



2010 Head Coaches



Brenda Smart

**How many years have you been swimming?
And Where?**

I swam for about 8 years. 1 year AAU for the Newark Sharks, 2 years at Newark High School, 4 years at Cal State University Hayward, and 1 year at Chabot Aquatics Masters.

How many years did you compete? Do you still compete?

I competed for about 8 years and unfortunately I do not have time to train or compete these days, because I am too busy coaching and being a mom. ☺

What were your favorite events?

The 50 free, 100 free, 50 fly, 100 breast, and 100 IM.

How many years have you been coaching and/or teaching swimming?

I have been teaching and or coaching swimming for 31 years. I have coached the past 5 years at Franklin High School and am currently in my first season with Laguna Creek High School. This is my 4th year with the Piranhas.

What is your favorite quote?

I have many....let's see....Dream it! Believe it! Achieve it!, Anything is possible if you try! Pain is temporary, Pride is forever, are just a couple.

What is your favorite activity outside of swimming?

Spending time with my family, watching my kids play their other sports, scrapbooking.

Do you have another job? Family?

I work at Elitha Donner Elementary and have been married to my husband Mike for almost 17 years, have a son Zachary, 14 and a daughter Emily, 12.

What is your favorite food, music, color?

My favorite foods are Mexican, ice cream, and of course coffee (I count it as a food group). I like all kinds of music, especially 80's and my favorite colors are pink and other bright colors like yellow, aqua, royal blue, lime green, etc...

What is your favorite swim memory?

I have several that stand out:

- Going to Nationals in Florida my sophomore year in college. It was my first Nationals, my first plane ride, my first time to Florida and my first time as a NCAA Division II All-American.
- The first time I shaved my arms for high school sections, I forgot to breathe the first 25 of my 100 free. The feeling was incredible.
- Watching my daughter receive high point when she was 8 years old and watching my swimmers achieve their goals. Their excitement is priceless.

What was the best advice a swim coach ever gave you?

Yes, you can swim in college and with hard work and team work we will all be more successful.

Tell us something we might not know about you?

I played soccer, ran cross-country, and played softball in high school.