



JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021 FACT NEWS

I hope that most of you follow our FACT news through the Florida LMSC quarterly newsletter since the COVID19 has pretty much brought the monthly news for FACT and most others to a screeching halt.

I have had so many news items on limbo and I know you have been able to follow them on the southeastzone.org website. We were planning on getting a group together to compete in the Pan American Games in May and that was the latest postponement. It is now scheduled for July 21 – 28 of 2022!! I believe we can assume that the difficulty was with the great number of Brazilians that would be participants in the meet and a unique situation in Brazil and possibilities of travel problems.

The National Senior Games I am sure you are following and the National organization has been keeping us up on this situation. It is to be in the Ft Lauderdale area May 10 – 29 of 2022. Maybe the new facilities will be available by then – we can all hope!!

Tentative dates have been assigned for the National Spring and Summer USMS Nationals and you will note the 1-Hour Swim has been extended through March if you are interested. Both Nationals are inside facilities – Greensboro is particularly close quarters. Let me know if there is any team interest as they open registration.

I note that local meets have been restricted to LMSC's recently. The Sarasota Sharks April 17-18 is open for our Florida LMSC but restricted to 200 entries and registration starts March 15.

I'm looking long term to Japan for World's in 2022 – may be just a day dream at this point but keep it in mind.

Sadly as you may have noted on our factmasters.org website we lost our oldest member to complications after the COVID battle. John Corse has experienced a heart attack early in the year and then COVID. He had told me that he felt so terribly weak after the bout and shortly after spending time in Virginia with his family, he passed away. He was a fighter through so many setbacks in his swimming career and was looking forward to a 95+ season but it was not to be. I always remember his preference for the sidestroke when it came to freestyle. He said his many years in the Navy made him a faster sidestroke swimmer – and he was right!!!

Our Betty Lorenzi is spending the winter in North Carolina with her son. Her daughter Betsy says the COVID experience has left her terribly frail. Unfortunately the vaccines were not available for both of our most elderly swimmers. We pray Betty continues to gain strength.

Please follow our news in the LMSC newsletter and I'll try to keep us up to date more often as news breaks. Let me know at jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com if you are participating in meets around the globe!!

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