



A Warm Welcome to 2026!

Happy New Year, Barracudas! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday season and has had an excellent start to the New Year! The deck is buzzing again, and we are thrilled to dive into a very busy second half of our swim season.

Meet Results & Upcoming Competitions

Williams Lake Frost Fest Swim Meet 2026

Our team returned from Williams Lake with incredible momentum! We are so proud of the 46 athletes who competed. Together, our swimmers achieved:

- **217 Personal Bests**
- **155 Podium Finishes**
- **81 New Qualifying Times**
- **1 New Club Record**



Frost Fest Team Photo

Valentine's Day Time Trial Success

We are thrilled to report that our Valentine's Day Time Trial on February 14th was a resounding success! This sanctioned event was a vital milestone for our club, as it proved that we can successfully host sanctioned competitions at the Canfor Leisure Pool. It was a fantastic opportunity for our swimmers to hunt for new times and for our officials to keep their skills sharp. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered to make this possible.

Divisionals in Penticton February 20-22

Good luck to our 14 Athletes who will be heading to Penticton for the Northern and Interior BC Divisionals! For those who can't make it in person to cheer, I encourage you to tune in and support our Barracudas via the **SwimBC YouTube channel**, where the event will be streamed.

Winter Provincials in Victoria March 5-8

We will also be cheering on a small contingent of athletes at the Winter Provincials in early March! This is a great accomplishment for those who are able to attend and we wish them the best at this competition.

Swimmer of the Month

JANUARY



Gavin Hall

Youth

Age 14

Coach: Jerzy

5th year with the club

short term goals: qualify for Junior Nationals
long term goals: continue to improve my times
other favourite activities: reading, camping,
canoeing and playing cribbage



Olivia Vis

D2B

Age 10

Coach: Magda

3rd year with club

short term goals
racing a legal 100 im in competition
long term goals: racing the 50 fly
other favourite activities: doing art



Olivia Baltaretu

D2C

Age 9

Coach: Sydney

2.5 years with club

short term goals: swim well at Williams Lake
long term goals: learn how to swim the butterfly
other favourite activities: reading minecraft
books, dancing and playing with friends

Canfor Leisure Pool Updates

We are pleased to announce that we have received **official approval from SwimBC to host sanctioned events** at the CLP!

- **Timing & Technical Requirements:** To meet specific rule requirements and stay within technical tolerances, we will be using manual timing for sanctioned events while swimming out of the CLP. This means touch pads will be excluded for the time being.
- **New Equipment:** We have an update on the additional blocks ordered in December 2025. We expect them to arrive and be ready for use in the second half of March.

Governance & Member Voice

Joint SwimBC/PGBSC Survey

In collaboration with SwimBC we are excited to facilitate a short survey to address past and current club culture. We look forward to understanding the results and implementing the changes needed to improve the environment for all participants.

- **Participation:** We strongly encourage anyone involved with the club at any level as of January 2025 to participate.
- **Missing the Email?** If you haven't seen it, please [contact us](#), and we will ensure it is forwarded to you.
- Details on the background of the survey and the instructions will be included in the email
- Please do not return the survey to the club. It must be returned to the third party mediator to ensure your thoughts are heard loud and clear.

Policy & Staffing Updates

- **New Policies:** The board has approved an updated Complaints and Discipline Policy and a Conflict Resolution Matrix. These will be posted to the website shortly. We encourage families to review these and our Code of Conduct to ensure a respectful environment for all.
- **Staffing Task Force:** A new Coaching & Staffing Task Force is currently defining our 2026-27 staffing model and modernizing our hiring practices to ensure the best possible support for our athletes next season.

Volunteer & Club Roles

New Equipment Management

A huge thank you to **Amanda Belshaw** for her years of dedicated volunteerism! We are excited to welcome **Morgan Bunz** as our new Equipment Manager.

- **Morgan** will handle swim caps, shirts, and extra swag orders (backpacks, jackets, and hoodies).
- **Contact:** Need a cap? Please contact equipment@pgbsc.org

Fundraising Assistant Needed

We are looking for a **Fundraising Assistant** to work with our Treasurer and Director of Fundraising on grassroots logistics. If you're interested in helping the club maximize its funding, please email treasurer@pgbsc.org.

Job/Volunteer Posting Page

We will be adding a new page to the website for new opportunities that will become available in the club. This way we can ensure everyone has a chance to be aware of opportunities that come up with the club and are able to apply for them if they are interested.

In Closing

As we move further into 2026, I want to thank every one of our families, coaches, and volunteers for their unwavering support and resilience. Whether it is navigating a new facility, participating in vital club surveys, or cheering from the stands in Williams Lake, your commitment is what drives the Prince George Barracudas forward. We are experiencing a period of exciting growth and transition, and by working together, we continue to build a safe, respectful, and high-performing environment for all our athletes. We look forward to seeing everyone on the deck and in the water as we prepare for a successful second half of the season.

“Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly.”

– *Shaquille O’Neal*