

Southeast Zone Newsletter

September, 2023

Southeast Zone – LMSC BOD Members

I want to thank you for electing me, at this year zone meeting, to be the Southeast Zone Chair for the coming year. I am honored to serve our zone and will do my best to keep you informed and engaged about things that can impact our LMSC's or provide opportunities for our members. For those of you who are new to the zone, I'd like to introduce you to the people who work behind the scenes to keep our zone up to date and informed of things going on in our zone.

Behind the Scenes: Meet the Team

Dick Brewer – Southeast Zone Webmaster (Florida Gold Coast)

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Dick has been our webmaster for more years than I can remember. He keeps the information on our site current and highly informative. In my book, the Southeast Zone website is the most accurate and best source for swimmers looking for upcoming opportunities to compete. It is also the best place to find Southeast Zone meet results. We can only keep up this level of excellence with your help. Please encourage your LMSC Meet Directors to contact Dick as soon as they have identified a date for their meet so he can put it on the calendar. The sooner we can get the information out to our swimmers; the sooner they can start making their travel plans and the better your meet attendance will be.

Likewise, our swimmers are always anxious to see their results, compare their times with others in their age group, and size up their competition. Please encourage your Meet Directors to forward the results from their meet to Dick, as soon as they are comfortable that everything is correct and any splits that have been requested are included in the results. The results should be sent in a **pdf file** in “**Publication Order**”. Publication order is a setting on the “Reports/Results Screen” in Hytek. Click on the tab at the bottom marked “Splits/ Sort Order / Selected Teams”. Click “Cumulative” under the “Splits” box and “Publication Order” Under the “Sort Order” box. Two or Three column is preferred to make it easier for the next person up in the process.

Ed Saltzman – Southeast Zone Records (Georgia)

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I have served as the Dixie Zone / Southeast Zone Records Chair since 2000. Like Dick, I spend a lot of time searching the web for meet results or reaching out to Meet Directors to get copies of the meet results in either a **Hytek Meet Backup File** or a hard copy printout in “**Publication Order**”. Each meet is manually checked against the zone records. Once updated, the new records will appear on the Southeast Zone webpage; unless, we have several meets occurring on the same weekend; in which case I will hold it until I get the results processed for all that weekend's meets. Occasionally, an email from a proud swimmer notifying me of a new record will reach my desk before the results. :->) Please remind your swimmers that they need to notify me if they compete in a meet outside our zone or if they compete in a USA meet so that we can process those swims as well for zone records.

That brings us to the third member of our team.



Andy Dyer – Southeast Zone Top Ten (South Carolina)

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Andy has also served the zone since 2005. Once the swim season ends for a particular course (SCY, SCM, LCM) Andy gets to work generating the Southeast Zone Top Ten list. Once again another labor intensive process to gather all the information, create the list, proof read it for accuracy and check it for new records so they can be noted in the list. He does this three times per year (once for each course). After a certain amount of time has passed and no corrections have been received, the “Preliminary” marking is removed from the lists. The Top Ten lists are published on the Southeast Zone webpage. Years 2023 through 2006 are maintained on the webpage. Years 2005 through 2000 are archived and available on request. As web space is needed, additional lists will be moved from the webpage to the archives to make room.

Each of us is a resource that you can reach out to if you have questions or need help with anything. If we don't know the answer we will find out.

As the Southeast Zone Chair I am here to help you with any LMSC or USMS issues you may have. Please let me know how your LMSC is doing.

If you have any issues you'd like help with?

What areas do you need help with?

What kind of problems are you having? Maybe someone else has already address the same kind of issue.

We can either communicate directly, or we can utilize the USMS / Southeast Zone Forum for open discussions.

Outstanding Zone Business: Zone Championships

The 2024 Southeast Zone SCY Championship was awarded at our Zone meeting to Auburn, AL.

We still need to decide on a location for our 2024 SCM and 2024 LCM Zone Championships as well as our Open Water Championship. If we have any interested bidders, please send me their information. Currently, we have the following meets on our 2024 calendar:

2024 Pool

Feb. 3 / SCY: Gulf Coast Games for Life. Sarasota FL.

Feb. 3-4 / SCY: Auburn Masters Invitational. Auburn AL/ **Southeast Zone SCY Championships**

Feb. 10-11 / SCY: Valentine's Meet. Clearwater FL

Feb. 23-March 3 / LCM: World Aquatics Masters Championships – Doha, Qatar

Mar. 2-3 / SCY: North Carolina SCY Championships. Cary NC

Mar. 9 / LCM: Goodlife Games. Clearwater FL.

