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Awards and Member At Large Report

Awards

The Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award was presented to Ed Tsuzuki, New Jersey LMSC, at USMS Spring Nationals in Indianapolis. According to the award coordinators (Sally Dillon and Nadine Day), there were six outstanding nominees this year and the voters were challenged to select just one honoree from the nominee list that in addition to Ed included Ralph Davis, Mark Moore, Ed Saltzman, Skip Thompson and Sarah Welch. In an email sent to those who submitted nominations, they indicated "every single nominee has contributed significantly to the success of USMS and is deserving of the award".

In pulling together the required elements of the nomination (attached below), it is clear we did indeed submit a strong nominee and shall try again next year.

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SPMS Club Swimmer of the Month Award Recipients for March 2018:

May 2018		
Doug Kajiawara	Southern California Aquatic Masters	workout ethics, great results and team support
Thomas Heydorff (Gus)	Aquatic Training Center Masters	Focused training to reach goals
April 2018		
Spencer Allen	Silver Peak Performance	-3 sec.100 Free & Dedication in practice

The SPMS Club Swimmer of the Month Award is a free and simple way to recognize your swimmers for any achievement, including accomplishments in competition or in practice. Examples include a swimmer who attended the most workouts that month, swam butterfly or dove off the blocks for first time, learned a flip turn, perfected his or her breathing, swam the greatest distance that month, swam a first open water swim of any form, swam in first swim meet, broke a personal best time that was difficult to accomplish, exhibited outstanding team spirit in some special way, etc. Any SPMS coach can nominate their SPMS members. Click here for award criteria and past recipients.

Member at Large

Meets

I attended the Southwest Zone Championships in Mission Viejo April 27 – 29. The renovated facility is beautiful, the pool remains fast, and the feedback from attendees was entirely positive.

I also attended USMS Spring Nationals in Indianapolis May 10 – 13. This was the largest Spring nationals to date, and the 6th event was dropped to keep the meet timeline reasonable. SPMS teams did very well in the meet. The following information was manually extracted from SwimPhone. Apologies to anyone I missed.

Combined team scores:

| Abbr | Name | Swimmers | Entries | | | Points | | | | Place |
			Ind	Relay	Total	Ind	Relay	Total	%	
ROSE	Rose Bowl Masters	22	95	12	107	253.5	34	287.5	1.00	22
VCM	Ventura County Masters	9	44	2	46	212	22	234	0.81	25
LVM	Las Vegas Masters	10	49	5	54	186	36	222	0.77	29
GRA	Golden Road Aquatics	15	64	7	71	217	0	217	0.76	30
WH2O	West Hollywood Aquatics	10	48	3	51	160	0	160	0.56	39
LAPS	Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers	8	36	4	40	130.5	12	142.5	0.50	42
MVN	Mission Viejo Masters	6	25	2	27	132	0	132	0.46	46
CVMM	Conejo Valley Masters	5	20	0	20	85	0	85	0.30	60
NOVA	Novaquatics Masters	1	5	0	5	40	0	40	0.14	98
UCLA	UCLA Bruin Masters	1	5	0	5	40	0	40	0.14	98
GOLD	Gold Coast Masters	2	7	0	7	29.5	0	29.5	0.10	121
SPP	Silver Peak Performance	4	18	0	18	26	0	26	0.09	130
SBM	Santa Barbara Masters	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0.00	212

National Champions from SPMS include:

Kurt Dickson (2)
Billy Gaines (1)
Tracy Granger (3)
Bonnie Spivey (1)
Dan Wegner (2)
Katarzyna Wilk (4, also broke USMS records)
Beverly Montrella (2)
Carlo Travaini (4, also broke USMS records)
Andrew Appleby (3)
Steve West (3)
Ellen Shockro (1)
Dan Stephenson (2)
Karen Younkins (1)
Tito Morales (1)
Hubie Kerns (1)
Larry Raffaelli (1)
Mike Shaffer (1)

Feedback

The only feedback I received is related to the USMS website redesign. People are frustrated by the difficulty in finding any information related to competition, and also how the site renders on mobile phones, especially the individual results section in which overlapping text makes certain information illegible.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Cleavenger