

SHARKBEAT

Hello all,

As we transition from September to October, just about every Tiger Shark has gotten back into the swing of things this short course season. As the team continues to grow, we have added two individuals to our coaching staff.

Seth Sabel and Phil Schroeder have started as age group coaches this fall and have gotten off to fast starts! Coach Seth, a former Hoffman Hawk, has a lengthy background swimming in the area at the club and high school levels, as well as at Western Illinois University. Seth has an amazing support staff with his wife and family allowing him to coach and work full time as an Enrolled Agent with the accounting & tax firm BJS & Associates, LTD. Coach Phil comes to the Tiger Sharks after years of working with the Park District swim lesson program. Phil went to Fremd High School, where he was a swimmer and water polo player. When Phil is not at the pool, he keeps busy with private lessons and his EMT training. We are all excited to have these two new additions. Please join us in making them feel a part of the team!

With our less than scorching summer in the rear view mirror, we have quickly transitioned to a standard Chicago-land fall. As always, this means no more tank tops, board shorts, and flip-flops. Please make sure that everyone is taking the proper precautions to avoid any illnesses. Don't forget to wash your hands, cover your mouth during a cough or sneeze, and do not share water bottles.



THREE-PEAT

As always, thank you to the parent board, parents, family members, and friends for your continued support. Without your contributions in taking the time out of your busy schedules to get your children to the pool and volunteer for team events, we would never be able to continue to make this a successful program. Keep learning, working hard, and having fun!

Live slow, swim fast
Tony Gallagher



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I recently had the pleasure of attending a Athletic Director breakfast at the District 211 offices, along with other feeder programs such as basketball, football, gymnastics etc. This meeting was the idea of Augie Fontanetta, who serves as the Athletic and Activity Director for all of District 211. District 211 consists of Fremd, Palatine, Schaumburg, Conant, and Hoffman Estates High Schools. Augie was the Athletic Director at Fremd, so he knows and understands our program quite well. Overall, it was a positive attempt by District 211 to reach out to all the feeder programs in the district, like the Palatine Tiger Sharks Swim Team. I was able to discuss pool availability, rental costs and high school coaching. I also made it known that our team should be considered THE feeder team for ALL of district 211 high schools, and not just Fremd and Palatine. We have swimmers attending all of the schools. Overall, it was another example of how our team is making positive strides to connect with the local high schools.

Speaking of High School pools, I wanted to give everyone an update on the pool renovations taking place, as I know it. Conant High School is coming along nicely, and should be finished this winter.

The latest I heard is that Fremd and Hoffman Estates are the next pools to be renovated, and that will happen simultaneously after Conant is finished and ready for use. At the 211 meeting that I attended, I was told that the plan is to wait until after the boys High School season to start remodeling these two pools (March 2015). That means we should be all set to finish our Winter season using the current pools at Fremd, Palatine, and Harper. This would be good for our team. While no official plans have been made for Harper yet (and no survey results officially released), I have been told that they will either keep or renovate their pool and NOT get rid of it. More good news for us long term! Of course, everything I just mentioned could change, however the momentum is positive.

As 2015 approaches, we have secured more pool time at Harper College, and additional pool time at the Streamwood Park District indoor pool. In addition, we are hopeful to obtain some time at the renovated Conant High School pool.

As far as meets are concerned, we had to cancel our fall meet that we were planning on hosting at Elk Grove High School. Elk Grove was not available for our use. In addition, we are attempting to secure space for our Winter Splash, as the Elk Grove pool is not available to us for the whole weekend in January. We are working hard to find a suitable location to host our long popular Winter Splash meet. If we have to cancel our Winter Splash due to lack of pool availability, we will need to come up with creative fundraising ideas in 2015.

There will be some upcoming challenges. However, I view it as short term pain for a HUGE long term gain. In a few years, we will have five high school pools in our district, all with 10 lanes.

Enjoy!
Graham Nelson
President, Palatine Swim Team Parent Board

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to all of our families for your time and hard work with our hosted swim meets so far in 2014! Hosted meets contribute quite a bit toward covering some of the expenses of our swim team program.

As of the end of September we have approx. 285 swimmers registered for the short course season. This is a testament to how good our team's reputation is.

The Budget Committee for 2014 will be meeting at the beginning of November to present a good quality, realistic budget to the board for the upcoming calendar year. If you would like to be involved in this budget process in any way, please let me know. We welcome everyone to attend the monthly board meetings to learn more

