



Greetings from the Head Coach,

Hello to all and welcome back to the Marlins 2011 summer swim season. I myself am very excited about the upcoming summer and can not wait to see you all at the pool. The club is definitely seeing a transition this season with many of our older swimmers moving on to other things. I am happy to announce however that we have many new swimmers joining the club at many different age levels and would like to personally welcome those new families and swimmers to the club. I am confident that all new families and swimmers will be welcomed by our returning families and swimmers with open arms.

For those of you not familiar with me, I apologize for the delayed Bio update but I will have that available on the marlins website soon. Most of my current online Bio is correct, some of it is outdated. I also look forward to meeting all the new families at Meet the Coaches Night on May 13.

There is one major change to day to day operations this summer. We have worked with the Leisure Centre staff over the winter to have our pool times significantly changed. As opposed to past seasons where we have had few lanes spread over 4 hours throughout the evening, this season we have 5 and 6 lanes spread over only two hours. I feel that this will provide for a much more social atmosphere before and after practices (not DURING practice swimmers) both for the parents and swimmers as we will have the majority of the club in the pool at the same time. This will also give our younger swimmers a chance to interact with our senior swimmers each day as they will be jumping out of the pool as the seniors are jumping in. I am a firm believer in the team aspect of swimming; I feel that our club has a strong group of senior swimmers that will serve as positive role models for all of our junior swimmers. I am excited that our swimmers will get a chance to see every swimmer every day and hope that this will forge a positive relationship that will carry over to the swim meets. I would encourage some of the junior swimmers to hang around the pool after their practice every now and then to watch the senior swimmers in the pool. Morning practices will be for the most part the same as last year, full practice schedule will be available soon.

Day 1 on May 2<sup>nd</sup> will again be a fun day for all Junior swimmers, we will announce the practice groups, have the swimmers meet their Coaches and training partners and then open the pool for a fun day. All junior swimmers will start at 3:25pm, please, as always, arrive at least 15 minutes early for warm up and stretching. All swimmers Division 4 and up will have regular practice from 4:25pm to 5:25pm. Regular practice schedule will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Looking forward to May 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Scott McCormick