



MARCH/APRIL 2019 FACT NEWS

I'm repeating some of the information I provided you with – just in case you didn't read it or were confused once you started competing this year. 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 do after May 31st this year is counted in the 2019-2020 season, which ends May 31, 2020. That means that the National Senior Games next month in June will be counted in the 2019-2020 season.

Any Long Course Meet after September 30, 2018 and through September 30 2019 will be posted in the 2019 season. Some of you will see spectacular placements in the Recent Events USMS if you swam in the Good Life Games in March – enjoy while you can – Long Course will start June 1. The Short Course Meter season is the easiest. It is effective in the year you swim it.

I want to refer any of you that have questions to the USMS website and to the 2019 Rule Book that is posted on the site. It's a wealth of information. We recently had a question regarding All Star recognition and All American Recognition. All American Recognition for Pool Swims involves the highest number of individual All American age group points in the three seasons. I was fortunate to attain that in 2018 – my 13 All American finishes were a separate recognition. They gave us a lovely towel printed with our name. Thank You USMS!!!! Note my competition does deteriorate as I get older – I have lots of competition going into the National Senior Games next month though at 89. Susan Meyers, who swam with us in Budapest, also made the Pool All Star team – Congratulations!! FYI Information: the All Star rules for Long Distance are different – has to have Postal, Open Water and other long distance in their category.

I thought that I would have the opportunity to get together with Sylvia Eisele this month but she was unable to travel down from Toronto with her son. Some of you may remember her. She swam with us for many years as a World Class breaststroker and spent the winters here in Ft Meyers. Betty Lorenzi has gone up to Wisconsin for the summer – am afraid she is probably unhappy about that at the moment – near freezing temperatures. Ed Graves is having some heart valve problems and our prayers are with him for a full recovery. He is 96 this year!!

Think I told you that a large number of our VASF Chapter opted to go to Albuquerque this year so we had no representation in Mesa this month. We will have few also at the Bumpy Jones Meet, since it is just four days before we leave for New Mexico. A few of us entered just a couple of events and maybe can field a relay or two. Just a warm up for the National Senior Games. I imagine we will have pretty much the same problem with Mission Viejo in August. We have opportunities here for Long Course in St Pete in July and also in August at the Dog Days at the Long Center.

Be sure you register – our Club and workout groups that now exist are ready and willing. If you have no workout group, simply register for FACT. Our fee for \$7 for the year should cover everything this year as both Nationals are out West and normally don't have a big group. Next year will be a different story – Short Course Nationals are in San Antonio April 23; the Pan American Games are in Medellin, Columbia June 17th through 27th and the Long Course are in Richmond, Virginia August 13th thru 16th. Plan on joining us!!

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