



THE SANDPIPER SKINNY

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Sandpipers End 2017 on a High Note *Over 240 Teammates Compete in Two Hosted Meets*

The first weekend of December was a busy one for a majority of the Sandpipers. We successfully hosted two meets in one weekend! The third edition of the *Las Vegas Super Finals Invite* ran Nov. 30 thru Dec. 3. Meanwhile, the *Rock the Block Winter Championship* was competed between sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

The *Super Finals Invite* featured 11 teams from California, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah and saw a ton of fast swimming in all age groups.

Overall, the Sandpipers came out on top of the team competition. There were also three team records broken. **Katie Grimes** broke her own 11-12 Girl's records in the 200 Backstroke and 1000 Freestyle. The 11-12 Boys 800 Free Relay record was smashed by the team of **Nathan Truong, Shivansh Singhal, Jesse Malmquist & Luke Ellis**.

The *Super Final's* unique format and fun atmosphere helped turn it into



a well known meet in the Swimming World. There is already a waiting list of teams for the 2018 meet!

142 Sandpiper Teammates competed at the *RTB Winter Championship*. Many swimmers achieved Personal bests and swam in different events for the first time. Some even competed in their first career two day meet.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who made it possible to host two meets in one weekend. It is impossible to do this without your hard work and dedication.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Short Course Intrasquad Meet**
Jan. 28 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by Sandpipers
- **Team Banquet**
Feb. 3 / Santa Fe Hotel & Casino
- **Desert Champs**
Feb. 16-18 / Heritage Park
Hosted by BCH
- **Arizona Senior Champs**
Mar. 1-4 / Mesa, AZ
Hosted by Mesa Aquatic Club
- **SCS 14&U JOs**
Mar. 16-18 / Pasadena, CA
Hosted by Rose Bowl
- **Open Water Carnival**
April 14 / Fort Meyers, FL
- **Long Course Intrasquad**
April 15 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by Sandpipers
- **Cinco de Mayo**
May 4-6 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by Sandpipers
- **JAG LCQ**
June 9-10 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by LVSC
- **JAG**
June 14-17 / TBA
Hosted by TBA
- **Firecracker Invite**
July 6-8 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by Sandpipers
- **SCS Summer JOs**
July 25-29 / TBA
Hosted by TBA
- **CCS Summer JOs**
July 26-28 / Clovis, CA
Hosted by Clovis Swim Club

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SANDPIPERS EARN GOLD MEDAL FOR 2018

Team Ranked 4th in United States

The Sandpipers of Nevada has been recognized as a **Gold Medal Club** for the 3rd straight year by USA Swimming's Club Excellence program. The program identifies clubs that execute strong, well-rounded programs to produce elite 18-and-under athletes. The top 20 clubs earn the Gold level ranking. The Sandpipers finished 4th in the rankings this year, a one spot improvement from last year. We were also the highest ranked team in the Southern California LSC.

This honor is attributed to the incredible dedication of our athletes, coaching staff and volunteers. We are proud of what we have accomplished. Let's continue this success and strive to be a Gold Medal Club every year.

VICTORY AT KMSC PRO-AM CLASSIC

Sandpipers Bring Home Team Titles in Men's, Women's and Combined Scoring

In the final meet of the season, the Sandpipers sent 35 athletes to Lewisville, Texas to compete in one of the most well-regarded meets in the country, the *King Marlin Swim Club Pro-Am Classic*. By the end of the meet, the team ran away with the scoring titles and picked up several individual accolades along the way. **Erica Sullivan** and **Brennan Gravley** won the *Bill Rose Distance High Point* award for scoring the most points as an amateur in the long races.

Other highlights saw the team take down 6 Team Records and win relay titles in the 400 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay and the 800 Free Relay, for both men and women. Numerous best times, new qualifying standards were achieved along the way. **Reese Hazan** broke her own 15-16 Girl's and the Senior 100 Backstroke record. **Erica Sullivan** continued to rewrite the female Freestyle records, this time nabbing the 17-18 and Senior Women's 1000 Freestyle. The team of **Hazan, Emma Breslin, Chloe Freeman and Victoria Gutierrez** combined to smash both the 15-16 and Senior Women's 400 Medley Relay record in their first-place effort.



WE NEED OFFICIALS!

Swim meets cannot be run without officials! Whether you are new to the sport or a veteran, officiating is an excellent way to get involved in swimming, learn more about the sport, and help the Sandpipers. Becoming an official is easy to do and it gives you the opportunity to have the best seat in the house at every meet!

Officiating counts as volunteer hours and has Sandpiper membership account benefits.

For more information, please contact Coach Ron (usaswimcoach@gmail.com)

For up-to-date information, events, etc., visit the team website at www.sandpipersofnevada.com

2017 STATE MEETS HEADS NORTH

Finals Heats Filled with Sandpiper Teammates

The annual *Nevada State Swim Meet* was held in Carson City this past November. One Hundred Thirty-Seven Sandpiper teammates made the trip to compete against teams throughout the state. Although team scores are not officially kept, the Sandpipers were clearly the dominate team at the meet. There were rarely final heats without a Sandpiper teammate. Twenty-six athletes finished in the Top-8 of their age group's high point standings. Special shout out to **Van Hoffmann** (10-U), **Katie Grimes** (11-12), and **Paige Kuwata** (13-14) for winning High Point in their age group.

