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Greendale Sharks Continue to Grow in Membership and Success

SEATTLE, Wash. – Greendale Sharks eclipsed more than 40 new members and saw its largest year-round athlete membership growth in the club's history. To date, Greendale Sharks has a membership of 150 athlete members, ranging from beginner to elite level swimmers.

Membership numbers for the 2014-2015 year, which ran from Sept. 1, 2014 to Aug. 31, 2015, were released today, and show a 36 percent increase in athlete membership growth, bringing the total to 150. This is the largest single-year spike in club history.

The membership increase significantly outpaced any other membership growth year to date. Previously, the largest single-year membership gain was in 2008 at 4 percent. There was an increase in total number of athletes stretching from 2012-2015. During the four-year span, the club gained more than 120 athletes, while graduating 42 percent of those athletes to collegiate swimming programs.

[Insert quote from head coach on membership growth]

[Sample Quote] "The growth we've had over the past year is proof of the success of our program," said Greendale Sharks Head Coach **John Smith**. "With a dedicated coaching staff and a positive team atmosphere we have achieved our goal of creating an environment that was fun and enticing to new swimmers. We're excited to watch the new swimmers grow through our programs and hope to see even more growth over the years."

The 2015 season was one of the most successful for the Greendale Sharks. The Sharks dominated the water, earning 10 state titles and seven Olympic Trials qualifying times, nearly 10 percent more than last season's accomplishments. The team was led by strong performances by top college recruits, [insert athlete's names] bringing positive attention to the club.

To learn more about the Greendale Sharks and their programs visit [Insert website URL].