



# GATOR NEWS



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**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL MISS **IMPORTANT** INFORMATION!!

## The Prez Says.....

Another swim meet has come and gone. That means we are another week closer to championships.

There are still some items that need to be addressed and we need you, all the Gator Families, to help implement these procedures and policies for the safety and fun for everyone.

-The bathrooms are getting better, but we are still having problems with accidents not being reported in a timely manner. Let's keep the bathrooms clean for everyone.

-**Picking up your children on time is VERY important.** Just as important as your child being to practice on time. Please plan on arriving at the pool 5 minutes **BEFORE** practice so your child is capped and ready to jump in the water on time. As a parent, please be at the pool 5 minutes **BEFORE** your child's practice ends so the deck can be cleared in a timely manner.

-**The last practice: please pick up all your garbage.** Please put down all the umbrellas and push in all the chairs. Please make an effort to keep the Cabana Club clean. Remember we are renting this space: **BE RESPECTFUL.**

-We are still having A LOT of problems with families not informing us about missing a meet or leaving a meet early. As a board we may need to implement a system of consequences for repeat incidents. Please understand how many HOURS of work go into a meet and how one person not showing up can cause even more work the day of. Please take the time to let the coaches know **BEFORE** Tuesday of the week of the meet or **SOONER.**

-Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time above and beyond their assignments. I have seen parents on deck before and after practices helping the coaches set up, cleaning up the deck and helping swimmers get capped and goggled. Thanks for being willing to serve and help the swim season go well. We appreciate our Gator Families.

**PLEASE NOTE: This week's swim meet does not start until 9 am. That means the meet does not end until 1pm. Please keep this in mind as you are scheduling your Saturday. Plan accordingly so that we don't have swimmers leaving early. Also note that this pool is having similar issues that we have with parking. Please DO NOT park on the street that the pool is on. It is important that you do not. Thank you families!**

Feel free to contact us anytime you need anything. We want to be here for you. Check out the website at [www.wsgators.org](http://www.wsgators.org) There is always useful information there that will help you be better informed. Check out the coaches corner or the contacts page to find out more information.

Gator Co-Presidents: Sami Thompson & George Hernandez

# GATOR BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2018

We have several board positions opening up for the 2018 swim season. We need willing persons to reach out to the current board so we can get you up to speed and ready for the September cross over meeting. Check out the website for information on what each job is and how long you get to serve the Gators. **Remember, without a board, there is no swim team.** So if your family loves the swim team, please volunteer for one of the positions below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Co-President** (You would replace Sami Thompson)

**Secretary** (You would be replacing Carole Holt)

**Spirit Coordinator** (You would be replacing Roxsan Llamas)

**Special Events Coordinator** (You would be the first person to hold this role)

Gator website with all the information you need. Look at the Bylaws and the contacts page. Both of those will provide you with a lot of information. The come to talk to us. We'd be happy to help you feel like this is the right thing



## COACHS CORNER ~

Great job Gators at our last meet! We saw lots of new best times for swimmers, and are excited to see even more improvement at our next meet at Chabot!!

**Missing a Meet, or Part of One?:** Please make sure to use the "Missing Meet" link on the website by the **Monday** of that week's meet. The process of seeding swimmers is complicated and one swimmer's absence without our prior knowledge could mean that other swimmers will not get to swim if their relay is affected. Last minutes changes and cancellations cause a lot of chaos for those running the meet, and it is also inconsiderate to the other team. Please try to confirm plans the Monday before a meet so this does not happen. We want all swimmers to participate when possible and have a fun experience!

**Sportsmanship:** We would like to remind swimmers to be kind and practice sportsmanship with other teams. It is important that we are positive and encouraging to not only our own team, but the other team as well. Good sportsmanship involves being a good loser, as well as a gracious winner. We would love to see swimmers start congratulating other teams and shaking hands after events!

**Thank You Parents:** We wanted to thank all the parents who help the coaches. Whether it's yummy food, setting up/taking out the blocks or helping clean up after practice, we greatly appreciate it. You are awesome!!

### Swimmers of the Week

**8 & Under:** This last week **Richard Yao** has impressed us with his diligence and improvement! He may seem quiet behind the scenes, but when it's time to perform, he really shines! **Brianna Herron** has given it all 100% this last week, and we are loving it! Her example and friendly personality are just what we like to see in the pool!

**9-10:** **Milad Rasoli** has been a great leader, showing swimmers how to be teachable, work hard, and still have a good time. Thank you for always being respectful and wanting to do your best for the coaches! **Jui Bapat** is a determined swimmer who never gives up. Even when she is given an intimidating, or sometimes daunting challenge, she never complains or backs down! What an inspiration!

**11-12:** **Logan Bennett** is an honest and reliable swimmer. He earnestly tries to improve and become a better leader and swimmer in practice and at swim meets! We are glad to have a powerhouse like him! Juggling new and different challenges, our next swimmer has shown us that she is willing to give what it takes to improve. It already shows in the fact that she made Top Tens this week! **Rudra Hariharan** has impressed us all!

**13-14:** These past couple of weeks, we have noticed this swimmer become more focused in practice, starting to really push himself and make important changes necessary to succeed. **Reshaj Maskey** has shown us that he cares, and he can step in to lead whenever he is needed! **Hailey Plummer** has taken the extra time and care required to improve her strokes and cut her time. We are impressed with the strength and power this seemingly small girl has! We are glad she takes on new challenges and always does what the coaches ask her to do.

