



JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019 FACT NEWS

Just returned from St Louis and the Annual USAS Convention – incorporating all the Aquatics Sports in the U. S. Our USMS delegation was about 300 and throughout the 5 day conference the budget for the year is approved and various modifications and past and future plans are discussed at length – many of them controversial. Reports from those of us that attend will be available within the next few weeks on the floridalmsc.org web site. I have been active in the National USMS organization for about 23 years – it is a way of giving back to our sport and a great learning experience. I recommend that you take the time to follow up on items you are interested in by going to the usms.org website and scrolling down to Convention.

Our Dixie Zone covers many local items – Ed Salzman from Georgia is our Chair and a very able one. Bids for the Dixie Zone championships are accepted at the DZ meeting and the Bumpy Jones Meet won the Long Course for 2020. The Short Course was won by Cary, NC March 21 and 22nd. All these are listed in the dixiezone.org web site.

The St Pete Meet this July was unusual – we spent NO TIME avoiding storms in the locker room. Good meet!!! Too close to the New Mexico trip for most of us but our four women managed to get 225 points – not a bad showing!! Next was the Dog Days Meet at Clearwater – our last chance for Long Course until February 29, 2020, which is the Good Life Games scheduled meet at the Long Center. We took third place as a team – beating out the SHARKS by the points of 1 relay!!! John Cornell was our lone representative at the Nationals in Mission Viejo – he had a great showing and earned 64 points for our team!! Congratulations.

The Convention named the venues for the 2021 Nationals – Greensboro, NC for Spring Short Course Yards and Spire in Cleveland for Long Course, August 5 – 8. 2020 has San Antonio hosting the Short Course Spring meet

next year from April 23 – 26. The UANA Pan American Games will be in Medellín Columbia June 17 – 26 – the packet is on the UANA website and several of us are planning on the trip. Get in touch with me if you are interested. The packets for housing I understand are outstanding and facilities super. The Long Course next fall will be held in Richmond, VA August 12 – 16.

Sadly, we lost another of our favorite World Record Holders while we were in Albuquerque this past summer. Ed Graves, who was 96, passed away of heart complications. We will always remember his great sense of humor and his contributions to the team. I can still hear him remarking that just because one member of the relay team was dq'd, shouldn't prevent the other three members from getting their medals!!!! We loved him and will miss him.

Hope to see many of you at the Rowdy Games meet next month – October 11 through 13th. This is always a well-attended meet. The 1500 is not an event but a Lucky's Lake swim is an event for the longer distance swimmers.

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