



September 2019

Dixie Zone Leadership,

*Not quite September yet – but I wanted to get this out to our friends and fellow swimmers in Florida – Please be careful and stay safe in light of Dorian’s approach. You’ll be in our thoughts.*

**Recap: Dixie Zone Teams Perform Well at USMS Summer Nationals**

As expected; Swim Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Beach Masters and Palmetto Masters all came to play and did well at the USMS LCM Summer Nationals in Mission Viejo, CA.

**Swim Ft. Lauderdale (SFTL)** with 53 swimmers finished third in the Local Clubs category with 1,658 points, behind San Diego Swim Masters (95 swimmers) and the host team, Mission Viejo Masters (124 swimmers).

**Palm Beach Masters (PBM)** with 14 swimmers finished 12<sup>th</sup>; and **Palmetto Masters (PALM)** with 8 swimmers finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place.

On the Regional Club side; **North Carolina Masters Swimming (NCMS)** with 7 swimmers finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place; **Georgia Masters (GAJA)** with 3 swimmers and a referee finished 12<sup>th</sup> and **Florida Aquatics (FACT)** with 1 swimmer finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

Individual swimmers from the Dixie Zone also took the spotlight and had standout performances:

<b>Anthony Ervin (SFTL)</b>	Men’s 35-39	50 Freestyle	23.09 (USMS Record)
<b>Holly Green Blair (PBM)</b>	Women’s 55-59	50 Freestyle	28.46 (FINA World Record)
<b>Holly Green Blair (PBM)</b>	Women’s 55-59	100 Back	1:09.69 (FINA World Record)
<b>Jack Groselle (SHARK)</b>	Men’s 65-69	100 Freestyle	59.49 (FINA World Record)
<b>Swim Ft. Lauderdale</b>	Mixed 72-99	200 Free Relay	1:45.12 (USMS Record)
<b>Swim Ft. Lauderdale</b>	Mixed 72-99	200 Medley Relay	1:55.58 (USMS Record)

***Congratulations to all of our Teams, Record Breakers, and Swimmers who participated in the Summer Nationals. Job well done everyone!!!***

## **Recap: Zone Championships**

Our last Zone Championship for 2019 will be **SCM** - Scheduled to be held Oct. 11-13, Orlando, FL

**Oct. 11-13 / SCM: Dixie Zone SCM Championships/Rowdy Gaines Classic.** Orlando FL. .

*Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, October 7* [Information & entry](#)

Let's push this meet to our membership and get a great, competitive turnout.

The last SCM zone meet held there in 2017 drew 302 swimmers. Let's beat that number this year.

## **Remaining Dixie Zone Pool Meets for 2019**

*Let's get behind these meets and support them. If we want these meets to continue year after year; they need our support and attendance. Otherwise, this list can get shorter and shorter very quickly.*

