



**WISCONSIN
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Our Mission Statement: Athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers working together to promote excellence in swimming through competition, education, support and leadership.

Winter Season Wrap-up

The state has (finally) had some nice spring weather, and as schools everywhere finish for the year, swimmers' thoughts turn towards summer league, outdoor training, and LCM competitions. Before fully moving to the next season, this newsletter looks back on a great SCY season for the state of Wisconsin.

Within our LSC, there are a few different "season-ending" meets, with most athletes finishing up at one of the Regional Championship Meets. Due to the growth of swimming in Wisconsin over the past decade, a 6th Regional Meet was added. The feedback was positive, and the 6th Regional Meet will continue going forward. Overall, the six Regional Meets serviced more than 3,000 different athletes, more than half of the swimmers in the state!

The following weekend many younger swimmers had their last races of the season at the 12-Under State Meet, held at the Schroeder YMCA in Brown Deer. The meet had 700+ of the top young athletes in the LSC and showcased some fast swimming and multiple broken state records. Congratulations to Madison Aquatic Club (MAC) for their runner-up finish, and a big shout out to Schroeder YMCA Swim Team (SSTY) for winning the meet with a grand total of 1,737.5 points. Way to go!

The 13-Over State Championships (the second state meet) was held at the RecPlex, in Pleasant Prairie and had almost 800 athletes representing 51 teams. The meet had a slightly different format, and while the full four-day meet made for a long weekend overall, it did cut down on the swimmer numbers and the length of each session. MAC finished in second place again, and the 13-Over Meet was won by Badger Aquatics Club (BAC) with a total of 4,255 points. Congratulations!

Overall between the two state meets, we were able to celebrate a ton of relay event state champions, along with 68 different individual event champions that were in at least one event. Take a look at the Wisconsin Word Cloud and see if you recognize the names of any teammates (or rivals)!



Open Water &

14-Under Zones

In Swimmers interested in either the Open Water Zone Meet (June 14-15) or the 14-Under Central Zone Meet (August 2-5) can find all the information for those meets [here](#).

Go Team Wisconsin!

Wisconsin LSC Instagram

This year swimmers in Wisconsin rewrote a number of the records in the SCY record book. Check out the collage below to see how many of the faces you recognize.

All of these pictures are courtesy of the LSC Instagram. Every Wisconsin Swimmer should follow the LSC, [instagram.com/wisconsinswimming](https://www.instagram.com/wisconsinswimming) to keep up with the latest news from around the state.

Outside the Lanes

We're proud of the accomplishments of our athletes in the pool. Anyone who knows swimmers know that they often excel in other areas of life too! This section of our newsletter highlights those LSC athletes doing great stuff outside the pool!

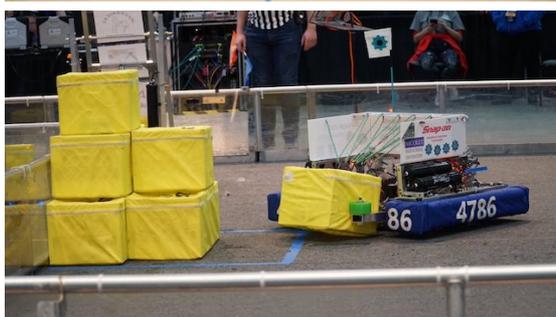
Megan Sullivan is a student at Nicolet High School and has swam for Schroeder for a number of years, especially backstroke and distance free.

In addition to swimming, one of her main activities is her participation with the Nicolet FEAR (Future Engineers of American Robotics) team.

The team had to design a robot for competition involving navigating obstacles, tilting scales, flipping switches, and climbing.

They recently placed 6th out of 43 teams at a large Midwest Regional competition and also competed at the World Robotics Championship.

You can find out more about Nicolet FEAR at nicoletfear.com or on Twitter at [@NicoletFear](https://twitter.com/NicoletFear)



There is also a complete list of all the state records on the [LSC website](#).



Wisconsin LSC Swimposium

On the weekend of April 21st, representatives from each of the 69 teams in the LSC were invited to the annual "main business" meeting.

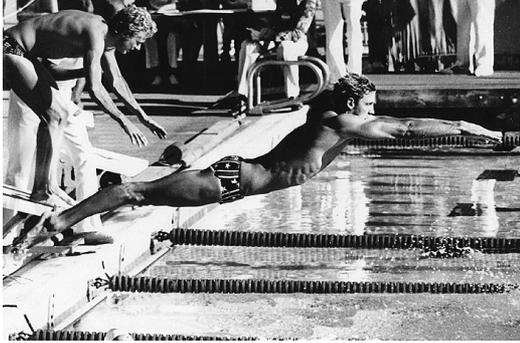
This meeting is where every team gets to have a voice and representation in determining how our LSC is run, and what things should be prioritized. Delegates vote on future Regional and State Meet hosts, policy and bylaw changes, and any other business of the LSC.

