



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Our very own Sam Brabeck is awarded the standout swimmer recognition for this first newsletter! Sam is a well-known name in the NES organization due to her extensive involvement in athlete-governance. She is a swimmer on SOLO Aquatics and currently finishing the year as our Junior Athlete Representative. This means that she represents all of her fellow swimmers from New England on a regional and national level when it comes to governing the sport. In addition to this, Sam also heads the Athlete's Executive Committee and is on the NES Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and subsequent Athlete Sub-Committee. Through all of these organizations, Sam works to give back to athletes and the community, whether it be athlete hospitality at meets, starts and turns clinics, equipment drives, water safety days and more! Chances are, if you've gone to a NES event in the past couple months, she has played a role in putting it on! Keep up the good work, Sam; congratulations!

MORE INFO about Athlete of the month

The New England Swimming Athlete Newsletter will be dedicating space in every edition to acknowledge and congratulate a member of NES who is doing remarkable things in or out of the pool. These accomplishments could include academic and athletic achievement, entrepreneurship, community service, talents and more! Candidates can be current or former swimmers, officials, coaches or anyone else who is a part of the New England Swimming Community! Going forward, we will ask members of the community to nominate each other (likely via an Instagram poll on the @neswim Instagram or a google form), and winners will be selected monthly. Good luck to all!



RECORD BREAKER!



The Phoenix relay team of Michaela Chokureva, Alexis Martino, Shea Furse, and Malia Amuan broke the 15-18 Women's 400 Freestyle relay NE Record at their recent Futures Championship in West Fargo, ND. Their time of 3:52.21 broke the previous record (set in 1993 by BGSC) by almost a full second! Congratulations ladies!

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WRAP-UP

In July, New England Swimming was finally able to return to championship meets, and it was amazing to see all of our athletes racing against one another again. Over the course of four weekends, athletes across the LSC raced at 13-14 Champs, 11-12 Champs, 15&Over Champs, and the 10 & Under Challenge. A very special thank you to Phoenix Swimming, Seacoast Swimming and Greenwood Swimming for hosting these outstanding championship meets! It was wonderful to see smiles on everyone's faces as well as having the opportunity to witness some very fast swims!



United Swim Club

Congratulations to Gator Swim Club for winning the 10&U Challenge and to Bluefish for winning the 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 Championships!

Special shoutout to all of the swimmers who won individual highpoint awards in their respective age groups. Congrats to Sam Noble (SSYS) and Joey Eaddy (GSC) for winning the 10&U High Point, Ayelet Nishikawa-Geitheim (ABF) and Avery Cover (AA) for winning the 11-12 High Point, Sophie Phelps (NANT), Skylar Knowlton (PHX) and Alex Parent (ABF) for winning the 13-14 High Point, and Aislin Farris (ABF) and Jack Januario (ESC) for winning the 15&O High Point!



Bluefish Swim Club

Lastly we would like to thank all of the people that made these meets possible. A big thank you to Greenwood Swimming, Don Lemeaux, Dan Warner and Meet Referee Patrick Hunter for all of their work at 10 & Unders. Thank you to Seacoast Swimming, specifically Margaret and Bill Reeves, Bill Bond, and Jess Workman, for your dedication at 11-12 championships at Jenny Thompson. Extending a special thank you to Phoenix Swimming, Greg Govern, Matt Williams, Meet Referee Matt Soska and Admin Referee Patrick Johnstone for running two successful championship meets at the Raco Pool.



JUNIOR WORLDS TEAM

Congratulations to Chuck Batchelor (ABF), who was named Head Coach of USA Swimming's National Junior Team International Competition Team for the 2021 FINA World Cups. He will be accompanied by Caleb Maldari (ABF) and Josh Parent (ABF), who have both been selected to represent Team USA! We look forward to cheering them on during the FINA World Cups in Berlin, Germany, and Budapest, Hungary from September 28 to October 10, 2021.

At 15-18 championships this year, NES had the privilege of honoring seniors who recently graduated this past spring. Their participation and influence in the NES community overall has offered considerable motivation to younger swimmers and future athletes who look up to older figures.



