

# SCM 2009 Meet Summary

The 44 swimmers who participated in the annual short course meters meet made a significant impact on the state records. Overall, 30 individual and 6 relay state records were set. There are also two potential zone records.

On the women's side, there were 14 records, 10 of which broke previous records and 4 of which were set for the first time. For the men, there were 16 records, 11 of which were broken and 5 of which were new. Six of the eight relay teams swimming also set records.

The oldest men's record broken was the 70-74 200 free by Ed Mjolsnes. This record was last set in 1988. The oldest women's record broken was the 60-64 100 breast by Susan Ellis. It was last set in 1999.

Two records have been submitted for zone records. The first ever 400 meter medley relay swum in the state, by Andrea Kettler, Amber Hahn, Aimee Rathbun, and Maura Shea, broke the existing zone record by just under 5 seconds. That record was last set in 1987. Paula Smith broke the 55-59 women's 200 back record.

Colny Tucker picked off three records in the process of being the first female in her age group to swim the 1500 free. In setting that record, she also broke the existing records in the 400 free and 800 free.

Margret Van Flein continues to set the women's standards. She challenged herself to swim the 400 IM this year despite never having swum fly for more than 50 yards at a time. Margret became the oldest Alaskan to swim this event. She then went on, after the IM, to break her own record in the 50 back. Margret has now swum, and holds records for, every event in the 70-74 age group except the 200 fly.

Yaro Mucha was our oldest participant and our first male swimmer in the 80-84 age group since 1998. He immediately went to work on the record book, breaking two records and becoming the first to swim the breaststroke events.

Gina Taylor swam the most in competition on the women's side and Ken Winterberger was tops on the men's side. Each swam 2400 meters in individual and relay events.

Ray Hamilton ended the meet with a flourish, swimming butterfly for the last 25 of his 1500 free.