

FACT NEWS JUNE 2008

The coming Long Course season gives us several opportunities to compete at a local level. This coming weekend is the Bumpy Jones meet in Sarasota, always a fun experience. I hope you will be able to get some FACT relays together – if Deb Walker is there I know she is always helpful. I am recovering from cataract surgery and a minor injury and will not be there but some of those longer relays are always a challenge and we have always done very well.

Also there is the June Krauser meet in Ft Lauderdale June 27-29. If you swim in that be sure you enter as FACT, not as your chapter, since this is outside the Florida LMSC, and make sure you report your times to Marley Wilson – she is not responsible for swims outside the LMSC.

The St Pete Meet July 12-13 is always a winner. I will be there and willing to put relays together if you'll let me know what you wish to swim. At their spring meet we had 23 relays and such fun getting to know everyone.

Also, we have a new meet this summer in Cocoa Beach July 16-27. Please make an attempt to attend this and encourage the addition of a new competition plus our LMSC meeting is to be held at this meet – see if we can drum up added interest.

Speaking of the LMSC meeting, I would like to discuss the subject of Team scoring at this meeting. There seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the Team scoring at local meets. Only the St Pete and Valentine Meets are of concern, since the other meets held do not give Team Awards, but we would like to clarify what was and has been the original scoring procedure. I believe the problem has arisen since the

"F" was added to Club designation, signifying the FACT members of a workout group.

The local scoring was to include both those members of a workout group that are USM registered with Florida Aquatic Combine Team and those members that are Club members of that workout group. In the beginning most Clubs joined FACT as a group, which made things simpler. Now we have some of the workout groups joining FACT and some remaining in their original Club.

We want to emphasize that at local meets we don't feel you should be competing against your own workout group, and therefore the members should all be counted for Team scoring; i.e., MOO and MOOF or CATM and CATF. The only part of this equation that is a problem is relays cannot be made up of FACT members and Club members other than FACT. The reasoning is that USMS recognizes FACT as a team and MOO as a team and never the twain shall meet on a relay. Our original purpose for creating FACT was so that teams who do not have the right age group, number of members, or whatever competing could combine with others in the Florida LMSC for fun relays.

Also, we must understand that the results as reported to USMS will state your USMS registration, not your workout group – such as MOO or FACT (not MOOF). Your card should show you the USMS registration.

The YMCA Nationals recently held in Fort Lauderdale had many of our competitors representing various YMCA's throughout the country. Many National YMCA records were broken by members of our FACT team, both individual and relays. It is interesting to note the National Relay records that are held by members of our LMSC that are considerably faster than the USMS records – in these cases all four members of the teams are not registered with the same USMS team, and therefore they do not count for Masters records. A point of interest. Check the results on the Dixie Zone Meet Results.

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