

September 2006

Welcome to all our new members and their families. A warm greeting to all players, parents, coaches and officials to a new season of water polo with the Kitchener-Waterloo Water Polo Club. We anticipate the 2006-2007 season to be another year of exciting competition, challenges and fun!

The 2006-2007 season marks the 30th anniversary of KW Water Polo Club. Our club has accomplished numerous provincial titles and sent athletes to national, international and University level competition. We are proud of the accomplishments of all the athletes, coaches, parents and volunteers who over the years have helped to make this a fantastic club. To mark this momentous occasion, the club is hosting an International Youth Tournament, to be held October 7-9, 2006 at the Waterloo Memorial Swim Complex. Included in the weekend will be a reunion reception. Please see the attached letter and check out the website over the next few weeks to see how you can become involved.

You can be certain that your athletes will be part of a strong commitment to fitness and good sports values when part of our club, as we encourage our athletes to work hard toward their goals of competition, yet have fun along the way. The best way to support your athlete is to have them attend all practices and be respectful of the coaches and their time commitments. The coaches all volunteer their many hard hours and it is appreciated when the athletes make a commitment not only to their coach, but also to themselves and team. Please attempt to contact the coach (e-mail) if your athlete is unable to attend.

As with all minor sports clubs, registration fees account for only a portion of the funds required to cover all expenses. The registration fees this year have been maintained at last year's rates. It is however; necessary for our club to be involved in fund raising and therefore, the Executive is working hard to be creative with various fund raising events that will take place throughout the year. You will be receiving a schedule of the year's fundraising events to help you plan. We will be continuing with our participation in Bingo. By working just 4 Bingos this season, you can reach your fund raising goal.

The executive and I welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. We have many new members on the executive who are eager to make this club work for you. We hope to provide you with up to date information on tournaments, travel and happenings of the club through regular newsletters. The newsletters, schedules and information about the club are always available on the web, so check it out regularly at www.kwwaterpolo.com. Please get in touch with us via the website at info@kwwaterpolo.com.

The information contained in the registration booklet will help prepare you for the Registration to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 11 am at the Breithaupt Center. The forms required for registration have been included to facilitate the registration process. Please take time to read them and completely fill them out before attending the meeting. Please also bring signed post-dated cheques. We will be hosting a meeting in late October to update you on the upcoming year events, schedules and expectations. In the mean time, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact your coach or anyone on the executive.

Here's to another great season...see you at the pool!

Ingrid Bell
President