



AUGUST - OCTOBER 2021 FACT NEWS

Although we have had a minimal number of participants at the three meets over the past three months, they have been quality representatives and as COVID restrictions decline, we'll hope to see more FACT members join us. In August St Pete had a well-attended meet while I was attending my granddaughters wedding in Colorado. Pat Tullman's daughter graciously saved me from two days delay getting home from Aspen. Debbie was a life-saver!! I hear rumors that we're going to have a relay in San Antonio's Nationals in April that will include her. Thanks so much Deb.

Dog Days in Clearwater was again sparsely attended but enjoyed. This one day event at the end of Long Course season is fun and a chance to swim those neglected events during the regular season.

The Summer Nationals at Spire in Cleveland was not our event this year – in 2015 we had a winning relay but this year ended up much too close to the Rowdy Gaines SCM Zone Championships. We had a good number of FACT representatives there and secured the Regional 1st Place with over 1,000 points. The facility there in Orlando has been upgraded and other than a too warm pool for the 800 on Friday, all went smoothly. Ken Hickey has gotten us a great flag banner which he placed in our “usual spot”. Unfortunately this lover of relays had to scratch our men's and mixed relays because of lack of male swimmers – please help out by joining team efforts in the future. Joan Campbell, Martha Henderson, Pat Tullman and Mark Ross won individual high point with multi team points!! Coming up is the Shark Meet November 13-14. This pretty much completes our SCM season.

The November LMSC newsletter will be out soon and I would like you to pay particular attention to our FACT article. I have tried to outline a host of website information that I feel many of our swimmers are unfamiliar with. Some of you may pick up some pointers.

Next year there's some opportunities that you'll enjoy as the COVID situation opens up. It's amazing the many swimmers that are unable to get back to their swimming routines. We saw this in the roster for the Rowdy meet – many parts of the country were represented. On the calendar so far is the Valentine Meet in Clearwater February 12-13 (the Zone championships in Auburn, AL are the same weekend). The Spring Nationals in San Antonio April 28 – May 1 – MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND. THIS IS A GREAT FACILITY AND MEET., May 13 – 16 is the National Senior Games many of you have qualified for in Plantation, FL, the Bumpy Jones Meet in Sarasota June 25 – 26; the UANA Pan American Games postponed from 2020 in Medellin, Columbia July 21 – 28 and recently added the 19th World Masters Games in Fukuoka City, JAPAN May 31 – June 9th. Please notify me when you plan to enter any of the international meets or those outside of the Southeast Zone. I like to follow these up in the newsletter.

We recently lost one of our younger swimmers, Tom Rawls. Our sympathy goes out to his family. Many of you are not aware that those who pass away are recognized each year with a picture and a personal note at the National Convention. The notices are put in the permanent record of USMS after Convention.

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