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# WORCESTER AREA MASTERS

Swim Club

## Wammies Create Waves on First Showing in Large Group

Boston, MA – Worcester Area Masters (WAM) competed at the 2014 NE-LMSC SCM Champs Meet & Zones North, Dec. 12-14. The meet was held at Boston University, played host to 468 Masters swimmers, 28 of whom competed for WAM. The WAM Rams almost completely rewrote the team record books en route to a third place finish in the Large Workout Group category with 2,651 points.

Spencer Coffin was the team's lead scorer overall with 149 points swimming 9 events. Coffin was victorious in the 100, 200, 400, 800-meter free, 50, 100, 200-meter fly, in addition to finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200, 400-meter IM.

Gil Sharon scored 144 points for WAM with an 11 event line-up. Sharon finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200-meter Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meter Breaststroke and 400-meter IM, in addition with 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200-meter backstroke, 100-meter Fly.

Gail Holland scored 137 points with 9 events. Holland won the 50, 100, 200-meter butterfly, and 400-meter IM. Also 2<sup>nd</sup> in her debut 200-meter breaststroke and 200-meter IM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter IM.

Our WAM Team President, CJ Dickson, swam 5 events for WAM scoring 57 points. Dickson took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter backstroke, two 5<sup>th</sup> places in the 200-meter IM and 200-meter butterfly, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter freestyle, and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 400-meter freestyle.

Coach Alford Green finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50-meter Breaststroke and 50-meter Freestyle. Normally a sprinter, Green showed his distance ability with 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800-meter freestyle, 200-meter butterfly, as well as the 50, 100-meter butterfly. Green also took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 back.

WAM Board Vice President, Paul Arsenault, swam 9 events for WAM, including a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 50-meter backstroke and 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 800-meter freestyle. Paul also swam his 1st 100-meter IM.

WAM Treasurer, Mary Pasquale has two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in the 800-meter freestyle and 200-meter IM, as well as a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 50-meter butterfly. Kerrie Noone also had a strong

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showing with a 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 IM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter backstroke. Christina Ansell joined in the fun with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meter IM and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter backstroke.

Social Chair, Mike McCombs and Tim Allen, Springfield College Alumni, joined to score some big points for WAM. Mike came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800-meter freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50-meter fly. Tim had four 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

Courtney Beidler, fresh off her University of Michigan swimming career, finished 1<sup>st</sup> in all of her 6 individual events: 200, 400-meter freestyle, 100, 200, 400-meter IM, and the 200-meter butterfly.

Ted McGahie finished the meet with two 2<sup>nd</sup> places in 200-meter Backstroke, and 100-meter breaststroke, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in the 100, 200-meter IM, 200-meter breaststroke. His son, Brian McGahie, also contributed to WAM with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400-meter freestyle, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200, 400-meter IM.

#WAMsoHARD, Craig Mitchell debuted “conservatively” in the 200 fly with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and scored 83 points for WAM. David Oates had three 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in the 50, 200-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly and scored 80 points for WAM

Communications Chair, Ben Hammond and his wife Shannon paired up to scored some points for WAM. Ben finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100, 400-meter IM, 200-meter breaststroke, also finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50, 400, 800-meter freestyle, and 50-meter butterfly. Shannon, came in 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter breaststroke and had lots of fun on two relays.

Many first time contributors to WAM including, Carly Eckles who scored 115 points for WAM. Eckles came in 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50-meter backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50-meter butterfly, 100-meter backstroke, and 100-meter IM, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400-meter freestyle and 200-meter backstroke. Also Nancy Olesin swam awesome taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50-meter backstroke, as well as 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter freestyle, and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50-meter freestyle, scoring 24 points for WAM. Mark Vanacore also had fun in the meet with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke. Kyle Morette had a great 100 backstroke performance nailing those turns like a boss!

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Gregory Bissett had a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the 50-meter backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100-meter backstroke, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100-meter freestyle. Mark Wild took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200-meter breaststroke and scored 94 points for WAM

William Stucker swam 5 events in one day to contribute points for WAM, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50-meter breaststroke. Tzvi Jonas had a great showing in the 100-meter breaststroke with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Doug Shuttuck contributed to 2 events for WAM in the 50 and 100 freestyle, along with some relays. Membership Chair, Chris Reidy, was out sick, but we look forward to having him at our next meet.

WAM also put together 20 impressive relays to score some big points, so much fun!

WAM's next confirmed meet is the 2015 New England LMSC SCY Championships at Harvard, which will be held in March.

### [Results](#)

Ben Hammond

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