



July 2026

Hello Barracuda Family

And just like that, the summer is here, and our season is nearly complete. It's been a very busy last few months at the club and I wanted to send one last newsletter before we head out into the sunshine (we hope) for our summer break.

Swimathon – May 8-9

What a fun and successful event! Thank you to the swimmers who did the hard work in the pool, the counters who concentrated hard (some more than others!) on deck to count laps and the families and friends who supported the event financially. The club raised a whopping \$8 813 (90% of which will come to the club) - a fabulous effort for our first swimathon ever. Special mention goes to Gavin Hall for raising the most money as an individual and the Youth Group for being the group with the largest amount raised. These funds will go towards the running of the club in the coming season.

Overall Group Results:

1. Youth: \$2933
4. D2C: \$1327.25
7. D2B: \$300
2. D2A: \$1524.50
5. D1: \$958.25
3. Elite: \$1465
6. D3/Swim School: \$305

Rubber Ducky Meet – June 13

Every year this event gives our younger swimmers in D3 and D2C an opportunity to experience racing and show off how far they have progressed over the season. It was wonderful to see so many of our junior swimmers participate and the smiles on their faces were proof of the fun that was had by all. Congratulations to all the swimmers for giving your best in the pool. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who help make this event a success.



Kamloops Ice Classic Long Course Meet – June 5-7

28 of our swimmers headed to Kamloops for the annual long course meet in June. This is always a big and busy meet featuring 3 full days of long course racing and lots of clubs and swimmers. It can be scary to swim in a 50m pool with so much competition. Well done to every swimmer who got on the blocks. To those who swam best times, and those who earned podium finishes; **Congratulations!** You should all be proud of your efforts. Thank you to Magda and Jason for supporting the swimmers and for all the families and friends for the cheering and encouragement from the bleachers.



- 175 Personal bests
- 3 Club Records
- 16 Podium Finishes
- Barracudas: 8th out of 16 teams



Summer Divisionals – Vernon – June 19-21

Swimmers must meet qualifying time standards to participate in Divisionals so just being able to attend is a great achievement. 10 Barracuda swimmers made the great trek down to Vernon for the summer Divisionals meet. Our team did exceptionally well. Congratulations to Rayna Maritsas on attending her first Divisional meet and to every swimmer who gave it their all, achieved best times, qualified for Provincials and earned medals. You did your club proud – not only in the water but in your sportsmanship, your team spirit and your exemplary behavior on deck. Thank you to all the families for making it possible for your children to swim and to Jerzy for his coaching and support during the meet.

54 Personal bests

20 Podium Finishes

Barracudas: 8th out of 15

Upcoming meets:

BC Summer Provincials – July 16-19, Kamloops

We wish our 4 swimmers competing in this prestigious meet all the best of luck. Once again, just qualifying to compete in such an event is a huge achievement. Give it your all and enjoy the challenge!



BC Summer Games – July 24-26, Kelowna

Congratulations to four of our swimmers who were selected to compete in this year’s Summer Games later this month. Jason will be accompanying them as the team coach, and we wish them a safe journey and a successful weekend of racing.

End of year BBQ

Our year-end celebration was held in Rainbow Park on June 27. The weather was kind, the food was delicious, and a good time was had by all. There were sack races, lawn games and a fiercely competitive series of tug-of-war challenges. Just for the record, the girls beat the boys, and the parents (and coaches) beat the swimmers (it was a close contest though). Maybe this will become an annual challenge...



A special thanks goes to Superior Propane for donating the propane and the use of their BBQ for the event, to Shane Milne for doing such a great job in cooking the burgers and hot dogs, to Amie Thibodeau for coordinating the awesome entertainment and to all the board members who helped make the event a success.



Registration for next season:

Emails will be sent out shortly with your swimmers' group allocation for next year. For returning swimmers, registration will be open in August. Be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for instructions and closing dates for registration. New swimmer assessments and registrations will be open in September – details to follow. Our new training season will tentatively start on September 10th, 2026 at the Canfor Pool.

To all our wonderful coaches, thank you for your encouragement, support and the hours you dedicate to our team. We are so grateful for all of you. Come September, the deck will look a little different. Jerzy, we wish you well in your much-deserved retirement. Thank you for your many years of dedication and service to our club. Please don't be a stranger!

To all our Barracuda swimmers and families, the board would like to thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Without you, the club could not have achieved so much this season – the smooth transition to Canfor Pool, our first meet at the new venue, several new club records, countless personal best times and hopefully many happy and memorable moments both in the pool and on the deck.

Enjoy the break, breathe in the warm, summer air, soak up the sun and rest. Wishing you all a glorious summer 2026!!

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day...is by no means a waste of time”

John Lubbock