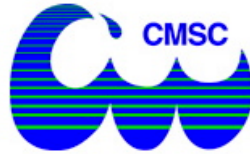


# CALGARY MASTERS SWIM CLUB

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## Meet the 2103-2014 CMSC Executive



### Message from the President

*Kevin Korpi*

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This will be my second year on the Club's Executive, and for the next two years I will be serving as our Club's President. I would like to thank the other Members of the Executive who have graciously volunteered their time, so we can all have a Club to be proud of.

I have been a Member of CMSC for the past 4 years and have been involved in swimming for about 13 years, first when my daughters were competitive swimmers, then as a Masters swimmer. I was a founding Member of the Prince George Barracuda Masters program and I served a two year stint as their Age Group Meet Manager.

Masters swimming has been good to me, helping me lose and keep off 50 pounds! I have met so many interesting people and made many new friends. I enjoy the intensity of the workouts, the social aspects, improving as a swimmer, and the overall atmosphere of being a CMSC Member.

I have always been a fitness swimmer, and at age 46, got talked into competing in my first swim meet. I had a blast and I am looking forward to racing some more this year. I encourage you all to give it a try.

Over the next two years, I look forward to building on the great work the previous Executives have done for our Club. I encourage everyone to voice their opinions on any issues, but specifically on our Long Term Direction that was presented to the Club at this year's AGM. We are looking forward to your feedback on this as it will help all of us decide the right direction to take the Club in the future.

The damage to Talisman Centre during the flood this summer is extremely unfortunate, and we are looking forward to getting back to training in there as soon as possible. Please be patient with us during this difficult time. Like you I am missing our regular swim schedule, and our fantastic training facility.

Dave Dickson has once again arranged for the club to train outdoors at Bowview pool this summer. Last year was a blast, and I invite you come out and give outdoor training a try, you won't regret it. We are fortunate that Bowview has allowed us to acquire additional pool time during the repairs at Talisman and we are actively looking for other options for the remainder of the summer, and into the fall if necessary.

Here is to another great season and I look forward to seeing you all around the pool!

*Kevin*



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DAVE DICKSON: VICE-PRESIDENT AND REGISTRAR

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Hello CMSC Members,

I am honoured to be serving once again as your Calgary Masters Vice-President and Registrar for one more year and am looking forward to another great season.

Calgary Masters has been a big part of my life for over 16 years. As an active competitive Club Member, I have competed locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. I have been extremely fortunate to have developed many friendships in our swim club as well as in Masters swimming across Canada, the U.S. and England.

I have served on the Calgary Masters Executive on four different occasions in the past, in the positions of VP, Meet Manager and as Mid-Morning Representative.

This past season, we registered and welcomed over 40 new Members and what an enthusiastic and dedicated group they are. Thanks for choosing CMSC! For your information, there are 97 eager people whose names are presently on our formal

wait list to become CMSC Members for the 2013-2014 season.

The Masters swimming spirit that celebrates good sportsmanship and pride in the swimming accomplishments of all our Members will be valued. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to train at the Talisman Centre, one of the premier sporting facilities in Canada. A blend of fun, fitness and competitiveness will be our goals for all Members.

Happy Swimming!

*Dave*



LORI WYLIE: TREASURER

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My first passion is swimming and my second passion is accounting, so Treasurer of Calgary Masters Swim Club is the ideal volunteer activity for me. I am looking forward to my final year serving on the Executive in this position.

I have been a competitive swimmer for forty-nine years and I have been doing accounting work

for almost the same amount of time. Luckily, my father had a business and he allowed me to help with his books at a very young age. After three degrees, I finally settled into a career as a Chartered Accountant and am currently employed as Controller, Financial Reporting. My responsibilities include oversight of general accounting, capital asset accounting, payables, receivables and all aspects of financial reporting.

During my association with CMSC for over thirty two years, I have held the position of Treasurer several times, including two of the years that CMSC hosted the National Championships. It was a fun and exciting time and I am honoured to be the Treasurer for the upcoming year.

You can find me most evenings and weekends.

*Lori*

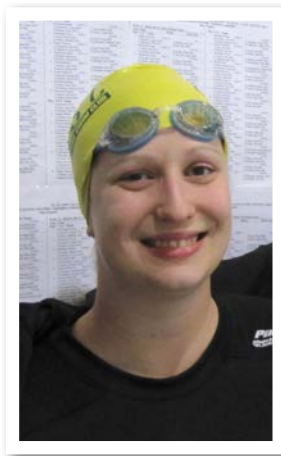
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NICOLE ESAU: SECRETARY

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I am excited to join the executive in the role of Secretary for the next two years. I have been a member of CMSC for the last four years and decided it must be my turn to help the club out and volunteer. You can normally find me at evening and weekend workouts, floating at the back of a lane.

I have been swimming Masters for the last five years with another Master's swim club in the city as well as with CMSC (yes I am just that keen) and prior to that as an age group swimmer with the University of Calgary Swim Club. Like Quincy, I was never very fast, but I just love the water, and after finishing age group swimming in high school, I came back to Masters swimming when I was in university. I swim because truly I lack the coordination to do any land based activities whatsoever! Once I finished university I joined a more competitive club and was coerced into racing, obviously it didn't take much to twist my arm! I enjoy racing, much more than practice, and have been to meets across Canada.