This year's meeting corresponded with a Swimposium, an event put on in conjunction with USA Swimming as an educational opportunity for different groups within the state. Events and talks included an officiating clinic, training for club registrars, parent education opportunities, a business seminar, and an appearance from a nationally renowned age group coach.

However, the highlight of the Swimposium was our athlete clinic at Waukesha South, hosted by 2016 Olympic Gold Medalist and American Record Holder Kelsi Worrell!

Kelsi ran two clinics for athletes, posed for pictures, and signed autographs. The athletes had a blast and hopefully learned something or at least got some great motivation from working with an Olympian!

Watch some of CBS 58's footage, as well as an interview with Kelsi [here](#).



for his performance at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. He set a world record by becoming the first man under 50 seconds in the 100m freestyle.

Kelley Becherer - Kelley is from the Milwaukee area, and represented the United States at the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Paralympic Games. She has set American Records in 11 different LCM events, and is still the standard bearer for the 50 and 100m free. Kelley also broke the World Record for both the 50m back and 200m free.



Tom Miazga - Tom spent the better part of a decade competing internationally, including several ParaPan American Games and with the 2008 Paralympic team. Tom has held American Records in all three backstroke events as well as the 200 fly, and continues his passion for swimming as a coach in the Milwaukee area.

Alex Dionne - Alex is from the Milwaukee area, and represented the United States at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. He is a four-time American Record holder in the butterfly and distance free. Alex is also the current Pan-American Record holder for the 100m butterfly.



Athlete Representative Corner

USA Swimming is serious about getting athlete input into the way our sport is run. Wisconsin swimmers are represented on the board by four 'athlete reps,' and every team is encouraged to have athlete reps at every House of Delegates meeting. Each newsletter the board athlete reps get a chance to communicate directly with the athletes, and this issue we're letting swimmers from around the state know how they can get involved.

At the recent Wisconsin LSC House of Delegates Meeting, two new 'Junior' Athlete Representatives were elected to serve on the LSC Board. Remember, any time there is a concern or issue that should be addressed, contact one of the four athlete reps! Biographies of Dani Cramer and Benjamin Gabbey are below.



Our first new Junior Athlete Rep is Dani Cramer from J-Hawk Aquatic Club located in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Dani decided she wanted to be an athlete rep because of her love for the sport of swimming and an interest in making new friends within the sport.

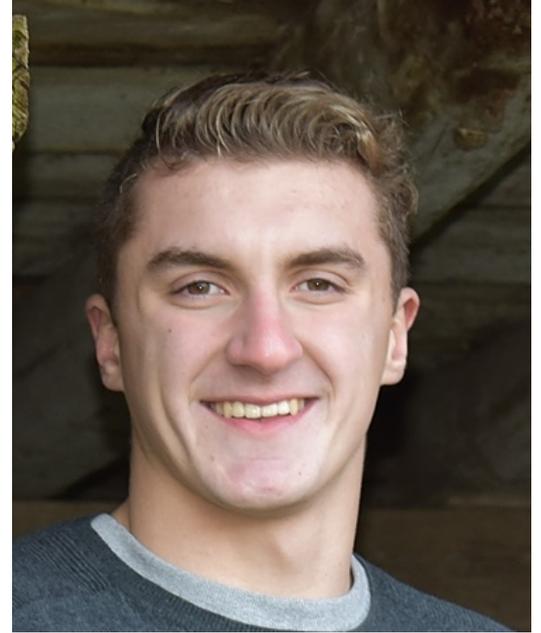
Her favorite stroke is backstroke.

Our second new Junior Athlete Rep is Benjamin Gabbey from Waukesha Express Swim Team.

Ben wants to be an athlete rep because he feels his leadership skills could help voice the ideas of the other swimmers in Wisconsin. In doing this, he believes he can change Wisconsin

Swimming to be an even better athlete experience.

His favorite stroke is breaststroke.



For Previous Newsletters

In addition to the meets held within the LSC border, many Wisconsin swimmers ended their SCY season at other meets, including YMCA Meets, USA Swimming Speedo Sectionals, and the time-standard invites across the country. To learn more about the different season-ending meets, check out the February 2018 Newsletter.

Great information is in all of the [WSI newsletters](#), find the archives under the "more" table of the LSC website.

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