

~2017 Wisconsin Water Warrior Results~

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This 2-week swim challenge (14 consecutive days) took place between November 1st and December 31st of 2017. The goal was to challenge yourself and swim as much as you can for the 2-week period. There were 37 participants in the Wisconsin Water Warriors event this year. There were 6 new USMS participants to join in on the fun this year: **Jerry Huhn, Jennifer Youngwerth, Kara McCarty, Sally Moore, Kim Johnston and Mary Hamburg**. It is always great to see new participants.

Combined, the participants swam a total distance of 1,593,819 yards (905 miles) in 2-weeks (an increase of 93 miles from last year), with an average of 43,076 total yards (24.5 miles). We again had more women (65%) participate than men (35%). The average age of the swimmers was 59 years of age, a little older group than in the past years. The youngest swimmer was 35 years old and the oldest was 86 years old. Once again, we had our two amazing swimmers from the 80+ age group, Fred Salzmann (85 years young) swam 33,400 yards and Lois Goddard (86 years young) swam 13,500 yards. You both are truly inspiring!

The Baraboo group had the most swimmers participate and will receive an award for their combined efforts. This group included: Kara McCarty, Mary Hamburg, Nora Bergeon-Capps, Katy Mering, Ann Berres-Olivotti and Tim Capps.

The largest age groups were the 55-59 year old swimmers with a total of 11 (30%) swimmers in this group. James Biles was the top male swimmer with 78,475 yards and I was the top female swimmer with 155,000 yards. I know I am obsessive with distance events and I am the "outlier" in the dataset. Here are the results:

Men				Women			
Age Group	Place	Name	Distance	Age Group	Place	Name	Distance
50-54	1st	Carl Whitney (4)	56,000	35-39	1st	Kimberly Von Doring (2)	65,700
	2nd	Dan DeWeerd (5)	46,000		2nd	Jennifer Youngwerth (1)	36,500
	3rd	Tim Capps (2)	43,050	40-44	1st	Kara McCarty (1)	18,000
	4th	Jeff Schmiedel (4)	12,000		1st	Katy Sommer (5)	30,250
55-59	1st	James Biles (5)	78,475	50-54	1st	Melodee Nugent (8)	155,000
	2nd	David Drury (4)	51,800		2nd	Sally Moore (1)	51,400
	3rd	Gus Robledo (8)	22,200		3rd	Nora Bergeon-Capps (2)	46,550
60-64	1st	Tim Potter (3)	30,320		4th	Margaret Keller (7)	19,900
65-69	1st	Steve Justinger (8)	37,400	55-59	1st	Kim Johnston (1)	101,250
70-74	1st	Greg Hollub (6)	35,800		2nd	Katy Mering (6)	67,500
	2nd	Jerry Huhn (1)	15,800	3rd	Karen Kimple (3)	51,300	
75-59	1st	Donald Jackson (3)	31,950	4th	Ann Berres-Olivotti (8)	49,200	
80+	1st	Fred Salzmann - 85 years (8)	33,400	5th	Chery Drury (5)	37,175	
				6th	Darcy Kelly (2)	30,000	
				7th	Ann Jackson (2)	29,016	
				8th	Julie Van Cleave (5)	28,875	
				60-64	1st	Melinda Mann (7)	51,450
					2nd	Heidi Fischer (3)	43,390
				65-69	1st	Mary Schneider (6)	38,500
				70-74	1st	Jeanne Seidler (5)	42,618
					2nd	Candy Christenson (6)	32,350
				3rd	Nancy Kranpitz (8)	31,250	
				4th	Mary Hamburg (1)	28,950	
				80+	1st	Lois Goddard - 86 years - (6)	13,500

*Number in parantheses represent how many years the swimmer has participated in WWW since 2010

Awards have yet to be determined, but will be awarded at the Wisconsin State Meet that will be held at Schroeder on March 24-25, 2018.

