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When does School start?

Patriots Wreck Racers!

Kevin Gravesmill Sets Pool Record!!!

Led by **Kevin Gravesmill's** record-setting time in the 15-18 50 Meter Backstroke, the Huntwick Patriots racked up their third straight dual meet victory in 2009 last Saturday, trouncing the Raveneaux Racers 418-210 in the shortest meet of the year. Huntwick got off to a fast start in the 100 Free, with **Trey Nelson, Tyler Morland** and **Frank Sklenka** sweeping 13-14 Boys **Blair Dewing** and **Abby Buck** taking 1st and 2nd for the 13-14 Girls, and **Suzanne Bay** topping the 15-18 Girls. **Paul Prim, Rhett**



Kahlden, Carson Purdes and **Stephen Russell** led off the Free Relays with a victory in 6 and Under Boys, followed by **Evan Newell, Nate Martin, John Dickson** and

Robert Dill winning 7-8 Boys. **Katie Koehler, Abby Hite, Emily Traynor** and **Grace Russell** captured the first blue ribbon for the Patriot Girls in the 7-8 Girls event, with a strong 2nd place finish by the team of **Gina Mangione, Grace Anne Potter, Emelia Buckalew** and **Danielle Dockrey**. In one of the closest relays of the day, the 9-10 Girls team of **Brooke Brown, Kelly Fahy, Amy Rose Barthelemy** and **Allison Hilpert** swam a fine race, knocking two seconds off their seed time, but alas were a scant 4/10ths behind the Raveneaux squad. **Chase Schlemeyer, Ben Hardisty, Austin Fahy** and

Michael Bell combined to take 1st in 11-12 Boys, followed by **Madison Bourg, Hannah Nelson, Kelly Flint** and **Rachael Bell** cruising to victory in 11-12 Girls. **Tyler Morland, Trey Nelson, Brian**



Gravesmill and **Henry Hite** made it 3 in a row for the Patriots, taking 13-14 Boys. A valiant effort by **Kathryn Flint, Mattie Bunkers, Sarah Darwin** and **Abby Buck** against a heavily favored Racer quartet fell 3/10ths of a second short in 13-14 Girls, but Huntwick took both 15-18 relays unopposed, overall won the relays 8-4, and were up **77-32**.



The Patriots dominated Freestyle, taking 10 of 12 events, starting with **Stephen Russell, Rhett Kahlden** and **Carson Purdes** sweeping 6 and under Boys, all significantly improving on their seed times, with **Michael Hill** also showing great improvement, and **Charlotte**

Foster taking the blue ribbon in 6 and under Girls, with **Caroline Hill** improving over 15 seconds. **John Dickson** and **Abby Hite** made it 4 straight for Huntwick, taking 1st place in 7-8 Boys and Girls, **Emelia Buckalew** picking up 3 points for the Patriots with a 2nd place finish, and **Andres Vasquez** and **Vivian Slagle** showing continued improvement.

Amy Rose Barthelemy and **Grace Merkel** claimed the top two spots in 9-10 Girls, followed by Huntwick taking the top 8 spots in 11-12 Boys, led by **Michael Bell, J.P. Hite** and **Will Harrison** sweeping the event and **Matt Granger** improving



over 9 seconds. **Kelly Flint** and **Rachael Bell** managed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in 11-12 Girls, followed by another Patriot sweep in 13-14 Boys by **Brian Gravesmill, Trey Nelson** and **Tyler Morland**. **Abby Buck, Kevin Gravesmill** and **Samantha Buck** easily won the final 3 Free events, and it was **Patriots 157, Racers 60**

Huntwick extended its lead in Breast, with 6 top finishers in 10 events, including **John Dickson** and **Abby Hite** in 7-8 Boys and Girls, **Trey Nelson** and **Mattie Bunkers** in 13-14 Boys and Girls, and **Tyler**

Darwin and **Elizabeth Fauser** in 15-18 Boys and Girls. Other notable swims included **Allison Hilpert** and **Madison Bourg**, each dropping 3 seconds, **Hannah Nelson** and **Ally Flinn**, 2nd and 3rd respectively in 11-12 Girls, and “GND” **Lillian Sharp** finishing 2nd in 15-18 Girls. Heading into 6 and Under Back, Huntwick’s lead was over 100 points, **210-96**, and the meet was effectively over.



