

Valentine's Meet in Clearwater, FL

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On their way to a Caribbean vacation your Newsletter Editor and Top 10 Recorder stopped in Clearwater Florida to visit friends and participate in the annual Masters Valentine's Meet held on February 15 & 16, 2014.

This is a two-day meet hosted by the City of Clearwater & St. Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission in the beautiful The Long Center in Clearwater.

The meet was held in an indoor 50 meter by 25 yard pool using nine lanes for competition and nine lanes for warm-ups. Free refreshments and drinks were provided during the meet for all swimmers, definitely a big bonus.



Like our NC meets, this meet was very well organized. About 170 swimmers participated. One noticeable difference was the participation in the older age groups. In NC we usually have only a few participants in our age group. In this meet many swimmers were in the 65+ age groups. Does this mean that people exercise more in the retirement state than elsewhere?

Sufficient breaks were included to accommodate us older swimmers.

The filtration system for this facility is a state-of-the-art UV system that requires little to no chlorine. The pool is also grounded with technology that enables the pool to be utilized during inclement weather. Wireless access was available throughout the facility. This made it possible to view meet results as they became available using Meet Mobile and to follow Winter Olympic results as well.

On Saturday night we were invited to the Florida LMSC awards dinner held in a local restaurant. The food was excellent and the award presentation was very nicely done. More information about the awards is available on the Florida LMSC web side.