

MANATEE MONTHLY

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Special points of interest:

- **The World Competition is being held in the summer of 2016 in South Africa**
- **MSU alumni and current players are interested in trying out for spots on USA teams for World's**
- **Underwater Hockey has tournaments year round in the states and over the world**
- **Can meet a variety of people with ease thanks to the close knit community in UWH in America**

Minneapolis Bound

Last year Michigan State University sent a total of fourteen members of the Underwater Hockey community (alumni and current members) to the Nationals team held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They competed incredibly well, achieving second place in their division.

This year will be slightly different.

Originally, MSU was going to have two teams at the Nationals Tournament, one alumni team and one current member team. However, due to some extenuating circumstances, the current member team will not be going.

The alumni team generously allowed current members to take their open spots that way everyone has a chance to play.

The few members who will not be part of the alumni team will be joining

other teams that have open spots as well.

Although the team will be split up, they will still be competitive for whichever team they are playing for, and with the possibility of the members playing for different

teams in the same division, it should make for an interesting environment to play in.



A photo from Nationals in 2013, hosted by Milwaukee.

We will expect all of our members to play their best for which ever team they will be on, and we wish the best of luck to the

alumni team.

Nationals will be held in Minneapolis by the University of Minnesota, July 27th - 29th. Good luck to all teams, and go state!

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Making an IMPACT

On April 15th, the newly elected Executive Board met Bradley Allen, a podcast host for Secret Society on Impact Sports. They spent time talking about Underwater Hockey as a sport and a club at MSU and shared personal experiences from how they

got involved and met one another to their favorite Spartan Sport moment.

The podcast was aired on April 23rd and is available to be listened to. It is easily found if you google search "MSU Underwater Hockey Impact Sports"

The team plans to have another podcast with Bradley to go into more detail with some questions and answer follow ups early next year.

We would like to thank Impact Sports for the opportunity to go on the air with them.



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Hip hip, hooray!

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OR GOOGLE "MSU UWH"

Welcome to Michigan State University's Underwater Hockey team!

The purpose of underwater hockey is to travel and meet new people interested in the same sport and make connections all over the country and even crossing borders. We are a competitive team that strives to have a good time in and out of the pool and the sport is a way to relieve stress through rigorous but entertaining physical activity. The uniqueness of the sport ensures that everyone starts out with the same skill level (which is none) and builds upon that, making it one of the most even fielded teams on campus. We pride ourselves on the relationships we hold with individuals and other teams, and are always looking for ways to improve said relations. The sport is what causes people to come out, the people make them stay. Come see for yourself why!

The Vote's In

The executive board elections were held April 12th with the four standard positions being president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. A new board member was added this year in order to divide the treasurer's work load to make fundraising and accounting

more efficient, so welcome to the E-Board, fundraising chair! The holders of the positions after nominees and voting are as follows:

President Colleen Anthony,
Vice President Jason Bull,
Secretary Grant Nagrant,
Treasurer Dominique Felice

and Fundraising Chair Dustin Banooni.

We would like to congratulate our executive board members and wish them luck with the upcoming year!

Heading Out

Summer is right around the corner, meaning that finals are even closer. We want to wish everyone the best with their finals.

Heading into summer, we need to start thinking about next year. What kind of team do we want to be? How do we want to portray ourselves? How do we want people to react when they think about us?

The very first few weeks of fall next year can change everything, and we always need

to be representing not only the club well, but the Underwater Society of America and Michigan State University as they both sponsor us.

The next place you can find an MSU Underwater Hockey team is at Sport Court 4 in Brown Deer, Wisconsin on May 10th and 11th. The Nationals Tournament happens after that in July, and then the team does nothing together until August when we are all back.



Team Bonding

Until we all meet again, have a wonderful summer, be safe, be smart, hip hip....

Hooray!