

## Lost and (Not Always) Found

Clearly some Sharks want to be magicians when they grow up (and maybe some need to grow up to be detectives), because objects kept disappearing from the Reef this week (through no fault of their owners). On Monday, Andy lost the lane rope wrench. On Tuesday, Andy lost the lane rope wrench. On Thursday, Andy lost the lane rope wrench. (Again the disappearance of these objects was through no fault of their owners). Andy wasn't the only person losing things this week. Numerous swimmers had to borrow Andy's goggles this week (amazingly he hasn't lost them yet), because their goggles were either misplaced or broken. Josh Freedman also misplaced a personal object this week on the way into practice (luckily for Josh he found it before anyone else did). However, at least nobody lost Waldo this week.

## Coach's Long Course

On Tuesday night, Daniel Wang competed against swimmers from all across the county in the annual Coach's Long Course meet. Fortunately, Daniel didn't lose the pool as he swam really well. Maybe the pool was easy to find because it

was twice as long (apparently not realizing that Twin Day was weeks ago). The extra-long pool didn't slow Daniel one bit as he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m free and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 fly in the entire county

## River Falls Meet

The now typical Saturday morning rain evidently either lost its calendar or its map because in addition to showing up at Potomac on Saturday, it somehow ended up at River Falls on Wednesday night, as well. Having endured the Calverton and CCRA meets, the Sharks didn't let a little rain slow them down one bit. Clearly, when the Sharks grow up they should be . . . swimmers (notwithstanding their excellent costumes suggesting something else). They were fast even though they "lost" the second half of their warm up (which was presumably hanging out with the wrench). , Lucy Villiers led the way with multiple best times, including an impressive 15 second loss in breaststroke. Mia Coven, Max Fuster, Argline Lee, Lyla Mahoney, and Savannah Thompson-Jones joined Lucy in losing at least 5 seconds in a single event. Sophia Lieske clearly does not

need to go to boot camp to work on her endurance, as she lost time in four events. Kim Abera, Hank Breen, Jake Cheng, Mia Coven, Josh Freedman (who was inspired by racing the girls), Kayleigh Hepburn, Smiles Ledoux, Anna Lee, Lyla Mahoney, Alex Okun, Savannah Thompson-Jones, Andrew Vorozheykin, Julianne Wong, Jingtang Wu, and Daniel Yi also lost time in multiple events. However, the coaches clearly need to spend less time looking for the lane rope wrench, and more time working on butterfly, because, for some reason, no one got a best time in fly. Longtime fans were excited to see former Shark superstar Sean Rhinehart, who is coaching for River Falls. While the rain made it difficult to see everyone's costumes, Argline Lee, Lizzie Nelson and Hank Breen evidently have their futures planned out well, as they won best dressed for the night. With no afternoon practice because of the meet, Andy was unable to lose the lane rope wrench, but he did manage to lose his raincoat and leave it at River Falls.

## Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the Sharks competed in their final mankillers of the summer.

While the name "mankillers" does not date back to medieval torture, or the Civil War, this week's competition did come the closest to living up to its name, as many Sharks came close to drowning during the feet first skull. Roxana Mobini, however, proved to be quite proficient in feet first skull, and used her skills (as well as a *slight* false start) to create an exciting finish against perennial mankiller anchor David Fan. The 10&unders played a big game of Sharks and Minnows, which Greg (the biggest 10&under ever) Urovsky dominated (although the *Review* suspects that this success can be attributed to the goggles Greg was using, and not his size). In the afternoon, both the older and younger swimmers took part in relays, including some against the Coaches. The week concluded with an excellent pasta dinner, put together by many hardworking parents.

### Potomac Meet

By Saturday morning, the bad weather must have found its calendar and map. As a result, many Sharks evidently thought that W was in Shark, and arrived at the pool as Wet (luckily Andy's raincoat had been retrieved from River Falls--still no word on the lane rope wrench). This week, however, the weather had cleared up by the start of the meet, and the Sharks swam fast as a result.

Liza Broydo was a last minute scratch into extra events, and responded with 3 best times, including the biggest drop of the day. Gabriela Combs, Kayleigh Hepburn, Aava Kimia, and Cate Ledoux, also had best times in at least three events. The future looks good for the Sharks, as they swept four 8&under events, including going 1-5 in the 8&under girls freestyle. Kenzie Boone, Gabriela Combs, Charlie Freedman, Fuster Kyle, Katie Hua, Maddie Kelly, Erik Lieske, and Danielle Ram, and Jingjing Wu contributed to those sweeps. The meet ended in spectacular fashion as Jordan Kelly, Joey Wildman, Eric Lu, Charlie Freedman, Max Fuster, Hank Breen, Daniel Wang and Fuster Kyle went 1-3 in the boys free relay, and Sidney Thompson, Cate Ledoux, Avery Breen, Maddie Kelly, Lizzie Nelson, Roxana Mobini, and Jingjing Wu went 1-3 in the girls free relay. Daniel Wang swept his events. Eric Lu completed the sweep of the 13-14 boys events. Maddie Kelly and Jingjing Wu combined to sweep the 8&under girls events. Albert Tang and Lucy Villiers swam up to help the team. Additionally, many Sharks swam "off" events, fought through illness, and skipped other obligations to attend the meet. Nick Kim won best dressed for the day, and now gets to push Andy in the pool. The Sharks went to Tallyho Pizza after the meet to celebrate their great swims, and

watch Daniel Wang get lost on the way to the men's bathroom.

### Records

Sarah Solomon broke the team record in the 15-18 100m breaststroke. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row, Jingjing Wu re-broke her own team record in the 8&under 25m butterfly. Maddie Kelly was also faster than the record was at the beginning of the season.

### Upcoming Events

On Tuesday night, the Sharks will travel to Potomac Woods to swim in a relay carnival. Friday afternoon, they will go see Minions at Rockville Regal. The following morning, they will drive to Lake Marion compete against all of I Division at Divisonals.