**Sept. 7 / SCY:** Southside Seals Pentathlon. Peachtree City GA

**Sept. 14 / SCY:** Ocala Marlins Fall Splash. Ocala FL.

**Oct. 6 / SCY:** Enfinity Eastern Masters SC Championships. Greensboro NC.

**Oct. 11-13 / SCM: Dixie Zone SCM Championships/Rowdy Gaines Classic.** Orlando FL.

**Oct. 19 / SCY:** ESMS Oktober Splash. Fairhope AL. *(limited to first 60 entrants).*

**Nov. 9-10 / SCM:** *(New date)* Shark Tank Meet. Sarasota FL

**Nov. 17 / SCM:** *(New date)* St. Nicholas Invitational Atlanta GA

**Nov. 23 / SCM:** NAC Masters Sprinting Turkey Classic. Nashville TN

**Dec. 7-8 / SCY:** Florida Senior Games. Coral Springs FL. **USMS recognized**

**Dec. 14-15 / SCM:** Chris Jackson Memorial Meet. Coral Springs FL

## **Remaining Dixie Zone Open Water & LD Events for 2019**

**Sept. 7-8:** The Clock is Ticking Swim 7-Mile Swim (1-mi, 3.5-mi, 7-mi). Lake Park GA

**Sept. 15:** Swim Around Hobbs Island (1-mile, 2-mile, 5-mile). Huntsville AL

**Sept. 21:** Upstate Splash Charity Open Water Swim (1.2 mi, 2.4 mi). Lake Jocassee, Salem SC

**Sept. 21:** Pure Grenada Open Water Swim (1K, 5K, 10K). Grenada.

**Sept. 22:** Bridges to Bluffs/**USMS Marathon Open Water National Championship** (10K). Knoxville TN

**Oct. 12:** Swim the Suck (10-mi). Chattanooga TN

**Oct. 13:** Lucky's Lake Swim (1.5K). Orlando FL

**Nov. 10:** TriFloyd 8-mile Swim. Clearwater FL. (limited to 20 swimmers)

Visit the Dixie Zone web page for entry links and additional information. <http://www.dixiezone.org/Meets.htm>

## **Dixie Zone Meeting: Convention is only 13 days away**

Below is the agenda for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Zone meeting at convention.

Please start talking to your meet directors about their 2020 meets. Come prepared to bid on the 2020 Zone Championships – Pool and OW. Make sure your meet directors know you are putting their meet up for the zone championship – it came as a surprise to one of the meet hosts this year.

I've attached a copy of the 2019 Meet Schedule, so you have a starting point for the meets your LMSC hosted this past year.

## **Important Note: This is an election year for the Zone Chair.**

*I would like to seek a second term (just throwing that out there).*

*If anyone would like to run for the Dixie Zone Chair position, please send me your name, so I can put it on the ballot for the Zone meeting. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor.*

*There will not be any televised debates; each candidate will have a few minutes at the meeting to introduce themselves to the zone members present, before the election is held by an independent party*

**Prep for convention:**

- Start doing your homework
- Download all the convention documents <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/2019-annual-meeting>
- Take the time to read through the proposed new legislation, rule changes and budget items
- Read through the bio's of the candidates running for office

**Candidates for USMS Offices:****President**

Peter Guadagni

**Vice President of Administration**

Chris Colburn

Frank "Skip" Thompson

**Vice President of Community Service**

Chris Campbell

Jack Groselle (Member of Dixie Zone)

**Vice President of Local Operations**

Ed Coates

Phil Dodson

**Vice President of Programs**

Donn Livoni

**Treasurer**

Teddy Decker

Homer Lane

**Secretary**

Greg Danner

*See you in 13 days in St. Louis*

**2018 Dixie Zone Meeting**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:45AM – 11:15AM

Location – Sterling Studio 3 (subject to change)

**Agenda**

- Roll Call / attendance.
- Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten, and Records).
- LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
- How is your LMSC running?
- Any major problems or issues you would like to discuss, or get feedback on how other LMSC's are addressing?
- Solicit and vote on Dixie Zone Championship hosts for 2020
- Q&A / Open discussion on LMSC Standards Survey Results
- Nominations and election of Dixie Zone Chair for the next two years
- Old Business
- New Business
- USMS Unified Fee concept
- Adjourn

**Last Reminder:**

Please remind your meet directors to submit their meet results to the Dixie Zone so they can be published on the Dixie Zone web page and be processed for Dixie Zone Top Ten and Records consideration. We are having to chase down some of the meet directors to get their results. Please ask them to submit them either in a pdf format or send me a Hy-Tek Meet Manager **Backup** file of the meet – not a “Meet Results File”.

The best way to help us out is to produce their meet results in **PUBLICATION ORDER**, which makes it much easier and faster for us to process them for Top Ten and Records. Several meet directors are still not sending in their results to the zone; and many are coming in as “**EVENT ORDER**”.

**Thank you for everything you do for swimming and for serving your LMSC’s.**

See you on deck.

Ed Saltzman

Dixie Zone Chair