



## JANUARY/FEBRUARY FACT NEWS - 2019

Welcome to a New Year of swimming and some exciting meets to look forward to plus a unsurpassed record of World Class swimmers recognized in 2018 results for FINA, the International swimming organization.

Before we get started I want to spell out some of the items that seem to be confusing people. The times and swims that you did at the State Games in December 2018 are part of the 2018-2019 Short Course Yards season. Any short course meet you did after May 31<sup>st</sup> is counted in that season until May 31<sup>st</sup> this year. That means that the National Senior Games in June of this year will be counted in the 2019-2020 SCY season.

Any Long Course Meet after September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 will be posted in the 2019 Season – thus those that swam the Good Life Games this past Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, are posting times for the Long Course 2019 Season. The Short Course Meter season last until year end so times actually count for the calendar year they are competing in.

I have addressed this because of many questions that I have received about this.

Our Valentine's Meet this year was not well attended by FACT swimmers. I feel that many of them swam in the State Senior Games and with the cold weather just weren't in the mood. We did have good times though and ended up 4<sup>th</sup> place with a token number of participants. The Nationals will be in Mesa, AZ and as of this writing I don't know of anyone from our team going out there. Let me know if you are. The St Pete Bob Beach meet will be next weekend and hope to have a good showing there and hope for warm weather – not always our luck.

In June, as I indicated, we have a large contingent going out to the National Senior Games in Albuquerque. Personally, I am leaving on the 12<sup>th</sup> to acclimate to the altitude. Haven't been to the National Senior Games in a while and looking forward to seeing many of my old friends. For years the age groups were separated by days and I'm happy to see we will all be there together. Have been pushing for that for several years.

Because it is a special honor of great magnitude to be listed among the World's Best Swimmers – on the FINA list – I have taken the trouble to go through the listing and indicate some of our FACT members. The list is available on the FINA link of [dixiezone.org](http://dixiezone.org) and I hope that those of you who swam on relays at the Pan American Games will see if you are among the elite.

Individual: Betty Lorenzi. 91, All Time Backstroke Events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Long Course and Short Course 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> in all meter events.

Pat Tullman 81 Long Course 9<sup>th</sup> 100 free and 50 fly, 8<sup>th</sup> in 1500. Short course – 8<sup>th</sup> 100 fly, 1<sup>st</sup> in 200 fly.

Martha Henderson 82– long course 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 IM; Short course 8<sup>th</sup> 1500.

Joan Campbell 88 – All Time 9<sup>th</sup> in the 1500; Long Course 1<sup>st</sup> in 1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800; 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400; 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200; 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 IM; Short Course 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200 free, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 400, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1500.

The men also did well – William Zani 80 is 10<sup>th</sup> in both the 100 and 200 breast Short Course Meters;

John Corse 94 is 7<sup>th</sup> in the 50 free and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50 breast. SCM

John Cornell 90 was 10<sup>th</sup> in the SCM 50 free, 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100 free, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50 back and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 bk. In the Long Course meters he was 7<sup>th</sup> in the 50 free, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 free, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50 and 100 back, 8<sup>th</sup> in the 50 breast and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 breast.

Ed Graves, 95, was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Long Course 50 free, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 free and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 back.

In the All Time SCM listings our team remains 1<sup>st</sup> in the 360 400M and 800M free Relays with Tiger Holmes, John Corse, Ed Graves and William Adams. These records have held since 2014.

We hold Long Course All Time Place. of 3<sup>rd</sup> with Ed Graves, John Cornell, John Corse and Robert Coulter.

The 2018 relays are many with American Records for Ed, John Corse, John Cornell and William Zani. I will have to refer you to the website for most of the relays as they are many and more complicated than listing the individuals. I will give you a synopsis of those names you will see: Gail Grossman, Rae Suttie, Barbara McNulty, Martha Henderson, Karen Early, Betty Lorenzi, Jeannie Hackett, Luke Kung, John Corse, John Cornell, Joan Campbell, Karen Panker, Vicki Lacoppola, Pat Tullman, Robert Coulter, Ed Graves, William Zani.

Congratulations to all of you for your fantastic performances!! Hard work pays off. Note the Long Course meets over the summer and hope to see you there. Bumpy Jones is going to be a bit tight for those of us going to Albuquerque but the St Pete Meet and the Dog Days in Clearwater should fit in nicely.

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 for the Pan American Games. 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

Joannie Campbell

