

Convention Hospitality in Jacksonville - September 26-30, 2018

Meegan Wilson

5/6/18

I volunteered to help coordinate the hospitality suite at convention this year and attended the pre-planning convention meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville on March 2, 2018. I met the USMS convention coordinator, Jessica Porter, and we have corresponded since the meeting.

The Hospitality room (#4104) is the one we used in 2014. There are no bedrooms associated with it, but it will have internet access like all sleeping rooms. Please see my slide show of the hospitality room, etc. Hotel parking during convention will be \$8 per day and \$15 for valet parking for those registered with convention at the hotel. You can use your room key to go in and out of the hotel garage.

USMS will purchase some items from the hotel and we will be responsible to bring in the rest so that we can provide breakfasts (including the sack breakfasts for the early morning swimmers), lunches and snacks. I will try to come up with a list of items that we will need. Bob has a large car so that we can make shopping runs as needed. Jessica said that USMS can issue an advance of funds if necessary.

It is up to us to decide when hospitality is open. It will be closed during HOD meetings and perhaps other social events. Once the USMS convention schedule comes out we will have a better idea about what our volunteer needs are.

USMS will coordinate with the hotel to have a bar tender in the hospitality suite in the evenings, and we will bring in the beverages.

HLJ member Margaret Dodson said that she should be able to get some volunteers to help us out in hospitality. I will touch base with her closer to convention. I will try to come up with a doable schedule and get back to everyone for approval.

Jessica liked our idea of a "Dessert Social". Delegates can eat out on their own Thursday evening and then come to the hospitality room for a variety of deserts and beverages.

USMS will provide two rooms with two queen size beds for our use, checking in on September 26 and out on September 30. It was suggested to book rooms for convention early – but if you make a reservation and cancel – you will be billed for one night. The cost for a double room is \$139 and the cutoff date for hotel reservations is August 20, 2018. Convention registration starts May 1st.

2018 USAS Convention Jacksonville, FL September 26-30, 2018



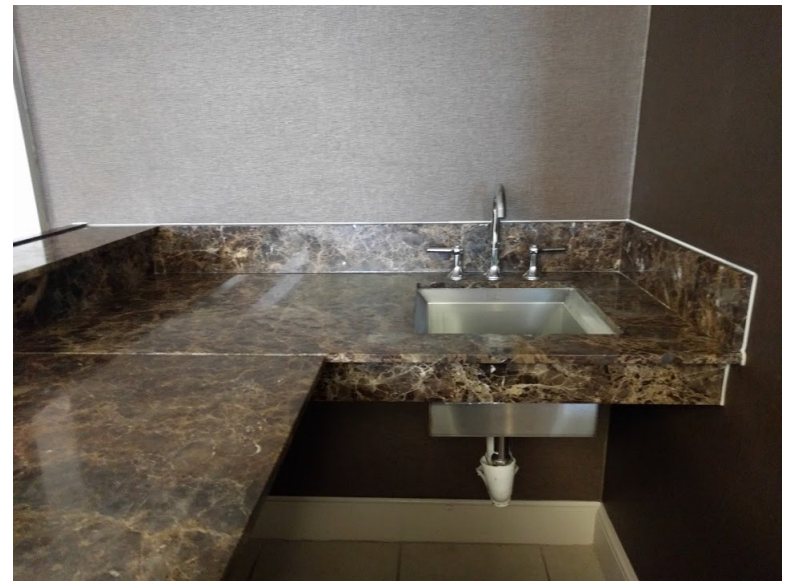
2018 Florida LMSC
Masters Hospitality

The Hospitality Suite



We are in the same room that we were in 2014. There are no individual bedrooms, but there is a bathroom and kitchen with a small refrigerator and sink. General Internet access will be available in the room.

Suite Amenities



Hospitality Responsibilities



The Florida LMSC is responsible for deciding when the hospitality suite is open, determining what to serve, obtaining all the food, and providing volunteers to man the suite.

USMS will provide a budget and reimburse expenses. They can make an advancement.



Bringing Items Into the Hotel

Bringing items in will be difficult due to parking garage access. If you enter from the ground floor of the garage, you will have to cross traffic to enter the hotel, but there are no stairs. If you enter on the 1st floor, you will need to climb up stairs and if you enter from the 2nd floor, you will need to walk down stairs. An elevator takes you to Ground, First and Second floors only.



Swimming Pool and Fitness Center

The hotel pool and fitness center are located on the 19th floor. You will need your hotel key to obtain access.

