



MAY/JUNE/JULY 2018 NEWS

The web site had a glitch last month and we had to hold up for any items of importance. We'll catch up easily as the Bumpy Jones Meet was the only large meet we attended. We had a good turnout with many trying for times in long course meters to use for the Pan American Games. As a team, FACT was second to Sarasota (the host) in all through team rankings – Combined, Women and Men. Those not going to the Games were also interested in the first Long Course Meet of the season and we had some great relays – a nice surprise was the 400 Women's 400M 320 FREE RELAY broke the National Record!! It was the last event of the day and the ladies were hesitant about even swimming it !! Curious consequences – Pat Tullman, Martha Henderson, Joannie Campbell and Jeanne Hackett with a new National Record!! You just never know. Hope it holds up for the season.

July 7 and 8 a few of us went to St Petersburg to swim the 1500 or other odd events – not enough for relays. I was happy to have some good times coming up to the Pan Am Games – became a sprinter for the day as well as the 1500. After years of battling the weather at this meet, the weather was perfect – we all enjoyed some relatively cool temperatures and NO thunderstorms!!

On to the present BIG news. 52 of our team are registered for the Pan American Games starting next Saturday, July 28th. We have entered 38 relays – a record!! Two of these relays will go after World and National Records and 13 are chasing Pan American Records or No Records in existence for the Pan Am Games. Four of our relays are 360 relays – remember the ages are added for meter meets. That means average age 90 for 360!! We also have several 320 relays, average age 80. Along with some 280 and 240 fast participants. We will be displaying our banner prominently and proudly and have a room reserved for relay day at the hotel next to the pool. I don't see another American team this large – participation has been

fantastic – I believe 39 from the Villages and others from Jacksonville, Clearwater workout group and members around the state. We will get the news to you and hopefully some good pictures as soon as possible. The LMSC Newsletter has held up their August news to accommodate those of us participating in the Games. Good Luck to all!!

Joannie Campbell