

# THE SHARKBEAT

## The Last Opportunity

By: Sean Rodney

When I get behind the block  
I feel nervous.  
When I hear the starters whistle,  
I begin to relax.  
When I hear “take your mark,”  
I am ready.

**BEEEEEEEP!**  
And I’m off.  
The water is cold,  
It makes my muscles feel bold.  
When I hit the turn,  
My arms begin to burn.  
As I go down the stretch,  
I feel good.

Then, I touch that final wall,  
I look up at the clock.  
When I feel my jaw fall,  
I realize,  
I got my cut.

I look at my coach, my family, my friends,  
I feel the PPD pride,  
And I know I am the champion



MARCH/APRIL 2011



## Important Dates

### May

1	Parent Orientation Meeting	Hotel Indigo 4pm
2	Manna Orders Due	
9	Parent Board Meeting	250 E. Wood Street UIC
14-15	Westmont Dive Into Summer Meet	
16	Manna Orders Due	
20-22	Blue Devil May Mania Swim Meet	Pleasant Prarie, WI
30	Manna Orders Due	

### June

4	Barrington 8 & Under Colt Classic	Barrington H.S.
13	Manna Orders Due	
18-19	PPD Shark Frenzy	Birchwood
20	Parent Board Meeting	250 E. Wood Street
24-26	Fishers Summer Jam Invitational	Fishers, IN
27	Manna Orders Due	

Please visit the website daily for meet entry deadlines, practice changes, updates, and details of upcoming events.

[www.ppdswim.org](http://www.ppdswim.org)

## **2011 Swim Team Parent Advisory Board**

<u>President:</u>	<u>Tom Lucas</u>
<u>VP:</u>	<u>Brier Nelson</u>
<u>Treasurer:</u>	<u>Ann Portmann</u>
<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Lisa Schillinger</u>
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<u>Communications:</u>	<u>Stacey Ruben</u>
<u>Fundraising:</u>	<u>Dan and Kathy Anderson</u>
<u>Meet Directors:</u>	<u>Kevin Rowley and Kevin Mikolajewski</u>
<u>Corporate Sponsorship:</u>	<u>Nicole Carlisle</u>

If you haven't checked out your swim groups page on our website (ppdswim.org), then please take a minute to look at it. Each group has its own link with great information for both the parents' and the swimmers

### **Swim Groups and Coaches**

Pre-comp	Erika Wickstrom and Kristin Bessler
Novice/Developmental	Coach Dustin Thompson
Tag1/Tag2	Coach Tony Gallagher
Senior	Coach Mike Huffman
Elite	Coach Glenn Brown

For more information on our Coaches please check the website [www.ppdswim.org](http://www.ppdswim.org) and click on the coaches link.

### **Group Parents**

PreComp:	Sara Poss
Novice:	Nicole Carlisle and Courtney Byer
Developmental:	Brier Nelson and Stacey Ruben
Tag 2:	Helen Suero and Betsy Smith
Tag 1:	Brier Nelson
Senior:	Tom Lucas
Senior Elite:	Ann Portmann and Cindy Champa

Please feel free to contact any of the group parents with any questions you might have. Email addresses can be found in the member directory on the PPD website.



Tom Lucas  
[president@ppdswim.org](mailto:president@ppdswim.org)

## **PRESIDENT**

### **Hello Long Course Swim Team families**

Long course season has started with a bang. There are currently 198 swimmers without counting the kids playing out their high school and college seasons. Team numbers should be great by the time we hit the outdoor pools. The coaches have some exciting meets scheduled for this season. My favorite is the away meet. Team families travel to Indianapolis for a meet with some great swimmers from as far away as Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri. Your kids get a chance to swim against other national contenders – somewhere outside their comfort zone.

Our two summer meets are shaping up nicely. We have commitments from a large number of swimmers/teams. These are our keystone fundraising meets. It is imperative that every family provides some form of volunteerism during these meets. Please be sure to keep up to date on events by looking over the website regularly.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the pools as that is my home away from home. Look for me and say hello. If you have any questions I can be reached at [president@ppdswim.org](mailto:president@ppdswim.org)

Tom Lucas  
Parent Board President



## **A LETTER FROM COACH BROWN**

Welcome to summer, 2011! Well, in a month or so, hopefully we'll have that summertime weather to brighten our days.

When the last issue of Sharkbeat came out, we were preparing for our Championship meets at the end of our season. WOW!! PPD swam great.

