

MAY 2021



NEWSLETTER

Sharing Values of Friendship, Team Pride, Staying Healthy and Community Support

Dear Gator Families

The Gator Winter Season will soon be coming to an end and it has been an unprecedented year. Our Gator Coaches and Board worked hard to ensure our team remained safe and healthy and to ensure the Gator Swim Club remains viable. We have a lot to be proud of as a club and we are looking forward to continuing this work into the Summer and the 2021-2022 Winter Season.

The Gator Board was recently made aware of concerns about hygiene practices while conducting dry-land outside. Thank you for bringing these concerns forward. It is this due diligence that has kept our swimmers and coaches safe throughout the season. In response, our Coaches have been reminded to ensure the use of yoga mats and masks where appropriate, physical distancing, and reinforcing hand hygiene before and after dry-land.

With the end of the Winter Season comes a time of celebration. It is our opportunity to recognize our Swimmers achievements and Coaches hard work. Despite the Covid Pandemic, the swimmers achieved new heights through virtual time trials, Divisional, and Provincial Championship Competitions.

To celebrate, the Gator Year End Award Ceremony is tentatively planned for a physically distanced in person event on June 13, 2021 from 1-2pm at South Memorial Park. However, given current Public Health restrictions, this is a tentative plan. Please stay tuned for more information in early June.

The Winter program will end June 30th. The Summer program will begin approximately one week later. More information will be coming from our Head Coach as soon as pool space is confirmed. We hope many of you will consider registering your swimmers for our summer programs. It keeps swimmers active, engaged, and motivated for the upcoming Winter season.

In anticipation of the 2021-2022 Winter Season, the Gator Board is planning to hold a Virtual Town Hall at the End of June. Our goal is to provide you with information leading into the next Winter Season and information about the Gator Board, parent volunteer opportunities, and anticipated club activities. Stay tuned for date and time in early June.

Please continue to abide by Public Health Restrictions and our Safe Return to Swim Plan.

Stay safe and healthy,

The Gators Swim Club Board



Gators SWIM CLUB
SWIMMERS
OF THE
MONTH

Gators SWIM CLUB
SWIMMER SPOTLIGHT

FEB 2021



Kippa - Brian Starlap



Age - Evelyn Hareem



Youth - Jayden Du



Gold - Sophie Chan



Alligator - Karsen Kiefer



Gecko - Al Offens

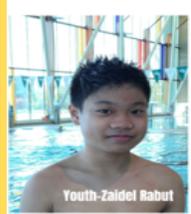
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Elite - Jonathan Xiong



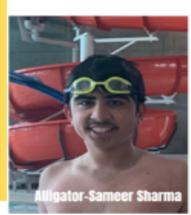
Age - Aaron Lim



Youth - Zaidel Rabut



Gold - Ryan Man



Alligator - Sameer Sharma



Gecko/Salamander - Jordan Lam

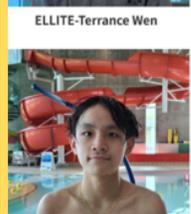
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ELLITE - Terrance Wen



AGE - Helen Shen



YOUTH - Markus Chong



GOLD - Frances Goleco



ALLIGATOR - Daniel Kaverin



GECKO/SAMALAMANDER - Andrew Wong



CARSON WONG

As a competitive swimmer of eight years,

I am always looking for ways to better myself. I strive for greatness in all my endeavours and work tirelessly in whatever task is at hand.

This season, I was nominated by my swim team to be their captain and work under Anchie's guidance as a liaison for my fellow swimmers. By being a strong role model, I helped reinforce our coach's directions and provided moral support. I hoped to establish a safe, focused, and organized learning environment in which my teammates are able to improve themselves and reach their individual goals. Undoubtedly, the most challenging aspect of holding this position is making sure I live up to the expectations our late coach held for me.

In the summer of 2019, our community received the saddening news that our head coach, Xiaoping, had passed. From that moment on, I promised myself to be a source of leadership and guidance for my fellow teammates. Xiaoping instilled a strong set of values within me, which I believe made me the swimmer and leader I am today. I am most proud of my accomplishments as a swim team captain and the positive influence I am able to instill in my peers.

By Carson Wong from Elite A

