



# 🏆 2024 Florida LMSC Awards 🏆

## Celebrating Excellence in Our Community

**Ryan Kloppe**

We are proud to recognize the outstanding achievements and inspiring stories from our Florida LMSC members. Please join us in congratulating the following 2024 award recipients:

### **Coach of the Year**

**Sean Abbey**, Bolles School Sharks Masters Swimming

Nominated by Justin Powell, *Sean has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and passion in coaching, making a profound impact on his athletes and the Masters swimming community.*

### **Sue Moucha Overcoming Adversity Award**

**Steven Gold**, Bolles School Sharks Masters Swimming

Nominated by Coach Sean Abbey, *Steven exemplifies resilience and determination, overcoming personal challenges while continuing to inspire those around him in and out of the water.*

### **Florida LMSC Service Award**

**Richard "Mike" Whaley**, Sarasota Sharks



**Richard "Mike" Whaley (L)** receives the Florida service award from **Jack Mitchell (R)**.



**L-R: Justin Powell, Sean Abbey, Steve Gold, and Head Coach Peter Verhoef**

Nominated by Carol & Jack Mitchell, *Mike's years of tireless volunteer service and unwavering commitment have helped strengthen and grow our LMSC community.*

### **Leather Lung Awards**

Awarded to swimmers who competed in all events in at least one of the pool courses or postal events:

SCY, SCM, LCM, and/or postal events

- **Cheryl Kupan**, St Pete Masters (SCY, SCM, LCM)
- **Christopher Stickle**, St Pete Masters (SCY, SCM, LCM, Postals)
- **Sarah Swoch**, St Pete Masters (Postals)
- **Steven Gold**, Bolles School Masters Swim Club (Postals)

***Congratulations to all our honorees for their dedication, perseverance, and contributions to Masters swimming!***