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## Awards and Member At Large Report

### Awards

The SPMS nominee for the Arthur J Ransom award (Mark Moore) was submitted before the March 15 due date. The USMS Recognition & Awards Committee members then review the nominations and make a decision. An award announcement is to take place during the USMS Spring Nationals, followed by a more formal presentation at the USMS Convention banquet in September.

SPMS Club Swimmer of the Month Award Recipients for March 2018:

Gary Ladinsky (Conejo Valley Masters)

Nominated by Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno

"1st Masters Swim Meet at 70! Wins 50 Free!"

Matt Berkman (Mission Viejo Masters)

Nominated by Jeff Taylor

"Rediscovering himself"

Yvette K Mankerian (Silver Peak Performance)

Nominated by Charles McPeak

"Great attitude with improved technique resulting in faster times and completion of her 1st triathlon!"

The SPMS Club Swimmer of the Month Award is a free and simple way to recognize your swimmers for any achievement, including accomplishments in competition or in practice. Examples include a swimmer who attended the most workouts that month, swam butterfly or dove off the blocks for first time, learned a flip turn, perfected his or her breathing, swam the greatest distance that month, swam a first open water swim of any form, swam in first swim meet, broke a personal best time that was difficult to accomplish, exhibited outstanding team spirit in some special way, etc. Any SPMS coach can nominate their SPMS members. [Click here](#) for award criteria and past recipients.

### Member at Large

I attended the Matt Biondi meet March 18<sup>th</sup>, and will attend the SPMS regional championships in April, and Spring Nationals in May. Swimmer feedback on the Matt Biondi meet was positive. The only complaint I heard was it was cold outside.

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