Luke Castle surprised the crowd in backstroke, knocking 4 seconds off his personal best and finishing a close 2nd to teammate **Stephen Russell** in 6 and Under Boys, with **Carson Purdes**

improving over 7 seconds, and **Charlotte Foster** won her 2nd blue ribbon of the day, taking 6& Under Girls. **Raveneaux** tried to close the gap in the IM, as only 3 Patriots, **Michael Bell** (11-12 Boys) **Tyler Morland** (13-14 Boys) and **Samantha Buck** (15-18 Girls) claimed victory in the 8 events, but **William Sklenka** (9-10 Boys), **Allison Hilpert** (9-10 Girls), **Kelly Flint** (11-12 Girls), **Blair Dewing** (13-14 Girls) and **Woody Dewing** (15-18 Boys) took 2nd in their events to even things out. Other Patriot swimmers with significantly improved IM times included **Kyle Wilkerson** (5 seconds), **Brooke Brown** (15 seconds), **Kelly Fahy** (7 seconds), **Ben Hardisty** (5 seconds), **Josh Prim** (10 seconds), and **Byron Barthelemy** (6 seconds, placing 3rd), and through the IM Huntwick had doubled the Racers, **261-131**.



Huntwick continued to roll through the backstroke, chalking up another 6 victories in the 10 events, including **Grace Anne Potter** in 7-8 Girls, **Chase Schlemeyer** and **Madison Bourg** in 11-12 Boys and Girls, **Brian Gravesmill** in 13-14 Boys, and **Kristen Flint**, qualifying for Ponderosa in 15-18 Girls, but the highlight of the meet was **Kevin Gravesmill** breaking a 6 year old pool record in 15-18 Boys. “I thought I had a shot at it, and with it being the last home meet, I had been practicing all week. I hit the lane ropes once or twice, but I guess it was good enough to get the record.” Said one onlooker, as our new scoreboard flashed the record time for all to see, “He sure looked fast.” In addition to these winners, **Jacob Stivers** (7 second improvement), **Katie Koehler** (2nd place), **Danielle**

Dockrey (6 second improvement), **Sean Foster** (2nd place), **Sarah Woodward** (8 seconds), **Will Harrison** (2nd place, only 2/10ths of a second out of 1st), and **Hannah Nelson** (2nd place), all swam well, and Huntwick had extended its lead to **315-167**.

Continuing a now familiar story, the Patriots finished victorious in 7 of the 10 Fly events, with **John Dickson** picking up his 3rd victory of the day in 7-8 Boys, **Austin Fahy** leading teammates **Chase Williams** and **J.P. Hite** to a sweep in 11-12 Boys, **Blair Dewing** and **Sarah Darwin** finishing 1-2 in 13-14 Girls, and siblings (**Brian** and **Kevin Gravesmill**, **Kelly** and **Kristen Flint**) combining for 4 wins. **Emelia Buckalew** and **Grace Russell** each improved 4 seconds on their swims in 7-8 Girls, with **Devon Corrington** dropping 5 seconds in 9-10 Boys. With only the afternoon relays to go, the Patriots were up big, **377-193**.



The meet finished quickly, with Huntwick taking 7 of 10 events, and with several relays being combined, the 15-18 Girls Free relay of **Samantha Buck**, **Suzanne Bay**, **Elizabeth Fauser** and **Kristen Flint** soundly beating the 15-18 Boys team of **Tyler Darwin**, **John Henry Barthelemy**, **Luke Stokes** and **Jack Harrison**. Be sure to congratulate the girls (and mention it to the guys, too, I’m sure they’ll want to be reminded constantly at tomorrow’s meet!).

As usual, Coach Shannie was her sunny self, happily looking back on our third straight victory: “The meet was closer than it looked, but in the younger age groups our depth allowed us to pick up a lot of 2nd and 3rd places, and we have such great participation from our older swimmers we really smoked them in those age groups. Next week at Spring Creek Oaks we’ll have to swim our very best, they are really really good, but I’m looking forward to it.”