Sr. Champs was an action packed weekend with close to 800 H.S. aged swimmers competing. PPD finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place; this is a dramatic improvement from 33<sup>rd</sup> place a year ago. Individuals scoring points were, Damon Zito, Dustin Anderson, Jeff Freund, Nick Jessee and Colleen Champa. The following week our 14&Under swimmers competed in the Illinois Age Group Championships. What a meet! PPD finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place overall, an improvement from 33<sup>rd</sup> place a year ago. We had 28 swimmers competing and ALL contributed in one way or another to our finish. The next week, Damon Zito and Jeff Freund swam in the N.C.S.A. Junior National Championships held in Orlando, Florida. Again, PPD swam great with Damon Zito making finals in the 50 and 100 freestyle. A fun week was had by all of us in Orlando and I'm looking forward to bringing new qualifiers next year.

Summertime!! Summer season is fun yet it also involves lots of hard work. Hard work is not only performed by our swimmers but parental volunteers as well, as we host our two biggest fundraising events of the year with our Summer Frenzy and Summer Splash swim meets. It really is fun to watch how everyone comes together as a family at these meets. Lots of compliments come our way from other team's coaches and parents as well. This reputation we have is something we need to be proud of and continue to strive to host bigger and even better meets each year. Illinois Swimming has noticed our proficiency in hosting meets and rewarded us with the honor of hosting next years Age Group Championships in March! Quite an honor and I couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

REMINDER: Parent Meeting, Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> @ Hotel Indigo from 4-6p.m.

As always, any questions, comments, complaints or compliments can be directed to any member of the coaching staff.

Swimcerely, Coach Brown



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## VICE-PRESIDENT

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Cost \$15



Hooded Sweatshirt  
Cost \$20



Tank Top-White with Green Center Logo  
These sizes run closer to junior sizes. Cost \$11



To place an Order contact Brier Nelson-  
[gjnbln@comcast.net](mailto:gjnbln@comcast.net) or 847-212-1410  
Shark Shop Now has Green Mesh Bags available- \$4.00 each

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATE\*\*\*\*\*  
JULY 2ND IS THE PALATINE PARADE  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MARCH WITH PPD WE WILL BE LINING UP AT 9:30AM  
AND STARTING AT 10AM.....MORE INFO TO COME.....

# To Order Team suits, Equipment and special I y priced Items for the Tiger Sharks

Go to..

[The Swim Team Store](#)

Orders can be taken by phone as well as ordering on line.

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or

Go to:

[www.theswimteamstore.com](http://www.theswimteamstore.com)

go to Customized Swim Team Store within the Custom Stores tab

User Name: Palatine

Password: sharks

*\*\*\* Please note that Customized Apparel (team suits, mesh suits, parka, warm up and anything embroidered)\*\*\**

*\*\*\*CAN NOT be RETURNED\*\*\**

## **Team Swim Caps: Required for all competition**

You may contact [Brier Nelson](#) to make arrangements to purchase your team swim cap during the season. The Coaches have a limited supply on deck during meets and practice.

Each swimmer needs a team swim cap for practices and competitions. It is highly recommended that every swimmer purchase a few spare team swim caps to keep in their swim bag. Each cap costs \$3.00 (latex) \$11.00 (silicone)

Coaches will have only a limited supply of extra swim caps with them on deck at competitions for emergency purposes. In the case of a swim cap emergency, a swimmer will be supplied a team swim cap by their coach and the swimmer's escrow account will be charged for the purchase of the cap.

## **Training Gear: All available at The Swim Team Store**

Required Team Equipment:

Pre-Comp= Training Fins

Novice= Training Fins

Developmental= Training Fins

Tag 2= Training Fins

Senior= Training Fins

Tag 1 & Elite = Training Fins

Pull Buoy

Pull Buoy

Pull Buoy

Snorkel

Snorkel (optional)

Snorkel

Hand Paddles

Hand Paddles

## **Additional Swim Team Apparel: By Pre- Ordering**

- Sweatshirts
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Pants



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## **ESCROW**

We are just starting the Long Course season and there will not be much activity in your escrow account yet. However, once the meets start, you will see the meet fees being charged here. It is very important that you monitor your escrow balance throughout the long course season to make sure there is enough money in the account to cover these meet fees. Please remember for the two home swim meets this summer that all swimmers will be entered into the meet. If your child will not be swimming, it is important for you to let their coach know this ahead of time so they will not enter them into the meet and you can avoid the meet fees for the home meets.

