

Feeling Hot Hot Hot

During the cold, rainy May days many Sharks were hoping for the weather to heat up. This week, it finally did, with multiple days of over 95 degree weather turning the pool into a hot tub. Andy was apparently the most excited for the warmer water temperatures and couldn't wait to get in the pool on Tuesday morning. With the warm weather came an assortment of new and larger bugs, including a record-breaking large bug that interrupted pre-team practice on Thursday morning. Luckily, the coaches were able to keep the swimmers protected from the bugs and the West Nile Virus with potent bug spray.

Tallyho Meet

On Tuesday night, the Sharks attempted to face off against the Tallyho Foxes. The equipment room was either protesting the heat or was not ready for a meet on Tuesday night, and refused to open. However, that proved to be the least of the Sharks' worries, as the heat brought with it a surprise thunder storm. By the time, the weather had cleared up, the Foxes had already scurried back to their dens. The Sharks instead took on the Chick-Fil-A Cows outside in the sun. In that meet, Zesty Buffalo Sauce defeated Garlic & Herb Ranch Sauce for the only

victory of the day. Juliana Combs and Sam Issadore did win best dressed in the real meet before the thunder.

Firecracker Relays

On Wednesday morning, the Sharks took part in their annual Firecracker Relays. Jordan Kelly and James Lieske came prepared with ideas to protect their cards in the "keep the card dry" relay. However, even after their ideas joined "unga bunga" and "t-posting" on the banned list, the Sharks were still able to turn in some of the driest cards ever.

Elsewhere, Andrew Vorozheykin invented the new stroke of catpaddle. Jingjing Wu practiced for her grueling Relay Carnival schedule by swimming butterfly during the t-shirt relay. In the final event of the day, Tejas Navada and the boys co-opted Da-Young Kim's strategy from last year to defeat Yamei Usui and girls in the chair race, despite Yamei winning the rock-paper-scissors battle and the shallow water. Maddy Manne and Joe Waldron won best dressed.

Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the older Sharks competed in the final mankillers of the season. All of the cheating and attempted cheating during Firecracker Relays rubbed off on the Sharks, as the teams racked up over 3 minutes of combined penalties. One cadet Shark needs to go

back to boot camp, as he was single-handedly responsible for 30 seconds of penalties. Once the dust had settled, the Sharks proved to not be good World Cup prognosticators, as the mankillers delivered a dominating victory for Brazil over ~~Germany~~ Belgium. By Friday afternoon, the community room had finally been fixed and the Sharks were able to enjoy their first pasta night.

Norbeck Hills Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks shone bright as they took on the Norbeck Hills Anaconda on the road. Having practiced the theme on Tuesday night, the Sharks were ready to roll right from the beginning of the meet. They swept 4 out of the first 7 events, including taking 1st through 6th in the 8&under Boy's Free and 1st through 4th in 9-10 Girl's Free. The Sharks would go on to sweep nine total events on the day. Hawie Abera, Connor Combs, Juliana Combs, Max Fuster, Madison Kelly, Michael Langer, James Lieske, Lyla Mahoney, Maddy Manne, Max Manne, Eshaan Mishra, Alex Obolensky, Dylan Pino, Sidney Thompson, Felicia Wang, Joe Waldron, Jingjing Wu, David Ye and David Yune contributed to those sweeps. 9-10 Girls Hawie Abera, Juliana Combs, Lyla Mahoney, Maddy Manne

and Felicia Wang combined to sweep all of their events and outscored the Anaconda girls 53-11. Eshaan Mishra dropped time in three events. Yasmine Badr, Avery Breen, Charles Freedman, Yamei Usui and David Ye also had multiple best times. Finally given a chance to swim IM, Yamei Usui knocked 8 seconds off of her best time for the biggest drop of the day. Yasmine Badr, Gabriela Combs, Charles Freedman (twice), Eshaan Mishra, Dominic Oertel (and the magic Fuster cap) and Andrey Tarapunov also dropped a lot of time in a single event. Foreshadowing Sunday's success, the Sharks were great in relays all day. They took 1st and 3rd in the both the boy's and girl's graduated free relays (Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, James Lieske, Joe Waldron, Patrick Liang, Anton Obolensky, Connor Combs, David Ye, Hawie Abera, Sidney Thompson, Grace Zhang, Lucy Stanton, Juliana Combs, Madison Kelly, Erica Lopez, Yasmine Badr). Earlier in the meet, Jingjing Wu, Allison Yu, Yamei Usui, Cate Ledoux, Kim Abera, Kayleigh Hepburn, Avery Breen and Da-Young Kim similarly took 1st and 3rd in the Women's Open Medley relay. 11-year-old Jingjing swam on that relay minutes after hopping out of the pool from the IM. Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, Sidney Thompson, Allison Yu and David Yune swept their events. Max Fuster, Patrick Liang and Jingjing Wu completed the

sweep of their age groups. Yasmine Badr, Melissa Lopez and Lucy Stanton combined to sweep the 8&under girl's events. Hawie Abera, Maddy Manne and Felicia Wang combined to sweep the 9-10 girl's events. Fuster Kyle won best dressed. The Sharks celebrated their great swims at California Tortilla. However, Cal Tort is not as fast as the Sharks and the coaches may still be waiting for their food.

Relay Carnival

On Sunday morning, the Sharks woke up early for the second day in a row to face off against the rest of Division K in the Relay Carnival. The coaches were luckily able to make it back from Cal Tort just in time to see the Sharks win the first two relays (Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, David Yune, Joe Waldron, Felicia Wang, Sidney Thompson, Allison Yu, Lucy Stanton). A few events later, David and Allison hopped back in the pool and teamed up with James Lieske and Grace Zhang to win the 13-14 mixed free. Later, Jingjing Wu, Sidney Thompson, Nick Kim and Jordan Kelly took first in the mixed 11-12 free. The Sharks closed out the first half by winning the final three relays; the women's open medley (Jingjing Wu, Allison Yu, Yamei Usui, Sidney Thompson), the boy's graduated medley (David Yune, Jordan Kelly, Fuster Kyle, Joe Waldron), and the girl's graduated medley (Jingjing Wu, Allison Yu, Hawie Abera,

Lucy Stanton). In the second half, the Sharks continued their winning ways, taking first in 5 medley relays in a six relay span; the boy's 9-10 (Patrick Liang, Fuster Kyle, Andrew Vorozhekin, Smiles Ledoux), the girl's 9-10 (Felicia Wang, Maddy Manne, Hawie Abera, Juliana Combs), the boy's 11-12 (Devin Johnson, Nick Kim, Jordan Kelly, Santi Villiers), the girl's 11-12 (Madison Kelly, Sidney Thompson, Jingjing Wu, Danielle Ram) and the boy's 13-14 (Kai Thompson-Jones, Connor Combs, James Lieske, Max Fuster). Joe Waldron, Jordan Kelly, Andy Ram, James Lieske and Fuster Kyle finished out the meet by taking first in the boy's crescendo. In total, the Sharks won 13 of the 22 relays. James Lieske won best dressed. Amelia Fuster won best body paint. The Sharks concluded their whirlwind weekend with lunch at the much faster Elevation Burger.

Records

Jingjing Wu, Sidney Thompson, Nick Kim and Jordan Kelly broke the Team Record in the Mixed 11-12 Free Relay.

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday night, the Sharks will try to swim like superheroes, as they take on Old Farm on the road. On Friday afternoon, they will see a movie. On Saturday morning, they will return home to swim against Whetstone in the Hawaiian sun. The week will conclude with PIRC on Sunday morning.