MEET SCHEDULE

- May 9 Home Practice Meet
- May 16 Home vs Windrose (275-367 loss)
- May 23 Away vs Spring Crk Forest (270-258 WIN)
- May 30 Home vs Canyon Gate (429.5-214.5 WIN)
- June 6 Home vs Raveneaux (418-210 WIN)
- June 13 Away vs Spring Creek Oaks (170 swimmers)
- June 20 Central Region, Division 2 Championship:
at Tomball Aquatic Center
- June 21 Swim Team Annual Awards Banquet
- June 22 Swim Team Parent Annual Hangover

Tale of the tape (points/possible points):

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
6 and under	22/23	12/23
7-8	27/46	36/46
9-10	13/55	19/55
11-12	46/55	38/55
13-14	62/64	39/64
15-19	47/64	57/64
Total	217	201

Points Points Points

Boys:

- Brian Gravesmill 15 (+10 relay)
- Kevin Gravesmill 15 (+10 relay)
- John Dickson 15 (+7 relay)
- Trey Nelson 13 (+10 relay)
- Michael Bell 10 (+10 relay)
- Stephen Russell 10 (+ 5 relay)

Girls:

- Samantha Buck 13 (+10 relay)
- Blair Dewing 13 (+5 relay)
- Suzanne Bay 11 (+10 relay)
- Kelly Flint 11 (+10 relay)
- Abby Hite 10 (+10 relay)
- Kristen Flint 10 (+5 relay)
- Charlotte Foster 10 (+2 relay)



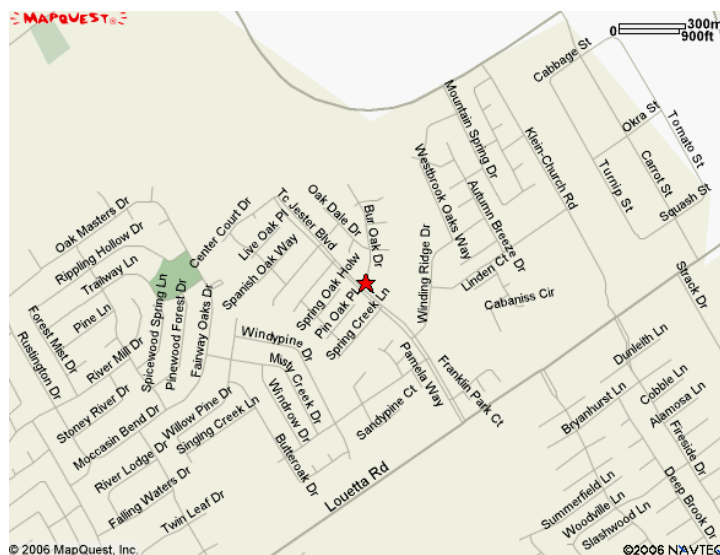
The Patriot Website is www.huntwickpatriots.org We are always looking for photos (of the kids swimming) so send yours in for posting!

Net the Dolphins!!

Its time to renew our rivalry with our old nemesis, the Spring Creek Oaks Dolphins, at Spring Creek Oaks. Directions are easy: East on Louetta towards Kuykendahl, left on TC Jester. They are undefeated in our Division this year at 4-0, and they've crushed everybody else, so eat your Wheaties and drink your Red Bull! You must check-in with **Coach Shannie or Asst. Coach Scotty Dickson** by no later than at 7:30 a.m. or you may be scratched!! **10 and under warm-ups begin at 7:45 a.m., with 11 and up warm-ups following at 8:00 a.m.**



Let coaches know TODAY if you do not plan to swim.



No, it's not May anymore, but we've now got Merry Mondays and Triumphant Thursdays!! Be sure to hang out at the pool, after practice and meet your neighbors!



T-SHIRT ORDERS

Remember how last week we said you needed to order your shirts last week? We weren't kidding, but you can still get them at Divisionals next week!

Major Improvement

Byron Barthelemy IM (6 sec)
Michael Bell IM (2 sec)
Madison Bourg 50 Breast (3 sec)
Brooke Brown IM (15 sec)
Emelia Buckalew 25 Fly (4 sec)
Luke Castle 25 Back (4 sec)
Devon Corrington 25 Fly (6 sec)
Blair Dewing 50 Fly (2 sec)
Danielle Dockrey 25 Back (6 sec)
Kelly Fahy IM (7 sec)
Kristen Flint 50 Back (2 sec)
Matt Granger 50 Free (9 sec)
Ben Hardisty IM (5 sec)
Will Harrison IM (7 sec)
Michael Hill 25 Free (8 sec)
Allison Hilpert 25 Breast (3 sec), IM (6 sec)
J.P. Hite 50 Fly (3 sec)
Kevin Ireson 25 Breast (2 sec)
Rhett Kahlden 25 Free (4 sec)
Gina Mangione 25 Fly (2 sec)
Tyler Morland 100 Free (2 sec)
Trey Nelson 100 Free (3 sec)
Grace Anne Potter 25 Back (3 sec)
Josh Prim 50 Free (2 sec), IM (10 sec)
Carson Purdes 25 Free (6 sec), 25 Back (7 sec)
David Russell 25 Breast (2 sec)
Grace Russell 25 Fly (4 sec)
Stephen Russell 25 Free (2 sec)
Vivian Slagle 25 Free (9 sec)
Jacob Stivers 25 Back (7 sec)
Andres Vasquez 25 Free (5 sec)
Tommy Watson 50 Free (2 sec)
Kyle Wilkerson IM (5 sec)
Chase Williams 50 Fly (4 sec)
Sarah Woodward 25 back (8 sec)
Caroline Young 25 Free (15 sec)

