



FACT NEWS FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL, 2011

Keep in mind that locally we can compete as Chapters and for Dixie Zone Champs and Nationals we can combine to form a larger more competitive group. Please read over the rules and reasons for the formation of the Florida Aquatic Combined Team and join us – we will probably emphasize the Long Course Nationals in Auburn in August this year – it is close enough to have a good sized group compete. If you are competing at a Zone meet, remember that we can compete as FACT there also and run up some points as well as enjoy the camaraderie of a large team. Please let me know if you are attending any of the Zone competitions and I will attempt to set up some relays if there are no other coaches around. Often when we are a distance away, the attendance is more apt to be strictly local participants.

Because the LMSC newsletter had a bump in the road, the news covered January through April and my coverage in that publication has been up-to-date to the neglect of this news item. In the month of April we had some stand-outs who competed at YMCA members. At St Pete our five relays did well as did several individual members. SARF, SUNF, SPCF and UNAF chapter members won High Point awards.

As I have mentioned in the newsletter, over 20 of our Villages members are competing in Houston in June at the National Senior Games – we wish them well. Hopefully we will see several of them at the Bumpy Jones meet where we can wish them well! Remember this is a Dixie Zone Championships so we will all swim as FACT.

Three of our members traveled to Mesa, Arizona for the National USMS Short Course Championships. Wish we could have had a larger contingent but Mesa is a bit of a trip; however, when you look at other large Regional Teams throughout the country, they manage to send a good-sized group.

Our total number of swimmers from Florida LMSC were 28 with no relays and 8 individual teams, most with 3, 2 and 1 swimmer – certainly not a visible representation of an LMSC with over 1800 members and 56 Clubs!! Our FACT team of Martha Henderson, Rick and Ellie Trevison placed 19th among the Regional Teams. They all had events placing in the top ten. Other than Sarasota (18th), most other teams have placed 40th through 114th among the Clubs. Auburn will be the site of the Long Course Nationals this August 3 – 6. They are about 8 hours driving time away. We have talked about a hospitality room for the Florida LMSC – good practice for the Convention hospitality in September at the Annual Convention in Jacksonville. How about working on it?! Give me a holler if you are attending – remember you may swim three events even if you do not meet the qualifying times – and of course you may also participate in relays.

Florida Aquatic Combined Team was formed to accommodate the smaller clubs and individuals and the camaraderie that has developed and opportunity to be competitive as a regional team in these large meets has been an asset. As the number of teams and our membership grows it becomes even more apparent that a Regional team with individual chapters is a positive. Any questions, please email me jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com.

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