

December 18, 2008

Dear Dolphin Parents and Swimmers:

Once again the time is approaching for our most vital and only team wide fund raising effort, The **2009 Dolphin Derby**. This will be our twenty-second annual Dolphin Derby and all swimmers participating will receive a special memento of this event at our spring awards gala! The Derby is a two hour swim challenge where pledges are obtained for lengths swum. For example, The Future Team and FT 56 will have two hours to swim a maximum of 100 lengths; the TAG I and DPOD levels will have two hours to swim 144 (2 miles); the TAG II, TAG III and State/National levels will have two hours to swim a maximum of 200 lengths (5000-yards).

The Derby is a collective pledge swim effort that supports many of our team events, including portions of our National Team trip to the YWCA National Swim Championship Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina in April; our team awards banquet, equipment, publications, awards and prizes.

We have attached a pledge sheet and ask that parents and swimmers come up with a plan that will allow them to participate to the maximum amount possible. The coaches will encourage and remind swimmers daily of the event and we have found that the best plan is to get a pledge a day! This guarantees a great team wide effort.

In the 2007-08 season, our Derby effort yielded just over \$25,000 for the sixth consecutive season, but our team expenses were over \$35,000. We're hopeful we can again make a run at that figure through 100% team participation and have exciting incentive plans to help promote those goals. We suggest the average donation goal of \$250.00 per swimmer. The team will swim their lengths in modified practice slots noted below, to help maximize involvement!

This year we will again offer incentive prizes for fund raising efforts over \$250.00 per swimmer. Swimmers raising between \$250-350 will receive their choice of a **custom team towel, mini-back pack or water bottle.**

Those swimmers with over \$351-500 in pledges will receive a custom-logo team **Boathouse Supplex Pullover or Fleece Pull Over**. Those raising \$501-999 will receive a special **Dolphin Speedo Warm-up Set** or a new custom **Tackle twill lettered heavy weight DOLPHINS sweatshirt** or choice of any other items; any swimmer with over a \$1000 in pledges will also receive an **I Pod Shuffle mini music player** or a **I Tunes Music Card** for \$50 and **choice of any other item**. All prizes will be presented at or before the team awards banquet on May 1, 2009.

We will e-mail you in mid January to remind you of this important event and check on your progress.

The Derby format for 2009 is similar to '08: **On Thur. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> TAG 2 +3 will swim their lengths at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm. On Thur. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> the State/National levels will swim at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm; On Wed. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm TAG 1 will swim their lengths at the YWCA. On Sat. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at the YWCA from 1:30-3:30 the Future Team and Future 56 will swim their lengths together.**

Several lanes will be devoted for "make-up" lengths for any one who can't make their assigned slot (make-ups are highly discouraged) in the State/National session on Mon. Jan. 26 at GHS from 6:30-8:30pm.

If you have any questions on the Derby please contact Nick or Maura who will assist in coordinating this effort.

Sincerely,

Nick Cavataro  
Coach

# GREENWICH YWCA DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

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SWIMMER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

- Sponsors are being solicited to support the Greenwich YWCA Dolphins Swim Team and this swimmer is seeking your pledge to help their cause. **Funds should be returned by February 27, 2009.**
- All funds collected will be used to help support the DOLPHINS.
- Each Swimmer will be limited to a maximum of one continuous two-hour period in the water or a maximum of 200 lengths of the pool, whichever comes first. This is a distance of approximately three miles.
- The coaching staff of the Dolphins will determine the capabilities of each swimmer and will supervise and document all swimming.
- **All donations made to the Greenwich YWCA Dolphins Swim Team are tax-deductible.**

**NOTE:** This swimmer is capable of swimming \_\_\_\_\_ lengths.

SPONSORS NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	PLEDGE/ PER LAP	TOTAL AMOUNT

This is to certify that the above swimmer has completed \_\_\_\_\_ Lengths in a two hour period  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

# ***2009 YWCA DOLPHIN DERBY!***

**Thur. Jan. 8 at GHS  
TAG 2 & TAG 3  
6:30-8:30pm**

**Thur. Jan. 15 at GHS  
STATE/NATIONAL  
6:30-8:30pm**

**Wed. Jan. 21 at GYW  
TAG 1  
4:30-6:30pm**

**Sat. Jan. 24 at GYW  
FT56 & FT  
1:30-3:30pm**

**Mon. Jan. 26 at GHS  
Make-up Date  
6:30-8:30pm**