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Figure 1. There were almost double the number of females than males. Looking at the data, you can see that the women swam more miles than the males (women 625 miles and men 281 miles). Figure 1 is a box plot of this data with the miles for 2017 by gender. The colored bar represents 50% of the population and the line in the box shows the median. The median is the value that divides the upper half from the lower half. For example: 1,2,3,4,5 - the median is 3 because 1,2 are the lower half and 4,5 are the upper half. The lines extending out from the bars include 95% of the population. The o and * are the outliers, those that fall out of this range.

The median number of miles for males was 20.3 (range 6.8-44.6) and for females it was 21.5 (range 7.7-88.1). The medians are very similar, with a couple outliers for the women. However, there was no statistical difference. This means that if you tested this 100 times, 95% of the time there would not be a difference (the remaining 5% of the time would mean they were statically significant).

Figure 1

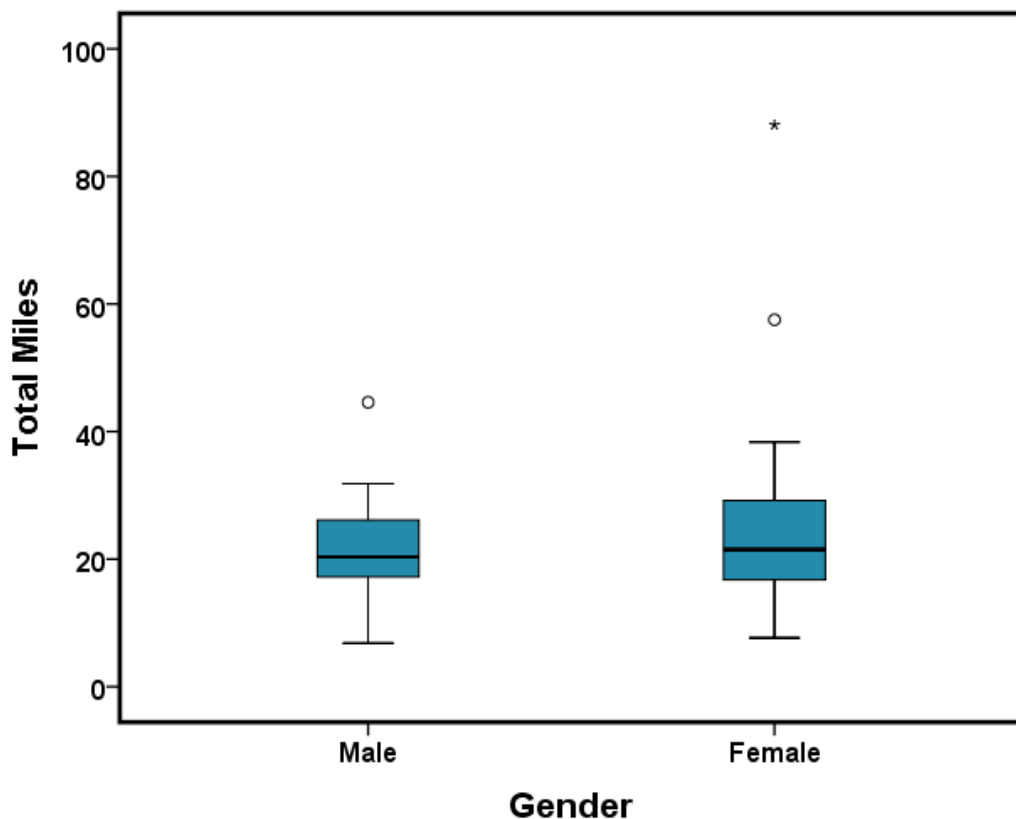


Figure 2. I have been collecting data for this event for the past 8 years. Below is a figure for the 6 participants that have done this event for the past 8 years. As you can see, it fluctuates each year; however, I find it a personal challenge to increase my distance by a bit each year.

Figure 2

