

Terrapin Masters Newsletter, September, 2008
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Welcome to our new members who have joined us in the last month:
Amanda Winters; Takisha Reece; John Morgan

Teammate News

Brian and Stefanie Hutchins spent their August in China to watch the 2008 Summer Olympics. They got to spend some time at the Water Cube, among other venues, checking out some of the great performances of the Games.

* If you would like to share your good news with the team, please send a quick e-mail to Jeff and/or Meghan so we can include your news in our next team newsletter!

* During the summer, Terrapin swimmers have been known to venture out of the water onto land for more fun and excitement as part of a Triathlon. If you are one of them, please let Jeff or Meghan know of your race results!

New Teammate Recruiting

Terrapin Masters needs your help to continue to actively recruit new members to our ranks to build attendance at both morning and evening practices. If you have a friend, relative or coworker who may be interested in joining Terrapin Masters, we have a pass they can use for three free trial swims. See Jim Nealis or a coach on deck for more information. Also, please approach a board member if you have any suggestions for how to recruit!

Practice Schedule:

Afternoons: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:30-8pm

Mornings: Tuesday and Thursday 6:15-7:45am

Saturday: 10:30am-12 noon.

All practices at the ERC Natatorium.

Due to Intercollegiate Athletics rental of the entire main pool, most weekday morning practices during the fall will be held in the instructional pool. While not desirable versus the 50m pool, the other option for us was cancellation of morning workouts. Your TM board pushed for some lane space at the facility, as we would rather have workouts than not.

For this and all things related to the facility, practice times, coaching, etc., please allow all questions and concerns to flow through the board and our CRS Liaison Jeff Strahota. The board would appreciate your suggestions for increasing interest and attendance in morning workouts.

Upcoming practice Cancellations:

September 1 – Labor day/ Staff move-in

October 11 – ICA/USAS swim meet

October 25 – Alumni Swim meet/ Homecoming weekend

Terrapin Social Life

Our annual summer picnic/awards banquet was held at Diana Corbin's residence on August 16. It was an absolutely gorgeous day and a great time was had by all who were able to make it out. A special "Thank You" to Diana for hosting and Allyson Adams for putting the event together!

It is Terrapin Masters team tradition to go out for breakfast after Saturday morning's workout – see Allyson Adams on deck at practice for location. We usually go to Bagel Place or Plato's Diner on Route 1.

Board Activity

Notes from the most recent board meeting: <http://www.terrapinmasters.org/board.htm>

As mentioned earlier, please direct all questions, concerns, etc., related to the facility, practice times, coach no-shows, etc. to flow through the board and our CRS Liaison Jeff Strahota.

Terrapin Cup/Colonies Zone LCM Championships

From Meet Director Jeff Strahota:

Thank you to all teammates who were able to come out and support the team as we hosted this meet! There are an incredible amount of emails coming back asking for us to thank you for your efforts to make the meet very special to the 200+ competitors. Events like these can't be done without your support. Thank you!!

Upcoming Event Schedule

To see a full listing of events, including non-USMS sanctioned events, road races and multi-sport events, surf over to our website at www.terrapinmasters.org and click on "events."

September 6 – VMST 10th annual Lake Montclair 1 & 2 mi OW swims

www.vaswim.org for more info

September 13 – Pokomoke OW swim meet & ½ mi swim

www.pondswim.com for more info

September 20-21 – Smith Mountain Lake OW swim

<http://www.pvmasters.org/entry/sml0908.pdf>

October 26 – Patriot Masters Sprint Classic (SCY)

www.patriotmasters.org for more info

UMD Sports Schedules, Parking Update

UMD Men's & Women's Swimming schedules for 2008-09 have been released:

<http://umterps.cstv.com/sports/m-swim/sched/md-m-swim-sched.html>

<http://umterps.cstv.com/sports/w-swim/sched/md-w-swim-sched.html>

Football and Basketball Schedules for 2008-09 have been released. We do have practice on game-days, but due to parking restrictions, normal lots are not available for use.

Football – Fridge Fever heats up this Saturday 8/30 against Delaware. We do NOT have practice scheduled for two home games on 10/25 (homecoming) and 11/22. We will have practice for other home games on 9/13, 9/20, 10/18 & 11/15. Start times for these games are not usually posted until ~2 weeks prior, so be sure to check out the below link regularly.

<http://umterps.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/sched/md-m-footbl-sched.html>

Basketball – Games start November 8. There are only 3 week-day conflicts, and up to 4 Saturdays that may be tight.

http://grfx.cstv.com/photos/schools/md/sports/m-baskbl/auto_pdf/2009Sked.pdf

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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