**Planning a
Vacation??
Turn in your
vacation form in
advance of the
meet to be
missed!**



(new in bold)

Tyler Darwin 50 Breast
John Dickson 25 Free
Brian Gravesmill 50 Free, Back, Fly
Kevin Gravesmill 50 Free, Back, Fly,
100 Free
Samantha Buck 50 Free
Mattie Bunkers 50 Breast
Charlotte Foster 25 Free
Kristen Flint 100 Free, IM, 50 Fly, Free, **Back**

Mason Adams 50 Breast, Back, Free
Ben Alexander 50 Back
John Henry Barthelemy 50 Breast, Back
Jeffrey Bell 100 Free, 50 Back
Michael Bell 50 Free, Back, Breast, Fly, IM
John Burman 50 Breast, IM, 100 Free
Luke Castle 25 Back
Brett Dewing 50 Free, Back, Fly
Woody Dewing 50 Free, Fly
John Dickson 25 Breast, Fly
Robert Dill 25 Free, Breast
Austin Fahy 50 Free, Back, Fly, IM
Sean Foster 25 Back Brian Gravesmill 100 Free
Kevin Gravesmill IM
Ben Hardisty 50 Free, Breast, Fly, **IM**
Jack Harrison 100 Free, 50 Back
Will Harrison 50 Free, Back
J.P. Hite 50 Free, IM, **Fly** Matt Hite 50 Breast
Rhett Kahlden 25 Free Nate Martin 25 Breast
Travis Morland 50 Back Tyler Morland 50 Back
Trey Nelson 50 Free, Breast Josh Prim 50 Back
Carson Purdes 25 Free
Stephen Russell 25 Back, Free
Chase Schlemeyer 50 Free, Back
Frank Sklenka 50 Back
William Sklenka 25 Breast, **Free**
Wren Strickland 50 Free, Breast, Back
Griffin Warner IM, 50 Free, Fly
Tommy Watson 50 Breast Kyle Wilkerson 25 Free
Chase Williams 50 Fly Scott Williams 25 Fly
Amy Rose Barthelemy 25 Free, Fly
Suzanne Bay 50 Free, Back Rachael Bell 50 Fly
Madison Bourg 50 Back
Abby Buck 50 Free, Fly, 100 Free
Samantha Buck 50 Back, Fly, IM
Mattie Bunkers 50 Free, Back
Sarah Darwin IM, 50 Fly, Free, Breast
Blair Dewing 50 Free, Breast, Back, **Fly**, IM
Kelly Fahy 25 Breast Kathryn Flint 50 Back
Kelly Flint 50 Fly, **Free** **Charlotte Foster 25 Back**
Laynie Hardisty 50 Free Abby Hite 25 Breast
Allison Hilpert 25 Free, **Breast, Fly**
Grace Merkel 25 Free Hannah Nelson 50 Free
Grace Anne Potter 25 Back
Aidan Sklenka 50 Fly





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SWIM BUDDIES

Are do you have a young Patriot as a Swim Buddy? Be sure to talk to your young Buddy at the meet. They love the support and it makes a real difference. A special thanks to those older kids who have graciously agreed to “buddy up” with more than one swimmer. You Guys Rock!



PHOTO OF THE WEEK WINNER!!

Last week's photo caption winner:



“Patriot Swimmers are WAY COOL!”

