

CLUB SAKE NEWS – July 13, 2009

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Captain News

1. RACE ROSTERS

I'm still waiting to receive your rosters. Race rosters are due to the board within 2 weeks of participating in a race. Please email to comm@clubsake.com. Help us keep our records updated.

2. RACE RESULTS

Please let us know how you did in any races you participate in so we can let the rest of the club know in a future edition of CLUB SAKE NEWS.

Member News

1. SPITFIRE SAKE NEEDS FEMALE PADDLERS FOR AUGUST 8TH RACE

Spitfire SAKE is looking for eight (8) female paddlers for a race in Tacoma on August 8. If you are interested, please email Samay Sengamphan at its4samay@hotmail.com.

2. YOUTH PADDLERS NEEDED

Youth paddlers (between the ages of 13 and 18) are needed for our new youth team. Tentative practice schedule is Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Cost will be \$20 for the balance of the year. If you have youth who are interested, please email Samay Sengamphan at its4samay@hotmail.com.

3. PADDLERS NEEDED FOR CLUB SAKE TEAM FOR AUGUST 8TH RACE

Dave Mentz is recruiting for a Club Sake team for the Aug 8 Asian American DB festival in Tacoma. We want the team to be a true cross-section of the various Sake teams; thus, captains are asked to recruit their 3-6 most spirited and dedicated paddlers to form this team. **Contact Dave by the end of this week (July 17)**; for now at least, he will be the captain of this team. You can email Dave at dave.mentz@medtronic.com.

4. DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR CELEBRATING LIFE! RAFFLE

Survivor SAKE is again chairing the yearly RAFFLE at our August race to raise funds for TSNW programs. It's a chance to contribute all sorts of items to be included in approximately 12 "raffle bundles". These bundles will be organized around dragons and/or dragon boating. (However, the items – be they large, small or in between – do not necessarily have to be dragon items.) Some ideas for raffle donations are children's items, animal/pet items, craft/handmade items, food, art work, jewelry, clothing, dragon boating gear, general dragon stuff and so on.

We're also looking for one or two BIG items that will be part of a special ticket raffle.

Contact Diana Chien (dnychien@att.net) or Bea Wells (bea@miraclesandwonders.com) with your donation(s) no later than the end of July.

5. PADDLING GLOVES FOR SALE

Bea Wells has cold water gloves for sale at \$20.00. This is a fund raiser for Survivor SAKE. The gloves are rubber with fleece lining. Most places they sell for \$20.00 except on line, but by the time you pay postage it comes to \$20.00 or more. Contact Bea at bea@miraclesandwonders.com if you'd like to buy a pair or two.

6. SEATTLE CELEBRATING LIFE! DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23rd at Magnuson Park in Seattle, Washington. Volunteer with us for a fabulous weekend of fun, festivities and awareness!

This year's race is sponsored by Team Survivor Northwest (TSNW), a non-profit organization supporting women in their cancer recovery through fitness and health education.

TSNW is collaborating with Pacific Dragon Boat Association (PDBA) and Club SAKE to host the Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival. This Festival includes a one-day community race and PDBA qualifying races for the World Club Crew Championships in Macau.

We would like Club SAKE volunteers for technical positions. We will have a professional management association setting up the course and assisting with race day but we know there are some SAKE members who have experience in these areas: Starting Tent, Timing Tent, Water Ops, Marshaling.

(Of course, if you would like to volunteer for other aspects of the race: setup, take down, beer garden, etc., you are also welcome!)

We will need volunteers to help on Saturday and Sunday. Each volunteer shift is about 4 hours.

However, we want SAKE teams to participate in the race so please keep that in mind. We do not want this to affect your participation.

How to get started- Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Therese Chambers (425) 761-4067 marytheresechambers@hotmail.com with the following:

1. The day(s) you would prefer to volunteer (Friday afternoon for set up, Saturday and Sunday)
2. Time restrictions if you have any on any particular day
3. What times you are available (4 hour shifts range from 6am to 7pm on Saturday and 7am to 8pm on Sunday and Friday afternoon- general idea of early morning, late morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, early evening is fine)
4. If you have a special skill please let us know.

One more thing---**If you would like to help out in other ways you can join the SAKE members who have already volunteered to head up certain areas---you can contact them directly:**

*Help coach a community team - Contact Dina Stark at dstark@starbucks.com,

*Donate a raffle item - Contact Diana Chen dnchien@att.net,

*Till for one of the community team practices - Contact Curtis Lu at curtislu@gmail.com,

*Share your musical talents - or suggest a friend -- for our musical stage - Contact Mika Imori at mika.imori@kingcounty.gov

Thanks so much

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7. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

If you have any questions or concerns for the SAKE Board, you can talk with one of the board members or send an email to comm@clubsake.com

2009 SAKE Board Members

- President: Matthew Goossen, Absolut SAKE
- Vice President: Dave Mentz, Team SAKE
- Secretary: Karin Carmignani, Habu SAKE
- Treasurer: Peyton Gaunt, Vintage SAKE
- Equipment Manager: Hai Tran, Hot SAKE
- Public Relations Manager: Gordon Hom, Absolut SAKE
- Communications Manager: Anita Steele, Vintage SAKE

Also, don't forget about our Club SAKE website, www.clubsake.com. You can find the latest news, board minutes, Rules and Regulations and other helpful information.