



**BALCONES WOODS
BLUE WAVE**

CATCH THE WAVE

2009-10

Can you believe swim team is over? I can't. I want to thank our Coaches once again: **Juli, Huddie, Lesley, Carol, Lee, John, Sandy, Jackson** and **Rachel**. You are all wonderful!! It's been great getting to know more parents and working with so many others to help our kids have a successful season – even without a home pool!! Thank you again to the Balcones Woods Homeowners Association for their financial assistance to make this season possible. We are so lucky to have such great support from the neighborhood. And here's one more plug....we are **still looking for a President Elect** for next year to serve with **Cheryl Mullins** who will be taking over as our 2010 President.

A note from **Coach Huddie**:

The Blue Wave had some outstanding swims at the Championship meet at the Texas Swim Center on June 28. Highlighted by League records in both 15-18 Girls' Relays (**Rachel Beger, Zoe James, Shelby Kiser, Jane Maher, and Amy Olsen**) the Blue Wave came away with High Point awards in several age groups.

6&U Girls: 3rd place - **Blair Kinsey**

9/10 Boys: 2nd place(tie) - **Noah Schmidt** and 3rd place - **John Umstatt**

11/12 Girls: 2nd place - **Christy Olsen**

11/12 Boys: 3rd place(tie) - **Carter Hanson**

13/14 Girls: 1st place – **Chris Anne Laskowski** and 3rd place - **Katie Beckham**

15-18 Girls: 1st place - **Shelby Kiser**, 2nd place(tie) **Zoe James** and **Amy Olsen**, and 3rd place - **Rachel Beger**

15-18 Boys: 2nd place - **Tim Murray**

Some of the great races of the day included the 15-18 Girls' 50 Free, where Blue Wave swimmers **Amy Olsen, Zoe James** and **Rachel Beger** stormed from the outside lanes (1, 7 & 8) to place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd! Our 9/10 boys pulled a similar feat when **John Umstatt**, **Camron Lennon** and **Johnmark Radle** went 1-2-3 in 25 Breast. Six year old **Blair Kinsey** (who set the all time Blue Wave record in two events) won Freestyle and was third in Breaststroke and Butterfly. **Shelby Kiser** and **Chris Anne Laskowski** were each triple winners while our 15-18 boys upset FAST in the 200 Free Relay and **Christy Olsen** upset the favorite to win 50 Fly. Many best times (46%) were posted and the coaches really appreciated the way our kids cheered for one another.

The Blue Wave has had a great run of Championship wins over the last decade and so this past Sunday's second place tie was perhaps a bit tough to take. But if you look at what was supposed to happen "on paper" it might make you feel a bit better. :-). Westover went into the meet with a 225 point cushion, if you added up all potential points from the "psyche sheet". And while Westover performed well, and won the meet, the Blue Wave whittled down that margin to 150 points. In fact, the Fast Frogs were supposed to beat us, too - by about 75 points. Instead, we ended up in a tie. So, overall, we coaches think you **swimmers ought to be quite proud of yourselves!** Considering we were in borrowed pools all season, never had a home meet, lacked lines on the bottom and backstroke flags at our training pool, we did remarkably well! You Blue Wave families are the best! Thanks for hanging in there through this difficult year. Special thanks to President DeAnn Kiser for taking the helm through this tough time.

Swim-a-Cross by the Numbers:

- * 110 - # of Blue Wave swimmers who completed the Swim-a-Cross
- * 30 - # of swimmers completed 100 or more lengths in one hour!
- * 5 - # of those completing 100 lengths who were age 9 or 10! (Mom and Dad, can you do that?)
- * 7264 - Total number of lengths swum by all of our swimmers. That's over 100 miles!
- * 77 - # of swimmers who raised money for Red Cross and Blue Wave through pledges
- * 37 - # of swimmers who raised at least \$50 in pledges and were eligible for prizes
- * \$600 - amount raised by our winner, **Matthew Mahavier**
- * \$395 - amount raised by **Shelby Kiser**
- * \$365 - amount raised by **Ty Enos**
- * Over \$300 - amount raised by three other swimmers: **Sam Underwood, Rebecca Schooler, and Sydney Holter.** **Gareth Prati** and **Allie Sears** each raised \$250.
- * \$6337.90 - Total amount raised by our swimmers and their parents. This will be shared by Red Cross & Blue Wave.
- * Countless: Our thanks to you!

