

SouthCoast Aquatics

First Annual "Coaching Legends"



Dinner and Awards Ceremony



Thank You to SouthCoast Aquatics First Annual Dinner and Awards Night Supporters

On behalf of SouthCoast Aquatics, I want to thank everyone who was involved in making our first annual dinner and awards ceremony May 2, 2002 an incredible success! We had over 175 swimmers; coaches, parents and friends attend and exceeded even our own expectations. This event was the first time any organization has honored the dedication, commitment and accomplishments of so many of our local competitive swimmers.

As a result of everyone's efforts we honored 53 of the top swimmers on the SouthCoast. These children, from grades 6-12 represented the best swimmers from 10 area teams. The top two high school seniors selected by the SouthCoast Aquatics Board of Directors were Colleen Colarusso from the Middleboro YMCA and Gino Escalante from Durfee High School. These individuals were presented with beautiful trophies and each was given a \$300 college scholarship. The children in grades 6-11 were honored as the SouthCoast All-Stars and presented with very memorable trophies.

The evening also allowed us to honor our local coaching legends. The top two awards were named and dedicated to these individuals during the ceremony. The top female high school senior award was named after coach Trix Whalen and the late coach Sally Smith (Whalen/Smith Award) and the top male high school senior award was named after coach Jim Medeiros and coach Jim Filippo (Medeiros/Filippo Award). These coaches are the reason swimming has become so successful here in Southeastern Massachusetts.

SouthCoast Aquatics is a new non-profit organization with big dreams and thanks to all who participated in this historic event we are off to a great start. We will strive to take our sport to new levels in the near future and in the process make our community a better place to live and raise our children. It is our hope to make this an annual event and in the process build the base, promote the sport and achieve competitive success here on the SouthCoast of Massachusetts.

Thank You,

Robert J. Gauvin, President

SouthCoast Aquatics, Inc.

Male & Female All-Stars

Team Abbreviations:

APP - Apponequet High School DUR - B.M.C. Durfee High School
FRY - YMCA of Greater Fall River GNBV - YMCA of Greater New Bedford
MID - Middleboro High School MYSD - YMCA of Middleboro
NB - New Bedford High School SCA - SouthCoast Aquatics
STA - Bishop Stang High School LAKE - Lakeville/Freetown Warriors

6th & 7th Grade All-Stars

Jeff Sullivan (FRY), Elizabeth Gillis (GNBY), Joey Welch (GNBY), Jessica Perry (MYSD), Ashlin Niles (MYSD), Erika Fernandes (SCA), Nathan Medeiros (SCA), Tatiana Klusak (FRY), Brian Bouchard (LAKE), Katlyn Mello (LAKE).

8th & 9th Grade All-Stars

Jeff Bibeau (DUR), Caitlin Fisher (DUR), Mark Sullivan (FRY), Emily Carey (FRY), Nathan D'Olympia (GNBY), Sadie Hagberg (GNBY), Heather Jankins (MYSD), Ryan Clark (MYSD), Julie Gauvin (SCA), Bahaa Amer (SCA), Aimee Raposo (STA), Cody Fernandes (STA), Jillian Coache (NB), Charlie Thornton (NB), Bonnie Leblanc (LAKE), Tyler Stevens (LAKE).

10th & 11th Grade All-Stars

Ashley Pereira (SCA), Kevin Ainsworth (DUR), Cassie Flanagan (DUR), Sarah DeMatos (GNBY), Jason Jacintho (GNBY), Meagan Coache (NB), Chris Wilbur (NB), Taylor Fisher (MYSD), Sarah Warren (APP), Zach Gauvin (SCA), Leslie Hartford (STA), Jay Dembro (STA), Marc Deneault (LAKE), Matt Frigault (APP), Courtney Monti (LAKE).

Senior Nominees

Bishop Stang High School; Sara Reid & Owen Rego

New Bedford High School; Katelyn Sullivan & Eric Marshall

Durfee High School; Shannon Hebda & Gino Escalante

Middleboro High School; Brian Burke

Apponequet High School; Seanna Canavan & Dean Bebis

Middleboro YMCA; Colleen Colarusso

Freetown Lakeville Warriors; Erin Mann

SOUTHCOAST AQUATICS

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5/2/02

Senior Award Winners!

*2001-2002 Female High School Senior Swimmer of the Year
Colleen Colarusso
Nominating Team: Middleboro YMCA*



Colleen receiving The Whalen/Smith 2001-2002 Female High School Senior Swimmer of the Year Award & Scholarship from Coaching Legend Trish Whalen.

*2001-2002 Male High School Senior Swimmer of the Year
Gino Escalante
Nominating Team: B.M.C. Durfee High School*



Gino receiving The Medeiros/Filippo 2001-2002 Male High School Senior Swimmer of the Year Award & Scholarship from Coaching Legends Jim Filippo and Jim Medeiros.