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National Age Group and SCS Records Fall at Winter Juniors

USA Swimming held two Junior National meets in December 2021: East and West. Each of these meets showcases the fastest eighteen and younger athletes in the nation. Sandpipers brought 11 athletes to the Winter Juniors West meet in Austin, Texas.

During this four-day meet, Sandpipers made tidal waves. With the 500 Freestyle on the second day of competition, **Bella Sims, Katie Grimes, and Claire Weinstein** placed first, second, and third respectively. Them, along with teammate **Audrey Yu**, also took home gold in the Women's 400 Medley Relay.

The third day of competition was no different. Grimes got gold in the 400 IM, barely missing a national age group record. In the 200 Free, Sims placed first and Weinstein got fourth, clocking in the 3rd fastest time ever for a 13-14-year-old swimmer.

On the boys' side of the same night, **Ilya Kharun** shattered the National Age Group record for 15-16 boys in the

100 Butterfly. He swam an incredible race, charging into the wall for a 45.59. The following evening, he followed up this race with a win in the 200 Fly, going a 1:42.39.

After Kharun broke his record, Weinstein destroyed the 13-14 National Age Group record in the 1650 Freestyle. Going a time of 15:52.84, Weinstein beat the previous record by nearly one and a half seconds, taking down Becca Mann's old record of 15:54.46.

Congratulations to all of these Sandpipers! This was an incredible meet for everyone who attended: **Brice Barrieault, Luke Ellis, Grimes, Kharun, Paige Kuwata, Maksim Maskalenka, Sims, Weinstein, Dillion Wright, and Yu**. Thank you for upholding the Sandpiper commitment and continuing to demonstrate hard work and preparation is the key to excelling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **TYR Pro Series - Knoxville**
Jan. 12-15 / Knoxville, TN
Hosted by *USA Swimming*
- **TRA Winter Invite**
Jan. 22-23 / Heritage Park
Hosted by *TRA*
- **Desert Champs**
Feb. 18-21 / Heritage Park
Hosted by *BCH*
- **February Rock the Blocks**
Feb. 25 / Desert Breeze
- **Spring Junior Olympics**
Mar. 10-13 / Pasadena, CA
Hosted by *Rose Bowl*
- **March Rock the Blocks**
Mar. 25 / Desert Breeze
- **Western Senior Zones SCY**
Mar. 30 – Apr. 2 / St George, UT
Hosted by *Western Zone*
- **OW World Trials/ Jr. Nationals**
April 1-3 / Fort Myers, FL
Hosted by *USA Swimming*
- **TRA LCM Invite**
April 9-10 / UNLV
Hosted by *TRA*
- **April Rock the Blocks**
April 22 / Desert Breeze
- **Philips 66 International TT**
April 26-30 / Greensboro, NC
Hosted by *USA Swimming*
- **Cinco de Mayo Invite**
May 6-8 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by *SAND*
- **June Rock the Blocks**
June 22 / Desert Breeze
- **John Sullivan Firecracker**
July 1-3 / Pavilion Center
Hosted by *SAND*



SPRING PREVIEW: WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING MONTHS

As we put 2021 in the review mirror and look ahead to 2022, we wanted to take a moment to share with you our expectations for the first quarter or 2022.

You may have noticed, but on the first page, there's now a right column featuring the upcoming meet schedule. While this is subject to change—and every group will not attend every meet—we feel it necessary to bring this consistency back. Please take a look at the schedule. If you have any questions about it, please email your group coach.

Rock the Block meets will continue to be hosted for our developmental groups on a monthly (or so) basis. We love seeing these meets full, with our Sandpipers getting the opportunity to show their growth and improvement over the season. We can't encourage all of our families enough to participate in these meets!

Finally, high school swim season will begin at the end of February. What this means for Sandpipers is a schedule change. That's because Clark County has 73 high schools. Over half of those are in Las Vegas. With all of those high school and their swimmers competing for lane space (in our very limited pools), creating a schedule for all of our Sandpiper athletes can be very difficult. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

These are the key notes for the first few months of 2022. Please email your group coach if you have any questions. Please look forward to a wonderful new year!

