



Happy Holidays, Barracudas!

A Message from the Coaches and Board!

As we approach the most wonderful time of the year and prepare for a well-deserved break, we want to wish all our swimmers and families a very **Happy Holiday season!** We hope everyone had a fantastic fall season filled with fast swimming and great memories. As the year winds down, we are incredibly proud of the dedication shown by our athletes. Now, it's time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the festivities before we dive back in for the new year!

Major Update: Home Pool Relocation to Canfor Leisure Pool

As communicated by the City of Prince George, the Prince George Aquatic Centre will close for extensive upgrades starting January 1, 2026.

Effective January 2026, the Prince George Barracuda Swim Club will relocate all practices to the Canfor Leisure Pool. We have received several important logistical updates from the City to ensure our transition is as smooth as possible:

Facility Logistics at Canfor Leisure Pool:

- Address: [670 Quebec Street](#)
- **Parking & Access:** There is a designated drop-off and pick-up zone in front of the pool.
 - Ample parking is available in the large lot across 7th St. (adjacent to the Civic Centre).
 - **License Plate Registration:** For those parking before 5:00 PM on weekdays, you must scan the QR code provided at the facility and enter your license plate number to validate your session and avoid bylaw tickets. Registration is not required after 5:00 PM or on weekends.
 - Please use the crosswalk button when crossing 7th St.; security is available upon request for anyone uncomfortable walking to their vehicle alone.
- **Entry:** Club members can enter through the turnstile by scanning their cards. See the cashier if you require a new card.
- **Shoes & Change Rooms:** **No outdoor shoes are permitted in change rooms or on the pool deck.** Swimmers must not walk to the change rooms with outdoor shoes on.

- Please place shoes in the shoe lockers (requires a loonie, which is returned upon unlocking).
- **Equipment & Space:** All club equipment is stored in Storage Room 1. This is a shared space, so please return all items neatly.
 - **Multipurpose Room 1** is available for dryland training.
- **Shared Environment:** Public lessons occur during club time. Please keep the pool-deck benches free so lesson children can sit and wait for their instructors. Use the available cubbies or lockers for your personal belongings.

The City has also confirmed that new starting blocks have been ordered and a pool survey has been completed to ensure the facility meets the standards for our competitive program.

Swimmer Success & Fall Recap



We are so impressed by the dedication of our athletes! Recent months were packed with highly successful events:

Barracudas Shatter Club Records!

- **Gavin Hall (13–14 Boys):** Broke three records, including the 100 Breaststroke (1:09.73)—breaking a 30-year-old record from 1992—as well as the 50 Breast (31.91) and 200 Breast (2:31.64).
- **Kathryn Bauman (11–12 Girls):** Set new records in the 50 Breast (37.05) and 50 Fly (30.86).
- **Isaac Bennett (15–17 Boys):** Set new marks in the 50 Fly (25.63) and 100 IM (1:00.36).

Meet Statistics: Our team had an incredible showing at the following events!

- **Prince Rupert Invitational:** 33 participants achieved 186 personal bests!
 - **Mr. Lube Invitational (Home Meet):** 54 participants achieved 333 PBs!
 - **MJB Law Classic (Kamloops):** 26 participating athletes achieving 135 personal bests!
 - 6 Swimmers took the Podium, bringing home 21 Medals
 - Isaac Bennett made 2 Canada Open Qualifying times
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Club Business & Governance

- **Executive Board Updates:**
 - We want to personally thank Amber Davis for her support and passion; due to technicalities, Amber has withdrawn her consideration as a Director.
 - As of December 1st, our new Board is as follows:
 - President: Shane Milne
 - Vice-President: Faye Black
 - Treasurer: Christine McLane
 - Secretary: Kristy MacLean
 - Directors at Large: Katie Neilson, Kelly Vis, Janine Baltaretu
- **Fees:** As a reminder, a credit will be issued on your account next month to account for weeks not swam during the holiday break.
- **Reminder: January Fee Increase:** As previously communicated earlier in the swim season, please be advised that the scheduled fee increase will be applied starting in January 2026.
- **Equipment Manager Position:** The Equipment Manager position has become available.
 - We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Amanda Belshaw for her many years of hard work and dedication as our Equipment Manager. Amanda has been a huge part of our team, especially when it came to replacing broken caps and coordinating our club equipment orders. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done and wish her and her family all the best on their next adventure.

- With the Equipment Manager position now open, anyone who is interested or would like more information about the role is encouraged to reach out to Shane at **president@pgbsc.org**. This is not a board position, making it a great opportunity for those who want to help the club without committing to the board. Amanda has also kindly offered to assist with the transition into the role.

- **Seeking Help with Grassroots Fundraising:** If you have experience in grassroots fundraising or would like to get more involved to support the team, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Shane at president@pgbsc.org
- **Swim-A-Thon** - We are excited to announce we will be hosting a Swim-a-Thon in the new year! Please watch for more information coming in January.
- **Parent Facebook Group** - We will be creating a Facebook group for parents - this will allow parents to ask questions, swap equipment, help with general reminders, etc. We will send out a link to everyone after the holidays. This will be a Private Group for parents within the Barracuda organization.
- **Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!** - If you have pictures from throughout the season, we want to see them! Please send them to social@pgbsc.org, and we will share them with the club. If you're at a Swim Meet or watching practice, send them in!

We want to wish all our members and their families all the best for the holiday season and we look forward to continuing our Swim Season in 2026!

Contact Information

- **Updates:** Follow our [Facebook page](#) for regular reminders.
- **Questions?** If you have any general questions or concerns about the club, please use the [Contact Us](#) page on our website. If you have questions or concerns about your or your child's specific program, please speak directly with your coach.