

Terrapin Masters Newsletter, November, 2008
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Welcome to our new members who have joined us in the last month:
Ed Edson, Jenny Hu, Mark Schactman, and Malka Ostchega!
Apologies to Nick Pappafotis for misspelling his name last issue!

Teammate News

If you missed it, we had two babies born in recent months! Todd Whitehead and his wife welcomed Jeremy Todd Whitehead into the world on 8/8/08. Felix Martinez and Marybeth Bauer welcomed Isabel 9/26/08. Congratulations guys!!!

Cheryl Wagner completed the Seagull Century 100 mile bike ride from Salisbury University to Assateague and return, on Saturday October 4, 2008.

Congratulations to Jeff Strahota, who has been a Terrapin Masters teammate for 10 years as of October!

* 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!

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 getting into the pool for fitness or to compete in some sort of event, please encourage them to try out Terrapin Masters. We have a pass they can use for three free trial swims, so they can test the waters without obligation. 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.

Upcoming practice Cancellations:

November 8 – Varsity Swim Meet

November 19, 20 (am & pm) and 22 – Varsity Swim Meet

November 26, 27 (am & pm) and 29 – Thanksgiving

As a reminder, UMD shuts down for Christmas break. This also includes the ERC. With the exception of the New Years Swim, our last practice for 2008 will be Saturday December 20, and practices will resume Monday January 5, 2009.

Terrapin Social Life

It is Terrapin Masters team tradition to go out for breakfast after Saturday morning's workout. Please join us at either Bagel Place or Plato's Diner on Route 1 just south of campus. See Allyson Adams on deck at practice for location.

Join us for Rock for Research, Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Electric Maid in Silver Spring. All proceeds for this event support Autism Research (you may recall our 2007 AntiSwim event helped raise money for this cause).

There are three UM Varsity Meets being held at the ERC Natatorium in November (Nov. 8, Nov. 15 and Nov. 20-22). Please consider coming out to support the team. They will always be in need of timers if you're interested in having the best view!

Board Activity

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

Board Elections for 2009 will be held soon. If you'd like to lend your time to support the team as a board member, please consider tossing your hat into the ring. Stay tuned for more info and election date.

Stay tuned for an FAQ session about Terrapin Masters' relationship with Campus Recreation Services, who they are, why they do what they do, etc. If there is anything you would like us to try to address in this, please reach out to Jeff Strahota. As a reminder, please direct all questions, concerns, etc., related to the facility, practice times, coach no-shows, etc. through the board and our CRS Liaison Jeff Strahota.

Upcoming Swim 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."

November 8 – Virginia Masters SCM Meet @ Virginia Beach

Entries received by meet director by 11/1

<http://www.vaswim.org/meets/NovEntry08.pdf>

November 15 - MD Masters Swim Series #2 @ Salisbury

Online Entries Only, before 9pm 11/14

www.mdusms.org for more info

December 5-7 – Colonies Zone SCM Championships @ Rutgers
Information forthcoming

December 14 - MD Masters Swim Series #3 @ HoCo YMCA
Online Entries Only, before 9pm 12/13
www.mdusms.org for more info

December 31 – Terrapin Masters Swim in the New Year @ UMD
Pre and Deck entry
<http://www.terrapinmasters.org/NY09.htm>

UMD Sports Schedules & Parking Update

UMD Men's & Women's Swimming schedules for 2008-09 have been released. Please consider coming out to watch, time or officiate these meets and support the team and our coaches!

<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>

If you are interested in checking out some world class aquatic events, UMD is hosting the 2009 ACC Swimming and Diving Championships in Mid-February, as well as the 2009 Women's NCAA Water Polo Championship May 8-10.

Football and Basketball Schedules for 2008-09 have been released. We do have practice on most game-days, but your regular parking lot may become a permit-only or cash lot. A limited number of parking meters are available outside the ERC, but they fill up fast. Please plan accordingly.

Football – The Terps are 6-2, ranked 25th and heading into November Bowl-bound and looking strong with four pretty strong ACC opponents remaining on the schedule. There are two home games left – 11/15 vs UNC and 11/22 vs Florida State. Terrapin Masters practice is cancelled on 11/22 due to the Terrapin Cup swim meet being held that day. Start times for these games are not usually posted until 1-2 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 with an exhibition game against Northwood on November 8. There are only 3 week-day conflicts, and 4 Saturdays that may be tight. Our only conflict for 2008 is the ACC/BIG 10 Challenge game on Wed Dec 3, when UMD hosts Michigan at 7:30.

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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