



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FACT NEWS 2018

The Holiday Season is fast becoming a fond memory and I am sure all of you are into that “get in shape and lose those extra pounds” mode as January 1 approaches. Be sure your registration is up to date as we approach registration for the first large meet of the season – the Valentine’s Meet at the Long Center in Clearwater. This is February 9th and 10th this year – an earlier date because of conflicts in the pool and on the Florida LMSC schedule.

The only meet held since our last newsletter was the Florida State Senior Games on December 1 – 2 at the Long Center in Clearwater. We should apologize for the LONG meet and any other problems you had. This apparently was the first meet run by the State with those acting as Meet Directors and they had a bit to learn. All your times will be submitted for Top Ten. Many of the FACT team participated – of course under the locale within the State – and I understand there’s quite a group joining me in June to compete at the National Senior Games in Albuquerque in June.

Also the YMCA Nationals are scheduled in April this year in Orlando, if you happen to belong to a YMCA group. This is always fun – each day’s events usually end early and we can take part in fun activities offered in Orlando.

We sadly said goodbye to one of our famous “Oldies” November 29. Rogers (Tiger) Holmes passed away at the age of 97. He was instrumental in getting our Holmes Lumber Jax Chapter going many years ago and is still a member of our World Record 2014 team and of many of our National record relays. I was very fortunate to visit him in September while I was at Convention in Jacksonville. He was in good spirits and wanted us to think of something exciting to make our swim meets more interesting!! His

autobiography, which I have a copy of, is an example of “exciting”. He led an exciting life and will be missed by many.

Be sure you register for 2019 – our Florida Aquatic Combine Team Club and workout groups that now exist are ready and willing. If you have no workout group, simply register for FACT (UNAF). Our fee for \$7. For the year should cover all the relays this year as both Nationals are out West and normally don't have a big group.

Just FYI we are planning a trip to Medellin, Columbia in August 2020. Keep it in mind. One of our team is from Guatemala and is planning on going, swimming and being our interpreter. We have several interested already and I hear that it's very inexpensive!

HAPPY NEW YEAR – BEST WISHES FOR A SWIMMINGLY GOOD 2019!!

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