

Coaches Chair Report - September 21, 2022 submitted by Charles McPeak

**2022 USMS National Coaches Clinic**

An event and another level of training and learning for USMS coaches.

Date Oct. 7-9, 2022 Registration is available until enrollment reaches 125 or 11:59 p.m. Pacific on Wednesday, October 5, 2022

The speakers will be. Dr. Genadijus Sokolovas, Cyndi Gallagher, Ambrose "Rowdy" Gaines, Dean Hutchinson. We encourage every coach from SPMS to attend.

This past month we sent out a \$500 NCC scholarship application. 13 people applied for the \$500 NCC scholarship and 10 were awarded. 2 of the 10 scholarship recipients were awarded the scholarship with the caveat that they get the USMS level one certification done before the start of NCC. I will be following up with them this coming week to see if they've completed level one certification.

Both coaches have a lot of experience on deck and expressed willing to do so. 2 of the 13 people that filled out applications respectfully declined the scholarship because their team, Long Beach Grunions, offered a team scholarship instead. Class act, Long Beach, great job!

One coach, because of scheduling, had to refund the scholarship and will not be attending so we will be sending a total of nine coaches on scholarship. Those scholarship recipients are Teresa Frias, Nancy Reno, Richard Mignault, Arlette Godges, Alec Raley, Diego Pombo, Yvonne La Riva Hall, and Charles McPeak.

**COY Award:** This past month I was awarded 2021 SPMS coach of the year. I wanted to say thank you for the panel that elected me. I'm sure it was a very tough decision based on the list of nominees and how high they set the bar, their example is inspiring. I'm humbled to be chosen from that list. I want to say thank you to the fellow coaches in SPMS. I am a fan of all of you.

I also want to say thank you to my fellow coaches on SPP and my entire team. The highest quality of people I've ever been around and their example is why I work so hard at being the best coach I can be. A couple more shout outs: to Bill Brenner and Kenny Brisbin...thank you for your friendship and tutelage. I'm a better person and coach for knowing you. A special thank you to Kris McPeak: my rock, my life, my happiness. Without you in my life nothing is possible.

Thank you all - see you at the pool!

*Coach Charles*