You must be logged in to the website ([www.ppdswim.org](http://www.ppdswim.org)) in order to find your current escrow balance and to see all charges against your escrow account. Click on "My Account" and then "My Invoice/Payment" on the left side of the screen. This will bring up a screen with your Account Charges Summary. Your total outstanding balance is shown on the left side of this box. This is your current family escrow balance. If the account balance is negative, you currently have funds in your escrow account. If the account balance is positive, you need to send a check to cover the amount due (and additional funds for any upcoming meets).

If you click on "Current Invoice Summary", you will see all items charged and all funds deposited into your escrow account for the current month. The website generates "invoices" each month on the 1st. (This is a change from the past when invoices were generated on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.) The meet fees are listed by meet and indicate the number of Individual events and the number of Relay events that each swimmer was charged for each meet. Please note that if you signed up for a meet, but were unable to attend the meet, your escrow account will be charged because we must still pay the host team for entries submitted.

You can get a summary of the entire season's fees and deposits by clicking on "Billing History" and "Search on Billing/Payment History". Input beginning date of season and ending date of season. All charges for the season will be displayed.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the e-mails listed above.





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## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Long course season 2011 has arrived. Below is some information about our away meets which are optional and our two summer meets which will be held at Birchwood Pool.

### **AWAY MEETS**

If you sign your swimmer up for any away meets, be on the lookout for an E-mail about five days before the meet with timing assignments. Most swim clubs require visiting teams to time one lane for the whole meet. I will be asking two timers to cover the lane assigned to us. I try to break the assignments into shifts so you will not time the whole meet and only the session your swimmer is swimming.

If you cannot make your shift, please let me know as soon as possible so I can find a replacement. By not showing up you are putting the team in a hard spot - please be considerate and show up or let me know ahead of time if there is a problem.

### **HOSTED MEETS**

PPD will host two meets this summer. One parent needs to volunteer every session their swimmer is swimming. If you have swimmers in different sessions we ask that you volunteer at both sessions each day your children are swimming. There will be a job signup on our website about 3 weeks before each meet. I will notify everyone when it is available. The signup will stay open until the week of the meet. If you have not signed up I will assign a job to your family. It makes it easier for everyone if you sign up while it is still open.

PPD is known for hosting great meets because we always have great volunteers, I'm sure it will be the same this season!

If you ever have any questions about volunteering please E-mail me and I will be very happy to help you out.

Looking forward to a fun swim season!

# CONGRATULATIONS ANTHONY BLOME!



Anthony Blome had quite a season! While competing at the Illinois Age Group Championships, Anthony swam 6 events and finished no lower than 2<sup>nd</sup> in any event. Winning both backstroke events, 100 and 200, with times of 53.54 and 1:56.34. Anthony finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in all four freestyle events he swam; 21.91-50 free, 48.11-100free, 1:44.30-200 free and 4:46.68 in the 500 free.

Two weeks later an additional honor was awarded to Anthony. USA Swimming has selected Anthony to attend the National Diversity Select Camp. This is an amazing honor as Anthony and Coach Brown will be traveling to Colorado Springs, Co, home of the Olympic Training Center from May 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Please, be sure to congratulate Anthony when seeing him at the pools.

# CONGRATULATIONS DAMON ZITO AND JEFF FREUND!



Damon Zito and Jeff Freund swam in the N.C.S.A. Junior National Championships held in Orlando, Florida. Again, PPD swam great with Damon Zito making finals in the 50 and 100 freestyle. A fun week was had by all of us in Orlando.



**IT'S A PANCAKE PARTY!!!**





# AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS



# END OF SEASON BANQUET





## Links to all of the pictures taken and given to me 2010/2011 Short Course season.....

Short Course Pictures through 12/13/10

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Short Course Pictures from 12/14/10—1/17/11

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Barrington and Fisher's Swim Meet

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PreComp Race Night

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A conference meet

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Regional

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2011 SC Pancake Party

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2011 SC Age Group Championship

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2011 SC End of Season Banquet

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I would like to thank everyone that contributed to this issue of the Sharkbeat. Please feel free to forward any pictures to me that you would like added to the next issue of Sharkbeat. If you have any complaints.....keep them to yourselves.....just kidding.....please let me know.

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