calvert neighbors cruised once again to a 5-0 finish. Hawthorne Country Club pulled out all their great swimmers for a 336-206 drubbing of Accokeek to finish a stellar 5-0 this season. Smallwood gained two straight wins to finish 2-3, Indian Head also finished 2-3 on the season. At Bannister, their great coach and team finished just 1-4 but with a smaller team than most, stayed competitive as they always do. Hats off to all our friends at the rival pools. It was great to renew old acquaintances and share some hugs and laughs this weekend. Hope to see you all next season!

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE PMSL

2011 has been a season for the ages in terms of close finishes and tight division races. In the elite six of A Division, surprises kept coming right down to the finish of the regular season. Takoma Park was shocked again this past weekend as they dropped their second straight meet, losing to undefeated Theresa Banks! TB's 2 point win over Belair Bath & Tennis and 3 point victory over MVP were incredible meets. Now it's on to the division championship with MVP, Belair, Takoma and Theresa Banks all vying for the title as legitimate contenders. Although Strathmore (1-4) and Silver Spring (0-5) faced tough odds all season, they represented the division well. Will Whitehall or Westlake carry the B Division banner into A Division next season? In C Division,

Kingfish finished another impressive 5-0 season and look to make a case for moving up to B or A divisions. In D Division, Russett's opening season 3 point win over Roger Carter proved to be the difference for the regular season title. Kings Landing is easily the favorite to win E Division this season. Joint Base Bolling and Hawthorne were clearly the class of Divisions F and G this season. Congratulations to Bolling for a great season!! Always one of the tiniest teams, they've been through tough times fielding competitive teams but put it all together for a great 2011. Please go to [www.princemont.org](http://www.princemont.org) for all of the standings and results from next week's divisional championships! We'll cover them all next week in the newsletter. Good luck to everyone!

## ENDLESS SUMMER, THE LAST WORD

One last chance to say thank you to everyone who volunteered and made a difference this season! To the timers and deck officials who gave up their Saturday mornings to help really show our kids their support; to the setup and breakdown crew who got the pool looking in championship form every week; the great folks in the snack bar; the Moms and Dads

who managed the pool snack bars all season; the ribbon writers, clerks of course, data management, our fabulous announcer who kept the tunes and scores coming, the runners and our terrific board members, thank you! This was my family's 14th season as a member of the Waves and every year tops the next for memories. Thank you to all who

helped make our kids special and part of the Waves family once again. This has always been our favorite part of the year and when I remember back to how all of you treated Kelsey and Logan through the years, it's simply wonderful to know you all. It's been a pleasure to meet your kids as well. Every one of them brings a smile to our faces! Cmon 2012!

*Your team, your family, the 2011 Waves—Champions once again!*