Mar. 16-17 / SCY: Bob Beach SCY Championships. St. Petersburg FL

Mar. 23-24 / SCY: Maria Thrash Masters Meet. Chamblee GA

June 8-9 / LCM: Bumpy Jones Classic. Sarasota FL

June 20-24 / SCY: USMS Spring Nationals – Indianapolis, IN

July 18-24 / LCM: PANAM Masters Championships – Trinidad and Tobago

August 21-25 / LCM: USMS Summer Nationals – Mission Viejo, CA

Nov. 2-3 / SCM: Shark Tank Meet. Sarasota FL

2025 Pool

April 24-27 / SCY: USMS Spring Nationals – San Antonio, TX

August 6-10 / LCM: USMS Summer Nationals – Federal Way, WA

It is never too early to start advertising your meet. There are swimmers currently planning their 2024 season. Please send your dates and information to Dick Brewer – even if they are tentative.

Latest from USMS: [LMSC Development Info for September 2023](#)

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND EVENTS

(<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/volunteer-working-calendar>)

September

- Fri 9/29 **deadline for applying for national committee assignments for next year**| [2024 Committee Request Survey](#)

October

- Sun 10/1 **deadline for applying to be USMS Social Media ambassador**| [USMS Ambassador Program Application](#)
- Thur 10/5 **LMSC Membership Coordinator P2P & LMSC Communication P2P**| [Register Here](#)
- October 20-22 [Relay 2023 “Event Development”](#), (in-person only), Houston TX

November

- Thur 11/2 **LMSC Secretary P2P**| [Register Here](#)
- Thur 11/9 **LMSC Community: “Building a Code of Conduct for your LMSC, Club or Facility to Support ALL participants”** | [Register Here](#)

RECENT MEETING MINUTES

- 7/18 [Investment Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- 8/14 [Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES

- Zone Meetings
 - [Breadbasket Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Colonies Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Great Lakes Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Northwest Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Oceana Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [South Central Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Southeast Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Southwest Zone Meeting Minutes](#)
- Committee Meetings
 - [Coaches Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Finance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Fitness Education Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [History and Archives Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [LMSC Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Long Distance Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Officials Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Records and Tabulation Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

- Annual Meeting Reports and Presentations
 - [CEO Report to House of Delegates](#)
 - [Executive Committee](#) Report
 - [Standing Committees](#) Report
 - [Committees of the Board of Directors](#) Report
 - [Zones](#) Report
 - [Liaison & Special Assignments](#) Report
 - 2023 Update and 2024 Priorities - Dawson Hughes
- [CEO Address Slides \(9/11/2023\)](#)
- [CEO Slide Commentary \(9/11/2023\)](#)
- [Business plan and budget assumptions \(9/11/2023\)](#)
 - [2023 Service Awards Presentation \(9/11/2023\)](#)
- Captain Ransom J Arthur MD Award
- [Introduction - Peter Guadagni, President, Acceptance Speech - Barbara Dunbar, SDSM \(9/11/2023\)](#)
- Coach of the Year Award
- [Introduction - Kenny Brisbin, Coaches Committee Chair, Acceptance Speech - Rick Walker, SHARK \(9/11/2023\)](#)
 - [In Memoriam Presentation \(9/11/2023\)](#)

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 UPCOMING WEBINARS ([Webinars Page](#))

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 STREAMLINES FOR VOLUNTEERS

- [Streamlines for Volunteers – August Issue sent 8/22](#) “Streamlines for Volunteers”
 - Letter from CEO Dawson Hughes
- USMS’s financial health remains strong, but negative budgets at the national level have been required to continue to deliver on USMS membership benefits and services. Membership is growing but has been slower this year than originally hoped. At the same time, LMSC reserves grew significantly during the pandemic when circumstances forced the curtailment of local programs and services. Even now as we return to normalcy, many LMSCs are challenged to spend their share of membership fees.
 - Work with your LMSC leadership to take the time to develop a business plan for 2024 that can complement the [USMS strategic plan](#) and make the best use of your LMSC’s financial resources. Here are [some ideas](#) to spark conversation.
 - [Volunteer Working Calendar](#)
 - [Relay 2023](#) “Event Development” October 20-22, Houston Tx
 - Looking for Great [Story Ideas](#)
 - Get Connected on [Community](#)
 - Volunteer Spotlight: Jerrilynn Bayless

NATIONAL EVENTS & MEETINGS 2023

- October 20-22 Relay 2023 “Event Development”, Houston TX

NATIONAL EVENTS & MEETINGS 2024

- June 20-24 Spring National Championship, Indianapolis IN
- August 21-25 Summer Long Course National Championship, Mission Viejo CA
- September 13-15 Annual Meeting, Virtual
- October 18-20 USMS National Coaches Clinic, Houston TX
- October 18-20 Relay 2024 “Community Development”, Houston TX

SWIMMER MAGAZINE

- [July-August 2023](#)

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For those folks going to the USMS Relay 2023 “Event Development” October 20-22, Houston Tx, have fun! Take great notes and bring that information back to your LMSC and share what you’ve learned and any new ideas

you may have picked up. Anything that is really great, that you think will help a lot of event directors, we can publish on the zone webpage or distribute in our Zone Newsletter.

Ed Saltzman
Southeast Zone Chair