

Feeling Hot Hot Hot

During the persistent rain last week, many Sharks were wishing for the sun to come out. This week, the sun did indeed come out, bringing with it multiple days with temperatures over 90 degrees. Many Sharks apparently need to spend time with Cate Ledoux in science class, as they were surprised to find that, after four days in a row of 90-degree weather, the water in the pool was warm. Josh Freedman may have to take his science classes from jail (hopefully they teach entomology), due to his illegal activities. Bug Queen Karine's legal minions (not to be confused with Gru's minions on Friday night) also evidently enjoy the warm weather and were out in full force this week. Like Gru, Karine was not able to control her minions, and they were attacking both her and the swimmers.

Coaches Long Course

On Tuesday afternoon, while the Bug Queen was partaking in her own "ill-egal" activity, Jingjing Wu took on the fastest swimmers from across the county. Jingjing may not need more time in math or science class, as she was able to determine that the pool was twice as long as a normal pool, and came in 3rd in the 100m

freestyle. Jingjing was also an alternate in backstroke.

Tallyho Meet

On Wednesday night, the Sharks took to the road to face off against the Tallyho Foxes. Clearly, the one of the Sharks' superpowers is to stay up past their bedtimes, as they continued to cheer loudly and swim quickly late into the night. For example, while swimming after 9:30pm, Jinkang Wu dropped 12 seconds in butterfly. 3 hours earlier, Audrey Aarhus and Ashlyn Roberts also dropped 12 seconds in a single event. Justin Chen, Keon Gray and Jinkang Wu (again) also dropped at least 10 seconds in an event. Cyrus Alam, Fuster Kyle, Theo Gittleson, Shawna Hu, Devin Johnson, Alana Lamb, Ethan Mahoney, Anton Obolensky, Yule Pieters, Alan Sai and Daniel Yi all knocked at least 5 seconds off their best times. Daniel Blate got a best time in 5 events. Jinkang Wu and Daniel Yi were not far behind, with best times in 4 events. Hank Breen, Madison Manne, Andrew Vorozheykin, Joe Waldron and Eva Yeghyan won events. Mia Coven, Matthew Ledoux and Lucy Stanton have the best alter-egos and won best dressed for the night.

Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the Sharks competed in their 2nd annual "last day meet". Team Karine took a slight lead in the swimming portion, but, for the 2nd year in a row, it all came down to the belly flop contest. Argeline Lee won the girl's competition, ensuring victory for Team Karine. However, the boys were still able to provide drama of their own. After two great rounds of flopping, the judges could not pick which flopper was the best and called for one final flop-off between Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly and Maxwell Scherr. After the flop-off, the judges still could not make up their minds and named Jordan and Maxwell as co-winners. On Friday afternoon, the Sharks took a well-deserved (and air conditioned) break from practice, and relaxed by watching *Despicable Me 3*. Gabriela Combs', Juliana Combs' and Sarah Magazine's t-shirts were so impressive that, for the first time ever, the *Review* named best dressed winners at a movie.

North Creek Meet

On Saturday morning, Rockshire was transformed into the most magical place on earth, as the Sharks took on the North Creek Neptunes. While it may have been difficult at

first to distinguish between the two teams, the Sharks quickly stood out thanks to the outstanding costumes of many swimmers, including Pixar trivia aficionado Sarah Fagan, Fuster Kyle, Max Fuster, Jordan Kelly and James Lieske. In the pool, the Sharks were equally impressive. Hank Breen led the way with 4 best times, including a 4 second drop in IM. Mia Coven, Jane Lee and Grace Zhang joined Hank in dropping over 3 seconds in an event. Yamei Usui also got 4 best times. Connor Combs, Mia Coven, Jordan Kelly, Jocelyn Merkin, Ashley Thommana, Dr. Daniel and Grace Zhang all dropped time in 3 events. Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly and Sidney Thompson swept their events. Anton Obolensky, Max Fuster and Kim Abera completed the sweep of their respective age groups. Hawie Abera and Mia Coven combined to sweep the 8&under girl's events. The Sharks also swept 4 events on the day (Kim Abera, Fuster Kyle, Max Fuster, Devin Johnson, Jordan Kelly, Smiles Ledoux, Patrick Liang, Anton Obolensky, Aiden Scherr, Sidney Thompson and Grace Zhang contributed to those sweeps). Sabina Blate and Sarah Magazine swam-up to help the team. Roxana Mobini came to the meet just to swim a relay. Lucy Stanton was rudely awoken to Saturday morning with a phone call from Andy, but still jumped in at the last minute to fill an empty lane.

Alana Lamb was also added into an event. The end of the meet was substantially better than the ending of Despicable Me 3. First, the Sharks celebrated the outstanding careers of Sarah Fagan, Gwen Klein, Jocelyn Merkin and William Wong. The Sharks then proceeded to take 1st and 3rd in both the boy's graduated free relay (Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, Hank Breen, Lev Pak, Anton Obolensky, Max Fuster, James Lieske, Alex Thompson) and the girl's graduated free relay (Jingjing Wu, Sidney Thompson, Cate Ledoux, Hawie Abera, Madison Kelly, Grace Zhang, Da-Young Kim, Mia Coven). The Sharks celebrated all of their successes with a barbeque at the pool put together by many hard-working parents.

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On Sunday morning, the Sharks were transported to Hawaii (aka Tallyho) for the Potomac Invitational Relay Carnival. Theo Gittleston, Da-Young Kim and Lev Pak are clearly most in need of a vacation, as they won best dressed. However, none of the Sharks looked tired in the pool. Erik Lieske, Nick Kim, James Lieske and Joe Waldron won the first event and the Sharks never looked back. They went on to win 7 total relays. James Lieske and Joe Waldron swam on 3 of those relays. Nick Kim, Laila Kreiser, Lev Pak and Stefan Tabakov were also on multiple winning relays. Gabriela Combs, Nathan Hunt, Sam Issadore, Smiles Ledoux,

Madison Manne, Roxana Mobini, Dominic Oertel, Lucy Stanton, Emma Stern, Andrew Vorozheykin, Felicia Wang, Summer Yao and Daniel Yi swam on a winning relay as well. The future looks hotter than the weather, as the Sharks took first place in almost half of the 8&under events. The Sharks concluded their whirlwind week with a lunch at Elevation Burger.

Best Times Update

The Sharks got 106 best times on Wednesday night and 87 best times on Saturday morning. This brings their season total to 827.

Records

For the second week in a row, Jingjing Wu, Sidney Thompson, Cate Ledoux and Hawie Abera broke a pool record in the Girl's Graduated Freestyle Relay. This week they added their name to the Rockshire record board with a time of 1:57.97.

Upcoming Events

On Monday, the Sharks will visit Six Flags. On Friday night, they will get ready for Divisionals with a team dinner at Cici's. Divisionals will take place on Saturday morning at Glenmont. On Sunday night, the Sharks will get dressed up and celebrate their fantastic season at the banquet.