

Terrapin Masters Newsletter, February 29, 2008  
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A warm welcome to all who have joined us since the start of 2008!

### **1. Terrapin Team News**

Terrapins Mollie Grover, Gretchen Ekstrom, Jeff Strahota and Andy Ellis set a new USMS National Record in the Mixed 120-159 800 Freestyle Relay at the Colonies Zone SCM Championships at Rutgers in December. Their time of 8:47.48 stands as the new standard, crushing a 10 year old record by over 5 seconds. Congratulations!

Todd Whitehead and wife Kierstie are expecting their first child August 14! Congratulations!!

Pete and Bill Schultz have been swimming with us since last fall in preparation for the New Zealand Ironman Triathlon, which takes place March 1. Follow their progress and results online at <http://www.ironman.co.nz/>. Good Luck, guys!!

### **2. Team Social**

Who: Terrapin Masters and Friends  
When: Friday, February 29th at 6:00pm-?  
Where: Austin Grill, 919 Ellsworth Rd., Silver Spring

Come socialize with other Terrapin Masters for Happy Hour. We will meet for some food and liquid refreshments. Then we can catch a late movie at the nearby Majestic movie theater.

For more information or to RSVP, call Allyson at 301-871-6693(h) or 240-381-6648(c) or email [allysonmarieadams@yahoo.com](mailto:allysonmarieadams@yahoo.com).

### **3. January Practice Schedule**

Saturday, 3/1 10:30-noon – Cancelled due to Water Polo Tournament  
Monday 3/3 – 6:30-8:00p  
Tuesday 3/4 – 6:15-7:45a  
Wednesday 3/5 – 6:30-8:00p  
Thursday 3/6 – 6:15-7:45a  
Thursday 3/6 – 6:30-8:00p  
Saturday 3/8 – 10:30-noon

Monday 3/10 – 6:30-8:00p  
Tuesday 3/11 – 6:15-7:45a  
Wednesday 3/12 – 6:30-8:00p  
Thursday 3/13 – 6:15-7:45a  
Thursday 3/13 – 6:30-8:00p – Cancelled due to MD Sectional Meet  
Saturday 3/15 – 10:30-noon – Cancelled due to MD Sectional Meet

Monday 3/17 – 6:30-8:00p – Cancelled – Spring Break  
Tuesday 3/18 – 6:15-7:45a – Cancelled – Spring Break  
Wednesday 3/19 – 6:30-8:00p  
Thursday 3/20 – 6:15-7:45a  
Thursday 3/20 – 6:30-8:00p  
Saturday 3/22 – 10:30-noon

Monday 3/24 – 6:30-8:00p  
Tuesday 3/25 – 6:15-7:45a  
Wednesday 3/26 – 6:30-8:00p  
Thursday 3/27 – 6:15-7:45a  
Thursday 3/27 – 6:30-8:00p  
Saturday 3/29 – 10:30-noon

#### **4. Terrapin Masters Board Minutes**

From the Board (Andy Ellis, Meghan Gibbons, Marybeth Bauer, Jim Nealis & Jeff Strahota)  
The Terrapin Masters Board met on Feb. 16 to discuss the latest and greatest of all things Terrapin. Here are the minutes:

A. Board voted to donate \$500 to the Matt Weaver Fund. It discussed researching other sites to donate funds. Meghan volunteered to follow up on the Red Cross' Learn to Swim program for adults in Hyattsville. Jim stressed that at least 50% of our funds should go to charity, to justify our non-profit status.

B. Team caps and suits were discussed. A couple of vendors were mentioned and Jim is following up on prices, minimum order, the Terrapin Masters logo.

C. Jim counts 58 registered Terrapins on the rolls.

D. Midday workouts: The Campus Rec. Center is hosting midday swim workouts from 11:45-12:45 during the week. They are not part of Terrapin Masters, but open to any CRS members.

E. We will host one meet this year; it will be called the "4th Annual Terrapin Cup & Colonies Zones LCM Championship" provided we win the bid for the latter. Aug 23 afternoon and Aug 24 morning.

F. Three more Board meetings were scheduled: 9:30 AM on Sat. April 19th, Sat. July 26th and Sat. Nov.8th. Additional meetings may be called if needed. General Board meetings are open to

any registered team members and swimmers are encouraged to attend or to provide input to Board members.

### **5. Terrapin Masters Donations**

As you may or may not be aware, one of Terrapin Masters' missions is to support swimming in our local community. We have been fortunate enough to be in a position to give back financially to some swimming programs in the area over the last year:

University of Maryland Varsity Swim Team - \$2000 to support the varsity team from where our coaches come.

Prince Georges County Chapter of the Autism Society of America - \$500 to compliment the \$300 profit donated from the AutoSwim event in December, to support local swim programs for Autistic children.

Matt Weaver Scholarship Fund - \$500 in support of a scholarship in memory of former UM Club Swim Team member and CRS lifeguard Matthew Weaver.

It is our intention to continue team support of local events and charities from time to time with a portion of the funds we've raised from various team events. If you have a suggestion on something you think is worth supporting, please pass your suggestion on to one of the five board members (Andy, Meghan, Marybeth, Jim or Jeff).

### **6. Upcoming USMS Meets**

March 1-2 2008: Maryland Masters 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Meet  
UMBC, Catonsville MD

<http://www.marylandmasters.com/forms/WinterMeet.pdf>

Entries due in hand by February 16. No Deck Entries!

March 15, 2008: Albatross Open  
Montgomery Aquatic Center, Bethesda MD

<http://www.pvmasters.org/albatross.htm>

Entries due by March 8, and limited to 200 entries. Deck entries as space permits.

March 29, 2008: Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series;  
U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis MD

<http://maryland.usms.org>

Deck Entry

April 11-13, 2008: Colonies Zone SCY Championships  
GMU, Fairfax VA

<http://www.patriotmasters.org/Colonies.April.2008.Entry.pdf>

Entries due with March 29 postmark.

May 1-4, 2008: USMS SCY Nationals  
University of Texas, Austin TX

<http://www.usms.org/comp/scnats08/meetinfo.php>

Online entry by 11:59pm CDT April 3, 2008; Mail, received by March 27, 2008.

## **7. TM Newsletter Info**

Thank you for reading the Terrapin Masters newsletter, compiled and edited by Jeff Strahota & Meghan Gibbons. Please pass along your news and requests for stories!

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