



The **SFA SPLASH** Special Issue

Summary of AZ Meets:

This past academic year has been difficult to find racing opportunities for our athletes. In a normal season we would have been able to attend an average of two meets per month, with many of them being in New Mexico. Due to COVID-19 opportunities to compete have been severely limited. Last month as COVID restrictions eased, SFA was able to take a small group of athletes to compete in Arizona at a couple of fantastic meets. Santa Fe Aquatics swimmers had some great races and it was a treat for Coach Lee and parents to be able to attend a meet with them again. Swimmers had a great first meet back! It was definitely a unique experience for everyone in dealing with the new Covid restrictions at the meet and remembering how to race again but I couldn't have been more happy with the way everyone competed. Out of 48 swims, 39 of those were lifetime bests! We also had swimmers achieve 15 new State qualifying times!

We'd like to highlight those swimmers that attended below:

Meet #1 MAC 2021 Swim Spectacular

- Adam Sallah
- Ruby Sallah
- Elena Roth
- Nina Lyons
- Sophia Bair
- Sam Spiers
- Ella Tyroler



Meet #2 2021 Spring Speedo Sectionals

-Ethan Manske
-Elias Gibson
-Henry Lyons

This meet was a long time coming for these guys. After having qualified for Sectionals over a year ago, all 3 boys had planned to attend last year but then the meet was canceled. It was definitely a challenge to go from having no races for a year, to racing in the fastest meet these 3 have ever attended, but these boys all rose to meet it with great attitudes and some very solid times. **Special shoutout to Ethan Manske** for some huge time drops and moving from being seeded 36th in the 200 backstroke to finishing 12th overall and becoming the first Sectionals finalist that this team has produced!



I was so happy to be able to attend these meets with these two groups. The team spirit and support each swimmer gave one another was exactly what I want to see from the kids on this team. They may have been racing individually but each swimmer had the team behind them helping to push them.

I have some meets lined up that are tentatively being planned for May and beyond in New Mexico. I would love to see more of our team attend these as they will be much closer to home and I've missed seeing everyone race. I'll send out the info for these once they have been confirmed. Great way to finish off last season with a bang Santa Fe Aquatics!

Coach Lee Romero Taylor

