



## BARRACUDA BULLETIN

### OPEN WATER NEWS AND PHOTOS

#### Barracudas Win Eel Lake Open Water Small Team Championship



Champions Jim Teisher, Dave Radcliff and Ed Ramsey

Barracuda swimmers Ed Ramsey, Dave Radcliff, Chuck Mirho and Jim Teisher won the small team open water championship at Eel Lake August 13th. All finished high in the overall standings. Ed Ramsey was 9th, Dave Radcliff was 10th, Chuck Mirho was 11th and Jim Teisher was 13th.



Jim Teisher at Dorena Lake



Anna Casey at Dorena Lake



### Have a good trip, Mate!

When Rachel announced her objectives in America were near completion and she would be returning to her native Australia soon, we could not just let her go quietly into the night, or the daylight, dusk, dawn, hazy days of summer etc. She has made such a large contribution to the Barracudas, and such a big deal out of being Australian, we had to serve notice that there would be a going away party.

We wanted it to be special but still comfortable for Rachel, so we chose picnic tables at the Roadhouse for a light evening dinner. We figured this would closely resemble that great American event, a picnic, while also being the equal of a 5 star restaurant in Australia. Rumors of 'special' going away presents grew as the date came near.

Swimmers started showing up pretty much on time and stories began about trips home from the Worlds, the latest open water events, vacations and other things as we ate, drank and waited for the 'Rachel Awards'. (We also amused ourselves by watching one of our fellow swimmers drive by the picnic tables about six times before actually parking and joining us!)

Then Jon stood up and called Rachel to the center of the ring (of tables that is). Jon held up a large sack of goodies and starting pulling out every kind of red, white and blue

stars and stripes decorative 4<sup>th</sup> of July item that Fred Meyer had left over. A hat, salt and pepper shakers, a flag...several flags, flag stickers which were strategically applied on the spot, boxer shorts...which were put on on the spot.....but without removing anything else, USA stickers for her car (in Australia that is). By the end, Rachel was holding, wearing, standing on, dropping so many stars and stripes, we couldn't even see her!

But it was not over. Andre stepped up and presented Rachel a genuine USSR Workers honor card for all the free labor Rachel donated during her time with the club.

How did Rachel respond to all of this? She was so overwhelmed, she broke out in song! Specifically a swimmers' workout song to Jon for us to do on one of our morning swims. (He won't tell us which one so we can't skip it.)

So Rachel has flown the coup on a big bird back to Australia. (We tried to convince her to take an airplane, but she said it wasn't authentic enough.) She is out of site but not out of mind, or contact. Her email still works and she will be coordinating February Fitness Challenge activities for Australian swimmers. And we are sure we'll be hearing from her and how much she misses America.....At least the Barracudas in America.

**THB SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

September 1 Merle Smith, 60  
                  Susan Collins, 53  
September 4 Brian Niepoky, 33  
September 7 Joe Oakes, 71  
September 20 Pat Cecil, 51  
September 22 Linda Scott, 38  
September 24 Donna Weintraub, 51  
September 28 Alison Moore, 35

**SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30N IN THE DRY LAND ROOM ACROSSFROM THE POOL. ALL THB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

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**Message from the President:****ANNUAL THB PICNIC AND AWARDS**

Well, we had another great THB BBQ and annual General Meeting. We enjoyed Ginny Ross' hospitality opening her wonderful yard, pool and patio to us. Linda McGill and Jeanne Teisher (Jim also) provided a perfect backyard BBQ complete with wonderful desserts. A very special THB Thank You to Ginny, Linda and the Teishers. We missed our fellow team members and families that could not make it to this year's BBQ.

Other highlights included announcing this year's THB award winners. Coach Jon Clark announced our four yearly swimmer awards:

Most improved Fitness Swimmers:

Nancy Helget  
Jim Butler

Most improved Competitive Swimmers:

Rachel Skoss  
Dave Radcliff

We then announced our special yearly 'Pat Caudill' award to the person that best exemplifies the THB spirit of contributing to the team. This year we recognized a couple that have worked together for years to help the team with keys roles working our swim meets.

Pat Caudill award winners:

Gary and Barbara Wallis

Gary, Barbara, thank you for your continued support of our swim meets. The THB has been able to continue with our tradition of hosting great swim meets with your continued work and support.

We also elected our four primary board members for the next year. Congratulations and thank you:

President: Rich Minter  
Vice President: Doug Morse  
Secretary: Pat Cecil  
Treasurer: Jennifer Flores

Jennifer is new to this position and will share a large part of the work with Darlene Staley, explanation below.

Thank you to several THB members that have answered our call for volunteers to help with THB administration. Along with our continuing group of great dedicated volunteers, we wish to thank others that have come forward and offered to help. Tina, Krista, Darlene, Jeanne, Dave, Barbara, Lizbeth, Peggy, thank you for your offers to help with THB tasks and help keep this team a great place to swim. We are working on

changes in our By-Laws to help make the individual contributions from team members more convenient and more of a team effort.

Sincerely,  
THB President Rich Minter



**Dave accepting award from Jon awards**



**Rich Minter giving**

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### **Pool Meets**

September 11     Patriot Games, SCM, Camas, WA  
October 29        Freestyle Pentathlon + relays Redmond, OR  
November 19-20   NW Zone SCM Championships, Portland, OR

### **Postal Championships 2005**

May 15 – Sept. 15     5K/10K Postal Championship  
Sept. 15 – Nov. 15     3000/6000 Postal Championship

### **Web resources**

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