**15-18:** This last week, the coaches could not have been more proud of **Cody Pappa** for stepping up and taking on seemingly daunting tasks. Not only did he accept the challenges, but he killed them!! We are glad we can rely on such a great swimmer to come through for the team when needed. **Catherine Holt** has been a quiet, but always respectful and hard worker. Her efforts and presence help those around her focus and try to work just as hard as she does. We are grateful for her dedication!!

Nice job this week everybody. Keep up the good work! Go Gators!

Coaches Jonathan, Emily, Casey and Amy

## Meet Director Minute

**Meet Result: Gators 408 Newark Bluefins 662**

That was a hard dual meet. From the venue change, to last minute changes to the result, everything was hard. That said, there were some silver linings. Many kids had their personal bests in this meet and the following swimmers got into top ten - Sharon Ng women's 8 under Fly 20.66, Sophie Ng 9-10 women's 25 Back 18.55, Rudra Hariharan 11-12 women's 50 Free 29.37, Mariah Hernandez 13-14 women's 50 free 27.72, Snehal Varma Men's 15-18 50 Back 29.09. Congrats to all of you.

The next meet is on June 17 with Chabot Marlins. This is an away meet. **Chabot Marlins swim at 18839 Huber Dr. Castro Valley, CA 94546.** This pool is a good 35 minutes away so plan accordingly. Carpool is a good idea. **They have a small parking lot. Once lot is full, additional parking is available in the community center parking lot across the street on Lake Chabot Rd. Street parking on Huber Dr. is not permitted.** The meet starts at 9:00 am with warm ups at 8:00 am.

The Chabot Marlins are also strong team and were 4<sup>th</sup> in the league last year. It would be good to put in a strong week of practice and be present for the whole meet. A lot of our swimmers are either missing meets or leaving early which obviously hurts the team.

We continued to face challenges from families not notifying about swimmers absence or early departures by Monday. We had lot of late notices that caused us to make last minutes changes as late as Saturday. **Remember the ONLY way to communicate this is through the website "Missing Meet?" link by Monday of the meet week.** Any communications through survey, buddy forms or verbal communication to coaches is not acceptable. Numerous people end up doing lots of re-work when such late notices come in. These volunteers are already spending 8-9 hours trying to setup the meet.

Go Gators!

Cheers.

Rajesh Hariharan  
Meet Director

~ Body achieves what mind believes....



# Warm Springs Gators...Just Keep Swimming!



## Important Upcoming Team Spirit Information:

- **Our Next Team Away Meet 6/17/2017:** The WSA Gators will be having an away meet on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> versus the Chabot Marlins at 18839 Huber Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Our Team Spirit theme will be **Sports Team Jersey / Cap Day!**  
**Hangout:** Chipotle Mexican Grill Osgood Drive, Fremont



- **Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> - Oakland A's Swim Team Night!**  
**FREE PARKING & A's Swim Cap Giveaway!**

## Swim Team Night

**Tuesday, June 20 vs. Astros | 7:05 p.m.**

Introducing Swim Team Night! The A's are inviting out Bay Area swim teams at all levels, as well as their friends and family, to our inaugural Swim Team Night. All participants that purchase a SPECIAL TICKET for this event will receive an exclusive A's Swim Cap. As an added bonus, June 20 is also a FREE PARKING Tuesday.



Swim Team Night item redemption is available inside GATE A until the end of the second inning.

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Each special event ticket includes a FREE give-away Oakland A's Swim Cap (pictured on swimmer above). Tickets are **\$40** each or **2 for \$75**.

Also, Tuesday's are **FREE PARKING** days at the Oakland Coliseum!

Contact Spirit Coordinator **Roxsan Llamas** to RSVP & buy tickets.

**Tickets are on the Home Team Side, Lower Box Level - Section 126**

Regular Price = \$42 each ticket. Team Price = \$40 each or 2 tickets for \$75

🌟 **TEAM MOVIE DAY** is Discount Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:50pm to see **Disney's CARS 3** at the Pacific Commons Century Theatres (<https://www.cinemark.com/cars>). Contact **Roxsan Llamas**, or **Poornima Boppana** to RSVP and pre-order your tickets for **\$6.75 each**.

Afterwards, the Gators will be hang'n out at the **Habit Burger Grill** (also at Pacific Commons) for great Food, Shakes, Malts, Sundaes, or their budget friendly \$1 Soft Serve Ice Cream Cones. Visit the Habit Burger Grill at <http://www.habitburger.com/shakes/> for menu information. I sure hope that everyone will make it to this annual Team event!



**This year the Gators is having a refreshing fundraiser.**  
**BOGO (Buy One Get One Free) Jamba Juice cards are available to purchase now!**  
**You can buy a smoothie (any size) and get one free - 6 separate times\*\*\*!**



**Each card costs a low \$10.00 dollars and you will save up to \$35.00!**

**Contact Roxsan Llamas or Carole Holt to purchase your cards.**

(Buy any size smoothie and get another of equal or lesser value for FREE - - 6 times!!  
\*\*\*limit one redemption/use per card/per visit – good for any size smoothie).



Let's GO GATORS!!!!



Your Spirit Team,  
Roxsan & Poornima

