The New Year brings 21 New Team Records and 6 New Championship meet qualifiers. The Hurricanes swam in two high caliber meets this past month. First has The Ralph Crocker Invitational @ Auburn University, January 17-19. The team not only had our first Top 8 Finalist in years, but had 21 top 8 finishers and another 3 final swims. The team collected another 12 New Team Records, and 3 first time Georgia Age-Group State qualifiers.

Leading the way in scoring was Ashlyn Steinbach with all seven of her events finishing in the top 8. Brady Boudnik and Madison Park had 4 top 8 finishes, and Josie Hadaway had another 3. Others with 1 top 8 finish were Chase Parker, Olivia Hadaway, and Anna Leary.

First time GAGS qualifiers are Aidan Best, Alex Leary, and Holly Mattson.

New team Records:

**8 & Under Girls: Holly Mattson (8)** **Old Record**

200 Free 2:45.55 2:50.27 (2013) Holly Mattson

100 Back 1:25.96 1:29.58 (1998) Erin Haynes

100 Fly 1:38.06 1:38,26 (2009) Hannah Mattson

**11 & 12 Girls: Hannah Mattson (12) Old Record**

500 Free 5:28.22 5:31.39 (2013) Hannah Mattson

200 Back 2:16.73 2:18.06 (2013) Hannah Mattson

**13 & 14 Girls: Ashlyn Steinbach (14) Old Record**

200 Free 1:59.36 1:59.75 (1996) Moeko Wallis

200 Breast 2:31.25 2:31.34 (2013) Josie Hadaway

400 IM 4:44.80 4:44.80 (2013) Ashlyn Steinbach

**15 & Over Girls: Josie Hadaway (15) Old Record**

 50 Breast 32.71 32.77 (2013) Josie Hadaway

200 Breast 2:28.02 2:29.63 (2013) Josie Hadaway

**Open Girls: Josie hadaway (15) Old Record**

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Our next meet happened this past weekend in our own home pool The Columbus Aquatic Center. The meet, The 2014 Hurricanes Groundhog Invitational, which was the largest meet ever held here in Columbus with just fewer than 600 swimmers. Despite missing 3 days of training due to winter storm Leon, The Hurricanes came away with 9 New Team Records and another 3 first time GAGS Qualifiers.

GAGS first timers were 9 & 10 year olds Tucker Kite, and Chris Whitley, and 11- 12 year old Aleksandr Hughes.

New Team Records:

**8 & Under Girls: Holly Mattson (8)** **Old Record**

500 Free 7:20.60 7:44.04 (2009) Hannah Mattson

**11 & 12 Girls: Hannah Mattson (12) Old Record**

 50 Back 29.41 29.45 (2013) Hannah Mattson

 50 Fly 28.90 28.92 (2004) Katie Price

**15 & Over Girls: Josie Hadaway (15) Old Record**

 50 Fly 29.66 30.34 (2006) Emily Schmitz

**Open Girls: Hannah Mattson (12) Old Record**

 50 Back 29.41 29.45 (2013) Hannah Mattson

**Open Girls: Ashlyn Steinbach, Hannah Mattson, Josie Hadaway, Lauren Crane**

200 Free Relay 1:44.63 1:45.91 (1996)

400 Free Relay 3:51.14 3:55.75 (1998)

400 Medley Relay 4:16.37 4:19.97 (1998)

**Open Boys: Jacob Abyeta, Mitchell Graham, Chris Hughes, Chase Parker**

400 Medley Relay 3:52.47 3:53.78 (2000)

**Current GAGS Qualifiers:**

10 & Unders: Anna Beth Blankenship Aidan Best

 Alex Leary Brady Boudnik

 Holly Mattson Tucker Kite

 Lydia Myers Chris Whitley

 Libby Storey

11 & 12 Katheryn Livingston Aleksandr Hughes

 Hannah Mattson Max Myers

Madigan Starr Madison Park

 Piero Orderique

13 & 14 Shannon Eshman Chase Parker

 Olivia Hadaway

 Ashlyn Steinbach

**Current Sectional Qualifiers:**

Age-Group: Hannah Mattson Brady Boudnik

 Ashlyn Stienbach Piero Ordrique

Libby Storey Chase Parker

Senior Josie Hadaway

**100% Life Time Best Swims:**

**Auburn Meet:**

Aidan Best, Mikayla Best, Brady Boudnik, Lindsey Conroy, Abby Dugan, Katlynn Gomez, Shae Grover, Karson Havican, Aleksandr Hughes, Chris Hughes, Holly Mattson, Taylor Nielson, Isabelle Rodriquez, Meg Walton,

**Groundhog Meet:**

Olivia Brock, Sophie Broom, Sam Eshman, Jonah Garmer, Mitchell Graham, Katherine Gramling, Channing Greene, Andie Hadaway, Jacob Houston, Simon Jiang, Susan Jiang, Zach Plazas, Abigayle Ratliff, Macy Sanders, Huda Sayedzada, Annabelle Tuley,, Jaden Vilches, Meg Walton, Alex Zacherl