(sorry Chris, “Mr. Castle is so cool” didn't cut it)

Here's this week's photo caption contest:



DIVISIONALS - JUNE 20th

The Divisional Swim Meet is only one week away, so naturally some people have started asking, “What is Divisionals anyway??” The Divisional Meet is the big end-of-year meet with all six teams in our Division competing for the Division C2 Championship (and a big trophy!). The Meet will be held at the new Tomball Aquatic Center in . . . you guessed it, Tomball Texas! This is NOT an invitational meet - ALL PATRIOT SWIMMERS who have participated in at least two dual meets are eligible to swim AND ARE EXPECTED TO SWIM!! WE NEED YOU!! Tomball is a fast pool, so most swimmers will post their best times of the year at Divisionals. Next week's Patriot Press will have more info, plus a map, and maybe we'll pull some trophies out of storage to get the kids in the mood!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To suggest that our swimmers should have a camel smoking a cigarette emblazoned on their swim caps is irresponsible and harmful to the health of our children. The proposed sale of cigars at swim meets does not even merit a response. Your cavalier attitude towards tobacco and alcohol is thoroughly reprehensible. You should be ashamed.

Sincerely,
Pam Darwin

Dear Pam:

Lighten up, Francis (and smoke if you've got 'em)

Dear Patriot Press:

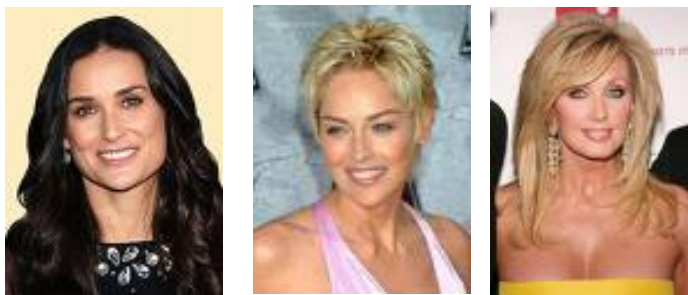
It has come to the attention that last week NWAL rules were flagrantly violated by certain Huntwick meet personnel, as we apparently allowed Raveneaux to enter a D Relay team in both 9-10 Girls Relays. Section III.B.3.a.i clearly states "A club may enter up to three (3) teams in each relay event." This is a clear violation of NWAL Rules up with which we will not put. We are disheartened that certain people (who shall remain nameless) like Kate Foster and Maribeth Sklenka) retain a "just let the kids swim" mentality. This must stop. This added at least 35 seconds to the meet running time. **NWAL Rules MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES, regardless of the effect on kids.**

Sincerely,
Giff Wilkerson, NWAL Rep
Referees Paul Bunkers, Wade Wendt
Starters Rich Johnson, Barnes Darwin
Officials Scott Newell, Karen Buck,
Charlene Burman, Pam Darwin

Dear collective NWAL Swim Nazis:
Jawohl, Herr Kommandants!!

Dear Patriot Press:

In reading last week's response regarding cougar insignia on swim caps, I would propose the following alternative cougars, each of which I believe is within NWAL rules:



Sincerely,
Wade Wendt and Rich Johnson

Dear Wade/Rich:

I concur, these cougars should definitely be allowed at NWAL meets (or at least on swim caps!)



FLY BACK BREAST FREE IM

Please be sure to wish all of the following Patriots good luck at Pentathlon on Sunday:

Tyler Darwin

Invitationals!

All Stars and Ponderosa are only two weeks away! They will be held the weekend of June 27-28th at Klein Oak and Klein Collins High Schools. Contact **Tanya Morland** at the meet this Saturday or at tmorland@aol.com if you plan on swimming (profanity not encouraged). Divisional times may be used for qualifying!



Dictators for Life??

Although the 2009 Patriot season seems to have gone swimmingly thus far (despite lost investments in AIG and Nigerian war spoils), the decision of our two co-chairmen, the **Wilkersons** and the **Newells** to cross-appoint each other to ten-year positions seems premature and perhaps inappropriate, as they have apparently awarded themselves the following for the such period: a waiver of all swim team fees, free suits for their kids, preferential parking at all meets, free food and drinks for their families at all home meets and divisionals, any unsold concessions at the end of the year, free use of the Clubhouse for private functions, and a \$1,000 annual stipend to cover "other expenses". Said former head **Paul Bunkers**, "I don't recall getting any of these things ... I think **Wade** or **Rich** bought me a beer one year ... I'd have thought people would be up in arms over this ... oh well, guess it's this whole 'Obama - Change' thing."