



SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2023 FACT NEWSLETTER

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The past three months have been busy reorganizing and planning for the 2024 year. The Florida LMSC's generous support of our Regional Team FACT has given us the opportunity to help small teams within our organization to be part of a group that can compete together at meets and encourage camaraderie and attendance that is competitive – not just one or two members at a meet or swimming Unattached.

We have had one new Workout Group join us so far. Gulf Coast Swim Team Work Out group (GCSWO), and I hope that swimmers will take the time to see the opportunities that open up for small Clubs. Our returning workout groups are Clearwater Long Center FACT (CLCF) and Villages Aquatic Swim Team (VASF). The Registration fee for the FACT USMS Workout Groups (\$70) will be paid by FACT. When you create one, just send the bill to Pat Tullman, our Treasurer. patriciatullman@me.com for reimbursement. At this time we have 21 members registered with FACT which includes 9 members with no workout group affiliation.

The meets over the last three months have been short course meters. The Rowdy Gaines meet is usually a winner for us. Our individual swimmers were all super, but I'm afraid one man can't compose a mixed relay!! This is an example of meet attendance that I've indicated.

Senior Games are fun meets. Many are recognized by USMS so times are competitive for Top 10 consideration, but you have to be 50 years or older to compete in these games. The National Senior Games in 2025 will be in Des Moines, Iowa. Sounds like fun. Remember, the local competitions next year will qualify you for the State Senior Games in December and the State Games will be the qualifying meet for the National Games in 2025. Don't miss your qualifying meets around the state and be sure you realize the events you swim at the State Games determine what you swim at Senior Nationals.

We have just added Pan American Masters Games to our schedule for 2024, and Nadine Day posted dates and events on Facebook. More details will be forthcoming, but it sounds like really fun. Pan Ams will be in Trinidad and Tobago starting July 16th, 2024. If you would like to coordinate travel and accommodations when the details are published, get in touch with me. I believe these Games do not require qualifying times. Nadine informs me that meet information has not been finalized yet. We will let you know when this happens. Meantime she is enthusiastic about World's in 2025 and I am too. Originally it was Russia (not a particularly happy place) and now it's excitingly Singapore!! I'll keep you up to date as Nadine Day keeps us up to date on the latest plans.

Coming up in the New Year are the Valentine's Meet February 10-11 and the Auburn Short Course Zone Championships the following weekend. Also the Long Course Senior Good Life Games is March 9 at the Long Center in Clearwater – a good opportunity to age up early!!!