

To Ernestown Barracuda Swim Club:

13 Ontario records

1 Canadian record

40+ National Level medals

8 swimmers ranked in the top 2 in Canada (age group)

7 National team members including- 2 Commonwealth Games Team members and one Pan Pac team member

3 Full University scholarships.....

All of this spawns from five- 25m lanes in Ernestown? How does a "small" swim club produce such amazing results? **COACHING!** Gord Emmerson is the head coach of arguably one of the best small swim clubs in the Nation over the last 2 decades.

I have trained under 4 coaches long term:

Steve Crocker- World Record 50 free in 1992.

Jim Fowlie - World Record 400 IM. Coached the Australian national team for ten years

Bill Powell- The second winningest swimming coach in NCAA history.

**Gord Emmerson- The man who taught me how to swim and live!!**

Gord has proven his coaching abilities to me time and time again. Why else would I choose to train in the W.J. Henderson pool for 5 months at the end of my career. It sure wasn't for the facility or water temperature! Gord has the ability to coach swimmers at the national level as well as develop younger swimmers. His knowledge of the sport is vast and his experience endless. Gord has chosen to stay with EBSC and not advance to bigger clubs. This choice needs to be viewed as a blessing by the EBSC family. I cannot say enough about Gord Emmerson- the person, as I have a great respect for him and the influence he has had on my life. I sincerely hope many more swimmers are able to benefit from the experience of being coached by Gord Emmerson.

Gord Veldman