

# Tiger Shark Times



## Meet our new assistant coach

As some of you may know, my name is Peter Brudzinski. I am the newest assistant coach for the New Richmond Area Tiger Sharks. I would like to take this opportunity to give all of you a little bit of information about me.

I grew up in Oakdale, Minnesota; it is a suburb of the cities and host to OMNI Otters, the club team I started swimming with nine years ago. I swam with OMNI for about 3 years before swimming for the High School team for 6 more years. I applied and was accepted to the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. I knew long before I started school that I would continue swimming in college. I swam throughout the year, waking up every morning at 5 am for practice, and competed in 3 different states. I got a multitude of best times in my events, primarily the Breaststroke (100/200), Butterfly (100/200), and IM (200,400). As for academically... I am currently a Physics major, but that is changing next year to a dual degree double major, meaning I will graduate in 5 years with a degree in Mathematics, Engineering, and Physics. Currently, I am about 10 credits short of being a junior and have a GPA just north of 3.5. This is, essentially, my life in an extremely condensed paragraph. If you have any questions for me I am at every practice, or you can reach me by email at [peter.brudzinski@uwrf.edu](mailto:peter.brudzinski@uwrf.edu)

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July practice schedule

There will be NO swim practice on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be adding two practice dates to make up for these missed days.

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15pm-8:15pm for Tigers/Sharks
- 7:15pm-8:45pm for Transition/Jr./Sr.

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

- 7:15pm-8:15pm for Tigers/Sharks
- 7:15pm-8:45pm for Transition/Jr./Sr.

# Summer Parades

Our first parade is behind us. A great big thanks to all who participated. It looks like everyone had a great time!

There are two parades remaining. If you haven't already done so, please email me at [flyer68c@frontiernet.net](mailto:flyer68c@frontiernet.net) and let me know which parade you will be waking in.

- New Richmond: Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Star Prairie: Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>



## Youth Triathlon



We have begun to plan our second annual youth triathlon. Please mark you calendars for **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are again going to partner with Community Ed. Because we are anticipating a larger turn-out than last year, we will need at least one parent from each family to help with this event. More details will follow as they become available.

## Corn Fest 2011 – Sat. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

We have been asked by the Centre to help run this year's Corn Fest (formally known as Corn on the Corner) by running the concessions stand. This is a great fundraising opportunity, as half of the food proceeds will go to the swim team. We are looking for volunteers to help run this event. Kids are also welcome to help as long as they are accompanied by a parent. The approximate hours are 9:30am-2:30pm. If you cannot commit to the entire 6 hours, we will gladly take volunteers for shorter shifts. This is also a great way for us to start promoting the swim team for our upcoming fall season. More details will soon be available.

## Swimmers of the month

**Mykenzie Patton**- Mykenzie is new to the Tiger Sharks this summer. She has picked up the swimming lingo quickly and works very hard during every practice. Mykenzie has already participated in 2 swim meets this summer with HUGE success. Way to go Mykenzie!

**Ashley Patton**- Ashley just joined the Tiger Sharks this summer as well, but you would never know it. She has hopped right in like she has been a member of the team her entire life. She is a go getter and has done really well at her first 2 swim meets. Way to go Ashley!

**Sarah Sylte**- Sarah has been on the team for many years now and has always been a leader with her practice habits. She always comes to practice with a smile on her face and ready to give it 100%. Way to go Sarah!

### A reminder from the coaches

PLEASE be sure to get your swimmers to practice before the start of practice so they are ready to get in at the start of practice. As the summer progresses, we are seeing more and more swimmers coming in late. It makes it really hard for the swimmers to get a proper warm-up in each night! Thanks for your cooperation on this.

## Mankato meet

We had our first outdoor meet last weekend in Mankato, MN. All of our swimmers did great. Despite the cold and rainy weather on Sunday, everyone had a fun time. Here are a few of our swimmers keeping warm in-between events.



## Yards to meters

The results from Mankato looked great! I want to take this opportunity to clarify a few things with everyone about converting from yards to meters. When our swimming program, Team Manager, converts times from yards to meters it is strictly doing just that, converting yards to meters. The program does not take in to account that there are fewer turns and that meters swims take a lot more effort than yards. I understand many of you were frustrated with the difference between your converted time and what you actually swam at the meet. The unofficial rule of thumb is that if your meters swims are about 4 seconds slower per 50 than your converted times, then you are doing well and swimming slightly faster than your best yards time! Keep this in mind as we swim at Eau Claire, Bloomington and A/B/C finals!

Coach Melissa