

## New Inhabitants at the Reef

There were many other creatures joining the Sharks at morning practice this week. And more than just the gnats and dead flies, which traditionally bother both swimmers and coaches. Early in week, "Invincibug" made an appearance at the 11&older practice. This enormous, horned bug survived a face-to-antennae encounter with James Lieske (and James' kickboard). After spending time sunbathing on the deck, Invincibug eventually crawled into the boys locker room, never to be seen from again. Later that day, the 10&unders were repeatedly attacked by a horsefly as they attempted to work on dives. The *Review* was able to confirm that it was indeed a horsefly, and not just Andrew Vorozheykin tricking people. All the bugs wisely skipped Coach Tim's difficult trivia questions on Thursday morning. Greg Urovsky proved to know the most about swimming, although Greg and many other Sharks are still waiting for the 400m back to become an event. On Friday, the Sharks (and bugs) were joined by even more critters, as the 11&olders found a frog in the water. The frog was just in time to see the Sharks compete in their second man-killers.

Avery Breen's failed chair strategy put Team 2 in an early hole. However, in a thrilling finish, David Fan was able to run down Gwen Klein and give Team 2 the victory. The 10&unders finished the week with a game of water polo. The game ended in an extremely controversial finish, but ultimately sportsmanship won out, as both sides shook hands and went back to talking about Clash of Clans (and the *Review* commends Coach Tim for his extensive Clash of Clans knowledge).

## Potomac Woods Meet

On Wednesday night, the Sharks proved to be substantially faster than the 15-18 boys changing after the meet (perhaps they were looking for Invincibug) and stronger than the Potomac Woods backstroke flags, as they took to the road to battle the Demons. Kiana Johnson proved to have the greatest super powers, as she dropped 17 seconds in backstroke and 11 seconds in freestyle for two of the three biggest drops of the day. The other drop of over 10 seconds came from Sam Mahoney, who knocked 14 seconds off his best time in freestyle. Hank Breen, Kyle Fuster, Jennifer Li and Felicia

Wang also dropped over 7 seconds in a single event. It was a great night for the 13-14 girls, as Maddy Adams, Katherine Lei, Sophia Lieske, and Roxana Mobini all dropped time in at least 4 events. The Sharks' spirit was outstanding and the *Review* had a very difficult time picking just a few winners for best dressed out of all the great superhero costumes. Ultimately, the winners were Avery Breen, Jordan Kelly, Maddie Kelly, and Nick Kim, although the *Review* congratulates all the Sharks on their outstanding spirit.

## Calverton Meet

Rain and thunder threatened to cancel the meet on Saturday morning, and caused the meet to start at 8 am. The Sharks clearly found this early wake-up time to be a challenge, as many didn't even have time to take off their pajamas. This must have been especially true for Max Fuster and Sophia Lieske who won best dressed. Once the meet got started, however, the Sharks had no issues. Joey Wildman, Hank Breen, and Connor Combs swept the very first event, and the Sharks never looked back. They went on to sweep an additional six events. Hank Breen, Connor Combs, Gabriela Combs, Kyle Fuster,

Maddie Kelly Patrick Liang, Erik Lieske, Erica Lopez, Eric Lu Lizzie Nelson, Sidney Thompson, Greg Urovsky, Daniel Wang Kylie Wilbur, Joey Wildman, and Jingjing Wu contributed to those sweeps. The meet ended in dramatic fashion as Jordan Kelly, Hank Breen, Greg Urovsky, Kyle Fuster, Max Fuster, Joey Wildman, Andy Ram, and Charlie Freedman went 1-2 in the final boys relay, and Sidney Thompson, Cate Ledoux, Avery Breen, and Jingjing Wu won the final girls relay. The Sharks were great in relays all day (foreshadowing Sunday's successes), as Eric Lu, Daniel Wang, Tom Casey and William Wong also won the boys open-age relay. Despite the treacherous conditions, there were still many time drops. Sarah Solomon, Daniel Wang, and Jingjing Wu all had best times in three events. Dominic Oertel had the biggest drop of the day. Kyle Fuster, Jordan Kelly, Daniel Wang, Joey Wildman and Jingjing Wu swept their events. After the meet, the Sharks put on warm clothes and went to Chipotle to celebrate their great swims.

### Relay Carnival

Sunday morning, the Sharks woke up very early for the second morning in a row, and traveled to Calverton to take on all of I Division in a Relay Carnival. The back-to-back meets proved to be no problem for the Sharks. Early in the

meet, Charlie Freedman, Kyle Fuster, Jingjing Wu, and Maddie Kelly brought home the first victory of the day for the Sharks in 8&under mixed free. Sidney Thompson, Lizzie Nelson, Max Fuster and Jordan Kelly then proceeded to give the Sharks back-to-back victories, as they won the 9-10 mixed free. Shortly after the first break, Maddie and Jingjing were back at it, this time teaming up with Gabriela Combs, and Valentina Fernandez to win the 8&under girls medley. Later, Eric Lu, Daniel Wang, Greg Urovsky and Andy Ram defeated some very powerful competition and won the 13-14 boys medley. In the most important event of the meet, Coaches Andy and Lauren teamed up with "Coaches" Daniel Wang and Eric Lu to come in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the coach's relay. The Coaches' second place finish was clearly inspired by their swimmers, as the Sharks came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in an impressive 7 relays. Avery Breen, Hank Breen, Tom Casey, Connor Combs, Charlie Freedman, Kyle Fuster, Jordan Kelly, Gwen Klein, Matthew "Smiles" Ledoux, Erik Lieske, James Lieske, Erica Lopez, Jocelyn Merkin, Lizzie Nelson, Sarah Solomon, Sidney Thompson, Daniel Wang, Kylie Wilbur, and Joey Wildman contributed to those 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. The Sharks finished their whirlwind weekend with a wonderful lunch at Elevation Burger.

### Records

Jingjing Wu was the latest Shark to add her name to the record board this weekend, as she took down Tessa Urovsky's thirteen-year-old record in the 8&under butterfly. Additionally, Daniel Wang re-broke his own record in the boys 13-14 fly. The Sharks also broke numerous relay records on Sunday. Those records will be officially reported in next week's edition.

### Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, the Sharks return to the Reef to host the Country Glen Sun Devils. On Friday morning, they will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with a pancake breakfast. The next morning, they will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July again, as they take on the CCRA Stingrays at the Reef.