



FACT NEWS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2015 – Joannie Campbell

IN THE INTEREST OF BEING REPETITIVE, I AM REPEATING THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN THIS END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER. WE MASTERS HAVE A HABIT OF NOT READING ANYTHING LONGER THAN FOUR LINES. WHAT WE DO AFFECTS US FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!! Starting November 1st registration for the year 2016 begins. Those of us that belong to FACT may register with the Florida Aquatic Combined Team for the coming year. Remember that we have a web site (factmasters.org) with our monthly newsletter and our good friend Janet Shellenberger keeps it up to date for us. Pictures are always welcome!! At the moment we have three active workout groups which compete as such for team recognition at some of our local meets – currently the 2016 Valentine Meet will have such a meet..

When you go to register the workout group will be noted on your registration page – be sure to check off CLCF (Clearwater Long Center/FACT), HLJF (Holmes Lumberjax/FACT) or VASF (The Villages/FACT). Workout groups can be registered for a nominal fee if your team desires to compete as such or if your group wants to receive the USMS communications and/or other USMS amenities. If you wish to remain UNAF/FACT there's no problem but you will have to rely on information through the factmasters.org website. I realize that some of your groups are just not large enough to register a workout group. Consider that you can join any of the existing ones at no charge!!.

As FACT we compete as a Regional Team and have placed well at National USMS competitions and at Dixie Zone Championships. Most recently we placed second with over 2100 points at the Dixie Zone Rowdy Gaines Championships. Gold Coast was first by only just over 100 points – just a couple of relays would have made the difference!! Our FACT registration fee of \$7.00 a year remains the same and we provide all relay costs throughout the year plus participants at Nationals receive a free hat and t-shirt – can't beat the bargain!!

The Shark Tank SCM Meet in Sarasota was November 7 – 8th.is SCM. Again we placed second to the Host team with some great swims – Andrea Nauta Rogers was back in the pool after several years and Horacio Cervantes (Lolo) swam his first race representing the

US – formerly he swam for Mexico. His swims were spectacular considering he was recovering from a recent back operation. The weather was a definite plus this year.

Coming up in January is the 1-Hour Postal swim. You have probably gotten an email from USMS regarding this highly competitive event. You can do it in short course yards, SCM or Long Course. The final information is converted to yards when you register. Look for details on the usms.org website and let me know if you swim it. Relays are made up of three men, three women or two men and two women. FACT puts together the relays and pays for them.

The Florida State Senior Games were a huge success. Held at the Clearwater Long Center this year, we had a great crowd and many of our older FACT members set State records. Betty Lorenzi was with us after a broken neck last December. Swam as well as ever. My daughter, 56, came down from Syracuse and did her first 50 fly in 30 years – managed a second place!! All results are on midnightsports.com. After years of enduring terribly cold weather the first week end of December we were able to swim inside – and of course as luck would have it, the weather was warm this year!! Next year might be different, though – and we welcome the competition in 2016 at the same venue and also the qualifying meet for National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL in 2017.

I spoke to Sylvia Eisele this week and she is recovering nicely from her recent heart attack and procedure plus a gallbladder operation. She's back swimming albeit slowly in her pool in Ft Meyers. Will be nice to see her later on in the season even if it's just a visit.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A
GREAT NEW YEAR!!*

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