

## RSD Senior Poem 2010-2011

### **Girls**

My first year as Head Coach is over and done –  
And I can honestly say that I had tons of fun.  
I came into the season about half-way,  
I should thank you all for not running away.  
We obviously had our ups and our downs –  
But here at the end, I don't see many frowns.  
Even though it was stressful, and I had to learn on the go  
The swimmers and parents helped to make it all flow

So here we go, we'll start with the girls –  
Started strong, but there were lots of twirls.  
2<sup>nd</sup> at Districts, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state,  
I'd say we got it together – even though it was late.  
Obviously its disappointing – to go from first to third,  
But you should still be proud, for back to back is almost unheard.  
Just remember – you won me my first High School trophy  
So Senior girls, I would like to tell you why each of you is noteworthy -

Julia Joyce, you dove really well  
And from what I have seen, you are pretty swell.  
You have helped the young divers develop, and provided moral support,  
I wish you the best of luck in the future; don't sell yourself short.

Megan Smith has been quiet and sweet  
But in the 500 Free, she's among the elite.  
She's always ready for practice, and her dedication is like magic  
But the best part about her – she pokes fun at Ben Zajic.

Courtney Orvig, we will all miss your British voice,  
But when it came to Districts, skipping was your choice  
Your biggest strength was your 100 Fly stamina,  
Oh and just to reiterate, I can't believe you left us for Canada!

Karen Kaufman - As a first year diver, you really did great  
Even though there were plenty of times that you smacked your face.  
Your willingness to learn and work ethic speaks loud  
That was evident to every spectator in the crowd.

Kelly Gawne is diverse and was willing to swim where needed,  
She never complained, or whined, or came to me and pleaded.  
Her team spirit will be missed, she could carry the show  
Notre Dame is lucky – since they'll be getting her to row.

A leader and motivator is what I would tell  
Anyone who asked me to describe Laura Gartrell.  
She's one of the best in the country, her dives steal your breath,  
But most importantly – her team loves her to death.

Oh Tess Miller, you have such a big heart.  
And you kept your promise of never missing another start.  
Your work ethic is solid, and you have a great personality,  
And hey, I'll probably see you soon at another movie.

Julia Green and Alison Ruckstuhl - you deserve a stanza together,  
Seeing as the two of you have experienced many adventures.  
Julia is reliable, a hard worker, and sweet as can be,  
Without her, I really don't know where we'd be.  
Alison is outgoing, caring, and will always make you smile,  
But if you cross her, you may want to consider a 911 dial.  
I know these two well, because in my classroom they camp,  
By the way, thanks for stealing that light out of my lamp.

Tori Baker, Tori Baker, you are up and down.  
One day it's all smiles, the next only a frown.  
That being said, you deserve an award,  
And not just because you were the first to welcome me aboard.  
From assisting me with meet sheets, to team communication  
I really owe you a standing ovation  
You have shown leadership qualities, of that I am sure  
To fill the hole you will leave is no easy cure.

## **BOYS**

And now we move on to the legendary 2010-2011 boys,  
Let's just say that this year, they have made some noise.  
From butt slapping in the locker rooms with soap and what not,  
To finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the state, and that says a lot.  
Now Senior boys, I will be much harder on some of you –  
Sometimes you made me feel that I bit off more than I could chew.  
You guys awesome, but I will commit a huge gaffe  
Because I absolutely demand to have the last laugh.

Trucker Hats and pick-up trucks are Kyle Bumiller's favorite things,  
Or maybe impersonating Marty Riddle on my answering machine.  
He's a real big goof, and horrible at water-polo,  
But when push comes to shove, he really gets his team to go.

Kendrick Bailey is one crazy dude  
And apparently he's awesome at cooking some food.  
He has plenty of stories that would make anyone laugh  
Everyone will miss you, especially this coaching staff.

Matt Osiecki, it has been quite the season,  
I won't explain, for there are many reasons.  
You are one of the best, and have shown leadership skill,  
Sometimes you've carried this team up the hill.  
All I can say as you continue down the line,  
Is that you will never defeat me. Nowhere, no time.

Lucas Coplton and his shenanigans can certainly get old,  
But at the end of the day, he's got a heart of gold.  
He motivates his teammates, and is willing to go the extra mile,  
Even when you pick on him, he has a big old smile.  
To be honest, I'll miss him, his crazy antics and all,  
But I know down at Radford, he will have a ball.

Watching this kid swim could drive a coach insane,  
He really just toys with kids as he races next to their lane.  
He'll start off slow to make his opponents feel legit,  
But by the end of a race with him, most will just quit.  
He's full of heart, even though he keeps it inside –  
At States he took an ice bath, and started to cry.  
This kid will be going places – I have a hunch,  
Florida's lucky to have him – that is Ricky Munch.

Ben Zajic's a good kid, of that I am sure –  
Although some of his comments are pretty immature.  
What was that one at Districts that day?  
Oh yeah, you wanted something for winning the relay.  
You are one of my favorites, even though you cause me strife,  
I love watching you and Bott bicker like man and wife.  
Seriously though, thank you for all of the help this year –  
You are a great teammate – that is 100% clear.

RSD Family, thank you for welcoming us in –  
When I think about this season, I get a big fat grin.  
I will be back next year – on that you can count,  
I give you my word, I will not bounce.  
We will probably struggle – as we are losing a lot,  
But I have faith after seeing how hard we all fought.  
The fact of the matter – for both the women and men,  
Is that you all are way better than Chantilly and Oakton.

-Coach Phil Caslavka