Most lengths completed by age group:

6&U: **Blair Kinsey** (26) **Ty Enos** (24)

7/8: **Carmen Fann** (70) **Christopher Hesse** and **Gareth Prati** (66)

9/10: **Emily Brown**, **Noah Schmidt**, **Patrick Manning-Lorino**, **Johnmark Radle**, and **John Umstatt** (100)

11/12: **Christy Olsen** (132) **Garrett VanderStoep** (122)

13/14: **Chris Anne Laskowski** and **Juliana Hall** (100), **Matt Mahavier** and **Danny Murray** (112)

15-18: **Rachel Beger** (132) **Tarrant Diaz** and **Tim Murray** (134)

If you haven't had a chance, check out all the additions to the [Blue Wave website](#) including Champs results, photos, records and all time top 10 times. Thanks again to **Zack Rivette** for always keeping us up to date and also for his amazing photography work.

Many, many thanks to our wonderful social committee, especially **Sarah Schulke** and **Terri Cooper** who did a great job at our END OF SEASON DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY. The slide show put together by **Susan Anthony** was a great way to summarize the season. Be watching for an email with a link to the updated slide show. Susan has offered to update it to include our Champs pep rally with Brendan Hansen and the Champs meet photos.

Please contact **Lori Root** at 794-1009 to arrange to **pick up your trophy** if you didn't already get it at the champs party. Thanks again to Lori & **Sally Maher** for coordinating our ribbons and trophies.

TEAM PICTURES are still not in. ☹ We will send out an email next week once they are in on where/when to pick them up.

YARD SIGNS Please KEEP your yard sign in your garage. We no longer store them. If you know your swimmer will not be swimming next year (your only excuse is you're moving or graduating - ha), you may drop off your sign at the Guard Shed at the pool once it opens.

LOST AND FOUND I had several items turned in that were left at the Champs meet. If you are missing something, please contact me. Otherwise I will hold onto them and we'll have it at the pool once it opens.

We will have one last **FUNDRAISER** after the pool opens. Blue Wave will be **running concessions at the GRAND OPENING** to help make up for the lack of home meets. Please be watching your email and be ready to work a shift to help make this a super success. I know the Blue Wave families will be there for us once again. That's one tradition that never changes!

THANK YOU to our wonderful Blue Wave **sponsors**. Our premier sponsors this year are: Allison Dady, Realtor, Access Door Systems, Cool Zone, Kirk Root Designs, Modern Woodmen, The Tile Guy, Dr. Farrah Agahi, orthodontist and our Swim-A-Cross sponsor, Holzmüller Group, realtors. We would also like to thank our continuing sponsors for helping with the t-shirts again this year: BDGA Architects, Hill Country Carpet Cleaning, Archie Imperial, DDS, Hunt & Co, Pok-e-jos BBQ and Thomas Umstatt, CPA.

They say things happen for a reason and I've had so many people tell me that they were glad I was president this year. (Probably they're glad they dodged that bullet! ☺) I'm so glad I had the chance to help the team through this trying time. This team and this neighborhood mean so much to me and my family. My kids' lives are immeasurably better because of the experiences they've had growing up in this neighborhood. This is our 11th year on Blue Wave and 3 more to go. We can't imagine a summer without swim team. To think I had to absolutely force Shelby to join the team in first grade. The friends we all have made and the memories will last a lifetime. It's so great to know families on every street and of all ages. This team always pulls together and this year has been a testament to how much the team means to everyone in the neighborhood. Everyone working together made this all possible. I hope you enjoyed the season. We'll all be enjoying our new amenities soon. See you at the pool!

WE ARE THE BLUE WAVE! COULDN'T BE PROUDER!

DeAnn Kiser

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