



## December Newsletter



We have entered that time of year affectionately referred to as the festive holiday season. Holidays ... it just doesn't quite seem like the correct word for this busy time of year. The Dolphin's executive would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy (perhaps even relaxing?) holiday season. Like every other season however this remains a fund raising season.

### Fundraising

Ticket sales on the food baskets are going well. We encourage parents to do their best at selling their tickets. If by chance you are a great ticket seller, please call Cindy for additional tickets (476 – 2305). Please have all your tickets into the draw box no later than 5:30pm December 17<sup>th</sup>. The winning ticket will be drawn at our YOUTH DANCE that same night. If you are interested in taking the basket to a hockey game, craft show or other event just sign it out at the Dolphin Board. Please ensure you have contacted all the correct people at the facility where you will be selling tickets to make sure you have received their permission.

December's YOUTH DANCE will be Dec. 17. The dance starts at 7:00pm please be there early. We have had some difficulty with students not being picked up on time. We are now asking 2 parents to remain late to ensure everyone gets picked up by a parent. The two who stay late can therefore come a little later. The sign up sheet for this months dance will have a specific place to sign up for this. It might be a good idea to have a least one guy remain behind. Above all, these events need to be safe for everyone.

December 11 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas in the County Homes Tour. (2<sup>nd</sup> for Dolphins 3<sup>rd</sup> overall). This is a great opportunity to spend the day with friends. Get a group together have a light lunch and then head out to see as many of the 14 homes as you choose. Or, you could pick up your Mom or mother in law and have a quiet afternoon. We have a cross section of County homes, new and old. Tickets are \$10 each and the tour is open from 12 – 7pm. Another great fund raising opportunity just waiting to be used! For further information see Amanda (399 – 5115).

### Special Event

On December 1, that is this Wednesday, Marc Edwards, a physiotherapist from Wellington, will be addressing the team on preventative exercise specific to swimming. Mr. Edwards has experience working with former Canadian Olympic swimmers, Alex Bauman and Victor Davis. This is a tremendous opportunity and we hope all swimmers and parents can plan to attend. The presentation will occur in the squash courts from 5:30 – 6:30pm. Thanks in advance for your participation! Remember to thank Anne for organizing this event.

### Christmas Swim Hours

The skills program will be finished Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. If you see Jesse, Lauren, or Liam congratulate them on their progress. I hear their strokes are improving greatly. KEEP UP THE HARD WORK! Normal swim hours continue for all swimmers through December 23. All Advanced Development swimmers are off from Dec 23 until regular practices resume for them on Jan. 3, 2005. All remaining swimmers will swim Dec 27, 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:00am and are back in the pool Jan 3 as well.

### Executive Meeting

December's meeting will be an open meeting and we encourage you to come and voice your concerns, and opinions. The meeting will be on Dec. 8 at 4:30pm, location to follow.





## Christmas Party

A week ago the executive from Picton got together with the executive from Trenton. The biggest item to get discussed was how to get these two teams to be one at swim meets. The general concensus was that social time out of the pool would be a great way to start. Therefore, we have gone ahead and booked this years Christmas Party in Trenton on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The water polo game, including parents, will begin at 5:00. A potluck dinner, gift exchange and other activities will follow. If your swimmer is interested in staying overnight in Trenton and participating in their morning swim please sign up on the Dolphin board as early as possible so billeting can be arranged. Also remember sign up for pot luck and to let us know if any siblings will be participating. I need to have this information to Trenton by Dec 6, so things can be properly organized.

## Swim Meets

Our fine team of swimmers are definite contenders in any pool! Whether its Ernestown, Barrie, or next door in Trenton, our swimmers are a force to be reckoned with! Congratulate your swimmer(s), on their hard work and daily dedication, it is paying off. Thanks Larry for ensuring that our progress as a team gets into the local media.

Good luck to all swimmers heading off to Etobicoke this weekend. Lets make sure those other teams look up Picton/Trenton on their maps! Other practice swims will remain the same while those swimmers attending Youth Cup are away. Jess Pilon will take over coaching in Rob's absence. Thank you Jess we appreciate your dedication. This will be the last meet for December; upcoming meets are:

January 8/9 – Trenton Dash for Cash – Gold and Silver swimmers  
January 21/22/23 – Pickering Winter Swim Festival – all swimmers

## Rec Plex

A presentation was made to Council on November 15 to plea for some intervention in the selling of the Rec Plex. Presentations were presented on behalf of the Rec Plex itself, the health unit, doctors, individuals, and the swim team. Council voted to go ahead and approach the owners to see if they would be interest in giving the County two months to do their own investigation into the quality of the building and if some vehicles might also be housed there. The Community Services meeting regarding the Rec Plex is on Tuesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. This is a venue open to more discussion. Amanda will go and present as well as answer any questions pertaining to the team. If you have any information that you feel needs to be included please email or call (399 – 5115) If you know of any outstanding community contribution by any past or present Dolphins member please forward it. The more information I have, the better.

## New Skills Program

The new session for the skills program begins January 4, and continues until Mar 23, 2005. This is a very important way of building and strengthening our team. If you know any swimmers who might be interested please call Anne (476 – 6540)

## Dolphins Website

After much work and dedication the website is almost ready. Jim is working on some final touches and soon we will all be able to access our team on the web! This has been a long process and we really appreciate Jim's time and effort.

