Gators SWIM CLUB

FALL 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

Yo yo yo! 😀 Welcome to another exciting Gators year everyone! As we've had a challenging past year with covid and no swimming we'll be looking forward to a full on season of racing and a year where spectating our kids will be okay again.

I'd like to give a special shout out to our previous board and also past president Cynthia Startup for managing the club through one of the most challenging times.

Also a BIG Shoutout to every parent who toughed it out during covid. It wasn't easy but I feel as we are getting back on track!

Kicking off this season we hosted our very own Gators SFU LMR swim meet on November 13th and 14th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped contribute to our club and our swimmers! A special thank you to Patrick Lim and Cynthia Startup who worked tirelessly to make this happen and contributed immensely to this!

One of our goals as a club is to ensure the kids have fun in a safe manner, follow the rules and enjoy some fast swimming. Whether your swimmer is just trying to complete a 50m fly or set a personal best, they are always determined to raise the bar higher! Shoutout to our coaches for making that happen.

I hope everyone has been healthy and fit during this tough time, and I look forward to seeing you outside a pool, or maybe even parking lot prior or after swim practice!

Stay safe everyone,

Mark

MESSAGE FROM HEAD COACH

Welcome to the winter season of 2021-2022! We are glad that we have returned to our original training pools this season. Even the training time and schedule are not ideal, at least we are back to the home pools we usually swim. The structure of the Gators program is based upon a progression from the novice to elite levels of competition. Each level of club progression differs in preparation and performance expectations. Please see our group structure of this season for more details.

During the season, if you have any questions, issues, inquiries, concerns, below are the contacts that can assist you with any problems:

For swimming-related questions (includes training, progress, performance, swim meets, event participation, group placement), please contact your swimmer's lead coach, and make an appointment to have a meeting with the coach.

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For registration-related questions (information for registration, billing, etc.), please contact our registrar Kyle Cheng at registrar@gatorswimclub.ca or gatorsclubregistrar@gmail.com

For further inquiries, complaints, concerns, please contact Head coach Anchie Xu at gatorsanchie@gmail.com or 778-318-2980.

Our club's mission is to provide a safe, positive, fun swimming environment for all our swimmers. All participants including coaches, swimmers, parents, volunteers have to abide by the Code of Conduct of the club. Any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in suspension or termination of membership. For reading and understanding the Code of Conduct, please go to our TU website – About – Club Policies- Code of Conduct.

We are happy to have you as a part of our Gators family. We are looking forward to a great new season!

Anchie Xu

COACH'S CORNER

by **Kyle Cheng**

On November 13/14, Gators co-hosted SFU/Gators LMR at SFU. This was the second meet of the season and our swimmers were much more prepared and ready for this meet. Out of 241 events swam by our swimmers that weekend, a whopping 205 events were personal best times with 1 new provincial event qualified and 18 new divisional events qualified.

In addition to all our swimmers working hard, it was the first meet our club has hosted since the pandemic. It was a lot of hard work, so thank you to all our parents who volunteered their time and effort to make the meet a success!

Good job to all our athletes and parents for their hard work and excellent results achieved this weekend! The coaches can't wait to see what the rest of this season will look like.

NEW PROVINCIAL EVENTS QUALIFIED

Jayden Chung: 50 BK

NEW DIVISIONAL EVENTS QUALIFIED

Melissa Zeng: 50 FL
Kohen Lee: 200IM, 200BR
Kieu-vy Ngugen: 200 BR
Bryan Startup: 100FR, 200 FR
Ryan Wang: 200BK, 50 BK
Janine Lee: 50 FR, 50BK
Rachel Ronque: 100FL
Eugene Park: 50 FL
Jobia Plata: 50 BK
Jayden Chung: 100 FR, 200 BK
Ysabelle Guzman: 100 BR
Zaidel Rabut: 100 BR, 50 BK

MEET THE BOARD

SURYADI WEN
Suryadi has been part of the Club for 11 seasons. He has two sons who love swimming. His eldest swam with Gators for 9 seasons before retiring his swim jammer to focus on his study. His youngest one is currently swimming in the Elite group. Suryadi has been involved with many activities and projects in Gators. He enjoys swimming, badminton and sports in general.

CHARLES GOLECO
My daughter Frances swims with Silver and I miss watching the kids swim. This is my 3rd year as a board member and hoping to see more parents join and participate in our children's swim club to make it continue to be successful and a fun place that our children can look forward to rather than watching iPads et al. In my spare time, I like watching kdramas, action movies, look at cars, fix things around the house, and even swim.

EMMANUEL RONQUE
My daughter Rachel Anne been swimming with Gators for 9 years. She is currently in Elite Group. My son Lorenzo James in Alligator his second year. I've been working in Health Care for 23 years & Social Services for more than 19 years. I'm lucky that I have friends to carpool my daughter to the pool on the days that I can't do. Gators has been a family for me & my family.

From left: Suryadi, Emmanuel, Adam, Mark, Yvette, Ruby, Shylla, Joshua, Charles

JOSHUA SMITH
Joshua is a writer, researcher, and teacher who lives in Burnaby and enjoys basketball, books and the outdoors. His swimmer is Renn Yeo who is in the Age group of the Gators Swim Club.

ADAM THOMAS
I have a 12 year old daughter in the Gators age group. She has made me feel lazy from all the swimming practice, so I joined an adult karate class. I am also learning to read and write Japanese, so I can communicate with my wife's family in Japan. Most of my time is spent on my own business creating, designing and teaching. I have been extremely impressed with the way Gators is run and their coaching and I thought if I join the board, some of that wisdom might rub off on me.

SHYLLA GUZMAN
I am one of the Member at Large for 2021-2022 Gators Board. My daughter Ysabelle has been swimming with Gators since 2018 and is currently in Age Group. In my spare time, while waiting during swim practices, I enjoy watching Korean Dramas and having a small walk with my fur baby.

MARK RAINER
I have a 14 year old daughter in the Elite group who loves swimming with Gators. Her favorite stroke is freestyle, and enjoys seeing her close swimming friends almost on a daily basis. I currently love bike riding, exercise in general, coffee at 6am with Gators parents, and technology! My latest passion is helping to run the Gators swim club, with all the other excellent board members!

YVETTE APAN
My swimmer is Ella Leong in the Senior group. Our journey with the GSC began back in 2013-2016 for summer swim clinics. Her passion for the sport led us to join the club in 2016. She really enjoys being with her swim friends on the daily, doing what she loves: Swim. I joined the board as a member-at-large & these past 2 years as Treasurer, happy to be working with a great team that strives to make the club thrive! One fact about me: I live to eat...not eat to live....not to be mistaken with the idea that I like to cook tho! Just love good food!

RUBY APDAL-VILLAMIN
This is my 3rd year to be on the board. I was a member at large for two years and this time I am serving as Treasurer 2. My swimmer is Jobia. She is 11 years old and is being coached by Agatha in the Age group. This is our fifth season to be in the club and so far my daughter is determined and working hard on her goals. The club has taught my daughter about life skills, passion, endurance, perseverance and patience!