I hope that my experience as Equipment Manager at RMMSC will lend me some knowledge and insight into the workings of the Executive of a much larger Masters swim club. Please feel free to bring any concerns you might have my way. As someone passionate about swimming and training, I'm always happy to hear feedback on all aspects of the CMSC program.

*Nicole*

QUINCY CHIANG : MEET MANAGER

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As an active competitive Member, I have been to swim meets all over the country and even the US once. I have a tremendous amount of appreciation for the hard work and time commitment put in by volunteers that organize and run each and every swim meet, and as such I am happy to give

something back to the swimming community by being your Meet Manager for the next 2 seasons.

I swam competitively as a kid with the University of Calgary Swim Club. I was never very fast, and I quit when high school ended, deciding to concentrate on university instead. Fast forward 9 years, I was unemployed at the time and not exactly in great shape, so I started swimming on my own at city pools. It was there I met someone who introduced me to Masters swimming. The thought of training with a group of like-minded people under structured coaching interested me, so I

joined one of the other Masters club in Calgary. Through competitions around Calgary and Alberta, I became friends with a number of CMSC members, who encouraged me to join this club for its high quality coaching and training. So in 2009 I joined CMSC, initially as a "part time" and Associate Member, then finally became a full time member last year.

This upcoming season will my 9th, how times fly! You'll find me in most evening and weekend sessions, although I do like to take it easier during summer to do some running, cycling and golfing instead.

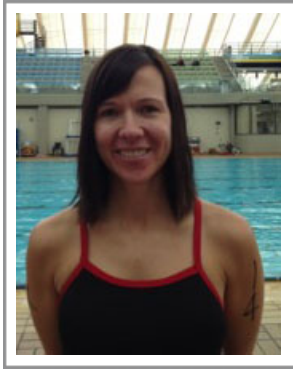
CMSC plans to host a 1-day meet in February 2014 and I will do my best to pull this together. Hopefully I can count on your support as we will need volunteers to work as timers and officials to make the meet a success. You can also count on me to harass people into going to swim meets starting this fall. It's a lot of fun and it gives us something to challenge ourselves with, which is something we often don't do very much with our modern busy work life.

*Quincy*

# CALGARY MASTERS SWIM CLUB

CLAIRE BUFFONE-BLAIR: MEMBER AT LARGE

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As a newbie to the Calgary Masters Swim Club, I am thrilled to be a part of your Executive.

Throughout my term as Member At Large, I hope to be able to represent you and make a valuable contribution to the growth and development of the Club.

While I have not yet competed as a swimmer, I have been involved with the sport of swimming through my daughter's involvement as an age group swimmer with the Calgary Patriots. My other connection to sport is through my professional career as an administrator

and leader. Over the past 15 years I have been involved with Canada's anti-doping program, Own the Podium, and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. In 2013, I took a step away from full-time employment to start my own freelance business.

When I am not working, I enjoy swimming, running, and spending time outdoors with my husband Derek and our two children, ages 10 and 13.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over my term. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

See you at the pool!

*Claire*

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LOUISE GIANNOCCARO: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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I am excited to be continuing on in the position of Communications Officer for CMSC for my third, and final, year. It is my way to give back to this Club which has given so much to me over the years. I am looking forward to another great year.

I have been a Member of CMSC for the past 16 years. When I first joined the Club it was primarily for fitness and, because of a busy family and work life, I was happy to get to the pool once or twice a week. Over the past 6 years, thanks to the encouragement of my swimming friends and the inspiration of many of you, I started to train harder and to compete.

CMSC, and now the competition that comes along with my involvement, have become very important and enjoyable parts of my life.

I have learned a great deal being on the Executive these past 2 years and hope you will continue to give me feedback on anything I can do to improve the way I communicate with the Members.

I have learned how to update and maintain the website and, with the assistance of Mike Morrow, I will continue to do this over the next year, hopefully cleaning up some of the older sections.

We started up a Facebook Group last year, to allow interested Members to easily communicate with each other and share information, and I encourage you to join.

I will continue to promote the objectives of CMSC, which includes developing a blend of recreational and competitive swimming.

You can find me at mid-morning, evenings and weekends.

*Louise*



# CALGARY MASTERS SWIM CLUB

JOHN STARRATT: PAST PRESIDENT

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After serving as CMSC President for the past 2 years, I am happy to continue on for the next 2 years as Past President.

I have been a member of CMSC for 18 years now and prior to that a member of the Edmonton Masters Swim Club.

My involvement with swimming spans many years, beginning as an age group swimmer, a Red Cross teacher, a varsity swimmer, a Masters swimmer, a parent of four age group swimmers, a level 2 officials' judge and eventually serving on various committees with Masters and age group teams. I have competed sporadically in Masters swim meets over the years, most recently at the 2013 Provincials our Club hosted, as well as in a few short lake and ocean events.

The swimming community has provided me with many good friends and CMSC has continued that experience.

I can be found, along with my wife René, swimming mid-morning.

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