Gator Swim Club @ the Senior Ceremony

We wish all graduates this year the best of luck in their future endeavors both in and out of the pool. Special thanks to Carol Healey, Morial Tyrrell, Meg Feran and Ellie Soska for creating such a special and memorable event for our athletes!



United Swim Club @ the Senior Ceremony

PINA SIBLINGS @ THE OLYMPIC GAMES



The Athletes Executive Committee would like to extend the biggest congratulations to athletes Jayla and Troy Pina (BGSC) for representing Cape Verde at the Tokyo Olympic Games this summer! The Pina siblings represented Cape Verde on its first Olympic swim team. On her birthday, Jayla was given the honor to serve as one of Cape Verde's flag bearers in the opening ceremonies. At the Games, Jayla competed in the 100 Breaststroke while Troy competed in the 50 Freestyle. Congratulations; New England Swimming is so proud of you!

OLYMPIC TRIALS 2021

This past June, New England Swimming sent many athletes to both Wave I and Wave II of the 2021 USA Swimming Olympic Trials, held in Omaha, Nebraska. We are so proud of all our athletes that represented their club teams and NE Swimming on the national stage. Special shoutout to Bluefish Swim Club, Solo Aquatics, Gator Swim Club, United Swim Club, Crimson Aquatics, Commonwealth Swimming, Purple Valley Aquatics, Cape Cod Swim Club, YNS Sharks, Phoenix Swimming, North Shore Swim Club, and Greenwood Swimming for their work in getting athletes to this meet. Congratulations to Isabella Korbly (USC), Eliza Brown (CS), Summer Smith (ABF), Sam Folger (GS), Aislin Farris (ABF), and Caleb Maldari (ABF) for earning a second swim in their respective events.



WATER SAFETY DAYS



This year, New England has seen a sharp increase in the number of drownings in our community. New England Swimming partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which runs pools, waterfronts, and parklands throughout Massachusetts in order to put on five successful water safety days at various locations. Underprivileged children with little to no swimming experience were able to significantly improve their comfort in the water in a safe, enjoyable environment. Athlete volunteers played a huge role in the success of these days and New England Swimming thanks these athletes for their time, commitment, and leadership in our community. Members of NES also donated some of their own equipment, including caps, goggles, and swim suits. Children and their families walked away with new or lightly used swimming gear and expressed their appreciation for these generous donations. This experience was invaluable for the children, many of whom went from not wanting to get in the water to not wanting to get out! Thank you to all our volunteers for taking action and making a difference this summer.



ZONES 2021!

New England Swimming led itself to a successful 2021 Eastern Zone Long Course Championship, held August 3rd to August 7th in Richmond, VA. With a different selection process than in previous years, NES managed to compose a strong, competitive, and hard-working group of athletes to represent our LSC. Consisting of 28 athletes from a variety of clubs throughout New England, the team placed 5th overall out of 11 teams with a total combined score of 483 points.

Of many impressive swims, Charles River Aquatics' very own David Sapozhnikov's 200m Butterfly stands out. David shattered a 13/14 ZONE record by stopping the clock at 2:07.98, shaving almost two whole seconds off the original standing record of 2:09.68.



Congratulations to David, Charles River Aquatics, and all the Zone team swimmers from all of us here at NES!

MORE FUN FROM WATER SAFETY DAYS...



COLLEGE PANEL DISCUSSION

On July 18th, the New England Swimming Mental Health Working Group hosted a College Swimming Recruitment Discussion with three active college coaches. For 90 minutes, the Athlete Reps chatted with coaches Nicole Carter (Brandeis), Jack Leavitt (Georgetown), and Jen Strasburger (Boston University) on Zoom about college swimming, the recruitment process, and the effect of Covid-19. We had a total of 95 participants, and the panel was so well received we will be making it a series. Keep your eye out via email and social media for upcoming events. If you missed the event and would like to listen to the recording, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/dxsetfr7>



Coach Jack Leavitt, Georgetown University



Coach Nicole Carter, Brandeis University



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GOT NEWS?

If you have any news within the New England Swimming community that you believe would be a good addition to our next athlete newsletter, please email neathlete reps@gmail.com!



THANK YOU for reading! Stay tuned for future issues