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SANDPIPERS COMPETE IN TWO NOVEMBER COMPETITIONS

November 2021 was a good month. Sandpipers competed in two levels of competition: the *November Rock the Blocks* and the *Nevada State Championships*.

At the *Rock the Blocks*—a meet designed for Sandpiper swimmers—athletes competed in three events at our regular pool, Desert Breeze. For the State Championships, athletes traveled to Carson City for a weekend of competitions.

While the formats for these meets were different—State was prelims and finals—the idea behind them is the same. At the *Rock the Blocks*, Sandpipers learned how to compete at a higher level than they have at practice. These are the same racing skills Sandpipers bring to every competition, especially the State meet. Highlights from the State Meet included the following teammates taking home High Point trophies for finishing first or second in their age group: **Allison Dressler, Kennedy Bourke, Alina Johnson, Everett Collins, Carson Phifer, Alex Thornton, Katie Grimes, and Ilya Kharun.**

Between the two events, Sandpiper athletes broke team and state records, earned best times, and fought their way to personal victories. To be able to perform at both competitions proves that Sandpipers are bonded with the strongest adhesive: the desire to race.

Keep up the amazing work, Sandpipers! We may compete at different meets, but we are all the same team, learning and doing the exact same things.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST COACHES

Say hello to Coach Amy, Coach Riley, and Coach Gracen. While some of you may know them already, these three are the newest additions to the Sandpiper coaching staff.

Riley and Gracen coach our Stroke School groups. Riley has been a part of Sandpipers as a swimmer for many years. She knows what the team is about and has great knowledge for the mechanics of each stroke. Gracen enthusiastically joins us with experience as a high school swimmer and has been involved in swim lessons her entire life. Amy coaches Yellow 2 and Senior Development with Coach Juan Pablo. She has over ten years of coaching experience and even more teaching experience.



Say hi when you see these three on deck! We're thankful to have them be a part of Sandpipers.

For up-to-date news, event information and more, visit the team website: www.sandpipersofnevada.com

SAND BRINGS 24 ATHLETES TO WINTER SECTIONALS

Golden West Swim Club hosted the 2021 CA/NV Winter Sectionals in beautiful Huntington Beach, California. Sandpipers brought 24 athletes to the competition, from both the National Elite and National Prime groups.

In order to compete in Winter Sectionals, athletes must first obtain qualification times. These standards are harder to obtain than State and Junior Olympic times. They require commitment, determination, and effort on a daily basis. All of our athletes exemplified these traits and more. Traditionally, Sectional meets will have between 800 and 1,200 competitors at each site.

Competing against over 30 different teams, SAND dove in ready to race. While their Prelim performances were notable, their results at Finals is where they shined. During the second sessions of each day, Sandpipers demolished best times, placed in the top 8—even the top 3—and performed better than they ever have. When the dust settled, the Sandpipers took home the first-place trophy for Men's, Women's, Combined, both individual high points, and Coach of the Meet! Congratulations to all Sandpipers who competed! Continue to work hard and strive for the value of excellence.

SANDPIPERS HOST 7TH ANNUAL TYR SUPER FINALS INVITE

December 9th through the 12th, Sandpipers hosted the annual *TYR Las Vegas Super Finals Invitational*! Like most of the championship level meets, this event had both prelims and finals sessions. However, unlike any other competitions, this format was a little different.

There was still a finals heat—the top 8 swimmers—for each event in each age group. But instead of the last, fastest heat being comprised of fifteen and overs, at this meet, age didn't matter. In each event, the fastest top 8 swimmers regardless of age went head-to-head at the end of the night. With 13 teams traveling from California, Elko, Colorado, Utah, and Las Vegas, the competition was fierce!

The Sandpipers brought over 100 swimmers to St. George, Utah, where the event was hosted. All of them stayed true to their roots, working, racing, and competing to best times, plenty of medals, and a few team records. After a grueling four days of competition, Sandpipers came out second in the overall team rankings.

Shout out to all Sandpiper volunteers, families, and swimmers for making this meet special. We host many meets throughout the year. It is especially difficult to make out-of-town competitions run as smoothly and fluid as this one did. Thank you for all of your hard work!



