



### **Bobbie Ryan**

who have participated in the sport of swimming over the years.

In those early Clippers' days, things were very different than they are today. However many of the same underpinnings that make the Clippers organization stand out today, started being established by a small cadre of parents, of which Bobbie was one of the leaders. From organizing team dinners for travel meets, to hosting "unofficial" hospitality rooms at the hotels, Bobbie and John served as the glue to help bring the team together. Later, when her son, Scott, joined the Clippers as the first full-time Head Coach and member of the first Board of Directors, Bobbie's involvement continued. She assisted with drafting the initial By-Laws for the club and hosted meetings for new parents to help introduce them to what it is like to be a parent of a swimmer.

Bobbie's devotion to the Clippers is on display for everyone to see in the Clippers' office. On the wall hangs the original Clippers' banner that was designed and sewn by Bobbie for the team to take to meets. It hangs as a connection to the earliest days of the club.

Bobbie said that one of the high points of her love of swimming was when Richard Dickmann completed the construction of Silverlake. It was a dream come true for swimmers and parents of Northern Kentucky. The Clippers have become the place to be for competitive swimming in Northern Kentucky. They have become renown on the National Level and may some day have an alumni who will represent the USA at the Olympics!

Bobbie Ryan represents three generations of the Ryan family involvement with the Clippers swimming program. Bobbie first gained an appreciation for the sport of swimming when she swam for Summit Hills Country Club as a child. After marrying her husband, John, the second generation of Ryan's began swimming in 1977 at Tri-City YMCA when her children Laura, Scott and Paul joined that team. In 1979, the Ryan's moved to join the newly formed Kenton County Clippers which had its home at Scott High School pool. The Ryan's followed their coaches, Mary Lou Berling and Jim Schuler, as they formed this new club. Since that time, Bobbie and her husband have been fixtures at Clippers meets wherever they are taking place. Beyond her own children, Bobbie has 10 grandchildren



TEAM BANNER CREATED  
& SEWN  
BY BOBBIE RYAN

**Northern Kentucky  
CLIPPERS SWIMMING**

**HALL OF FAME MEMBERS**

**MARY LOU BERLING**

**DOUG BROWNFIELD**

**AMYE DAY**

**MICHAEL DAY**

**RICHARD DICKMANN**

**MATT DRESSMAN**

**GEE KOOP**

**JIM SCHULER**

**ANDY SEITZ**

**CHRIS SEITZ**

**TERRI WAGNER**

**Building Better Swimmers One Stroke at a Time**

Mark started his swimming career at the age of 10 for NKSL Ludlow-Bromley Swim Club. In high school he swam for Covington Catholic and was a member of their 1974 and 1977 State Championship Teams. He went onto to swim for Western Kentucky University. During high school and college he coached teams in the Northern Kentucky Swim League where he gained his passion for coaching.

After graduating from Western Kentucky in 1981, Mark joined the Kenton County Clippers' staff as the Age Group Head Coach, a position he held until 1984. In 1983 he became the assistant senior coach and in 1985 the Head Coach. He served in this capacity until he retired from coaching in 1987.

During his tenure he spearheaded the charge to begin hosting swim meets in order to generate revenue. The first meet was the 1986 Mid Winter Classic. In order to run meets, he solicited parents to become officials, as Clippers could not be dependent on other clubs' officials to work our meets.

Under his tenure he had one age group swimmer achieve a USA Swimming Top 16 Time and two swimmers and a men's 400 Medley Relay achieve Junior National times.

Since most of the Clippers' swimmers were also on Covington Catholic and Notre Dame swim teams, he became the head coach for these teams as well. He was named the KHSAA Girls' Coach of Year for three years and he lead Notre Dame to a State Championship in 1989.



MARK BEZOLD, HEAD COACH, AT SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL POOL



**Mark Bezold**

Chris developed his love for swimming when he started with Four Seasons, an NKSL team, at age 5 in 1991. After that summer season he joined the Clippers and swam year round until graduating in 2003 from Covington Catholic High School.

Chris started specializing in breaststroke early in his career and set his first team record in 100 yard breast when he was 11. For years he held the short course records in 11-12 100 and 200 breast, 13-14 100 breast, 15-16 100 & 200 breast and 17 and Over 100 & 200 breast. In long course he held records for the 13-14 100 and 200 breast, 15-16 100 breast and the 17 and over 200 breast. His 15-16 100 yard breast record stood for 12 years. He was a member of several medley and free relays that also held team records.

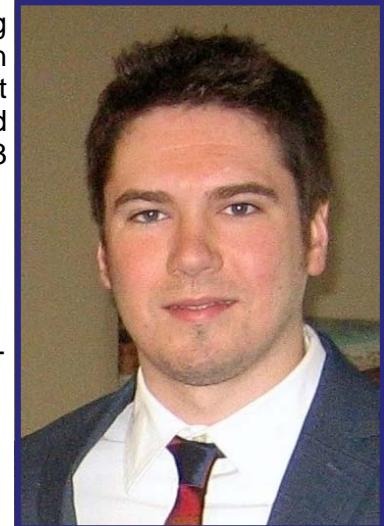
He achieved All American Consideration Times in 100 Breast at the KHSAA State Championship during both his junior and senior years.

For the first time in the history of Clippers, Chris broke a minute in all four competitive strokes. In December 2001, he was a member of the 400 yard medley relay which set another milestone as being the Clippers' first relay to compete at the US Open. Chris said that this along with touring Ground Zero in New York City was his most memorable Clippers' event.

He graduated from the University of Louisville with a degree in Communication Art & Design. In 2010 he returned to Northern Kentucky and was a dry land coach with Clippers until the demands of his professional career took him away. He still lives in Northern Kentucky and works for Roadtrippers.com



CLIPPERS' FIRST US OPEN RELAY CONSISTED OF CHRIS HUDEPOHL (LEFT), CHRIS SEITZ (3RD FROM LEFT), KEITH JANSON (2ND FROM RIGHT), AND JASON VADNEY (RIGHT). ALSO PICTURED ARE EMILY BRUNEMANN AND OLYMPIAN ED MOSES (3RD FROM RIGHT).



**Chris Hudepohl**