

## "Break-ing" News

With the community room finally being (probably...hopefully.... maybe...possibly) close to completion other objects around the pool are starting to break or get lost as well. Early in the week, the backstroke flags by the starting end of the pool were repeatedly knocked down, possibly by swimmers trying to get a head start on the scavenger hunt questions. Later in the week, the lanerope (not laneline) wrench disappeared. After a few false leads and a few unfairly questioned suspects, the coaches were able to track down the wrenches whereabouts, even without the help of Inspector Gadget Sleuth Manne. On Friday afternoon, one of the laneropes (still not lanelines) snapped. Luckily by this point, the Sharks' de facto handyman Tim was no longer missing and he was able to put the rope back together. Meanwhile, all of the items appeared to be fixed or found very quickly, as the clock remains 5 minutes fast.

## Inverness Meet

On Wednesday night, the Sharks sailed the Seven Seas, as they faced off against the Nessies of Inverness at home. While Tim accidentally sailed

his pirate ship to Southern Florida, Karine's Mayflower and Andy's ship docked in Rockshire to witness the Sharks' many great swims. An impressive 79 swimmers dropped time. Helen Duan, Charles Liang, Vikram Mishra, Daniel Walker and Summer Yao led the way with four best times. Kim Abera, Daniel Blate, Carina Chen, David Fan, Emma Illig, Alana Lamb, Cate Ledoux, Smiles Ledoux, Eshaan Mishra, Amelie Tessier, Jean-Luc Tessier, Savannah Thompson-Jones and Lucy Villiers all dropped time in 3 events. Miranda Kvedys and Julia Liao both knocked ten seconds off their backstroke times for the biggest drops of the night. Carina Chen, David Fan (twice), Keon Gray, Abby Greene, TJ Miller, Anton Obolensky, Ethan Qian, Ashlyn Roberts, Pedro Saenz-Guisande, Lucy Stanton, Amelie Tessier (twice), Savannah Thompson-Jones, Yamei Usui, Julia Waldron, Daniel Walker and Clement Yurev all dropped at least five seconds in an event. Maddy Adams, Cate Ledoux, Katherine Lei, Sophia Lieske, Emma Stern and Yamei Usui combined to sweep all of the 15-18 Women's races. The 13-14 boys were similarly impressive, as Connor Combs, Josh Freedman, Max Fuster, Charles Liang, Alex Lopez and Kai Thompson-

Jones took at least 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in 4 of the 5 13-14 Boy's events. Kim Abera, Madison Kelly and Cate Ledoux won 3 events. Max Fuster, Smiles Ledoux and Dominic Oertel claimed two victories. Connor Combs, Juliana Combs, Theo Gittleson and Madison Kelly won best dressed.

## Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the older Sharks competed in their longest and most difficult srelliknam ever. After many slowdowns and multiple lead changes, Team 2 appeared to be making a comeback. However, the underappreciated Team 1 was able to hold on for the victory after Max Fuster's outside the box strategy backfired. On Friday night, the Sharks participated in their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual scavenger hunt. In a thrilling and controversial finish, Team Yamei tied Team Cate with 19 correct answers. However, Team Cate was able to come closer on the tie-breaker question and take home the victory for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

## Eldwick Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks took on Eldwick at home. Many Sharks were so excited that a meet against

Eldwick would not include any rain and showed up hoping to play in a soccer game and not get wet at all. This was especially true for best dressed winners Hawie Abera, Madison Kelly and TJ Miller. However, the hot weather forced the Sharks into the water and they did not disappoint. The boy's graduated relay remains undefeated on the season. This week it was Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, Connor Combs and Joe Waldron who grabbed the victory. Patrick Liang, Devin Johnson, Max Fuster and Alan Sai took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the event. The Sharks also took 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in both of the girl's relays. Avery Breen, Sidney Thompson, Yamei Usui, Cate Ledoux, Maddy Adams, Da-Young Kim, Katherine Lei and Sophia Lieske swam on the open age medley and Felicia Wang, Jingjing Wu, Allison Yu, Lucy Stanton, Hawie Abera, Madison Kelly, Ashely Thommana and Laila Kreiser swam on the graduated free. It was the 11-12 girl's week to shine, as Gabriela Combs, Madison Kelly, Sidney Thompson and Jingjing Wu combined to sweep the IM, back and fly. Patrick Liang, Fuster Kyle and Aiden Scherr took 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9-10 Boy's back for the Shark's other sweep of the day. Allison Yu got 4 best times. Dominic Oertel, Lucy Stanton, Sidney Thompson, Yamei Usui, and Jingjing Wu dropped time in 3 events. David Fan had the biggest drop of the day. Daniel Blate, Cate Ledoux, Maddy

Manne, Dominic Oertel, Yamei Usui, Andrew Vorozheykin and Allison Yu also dropped a lot of time in an event. Jordan Kelly, Sidney Thompson, Joe Waldron, Allison Yu and David Yune swept their events. Connor Combs and Jingjing Wu completed the sweep of their age groups. Fuster Kyle and Patrick Liang combined to sweep the 9-10 boys events. Michael Langer swam in his first Saturday meet. Patrick Liang and Lucy Stanton earned their first ever all-star nominating times. Many Sharks stepped up to help the team. Hank Breen and Dr. Daniel swam through injuries. Michael Langer and David Ye were last minute additions to events. Minutes after winning the IM, 12-year-old Sidney Thompson swam against 18-year-olds on the open-age medley. The Sharks went to Chipotle after the meet to celebrate their great swims. However, the ribbons were apparently hiding with the lanerope wrench and not even Inspector Sleuth Manne could find them in time for the Sharks could receive them at lunch.

### Best Times Update

The Sharks got a record 144 best times on Wednesday night! They followed that up with 65 on Saturday, bringing their total to 474 for the season.

### Records

Allison Yu broke team records in the 13-14 girl's IM and breaststroke. The IM record belonged to Tessa Urovsky and the breaststroke record belonged to Audrey Underwood. Sidney Thompson broke Jocelyn Merkin's team and pool record in the 11-12 girl's freestyle. Sidney also broke the Rockshire pool record in the breaststroke. Finally, Jordan Kelly lowered his own Rockshire pool record in the boy's 12&under IM.

### Upcoming Events

On Tuesday night, the Sharks will shine brightly as they take on the Tallyho Foxes at home. On Wednesday morning, they will celebrate America's birthday with the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Firecracker Relays. On Saturday morning, they will try not feel too tired as they face off against the Norbeck Hills Anacondas. They will conclude their whirlwind week by attempting to leave the other K Division teams green with envy at Relay Carnival.