

SUN MASTERS NOVEMBER LMSC NEWSLETTER ARTICLE:

This winter presented us with changes beyond our control – our home base, the City of Dunedin's only pool, has closed for the winter and our team has scattered throughout Pinellas County. This has caused us to make a difficult decision, which is to cancel our hosting of the annual popular Valentine Meet held every year at Clearwater's Long Center Pool. We have sent out pleas to other Clubs, in hopes that they could take over the obligation and manage the February 12-13 event. CAT Masters is still considering at this writing and we ask that you keep an eye on the Dixie Zone Schedule should they be able to host the meet. I am sure many of our USMS members who regularly participate would offer to give them a hand with volunteers.

COACH JOE BIONDI has found a home at the Palm Harbor YMCA Monday thru Friday from 5:30 am to 7:00 am. Those of us that are finding the time and location agreeable are gravitating there while others are at the Long Center and other pools around the area. We are still together as SUN Masters but are missing the daily camaraderie and found it too cumbersome to coordinate a large swim meet.

The Open Water and Triathlon called during the summer and early fall and many of our members placed well. JOHN CORNISH placed 1st in the Florida Challenge International Triathlon in Clydesdale 40-over and 4th in the 50-54 age group in the Top Gun Triathlon.

The Tropical Splash Dixie Zone OW Championships were held October 2nd in Sarasota. NANCY DURSTEIN, 80, took a 1st in the 80-84 2.5K race. JOHN MARZULLI placed 4th in the 5K 60-64 age group and DAVID PERKEY, 60, placed 2nd in the Triathlon portion. Looked like a perfect day from where I sat (I'm partial to that black line) and where they swam!! Good going everyone.

In the Tarpon Springs Tri, BRUCE MANN took 1st in the 50-54 age group; JERRY NAPP took 2nd; GENE WONG took 2nd in the 35-39; CHERYL FORGANG 3rd in the 45-49; and BRANDY SZEN 2nd in the 30-34. Great showing!!!

We're looking forward to some aquaquack at future meets – will miss the daily get togethers at practice but maybe this will be an excuse for more of us to participate in the coming SCM fall meets coming up – the Bridge the Bay is fun at Sarasota and St Pete and it's all in one week end this year!! – check it out November 13 and 14.