

Recognition for Jerry Clark

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At the 40th Sunbelt Championship Meet in Charlotte, Jerry Clark was given the Special Merit Award by the LMSC of North Carolina and very deservedly so.

I have known Jerry ever since I became a new USMS swimmer and a member of North Carolina Masters Swimming in 2004. It is not a simple task to put together all of the many kinds of service Jerry has done for Masters swimming and for our LMSC, but below are some of the things that make him such a valuable member of our Masters Swimming community:

- Jerry has served on the board of the LMSC for North Carolina since 1997 in a variety of positions- and currently he serves a board member at large. He is an invaluable source of information for all of us who are serving our LMSC and he is always willing to give of his time when asked. Jerry has been instrumental in getting people from every part of our wide-spread state to take the interest of our LMSC at heart, take a position on the Board of Directors and actively participate in growing the LMSC and making it bigger and better.
- Now, in 2014, it is the 15th time that Jerry has served as the meet director for the January Charlotte Sunbelt meet. The meet was once on its deathbed due to lack of participation and volunteer support until Jerry took over bringing his sense of enthusiasm and passion for Masters Competition.
- Jerry has multiple times requested and planned the schedule for USMS Coach and Club Services to visit North Carolina to educate coaches and start new USMS programs.
- In 2008, Jerry created, planned, promoted and participated in a USMS high performance camp in Charlotte. He brought in Kerry O'Brien and David Marsh to coach. He invited other Masters coaches to be part of the weekend so they could work with Kerry and David. Thirty Masters Swimmers participated in the weekend experience.
- In 2009 Jerry received the U.S. Masters Swimming Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.