



FACT NEWS FOR JUNE THROUGH AUGUST, 2011 – CATCH UP FOR THE SUMMER

We've had a busy and productive summer – starting with the USMS Open Water National Championships on June 11 in Fort Myers with Jack Brackett (60-64) taking silver and Mili Rohr (50-54) with a Bronze finish – congratulations!! The Dixie Zone Championships at the Bumpy Jones Meet in June saw a good contingent of representatives and a second place finish to the team – the host team of Sarasota taking the first place. We all had a great time.

A group of over 20 of our members sent as Florida representatives to the Senior Games in Houston, and there were some fantastic swims. Results showed the Villages with over 20 members and Martha Henderson doing a great job. The St Pete Summer Classic had a nice number – SARF, SUNF, VASTF and UNAF had some fun relays and some good swims.

On to the LCM Nationals in Auburn, where the team had a group of 10 competing in the Regional Championships. We hosted a Hospitality Suite on Thursday night and many from around the Florida LMSC joined us for camaraderie and food and drink. Our 10 super swimmers took 6th place at the Regional level, competing against other strong teams from around the country such as Georgia with over 2,000 points and 97 swimmers! We held our own against many of the other strong teams – our women took 4th and men took 7th. Three of our relays were National Championships in the 280+ age group. Our Mixed Medley had Tiger Holmes and his daughter in a championship swim!! Tiger turned 90 and Mary Roebuck, his daughter, turned 50 this year. They were awesome! In addition, Tiger just missed records in all the backstroke events – next time Tiger!!!! The usual “over the hill” gang from Jacksonville reported broken ankle, broken leg and broken back!! – all in recovery mode. Wish them the best and hope to see them in good shape next year! Check the results for our new National Champions, individually and team wise – we pulled in lots of medals.

Let's make an effort to have a good turnout for the Rowdy Gaines meet this year – October 14 thru 16 in Orlando. It's always a good meet and FAST – I believe they've done a great job of renovating the facility this year, also.