A towel and bus service will be provided for morning swim practice to Bolles school. The Florida LMSC is responsible for providing a sack breakfast for the swimmers.



May 2018 Fitness Report
Connie Greb

The first 30 minute Smarty Pants Fitness Series was a success. The Fitness Committee is continuing to explore ways to increase revenue for the continued success of the Fitness events moving forward.

The Smarty Pants Fitness series focuses on and fitness of swimming weather you swim on your own or with a group.

Next event: 2K Swim- Event 2 of 3 for 2018

Event Dates July 15-31

Entries open May 1

Entries close July 31

Two rules 1) there are no rules and 2) Have Fun

Adult Learn to Swim

Completed first session in late March with 20 students.
Scheduled to begin next session May 7.

May 2018 Newsletter Report
Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk

The next newsletter will be published in October.

Therefore, the deadline is September 15.

I will send a reminder to Meredith to ask that she send an email to the LMSC for any articles.

Registrar Report
5/1/2018
Meredith Moore

As of May 1, 2018 we have 1909 members registered for 2018. That is about 90% of the total 2017 member registrations for the same time last year of 2118.

1030 male - 54%
879 female - 46%

We have 64 registered clubs in 2018. We have had quite a few new clubs register in the past couple of months:

BBWM	Brevard Blue Whales	Satellite Beach
BGF	Brian Glazer Family JCC Masters	Tampa
BMS	Manatee Masters Swim Club	Bradenton
BTC	Team Bodyfeed	Cape Coral
HCTY	Haines City Tritons	Winter Haven
SRQX	SRQ Masters Swimming	Sarasota
SRQ	SRQ Unagi	Sarasota
SWFL	Swimspire Florida	St Augustine
USC	United Swim Club	Tallahassee

Florida LMSC Sanctions Chair & Top 10 Recorder Report

April 30, 2018

Anna Lea Matysek

2018 Events in the Florida LMSC that have been issued a Sanction or Recognition number (events with no date listed are expected to be held in 2018):

2018 Meet Date	Meet Name	S/R	Course	Meet Location	USMS Observer	Sanction/Recognition Number
Feb 13-14	Annual Valentine Meet (Dixie Zone SCY Champs)	S	SCY	Clearwater		148-S001
Feb 17	Senior Games: Gulf Coast	R	SCY	Sarasota	Anna Lea Matysek	148-R007
Mar 7	Senior Games: Capital City	R	SCY	Tallahassee	Nick Gandy	148-R009
Mar 10	Senior Games: Good Life Games	R	LCM	Clearwater	Anna Lea Matysek	148-R001
Mar 24-25	St. Pete Masters SCY Champs	S	SCY	St. Petersburg		148-S002
Apr 7	Central Florida Marlins Masters Spring Splash	S	SCY	Ocala		148-S004
Apr 14	OW: Swim Around Lido Key	S	OW	Sarasota		148-W001
Apr 14	Tampa Swimming Masters Classic (Recognized)	R	SCY	Tampa	Barb McNulty	148-R010
Apr 25-26	Senior Games: The Villages	R	SCY	The Villages	Bob Jennings	148-R008
May 5	OW: Hurricane Man	S	OW	St. Petersburg		148-W003
May 13	OW: Tropical Splash	S	OW	Sarasota		148-W002
May 19	(POSTPONED): T2 Masters Spring Invitational	S	LCM	Naples		148-S007
May 19	OW: Coquina Cup	S	OW	Flagler Beach		148-W004
Jun 9-10	Bumpy Jones Classic	S	LCM	Sarasota		148-S006
Jul 7-8	St. Pete Masters LCM Champs	S	LCM	St. Petersburg		148-S008
Jul 28 - Aug 4	2018 Pan American Masters Championships	S	LCM	Orlando		148-S003
Aug 5	OW: 2018 Pan American Masters Championships	S	OW	Daytona Beach		148-W005
Sep 15	Central Florida Marlins Masters Fall Splash	S	SCY	Ocala		148-S005
?	Tail's End Meet		LCM	Clearwater		
?	Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic		SCM	Orlando		
Sep 23	Senior Games: Gainesville	R	SCY	Gainesville	????	148-R011
?	Shark Tank Meet		SCM	Sarasota		
?	Senior Games: Florida		SCY	Clearwater		

New Open Water Event

I approved a sanction for a new open water swim event. The Coquina Cup event will be held on May 19 at Flagler Beach. I do not anticipate this being a large event, so I don't think the fee for the USMS sanction will be as high as it is for our established open water events. (The USMS open water sanction fee is \$100 plus \$5 per participant up to a maximum of \$1000.) If this event draws 100 USMS participants, as an example, then the sanction fee owed by the FL-LMSC will be \$100 plus \$5 x 100 for a total of \$600.

