

TSC 2010-11 Season Highlights

What a terrific season we had in 2010-11. TSC swimmers stood out on every level of competitive swimming across Ontario, Canada and the world. TSC was Eastern Canadian Team Champions, winning the men's category and second in the women's. TSC swimmers also swam away with the Ontario Division I Team Championships in Sudbury in a very exciting and challenging meet. We placed Third overall at both the short course and long course provincial meets and second overall at the Central Region championships. We had national champions, provincial champions and regional champions, TSC continues to show it is a strong well rounded competitive swimming program.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE CHAMPS

Our 2010-11 individual National Champions are:

Tobias Oriwol -100 BK at the World Trials/Spring Nationals. Tobias went to Shanghai for the world championships and swam into the semi-finals in the 200 backstroke.

Paige Schultz- 200 IM at Summer Nationals. Paige went on to compete in China at the FISU Games.

Edward Liu- 17-18 boys 200 fly at Age Nationals. Edward was Nationally selected to race at the North American Challenge Cup in Mexico.

Oliver Straszynski- 14 yr boys 50-100-200 free at Age Nationals, Oliver was also selected to the National age group team to compete against Mexico, California and the Pacific Northwest teams.

These TSC swimmers were selected to national or provincial teams:

Tobias Oriwol and Zsofi Balazs: Team Canada World Championships

Warren Barnes and Paige Schultz: Team Canada Pan American Games

Cam Cummings, Heather Maitland, Mike Smerek, Zsofi Balazs and Poppy Ruksys: Team Canada FISU Games. Coach John Rogers also selected.

Edward Liu and Oliver Straszynski: Team Canada North American Challenge Cup

Edward, Oliver and David Riley: Team Ontario Tri-Meet vs. Quebec and Atlantic

Bronwyn Colford : Junior National open water team

Micah Mykitiuk: National para team

Along the way to all of these achievements TSC swimmers set 81 new club records, what an amazing haul! It is very exciting to watch the training sessions each day, see the development of the athletes through the season and be witness to the big improvement breakout swims at the championship meets. TSC swimmers have trained hard, learning the values of a good work ethic, time management, healthy nutrition and self discipline. These values are the core of what our TSC coaches wish to impart onto the swimmers through their direction.

The entire TSC coaching staff is very pleased with the results of the past year and we are looking forward to another fast and fabulous year.

I want to point out there are a lot of people who have lent their time and effort to make the successes of our team possible. TSC board members work behind the scenes to keep the club running strong and well organized. Our chaperones do such a fabulous job, working tirelessly keeping our swimmers fed, watered and rested through long meets with little time for themselves. Group parents who help out with the extras at away meets and assist the coaches with communicating and organizing club activities. There are so many people who are involved in the process of having a swimmer selected to a national team, win that gold medal or make that new standard. We thank you all and really appreciate all of your efforts that ensure the progress of our little beginners on through to the highest level of competitive swimming they can possibly achieve.

THE 2012 PUSH!

This is Olympic season! Yes, Olympic trials are coming up at the end of March and TSC has several candidates for that London 2012 team. Let's get behind the whole group of swimmers training to that goal! At this time there will also be a number of younger swimmers who are targeting the next four year cycle and the 2016 games as their time for that shot at an Olympic team selection. It is a huge goal, a challenging goal and also one that will encourage and drive the youth of TSC onwards to future achievements!

Have an awesome season!

Alex Wallingford