

# AQUAPARK

## Swimmer of the Month June, 2018



### Jacob Buder AG2 & AG3

Jacob has had to endure many individual obstacles both within the pool and out of it this season. One of the biggest being when Jacob had his appendix removed after being diagnosed with appendicitis in the later part of February and his recovery from the surgery thereafter. Now for some after having this procedure performed, it can take quite some time before they are able to get back into the water or for that matter to comeback to the level they were at performance wise in the pool. Luckily, once Jacob was given the green light to dive yet again into the water for his first practice in the middle of April... I could tell right away that he was a change young man with renewed aspirations, an intensified determination, and that Jacob had a new found purpose beyond just getting back to where he was in the water/pool before having his appendix removed.

Thus, with his strong drive that Jacob brought to all of the remaining practices within the season and relentless pursuit to reach his latest goals, he was on a very exciting path!! Wanting to at least try to complete the Swim-A-Thon in the early part of May for the first time after being out of the water for close to 2 months, was not going to be an easy task. Yet it was something Jacob had his sights set on. Now, when the day came not only was Jacob was able to accomplish his 1<sup>st</sup> goal of completing Swim-A-Thon's 5km in under 2hrs. He did it after only being able to complete 2650m last year and technically still had 21mins to spare! However, Jacob was not done there or satisfied yet. In his remaining competitions within his season in the pool from May into June – [*Remembering in April the hope was just to have Jacob practice for the remainder of the swim season... And competing in swim meets was not even on the radar*] - Jacob did accomplish the unthinkable He ended up completing almost 100% personal best times in all of his individual swims that he participated in at Hollandia, AGI, B Champs, and C Champs!!! To put the icing on the cake, Jacob was able to finish off his last competition of his year in the pool with 3 different individual medals. Such an incredible way to finish off the year considering everything he had to go through to get to that point, yet character does not come from winning in my opinion. It is the struggles and obstacles that life throws at a person that develops character. Thus, know Jacob that the circumstances and events that we sometimes see as setbacks are often times the very things that will launch us into periods of intense growth in all areas within our lives. Therefore, whether you are able to realize it now after everything you have been through over the last couple of months, it is your reaction Jacob to the adversity (*not the adversity itself*) which determines how your life's story and you will continue to develop ☺

You have had to overcome so much to get to where you are today Jacob, but your efforts have not gone unnoticed and you have worked very diligently to earn this honour of being named swimmer of the month. Therefore, my congratulations go out to you (Jacob) for everything that you have been able to both persevere through and achieve during this chapter of your life/swimming career ☺

***Congratulations again Jacob for being named AG2 & AG3 June Swimmer of the Month!!!  
Mackenzie Salmon***

