



MARCH 2023 FACT NEWSLETTER

March was a busy month for us. We competed in the St Pete Bob Beach Meet early on and were blessed with good weather – an unusual occasion. Along with Pat St Germain, Pat Tullman, Martha Henderson and myself swept the 75 plus relays. Some of the boys showed up for a medley relay and took a third.

The Good Life Games (Senior Games 50 and over) on March 18 was well attended by USMS members. This Long Course Meet is the first 2023 LCM Recognized or Sanctioned in the country. It was royally recognized in 2020 as COVID closed all long course competition that year. I believe all participants were USMS winners of Top Ten since it was the only 2020 Long Course meet that year!!!

The World Aquatic Masters (formally FINA)s rankings were recently released and FACT representatives 85-89 Pat Tullman and Martha Henderson earned top ten in the world rankings in a combined 12 events LCM and SCM. Martha took number 1 in the 400M IM!! Individually I managed to rank in the Top Ten in 9 events – yes, there are competitors in the 90+ age group.

As many of you know our Swim Star of many years, Betty Lorenzi, passed away just before her 96th birthday. She had been an integral part of our “old Folks” team for many years and still holds most of the backstroke records of the past 10 years. Meegan has initiated a new Memorial Articles to the LMSC Newsletter. Along with Betty she has memorialized Sylvia Eisele’s passing, another of FACT’s recent oldies super swimmers. The LMSC has posted memories so please take a minute and look. The National organization has done this for years at Convention but many of you may not be aware of this.

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