

## Ted Teaches Budding Harbor View Stars

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Swimming Coach Ted Bandaruk



**"I think a coach always has to remember to make 'em smile when they come in and make 'em smile when they leave," says swimming coach Ted Bandaruk. Throughout his 30 years as a swimming coach at Harbor View's community pool near Anderson Elementary, staying positive has remained a cornerstone of his teaching ethic. The soft-spoken and very personable veteran coach believes in the winning combination of "swimming hard and having fun." With more than 200 kids now in the swimming program, he knows each of their names, and is, according to Marcy Franklin, mother of young swimmers Michael and Jennifer, "a terrific guy."**

**Ted and his wife Lynn have two sons Jake, 14, and Teddy, 12, and a 35-year-old daughter Dawn, who is married to the Stanford Water Polo coach. Before his 30 years coaching Harbor View kids, Ted spent 11 years with the Newport Shore Swim Team, a similar community swimming association. Now a Harbor View resident, Ted has been a professor of biology at Orange Coast College for 36 years. "The people in this community have been wonderful," Ted says.**



**As Harbor View has grown over the past three decades, the community swimming program has more than quadrupled in number of participating kids. During the summer season, from May 1st to August 10th, the swimming unifies the community – or at least it brings the community together, as Ted's Dolphins have a healthy rivalry with fellow Harbor View swimmers, the Killer Whales. Ted is grateful for the high level of parent involvement. "To run one swim meet," Ted explains, "it takes 100 parent [volunteers]."**

**When Ted's swimmers are old enough, they can join the Corona del Mar Junior Water Polo club. The 120 swimmers currently enrolled usually make their way to the Corona del Mar High School water polo team, where Ted estimates that 60% of those on the team were coached by him when they were younger, like Amy Zucker, a Corona del Mar senior who is now an assistant coach for Ted.**

**Another former swimmer of Ted's includes Aaron Peirsol, now an Olympic swimmer, who holds the world record for the 100 and 200 meter backstroke. Stephanie Gabert, who started swimming for Ted when she was five, went to last year's Olympic trials and this year as well. Jeff Thomason, who won a Superbowl ring with the Philadelphia Eagles football team, also swam with Ted.**

**With 30 years of Harbor View kids having grown up in a swimming pool under the warm and friendly guidance of Ted, his legacy is widespread and he is a worthy Harbor View Star.**