

Rip 'n' Roar

Pan Am Diving Club Newsletter
June 2007

Provincials: June 15 & 16!!

By now, you've marked your calendars and are planning to participate in our last club competition of the season. Our Manitoba Provincials will be held next weekend, Friday June 15 and Saturday June 16.

Events run on Friday from **4pm to 9pm**, and on Saturday from **12 noon until 5 pm**.

Thanks to everyone who has responded for the call

to volunteer for this event. Our volunteer coordinator, Stephanie Gross, appreciates the quick responses to help out, and counts on us all to be on time to fulfill our volunteer commitments. Many hands really do make light work!

Following the event on Saturday (at 7pm), every diver and their family is invited to a season wind-up at Cole Funk's house (Michelle and Colin).

There will be a nominal charge per family (\$10) to help offset food cost, some families will contribute towards a potluck, and everyone is asked to bring their own beverages. Don't forget to pack a bathing suit and towel!

If you haven't already called Michelle to RSVP, please phone her at 837-1000 to let her know your plans to attend, or to get directions.

Coach's Report

Since the last report, our senior competitive divers have attended the Grand Prix and Pan Am Games trials in Vancouver. In preparation for this meet we attended a training camp in Mission Viejo, California.

The whole experience was excellent for our team and we were treated extremely well in California. This will be the site of another training camp with more of our divers.

The trials were pretty

tense and I felt that our divers held up very well. Only the best in the country were in attendance and the pressure was high. Jill and Lauren found themselves mixed in with the best the country has to offer in Women's platform and Jill only missed one dive which kept her out of the Grand Prix selection mix. Lauren dove well and made the national traveling team again. She will leave for Rome in two weeks. Kevin also ran into very tough competition and he dove

well but did miss one dive on tower. Since both events were added together for the final standing it was hard to come back from any kind of a miss. He did qualify for the Grand Prix events though and has competed in Russia.

Cam did not travel to Vancouver but instead went to a major international age group event in Aachen, Germany. I know he was somewhat disappointed in his performance (cont'd next page)

Coach's Report (Continued)

finishing 11th on 1M and 7th on 3M. But he loved Germany, and brought home more than his weight in chocolate!

Our divers have also returned from London, ON and the last of the level one qualifiers. Lauren and Cam also attended the meet as a tune-up for Summer Nationals (July 6-16 in Montreal). Lily had an excellent meet, winning two golds and a silver.

Cole won a gold, silver and bronze; while Cam won all his age-group events as well as his open events.

As some are aware, we have lost two of our junior divers. I am hoping they will reconsider their decisions, but it is sad for us as coaches to see any of the youngsters that we have worked with for so long leave the program.

Our Learn to Dive and summer programs are falling off. I believe that the advertising tables are critical – a free and efficient way to get information out. Dive info is at all Winnipeg pools, but we'd appreciate parents' help in getting access to the schools. Let me know if your child's school will allow dive info to be sent home with the kids.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lambie

Bingo Update.....

We are into the home stretch for the year on Bingos, but remind everyone that summer is one of our most challenging seasons in which to fulfill our commitment.

Pan Am Diving receives significant funding from Lotteries because of our Bingo efforts. Should this funding source be jeopardized because of volunteer 'no-shows', or

because we cannot fill the number of required volunteers for a particular date, there would be significant impact on the amount of fees the club would need to charge each of our divers.

Please recognize that for any family that does not fulfill their Bingo allotment, it puts pressure on others to cover for you.

Michelle Funk has sent

out the list of dates we've been given for July, August and September. If you haven't already reserved dates that work for you, please do so as soon as possible. If dates remain open, Michelle may be calling you to assist on a last-minute basis. Please be open to helping out.

We know that spending a ~~summer evening~~ working a Bingo isn't high on everyone's list....But maybe we could begin a Pan-Am Apres Bingo tradition?

Fundraising...

On Saturday, May 5 we ran our annual fundraiser night at Tijuana Yacht Club. This year we only sold 84 tickets, about half of last years participation. Ticket sales raised \$630.

Our plant fundraiser was successful, with a number

of club families participating. Together, we raised \$455.

Safeway coupon books continue to be available for order. Current profit on this is \$296. Contact: Linda McLean, 885.6533, ljmclean@shaw.ca