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Awards and Member At Large Reports

Awards

SPMS Awards:

Club Swimmers of the Month:

June/July 2019

Indiana Hurley Competitive Tri-Swim Masters Great persistence in learning to swim.

Any SPMS coach can nominate their SPMS members. The nomination form is located here:

<https://www.spmasterswim.org/club-swimmer-of-the-month-award-nomination>

USMS Awards:

Nominations for the USMS Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award and Dorothy Donnelley Service Award were submitted prior to the July 1 deadline.

Member at Large

Meets:

I attended the Semana Nautica One Mile open water swim, the Santa Barbara LCM meet, the UCLA LCM meet, and the Patrick Moore Memorial Relay meet. All were well-organized, and people seemed to enjoy each event.

USMS Summer Nationals:

The preponderance of feedback was positive:

- Beautiful facility
- Pop-ups at the far end of the pool for the 50 and relay starts were appreciated
- The area was kept clean, the trash was emptied frequently, restrooms stocked and mopped throughout the day

Feedback and recommendations received:

- I heard from multiple (at least 5) people on local teams that they don't understand how San Diego Masters is considered a local rather than a regional team
- The pool was warm, especially for the 1500. Would be nice to cool it down for the 1500 at the very least

- More water stations around pool and more trash cans would have been nice
- The showers and toilets were very crowded at times; more of both would be a plus. The changing pop-ups were hot and humid and could have benefitted from fans
- DQd swimmers sometimes didn't know the reason for the DQd
- The 5-day format was long
- A few people mentioned they would have liked to swim 200s with their age group, but understood the need to keep the meet moving
- There were a lot of empty lanes the last day. A recommendation was made that all events on the final day not be pre-seeded (ie, positive check-in made available only that morning)

Other:

Please submit any questions for the *Aqua Talk – Burning Questions* newsletter column to MemberAtLarge@SPMasterSwim.org.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Cleavenger