

**9 May 2019**

## **Awards and Member At Large Reports**

### **Awards**

#### **SPMS Awards:**

Club Swimmers of the Month:

May 2019

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Paula Dooley	San Luis Obispo Masters	Team leader and great swims at SPMS Regional Championships
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*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 following USMS awards are due July 1, 2019:

- USMS Dorothy Donnelley Service Award
  - The award is presented annually to USMS registered individuals whose volunteer service has contributed to the growth, improvement, or success of U.S. Masters Swimming locally, regionally, and/or nationally. Dot Donnelly was a member of USMS at its inception. She tirelessly served as coach, meet director, and ambassador for our organization, and served as our elected Secretary, maintaining the national office from her home for many years. Individuals are selected based on their accomplishments that meet the USMS goals and objectives. A one page nomination letter should include type of service, length of time, and where service was performed, and how the activities contributed to or impacted the club, LMSC, or USMS.
- Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award
  - The U.S. Masters Swimming Coaches Committee initiated a new award in 2008 with the goal of recognizing USMS coaches who are building our membership in communities throughout our country. Originally named the Grassroots Coaching Award, it has been renamed to honor Coach Kerry O'Brien of Walnut Creek Masters, who embodies the passion, dedication, and heart that these coaches bring to the pool deck. It is with the efforts of individuals like these that U.S. Masters Swimming will most certainly move to a greater level.
- USMS 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.
- USMS June Krauser Communications Award

- The June Krauser Communications Award is 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.
- USMS Fitness Award
  - The USMS Fitness Education Committee annually presents the USMS Fitness Award to USMS-registered individuals and organizations demonstrating outstanding contribution to fitness activities within USMS.
- U.S. Masters Swimming Long Distance National Championship Award
  - The Long Distance National Championship Award is 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 five e-Postals and six Open Water events.
- U.S. Masters Swimming National Championship Meets Award
  - Presented by the Raleigh Area Masters Swim Team in cooperation with the USMS Championship Committee. This annual award is 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.
- U.S. Masters Swimming Open Water Service Award
  - Established in 2013, the U.S. Masters Swimming Open Water Service Award honors 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.
- U.S. Masters Swimming Officials Excellence Award
  - This annual award is given 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. The recipient does not require membership in U.S. Masters Swimming. An individual may receive this award only once. The recipient may be a currently active official or one who has retired from officiating or is deceased.
- USMS Coach of the Year
  - As repeat winners are not permitted, we cannot nominate our 2018 SPMS coach of the year winner who won the USMS award in 2009. Jeff Taylor is working on a nomination for this award.

## **Member at Large**

### **Meets:**

Feedback:

SPMS regional championships meet, hosted by San Luis Obispo Masters

- This was a fun meet in a fast pool and a really nice destination location
- The meet was spaced out nicely to allow swimmers sufficient rest between events by employing:
  - Fewer competition lanes
  - Frequent 5- to 10-minute breaksThese should be considered best practices for future meets
- The warm-up/warm-down lanes were plentiful
- The weather cooperated until the afternoon of day 3, when heavy rain started. The officials, timers, and swimmers persevered

### **Other:**

The second Aqua Talk – Burning Questions newsletter topic was submitted for inclusion in the July/August 2019 newsletter. The topic is: What is involved in getting a meet posted to the public and accepting entries? And the response was written by Kenny Brisbin.

Please submit any questions to [MemberAtLarge@SPMasterSwim.org](mailto:MemberAtLarge@SPMasterSwim.org)

Respectfully submitted by Becky Cleavenger