Senior Games Recognition Fees

In my January report, I described a letter that was sent to the Florida Sports Foundation with a proposal for them to pay a fixed amount for USMS recognition fees for senior games meets. Joannie Campbell subsequently learned that the two people from the Sports Foundation that we had met (and sent the letter) were no longer working there.

So I began collecting a \$50 recognition fee from each event that applied for USMS recognition. I have not been collecting the payment before approving the recognition; I write to the event director, explain the fee, and then as long as they agree that they will be able to pay it, I approve the recognition.

The only meet that has been held but has not yet paid the recognition fee is the University of Tampa meet that was held on April 14. The event director stated that the check was in the mail, but Nancy Kryka has not received it. (Nancy has moved; her old address was on the first invoice that I sent and her new address was on the second invoice.) I will continue to follow up with them.

2018 Meet Date	Meet Name	S/R	Fee Collected	Notes
Feb 17	Senior Games: Gulf Coast	R	\$50.00	
Mar 7	Senior Games: Capital City	R	\$50.00	
Mar 10	Senior Games: Good Life Games	R	\$50.00	
Apr 14	Tampa Swimming Masters Classic (Recognized)	R		no check received; host notified
Apr 25-26	Senior Games: The Villages	R	\$50.00	
Sep 23	Senior Games: Gainesville	R		invoice not yet sent

Other Issues

Gainesville Senior Games: This meet is scheduled for September 23. We need to find a volunteer who is willing to be the "USMS observer" for this meet to ensure that the meet follows the proper rules. As an FYI (this is not part of the observer's duties), this meet is held in a bulkhead course, which means the pool must be measured before and after the meet. There have been issues in the past with the measurements not meeting USMS standards.

Capital City Senior Games: Betty Lorenzi swam in this meet and set several potential national USMS records. The meet director filled out all of the record paperwork, and I forwarded it to Mary Beth Windrath (national USMS swims administrator). It turned out that the records could not count because the timing system that was used at the meet was a "semi-automatic" timing system. In the future, when these meets apply for recognition, I can send them some sort of statement that explains that USMS records can only be set at recognized meets when certain types of timing systems are used (times will still count for USMS Top 10).

May 2018 Senior Games Report
Joan Campbell

Report from the Senior Games Liaison:

Anna Lea has covered much of the day to day reporting from Senior Games. Since she is privy to the requests for recognition and contacts as well as the participants in these games, it seems to be an efficient way to handle things. Without such information I am unable to follow up on these instances.

I believe we are still unaware of “who’s in charge” of the State Senior Games. At least I have been unable to determine this. This means we have not come to any conclusion regarding the Recognition Fees from the State organization.

Unfortunately National Records made by Betty Lorenzi at the Capital Senior Games were denied because of the timing system. Although this is not an issue in local meets qualifying for State competition, those who are asking for Recognition should be aware of the new requirements for timing systems. The form used for Observers for those meets should clarify this in detail!

The remaining local senior games are listed on the flasports.com website. In order for a Florida resident to swim in the State Senior Games in December they must qualify at a local senior games – qualification is to be in top five of an event. Any event in the local meet will qualify you for the State Games. The State Senior Games will be a qualifying meet for the Albuquerque National Senior Games next June. Many of us will be traveling to New Mexico for that event. Looks like a fun meet.

Joannie Campbell
Senior Games Liaison

Florida LMSC Website Report

May 5, 2018

Meegan Wilson

I received the list of awards that were presented at our Awards Social from Erin Condon and updated the awards pages. Congratulations to all who received awards.

Meredith alerted me that Dave Miner was not listed on the contact page and I added him back. Not sure why he disappeared. Sorry Dave!

Nancy Kryka, Jim Matysek and I have been communicating about our website and possible changes. Jim has set up automatic renewal for our domain name. He indicated that due to the launch of the new USMS website, they may stop hosting LMSC websites which has been a free service to LMSCs. Jim will see about setting up an alternate back up scheme just in case that service stops as well. We may have to switch servers if USMS stops providing this service to us.

I appreciate any additions, corrections, or suggestions to the website.