



### **FACT NEWS FOR APRIL, 2010**

Hang on to your FACT hats for a big splash at SCY USMS Nationals at Georgia Tech May 20 – 23<sup>rd</sup>! We'll have a fun hospitality suite at the Hyatt Place Atlanta Downtown on 330 Peachtree Street NE – a short distance from the pool with shuttle service available within 3 miles – from 6 to 9:00 Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll go over relays and get acquainted with many of our teammates from other parts of the state. With a total of 232 FACT members it seems we should have been able to have a better representation than 15 participants, but be that as it may, we will manage to field 8 excellent relays and should do well point wise. I am concerned that members of the team do not realize that qualifying times are not required for three events, leaving a possible three events and relays and some fun swimming. If you have not contacted Coach Joe already, please let us know if you cannot participate or if you feel you are placed in an event where another teammate would make a better relay. We will try to accommodate everyone. If you are doing any change of affiliation to our Combined team, hopefully you have followed the rules: you cannot compete for another USMS registered team (chapter is not a problem) within 60 days of competing at Atlanta Nationals. Keep this rule in mind if you want to join us for an awesome regional group! Any questions please contact me at [jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com) or coach Joe Biondi [jbiondi3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbiondi3@tampabay.rr.com). We're looking forward to a busy season.

I have done an analysis of those Florida LMSC teams to try to emphasize the purpose of having our Combined Team. Other than a couple of larger community-based teams located in concentrated areas, our LMSC has many small teams throughout the state. I see that eight teams have fielded a total of 29 swimmers – in addition to the 15 FACT swimmers. Those swimmers combined with our Regional Combined Team would number 44 and make for a really fun and competitive group. As it is, most of these competing teams consist of 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 – not much of an opportunity to join other team members for relays and join us for hospitality and camaraderie. The Chapter concept is one used in many states across the country and we have an opportunity at least in our Valentine Meet to compete as Chapters, this being a choice of the Meet Manager. Each of our Chapters operates as an individual Club. Please note the explanation of the Florida Aquatic Combined Team that is located here on our website. I have covered this subject in each of our newsletters over the past few years and we now have it spelled out in detail on our new and improved web site. The cost to you is a mere \$5.00 and we have paid for all relays at local and National meets. If you are not a member of FACT, please read carefully and consider the opportunities at local and National competitions.

<b>Friday, May 21, 2010</b>	
15. Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay	
<b>Saturday, May 22, 2010</b>	
19. Mixed 200 Medley Relay	
31. Women 200 Freestyle Relay	32. Men 200 Freestyle Relay
<b>Sunday, May 23, 2010</b>	
35. Women 200 Medley Relay	36. Men 200 Medley Relay

**FACT SWIMMERS...**that will be competing at Nationals in Atlanta---if you wish to be on a relay please e-mail me and include your full name, as it appears on your USMS Registration card, a phone #, DOB and the relay event(s) with the time(s) you wish to swim....let me know as soon as you can. FACT pays for all relays. I wish to set up all relays and inform everyone at least a week ahead of time. Relays must be entered up to 4:00 PM the night before they are swum. COACH JOE