

BARRACUDA BULLETIN

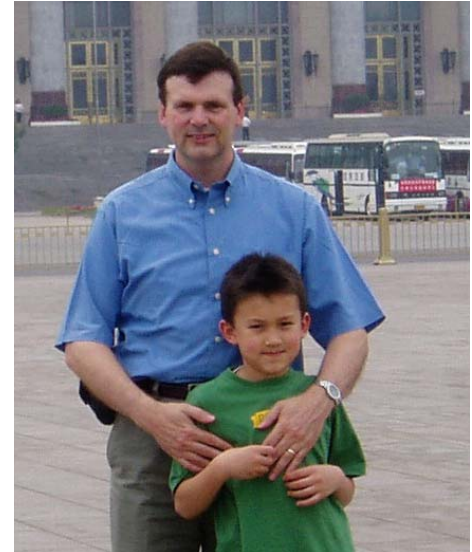


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Introducing new Co-Membership Committee Director James L. Butler

Jim joined the Barracudas in September 2004 and has been a frequent swimmer in our evening and morning sessions. He has already participated in the February Fitness Challenge and the Pentathlon meet for the Barracudas. He has also participated in many discussions about the club with board members over the months and decided to get formally involved with the membership efforts during our last board meeting. Jim spends a lot of time around the pool as he is also involved with our junior team, the Thunderbolts. He has a 10 year old son, Richard swimming in the JAG group, goes to the practices, volunteers to help at their meets and swims workouts with Richard on the weekends. In fact, that was his prime motivation for getting into competitive swimming. Past competitive sporting activities included distance running, racket ball and golf. (Well, golf wasn't all that competitive!) Jim brings with him a lot of volunteer experience with non-profit and charity organizations. He was on the membership committee for the Oregon Entrepreneurs Forum for 2 years, currently serves as web master for the Surface Mount Technology Association, has organized and directed 2 charity golf tournaments, and currently participates in the Northwest China Business Council meetings and activities. (Think some Asia teams might want to "go postal" next year??) Professionally, Jim is currently the Western Region Service Manager for Piller Power Systems. He has worked in various service management, corporate quality and sales positions for Unisys, Sequent, IBM and Northwest Analytical over the last 25 years. Jim and his family moved to Oregon from the Detroit, Michigan area in 1997 and they all love the Pacific Northwest. He is looking forward to helping the Barracudas grow, improve and continue their tradition of providing a great masters swimming environment for all to enjoy.



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THB Board Votes to Maintain Quality, Adjust Fees

The Barracuda Board of Directors faced a difficult decision in the March 28 meeting. Expenses for the club have grown faster than the revenue over the years putting the club budget significantly in the red.

A lengthy discussion covered all aspects of the situation. The only option not on the table was doing nothing. That left finding ways to increase revenue or deciding to reduce the quality/quantity of the Barracuda coaching services. Discussion points ranged from concern over losing members due to difficulty paying higher fees to losing members because of reduced coaching sessions and included ideas on finding other ways to raise funds.

In the end, the opinion that it is the quality of the Barracuda program and the people in it that makes it one of the top Masters Clubs in the country won out. (As shown by the THB top performance in the February Fitness Challenge every year and our 55 strong entries in this year's Association Championships.) The decision was made to raise coaching fees enough to cover the program expenses while doing everything possible to maintain and even increase the value of the programs for current and future THB members.

As of May 1, 2005, the new coaching fees will be as follows:

Annual Dues	No Change
Monthly Coaching fee	\$40.00 (\$35.00 for seniors)
Punch Card fee	\$60.00 for 10 sessions

The board also wants to remind people to let us know if the fees are a substantial hardship for them as there are some options available to help. Any discussion on personal situations will be confidential.

Our next board meeting will include discussions on additional things we can do for our members without increasing expenses and ideas on how to attract new members. Any input from the membership is welcome and encouraged at any time!

Needed Board Positions
Newsletter Editor
And
Meet Director

Thank you Jim Butler for
stepping up and taking on
the Membership position.



April Birthdays

KRISTINE MORESCALCHI	35	on the 5th
SUSAN ALBRIGHT	50	on the 12th
IAN DOYLE	35	on the 14th
BARBARA FRID	63	on the 20th
JULIE PETERSON	30	on the 21st
ED RAMSEY	49	on the 23rd
BRIAN FRID	62	on the 26th
LISA BRADY	42	on the 29th



Baby Matthias Alexander Luehmann was born at 9:40am Friday, weighing in at a very respectable 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring a whopping 21 1/2 inches. Maria Luehmann swims with the noon group.



.Baby Matthew Moore came into the world weighing 4 lbs 15 oz and was 18" long. Congratulations to the proud parents Alison and John Moore.

Chehalem Results

Stevenin, Elfie	83		
1 st	200 Yard Backstroke	6:59.60	
1 st	200 Yard IM	8:06.66	
1 st	400 Yard IM	16:53.51	
Mirho, Charles	40		
1 st	100 Yard Freestyle	55.39	
Ramsey, Ed	48		
1 st	500 Yard Freestyle	5:51.22	
1 st	50 Yard Backstroke	31.91	
1 st	200 Yard Backstroke	2:28.85	
Wallis, Gary	51		
1 st	100 Yard Freestyle	1:01.81	
1 st	200 Yard Freestyle	2:19.17	
1 st	50 Yard Backstroke	36.47	
1 st	100 Yard Breaststroke	1:16.81	
1 st	200 Yard Breaststroke	2:48.35	
Stout, Jon	58		
1 st	50 Yard Freestyle	26.12	
1 st	50 Yard Backstroke	32.10	
1 st	200 Yard Backstroke	2:37.58	
Radcliff, David	70		
1 st	500 Yard Freestyle	6:03.48	
1 st	1000 Yard Freestyle	12:45.71	



Kermit Yensen had a serious wipe out while surfing in Hawaii this Spring Break. Riding one of the big waves on the famous North Shore, Kermit and his surf board parted ways. Unfortunately they came together underwater and Kermit had his head split open. Eight stitches later and sporting a beautiful black eye, Kermit can occasionally laugh about his wipe out. Seriously, he credits his training with the Barracudas, which gave him the endurance and skill to recover from the beating the board and waves gave him, and enabled him to swim to shore and receive first aid treatment. Photo taken by a tourist on shore

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Pool Meets

Ap 1-3	Associations , Canby
Ap 8-10	Zones, Federal Way
Ap 30	SCY, Hood River

Open Water

June 25	Foster Lake
July 16	Applegate
July 29-31	Elk Lake
August 13	Eel Lake
August 21	Dorena Lake

Web Resources

Tualatin Hills Barracudas <http://www.barracudas.org>
Oregon Masters Swimming <http://www.swimoregon.org>
United States Masters Swimming <http://www.usms.org>

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