



Featured NCMS Swimmer:

George Simon



George began swimming regularly back in 1977 to improve his bad back and later joined the Raleigh Area Masters in 1983. He wasn't a competitive swimmer, just swimming for fitness, but did compete once in the 1650 at the LCM National Championships at Raleigh's Optimist Park pool. He finished 13th in his age group. His favorite stroke is freestyle and he enjoys swimming the miles. George lives across the street from a neighborhood pool, where he and a few of his friends swim 3 days a week during the warm months in the early mornings.

George worked for IBM for 36 years, retiring in 2002, and then got involved with NCSU's PE department as a SCUBA volunteer and working his way up to become certified as a SCUBA instructor in 2008 and then teaching for a semester, which he totally enjoyed. He then worked with LENOVO for 8 months and now has totally retired from any paying job.

He enjoys working with computers and that is why he enjoyed being the NC Registrar. He became involved as the state registrar in the late 80's, and has remained as the State Registrar until his retiring this April. At the National Level, George was the Chairman of the USMS Registration Committee for several years and later as vice-chair.

George was very involved at the National level with the development of the on-line Registration Systems, first with Club Assistant's on-line implementation and later with the National IT staff's creation. George spent many hours with design suggestions and debugging of the software, making the on-line swimmer's as well as the registrar's interface systems work faultlessly and with ease.

George is still swimming, although not a lot during the cold months. He enjoys riding his recumbent trike for a couple of hours as often as possible on Raleigh's greenway system.

At USMS Annual Meetings, George received the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award in 2004 for his RAM and LMSC efforts, and was the second person to receive the Ted Haartz US Masters Swimming Staff Appreciation Award in 2010 for his work with the On-line systems.

CONGRATULATIONS to George AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!!