NATIONAL RECORDS BROKEN IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

168 TEAM RECORDS FALL IN 2021

CA/NV Winter Speedo Sectionals [SCY]

Bella Sims: Women 15-16 100 Back—53.26, 200 Back—1:51.69 ***SCS Record***; Women Senior 100 Back—53.26, 200 Back—1:51.69;

Ilya Kharun: Men 15-16 100 Free—44.50, 1000 Free—9:02.58, 1650 Free—15:03.72, 200 IM—1:47.41, 400 IM—3:50.16;

Men Senior 200 IM—1:47.41

Men Senior 400 Free Relay: I. Kharun, D. Wright, M. Maskelnka, B. Barrieault – 3:04.20

2021 TYR Las Vegas Super Finals Invitational [SCY]

Men 13-14 400 Free Relay: C. Kattau, J. Imasa, J. Castro, N. Mudadu – 3:25.12

West Speedo Sectionals [SCY]

Claire Weinstein: Women 13-14 100 Free—49.51, 200 Free—1:44.72 ***SCS Record***, 500 Free—4:38.46 ***SCS Record***,

1650—15:52.84 ***NAG Record***

Bella Sims: Women 15-16 100 Free—48.52, 200 Free—1:42.92 ***SCS Record***, 100 Fly—52.21, 200 Fly—1:53.91 ***SCS Record***,

200 IM—1:54.90 ***SCS Record***; Women Senior 100 Free—48.52, 200 Free—1:42.92, 100 Fly—52.21,

200 Fly—1:53.91, 200 IM—1:54.90

Ilya Kharun: Men 15-16 50 Free—20.16, 100 Free—45.04, 200 Free—1:38.64, 500 Free—4:20.55, 100 Fly—45.59 ***NAG Record***,

200 Fly—1:42.39; Men Senior 500 Free—4:20.55, 100 Fly—45.59, 200 Fly—1:42.39

Katie Grimes: Women 15-16 1650 Free—15:34.72 ***SCS Record***, 100 Back—53.28, 200 Back—1:52.83, 400 IM—4:00.66 ***SCS Record***

Women Senior 100 Back—53.28, 200 Back—1:52.83, 400 IM—4:00.66

Audrey Yu: Women 17-18 50 Free—22.86

Luke Ellis: Men 15-16 400 IM—3:53.28

Brice Barrieault: Men 17-18 & Senior 1650 Free—14:59.83

Women Senior 200 Free Relay: B. Sims, K. Grimes, A. Yu, C. Weinstein – 1:31.10

Women Senior 400 Free Relay: K. Grimes, C. Weinstein; A. Yu, B. Sims – 3:17.82

Women Senior 800 Free Relay: K. Grimes, C. Weinstein, P. Kuwata, B. Sims – 7:02.90

Women Senior 200 Medley Relay: K. Grimes, A. Yu, B. Sims, C. Weinstein – 1:40.33

Women Senior 400 Medley Relay: K. Grimes, A. Yu, B. Sims, C. Weinstein – 3:37.10

Men Senior 200 Free Relay: I. Kharun, B. Barrieault, M. Maskalenka, D. Wright – 1:24.68

Men Senior 400 Free Relay: B. Barrieault, M. Maskalenka, I. Kharun, D. Wright – 3:06.16

Men Senior 800 Free Relay: I. Kharun, B. Barrieault, L. Ellis, D. Wright – 6:39.88

Men Senior 400 Medley Relay: L. Ellis, M. Maskalenka, I. Barrieault, B. Barrieault – 3:19.69

2021 NV State Championships [SCY]

Claire Weinstein: Women 13-14 100 Free—49.93

Bella Sims: Women 15-16 200 Free—1:43.79 ***SCS Record***, 100 Fly—52.26; Women Senior 200 Free—1:43.79, 100 Fly—52.26

Ilya Kharun: Men 15-16 100 Free—45.30, 200 Free—1:39.16, 100 Fly—47.13, 200 IM—1:49.26, Men Senior 100 Fly—47.13,

200 IM—1:49.26

Men 13-14 200 Medley Relay: J. Imasa, S. Thornton, C. Kattau, N. Mudadu – 1:44.74

Women 15-16 400 Free Relay: C. Mudadu, A. Schweichler, M. Grabowski, K. Grimes – 3:30.64

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