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Awards and Member At Large Reports

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Member At Large

Meets:

USMS Spring Nationals at Irvine, hosted by Nova's, went off successfully and feedback was excellent.

Awards

SPMS Awards:

CLUB SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH

Swimmer	Club	Reason
May 2023		

Reminder to all coaches that this is a good way to publicly recognize your team members for their achievements, dedication, fantastic attitude – any reason you want to celebrate them.

Any SPMS coach can nominate their SPMS members. The nomination form is located on SPMasterSwim.org under the awards tab or [here](#).

USMS Awards:

Nominations for the following USMS awards are due by July 1:

USMS Award	Description	Responsible for submitting nomination
Coach of The Year	Presented to a USMS registered coach who demonstrates excellence in five areas: club and individual accomplishments, publications, contributions to USMS	Coaches Chair

	Swimming and the LMSC, letters of support, and long-term contributions to Masters Swimming.	
Dorothy Donnelly Service Award	Presented to USMS registered individuals whose volunteer service has contributed to the growth, improvement, or success of USMS locally, regionally, and/or nationally.	Member at Large, any SPMS member
Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award	Presented to USMS coaches who embody the passion, dedication, and heart that exceptional coaches like Kerry O'Brien bring to the pool deck.	Any SPMS member
Club of The Year	Successful USMS clubs develop programs that draw people in, support their swimmers, and set standards for other clubs to follow. Initiated in 2006, this annual award recognizes the efforts of the great clubs that embody these attributes.	Clubs may nominate themselves
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award	The award recognizes individuals or clubs that create a diverse and inclusive environment in USMS, thereby making everyone feel empowered to bring their full, authentic, unique selves to the sport.	Member at Large, any SPMS member
Fitness Award	Presented to USMS registered individuals and organizations demonstrating outstanding contribution to fitness activities within USMS. Fitness Award nominee is someone who by their example both passively and actively encourages others to seek fitness through swimming as a lifestyle (competition is not required). The individual provides encouragement through social interaction in and out of the water to keep people involved in a fitness lifestyle within their swimming community.	Any SPMS member
June Krauser Communications Award	Presented annually to a USMS-registered individual or group, whose work in communications has contributed to the growth, improvement, or success of U.S. Masters Swimming locally, regionally, or nationally.	Member at Large, any SPMS member
Long Distance National Championship Award	Presented annually to a USMS registered individual or group who has made significant contributions to the success and promotion of USMS Long Distance National Championship events. These events include the Virtual Championship and Open Water events.	Member at Large
National Championship Meets Award	Presented to someone who makes significant contributions to USMS National Championship meets. The award recognizes efforts to assist USMS and meet hosts in providing excellent competitive conditions for championship racing or otherwise contributing to the success of USMS National Championships or national championship-level competitions (including international meets) held in the U.S.	Executive Committee
Officials Excellence Award	Presented to a Certified Official in recognition of outstanding and significant contributions to U.S. Masters	

	Swimming at the international, national, zone, and/or local level, including pool and open water competitions.	
Open Water Service Award	Presented to individuals who have made significant service contributions to promoting and building excellence in USMS open water swimming in the following ways: Embodies the USMS mission, vision, goals, and objectives through open water swimming service; contributes to open water notably in several roles (i.e., USMS Open Water/Long Distance national committees, LMSC open water/long distance chair, event and/or safety director, official, coach, clinician, and/or volunteer); contributes to open water notably at different levels of USMS (i.e. national, zone, LMSC, and/or local); or demonstrates extraordinary measurable service achievement and impact.	Open Water Chair, any SPMS member

Respectfully submitted by Becky Cleavenger, Member at Large and Awards Chair