



OCTOBER 2019 FACT NEWS

The Rowdy Gaines Masters Class and Dixie Zone Championships proved to be another major victory for the FACT team. We walked away with the Regional Team first place trophy with a total of 2,222 points (good number) for 16 competitors. We had a total of 18 relays and all of our swimmers deserve kudos for their excellent performances AND we had great fun. Our women were second in the overall meet of 61 teams with a score of 1379. High point Individual honors went to John Cornell, 92; John Corse, 95; and myself – 89 (uping to the next age group next year).

Our SHARKS meet, short course meters, is next weekend. That pretty much wraps up the USMS meets for the year. The State Senior Games are being held in Coral Springs December 7-8 and another SCM meet there the following weekend. The Senior Games are a recognized meet and this year it is not a Qualifying Meet for Senior Nationals – it will be next year and am sure will draw a larger attendance then.

Plans for 2020 are looking good: the Valentine Meet is February 8-9. Spring Nationals will be in San Antonio April 23 – planning on going to that. Keep an eye out for St Pete's dates and other sanctioned meets on the dixiezone.org web site. This is the 50th year for USMS and for St Pete so should be exciting celebrations. The Y Nationals will be in Orlando for those who are Y members – May 7-10. Bumpy Jones LCM Dixie Zone Championships will be in Sarasota June 6-7 and a group of us are traveling to Medellin, Columbia for Pan American Masters Games June 17-27th. Anyone interested please contact me.

The Good Life Games LCM Senior Meet – first chance for your up in age group try – will be held at the Long Center in Clearwater February 29th.

Registration for the 2020 season is now open and we hope you will all join us again this year. I have tried to spread the word for so many of the teams around the LMSC that we would love to include them. It's a problem getting the word out so please talk to those people that come to our swim meets with no one to swim with on a relay and few team members participating with them. This Florida Aquatic Combined Team was created to increase participation and comradery. There are 74 registered clubs in our LMSC. If you have been to any swim meets lately just look at the number of participants that are there with one or two other Club members – many of them have stated on their entry blank that they would love to be on a relay. Haven't allowed relays yet with two or three members!!!! Encourage these people to look at our web site or the Florida floridalmsc.org web site for an explanation of our Club. It's really simple and it's definitely a way to grow participation and enjoyment.

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