
WORCESTER AREA MASTERS

Swim Club

WAM Successful at Harvard

Cambridge, MA – Worcester Area Masters (WAM) competed at the 2015 New England LMSC Short Course Yards Championships on March 15 and March 20-22, 2015. The meet held at Harvard University, played host to 745 masters swimmers, 25 of whom competed for WAM. The WAM Rams had a phenomenal meet, with a plethora of best times, New England records, and high point awards, swimming to a 1st place finish in the Medium Workout Group category with 2,663 points.

Social Chair, Mike McCombs was the leading scorer for WAM, scoring 161 points. Mike was victorious in the 50-100-200 Fly, 200-500 Free, and 400 IM. He also came 2nd in the 1650 Free and 200 Back, and was 3rd in the 100 Free.

Tim Allen scored 155 points for WAM, and was a High Point winner in his age group. Allen won the 50-200-1000 Free, and 50 Back, placing 2nd in the 50-100 Fly, 100 Free, and 200 IM, as well as a 3rd in 100 Back.

Gil Sharon scored 152 points for WAM and was a High Point winner in his age group. Sharon finished 1st in the 200 Fly, 2nd in the 200 Back, in addition with 3rd in the 200 Breast, 200-400 IM and 50 Back.

Christina Ansell gave WAM 140 points, and was a High Point winner in her age group. Ansell swam 12 events, including 3rd place finishes in 200-400 IM and 100 Breast.

Spencer Coffin scored 140 points for WAM and a High Point winner in his age group. Coffin was victorious in the 200 Free, in addition to finishing 2nd in the 1650 Free and 100 Fly, also 3rd in the 400 IM 50-200 Fly, and 500 Free.

Gail Holland supplied WAM with 133 points. Holland placed 2nd in the 100 Fly and 400IM. Also 3rd in her 200 Fly and 4th in the 200 IM, 200 Back, and 200 Breast.

Ted McGahie brought his family Back for a 3rd year in a row, scoring a combined 310 points. Ted had a 2nd in the 200 Breast, 3rd in the 100-200 Back, 100-200 IM. His daughter, Kaitlin McGahie, included a 2nd in the 50 Free, 3rd in the 100 Breast and 200 IM. His son, Brian McGahie, finished with a 2nd in the 200 Back and a 4th in the 400IM.

Our WAM Team President, CJ Dickson, swam a number of events for WAM scoring 120 points. Dickson took 2nd in the 200 Back, a 3rd in the 200 Fly, and two 4th place finishes in the 400IM and 100 Back.

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Operations Chair, David Oates, scored 116 points for WAM. Always having a cheerful disposition, Oates placed 1st in the 100 Back, 500 Free, and 200 IM. 3rd in the 50 and 100 Free.

Communications Chair, Ben Hammond and his wife Shannon paired up to score 147 points combined for WAM. Ben finished 1st in the 50-100 Fly and 2nd in the 200IM. Ben felt badly about scratching the 200 Fly, but not too badly. Shannon placed 4th in the 50 Breast and 7th in the 100 Breast. She also swam the 200 Free for the 1st time.

Coach Alford Green, scored 102 points for WAM, including two 3rd place finishes in the 100 Back and 100 Free. Adam McNally, fresh off his final season swimming for WPI, scored 87 point for WAM with a 1st in the 200 Fly and 400 IM, also a 2nd in the 200 IM.

Mark Wild scored 68 points for a successful weekend. He finished 4th in the 200 Breast, a 5th place finish in the 1650 Free, and two 6th place finishes in the 50 Breast and 400IM. Kerrie Noone also had a strong showing with 66 points, 3rd in the 50 Free and 50 Back, also a 4th in the 100 Back and 200 IM.

Craig Mitchell had best times for the 200 and 500 Free, good for 6th place finishes and scored 51 points for WAM. WAM Board Vice President, Paul Arsenaunt, swam 10 events. He placed 6th in the 200 Back, and scored 43 points. Paul also swam his 1st 1000 Free with a 6th place finish.

Tzvi Jonas scored 38 points, including a 5th place finish in the 100 Back and 7th in the 50 Back. Nancy Olesin scored 18 points for WAM swimming five events.

Some 1st time contributors to WAM included, Paul Fuller, who scored 34 points for WAM, including a 1st in the 50-100 Breast. Kathleen Wanat, scored 28 points for WAM, swimming in her 1st USMS meet. She was 5th in the 50 Breast and 8th in the 200 Free. Hannah Kondrotas, scoring a 1st place finish in the 1650 Free. David Paul also scored a 1st place finish in the 50 Free, scoring 17 points for WAM.

WAM put together some strong relays, including 2 New England record breaking relays for 55+ Men: Ted McGahie, David Oates, Tim Allen, and Michael McCombs, in the 200 Medley relay, and 400 Free relay, awesome effort!

WAM's next confirmed meet is the WAM Invitational on June 20, 2015 at the WPI Recreation Center.

Results:

www.meetresults.com/2015/nelmscscy/results.htm

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