NORTHERN KENTUCKY SWIM LEAGUE

WALL OF FAME

Jim Lutz

NKSL Club Affiliations:

Swimmer: Taylor Mill, 1966 – 1978

Coach: Beechwood, 1979 - 1982

Jim began an NKSL career that spanned 17 years as a swimmer for Taylor Mill Swim Club. He began his coaching career in 1979 as part of the staff at Beechwood Swim Club that turned a team with little previous success into NKSL Champions. During his time at Beechwood, the team won four consecutive titles, the last one with Jim serving as Head Coach. Jim left Northern Kentucky and began a coaching career that continues today. He has found success with every team along the way which included stops as Head Coach for age-group programs in California, Iowa, and Arizona. He also served as the Head Women’s Coach for the University of Illinois and Head Men’s and Women’s coach at Michigan State University. His currently serves as the Head Coach for Viper Aquatics in Westfield, Indiana. Jim’s passion for the sport can be found not just in the successful performances of his athletes, but the legacy of those that chose to follow him into the coaching profession. Jim is also an accomplished author as he has published two books and a featured guest columnist for swimmingworldmagazine.com. It is for his contributions to the NKSL and the sport of swimming overall that we are proud to induct him into the Northern Kentucky Swim League Wall-of-Fame.

*One of my fondest memories was a Taylor Mill vs. Cherry Hill dual meet in the 200 free. Mike Helmig and Billy McClure were on each side of me and both were 2-3 years older as I was 13. They were talking a lot before the race getting fired up. I stayed at their hips for the first 125, made my move over the next 50 and pulled away on the last 25. I feel it set the tone for the rest of the meet with TMSC winning a number of close races.* – Jim Lutz