Aside from the in-water performances, travel trips like this one always bring out a great team atmosphere. As a team, especially in finals, Sandpipers were loud and in to all of our swims, regardless of which group each swimmer trains in. As a coaching staff, nothing makes us happier than to see genuine team camaraderie.

SANDPIPERS PRESENCE FELT AT WINTER NATIONALS

Erica Sullivan & Cody Miller Medal in Columbus

The *2017 Winter Nationals* took place November 29 - December 2 at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Though we only had two athletes representing the Sandpipers of Nevada, they made quite the impact against some of the best swimmers in the United States.

Erica Sullivan, one of the few non-collegiate athletes competing, picked up 2nd in the 1650 Freestyle and 3rd in the 500. Both swims were 17-18 & Open Team records. She also added an 11th place finish in the 200 Free, the 17-18 Sandpiper team record.

Olympic Gold medalist **Cody Miller** put on a Sandpiper cap for the first time in a few years and won two medals in his two events. Cody claimed the national title in the 200 Breaststroke, swimming the 3rd fastest time in history in the event. He also took 2nd in the Men's 100 Breaststroke. Both times broke the South California Open Records, along with the Sandpiper Team Record.



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112 TEAM RECORDS BROKEN IN 2017

Fall Short Course Season Sees 29 Records Fall

DSS September Invite

Katie Grimes: 11-12 1000 Free-10:54.23

Pumpkin Invitational

Katie Grimes: 11-12 1000 Free-10:51.56, 1650 Free-17:55.40, 200 Back-2:10.19

Luke Ellis: 10-U 100 Back-1:06.14

Las Vegas Super Finals

Katie Grimes: 11-12 1000 Free-10:36.20, 200 Back-2:09.95

Boy's 11-12 800 Free Relay: N. Truong, S. Singhal, J. Malmquist, L. Ellis – 8:33.51

Winter National Championships

Erica Sullivan: 17-18 200 Free-1:47.67, 17-18 & Senior 500 Free-4:38.13, 1650 Free-15:40.42

Cody Miller: Senior 100 Breast-50.98 ***SCS RECORD***, 200 Breast-1:49.31 ***SCS RECORD***

Speedo Junior Nationals – West

Reese Hazan: 15-16 400 IM-4:14.50

Brennan Gravley: 17-18 & Senior 1650 Free-15:06.41

David Miller: 17-18 & Senior 100 Fly-49.95

Boy's 17-18 200 Medley Relay: N. Becker, A. Mohamed, D. Miller, D. Sweikert – 1:35.31

Women's Senior 200 Medley Relay: R. Hazan, G. Siebmann, C. Freeman, A. Emery – 1:44.85

Men's Senior 800 Free Relay: J. Gutierrez, N. Becker, S. Grimes, B. Gravley – 6:45.90

KMSC Pro-Am Classic

Reese Hazan: 15-16 & Senior 100 Back-55.34

Erica Sullivan: 17-18 & Senior 1000 Free-9:29.78

Girl's 15-16 & Senior 400 Medley Relay: R. Hazan, E. Breslin, C. Freeman, V. Gutierrez – 3:46.90

HAPPY HOLIDAYS SANDPIPERS

A Note from the Coaching Staff

The Sandpiper coaching staff would like to wish all Sandpiper families a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year! We appreciate all of the hard work, memories, and experiences your swimmers and families have given us every day.

Enjoy the break from the pool! **The holiday break will begin on December 23rd and run through January 7th for most groups.** We look forward to seeing you all and going back to work when practices resume!

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SANDPIPERS COMPETE AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

Eight Team Records Taken Down

USA Swimming hosted *Speedo Junior Nationals – West*, the Short Course version of the premiere 18 & Under Meet, December 6-9. 11 Sandpiper teammates were among the 1,100 competitors that made the journey to Iowa City, Iowa. Five individual team records were broken along with three relay records. **Reese Hazan** broke her own team record in the 15-16 400IM in route to a 4th place finish. **Brennan Gravley** broke 17-18 and Senior 1650 record while picking up the silver medal. The 17-18 & Senior 100 Fly record was taken down by **David Miller**.

The Men's 17-18 200 Medley Relay (**N. Becker, A. Mohamed, D. Miller, D. Sweikert**), Women's Senior 200 Medley Relay (**R. Hazan, G. Siebmann, C. Freeman, A. Emery**), and Men's Senior 800 Free Relay (**J. Gutierrez, N. Becker, S. Grimes, B. Gravley**) relay records were rewritten.

Other highlights saw second swims from **Nick Becker** (200 Back), **Chloe Freeman** (500 Free, 200 Fly), (**Joseph Gutierrez** (500 Free, 400IM), **Hazan** (400 IM, 200 Fly), **Miller** (200 Fly), and best times from **Sawyer Grimes, Ahmed Mohamed, Grace Siebmann** and **Dylan Sweikert**.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

A Note from the Volunteer Team

The Volunteer Team would like give a huge THANK YOU to all the families that volunteered multiple hours and made the *Las Vegas Super Finals/Rock the Blocks Winter Championship* meets a success. Wishing you all Happy Holidays; enjoy your friends and family during the break. We look forward to working with you all again in the New Year.

Once again, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact sandvolunteerteam@gmail.com. We are more than happy to provide more details about what each position is and what it entails. Some of the positions can also be split between two families! So, if you and another family want to take on a role, we can make that work. Details about the positions and volunteering can also be found under the "[Parents](#)" tab on the Sandpiper Team Website.



"The Real Team Player"

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