

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Since its earliest beginnings in 1962, the Alberta Marlin Aquatic Club (AMAC) has been home to more than 1500 Medicine Hat area swimmers. We currently have over 140 youth and masters swimmers trained by a staff of certified and highly regarded coaches.

Five AMAC swimmers and coaches have represented Canada:

Tianna Rissling

- o 2011 World Championships
- o 2010 Pan Pacific Championships

Peter Schori, Coach

- o 2011 World Championships

· Richard Hortness

- o 2009, 2007 - Silver in 4x100 Fr Relay, 2005 FISU Games
- o 2008 Olympic Games
- o 2007 Pan Am Games

· Eric Fish

- o 1972 Olympic Games - Bronze Medal in 4 x 100 Medley Relay
- o 1971 Pan American Games
- o 1970 Commonwealth Games - Bronze Medal in 100 Back

· Rob Fox

- o 1990 Pan American Games
- o 1990 Commonwealth Games
- o 1989 Pan Pacific Championships

We currently have several alumni continuing to swim as part of their post-secondary education: Nick van der Sloot, Bailey Sloan, and Adam Batten at the University of Lethbridge, Tianna Rissling at the University of Calgary and Jessica Wong at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

AMAC strives to provide opportunities for:

- Training and competition for swimmers at all levels, consistent with ability, desire, and performance levels.
- Positive social and emotional development.
- Development of sportsmanship and concept of team identity along with supporting the establishment of a healthy lifestyle.
- Enhancement of self-esteem and sense of personal worth through commitment to the sport.
- Participation and skill improvement in an athletic activity, which can be enjoyed throughout one's entire life.

AMAC Swimmers, Coaches and Parents Share In Our Club Philosophy. The Alberta Marlin Aquatic Club is a positive, competitive community, supporting swimmers at all levels through excellence in coaching

CLUB OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Administration

All activities of the Alberta Marlin Aquatic Club will be administered according to the philosophy and objectives of the Club, operating in accordance with its by-laws and handbook as duly established and amended.

Registration

The Club will arrange for registration of all competitive swimmers with Swim Alberta. Mandatory provincial and national fees are included in the registration fees.

Training

The club will provide the training schedule and facilities, secure the services of qualified coaches, and ensure that relevant and effective programs are delivered.

Swim Meets

Subsequent to the coach's selection of swim meets and determination of which athletes should attend, the Club will look after organizational details connected with the swimmers' participation, such as submission of lane fees and coordination of travel arrangements. Each swimmer's portion of the associated expenses will be determined and billed to swimmer's family account.

Team Equipment

All team swimsuits, swim caps, bags, hoodies, t-shirts, etc. are available through the AMAC office or website. Swimmers are expected to wear team colors and team swimsuits at all competitions. AMAC purchases its equipment through Team Aquatic Supplies, which has a retail outlet in Calgary. AMAC is able to purchase from TAS at their lowest team price but this only applies when ordering through the club.

Recognition & Awards

AMAC recognizes swimmer improvement and accomplishment for swimmers from the Mini Marlin to National level. AMAC All Canadian and Club Record breakers are recognized throughout the season. AMAC's annual awards banquet will be held in June, 2014.

Semi-Annual General Meetings

General meetings open to all AMAC parents, are held twice a year (Fall and Spring) to establish Club policies, review finances and elect the Board of Directors. These meetings allow the membership to have input into the current and future directions of the club. In addition, Board members (see page 6) may be contacted at any time for information or to express concerns.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held monthly. Club members are welcome to attend regular Board Meetings, but please be advised that you may be asked to step out when we are discussing contractual or sensitive interpersonal issues. Contact the club president or secretary for dates and details.

Mailboxes

Each swimmer has a mailbox at the pool. Some club information is communicated through these mailboxes. It is the swimmers responsibility to check their mailbox each day. All other club correspondence will be done via regular email messages.

Website

The AMAC website www.marlin.ab.ca is your best source for club information. Your family can access its Family Account as well as Fundraising Commitment and Family Point Commitment balances. Be sure to download your updated practice schedule each month.

Facebook

AMAC events and information is regularly posted on the AMAC Facebook page. Like us at www.facebook.com/ABMarlins

Twitter

Complementing the AMAC social media presence, AMAC also maintains a Twitter account at @ABMarlins

Bulletin Board

The AMAC bulletin board is located on the west wall of the pool at the FLC. Information promoting the activities of the club and general information is posted on a regular basis.

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