

## Weather Report

After clear skies for most of beginning of the season, the Sharks were unlucky with the weather this week, as almost every afternoon practice was interrupted by thunder, forcing the Sharks to...WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR AN IMPORTANT BREAKING NEWS STORY. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A BUG ON KARINE! WE REPEAT, THERE IS A BUG ON KARINE!...and thus concludes the *Review's* report on why it takes at least 10 minutes to put cream cheese on a bagel. On Thursday night, the lifeguards finally weren't busy hearing thunder. Instead, evidently impressed by the number of swimmers on the team, they decided to add more water to the pool in an attempt to accommodate this record number of Sharks. Or perhaps they were distracted by the double rainbow that could be seen over the pool after practice on Thursday. Either way, they chose not to make the pool any deeper before adding the extra water, ruining hopes that the extra water would lead to the addition of a diving board, or at least a jumping board and instead causing the pool to overflow before practice on Friday morning. The extra

water did wash many bugs up on the deck. They are all currently on Karine. Elsewhere, the numerous fans of Andy's hilarious jokes were all disappointed, as the wall has now moved more recently than 1974. Also, there was a bug on Karine.

## Montgomery Square Meet

On Wednesday night, the Sharks traveled to Montgomery Square to take on the Seahawks. The Sharks were able to swim faster than the timers could walk and much faster than the rain cloud that plopped itself over the Montgomery Square pool could move (the double rainbows over Rockshire are a much better weather feature). Vikram Mishra had the biggest drop of the night, when he took off an impressive 24 seconds in 1M. Jenny Xu also dropped over 10 seconds in an event. Audrey Aarhus, Hawie Abera, Sabina Blate, Nicolas Cheng, Juliana Combs, Vikram Mishra (again), Tejas Navada, Lukas Nuredini, Dylan Pino, Ethan Qian, Aiden Scherr, Andrey Tarapunov, Jean-Luc Tessier, Savannah Thompson-Jones and Daniel Walker all dropped at least 3 seconds in an event. Despite the abbreviated meet, Sabina Blate, Matthew Ledoux, Vikram Mishra, Aiden Scherr, Andrey Tarapunov,

Savannah Thompson-Jones, Daniel Walker and Felicia Wang all got multiple best times. However, the coaches clearly need to spend less time worrying about the bugs and more time working on breaststroke and butterfly, because, for some reason, no one got a best time in those strokes. The Sharks' 6&under boys continue to dominate the Wednesday night league, as Brandon Pino, Max Xu and Lukas Nuredini swept the 6&under boy's freestyle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row. James Lieske, David Fan and Alex Lopez similarly swept the 15-18 boy's freestyle. Hawie Abera, Helen Duan, Nick Kim, James Lieske and Haile Ma won events. The Sharks' tie-dye was so outstanding and it was impossible for the Review to narrow it down to a few best-dressed winners. CG and James Lieske had the most creative outfits. Also, there was a bug on Karine.

## Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the record number of older Sharks led to the first ever 3-team mankillers. This increase in the number of teams forced Sabina Blate and Charles Freedman to have to go twice. Ultimately, in a preview of Saturday's 13-14 boy's freestyle race, Max Fuster and Nick Kim came through in the

clutch to deliver the victory for their team. On Friday afternoon, the Sharks competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual water brigade competition. The Sharks proved to be almost as good at passing water as they are at swimming through it and the competition was over even faster than Andy can put cream cheese on his bagel. Also, there was a bug on Karine.

### Poolesville Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks took on the Piranhas of Poolesville. A few families clearly thought the over 30-minute drive was not long enough and continued past the pool. They also may have been confused, as Poolesville is apparently actually spelled Western County. Luckily no one had any trouble spelling Shark, especially best-dressed winners Brandon Pino, Gabriela Combs, Alex Lopez and Andrew Vorozheykin. In the water, the Sharks were outstanding as well. Jason Cobb, Catherine Hsu, Jordan Kelly, Madison Kelly, Nick Kim, Cate Ledoux, Sidney Thompson and Jingjing Wu all dropped time in 4 events. Kim Abera, Maddy Manne, Dylan Pino, Olivia Qin and Andrew Vorozheykin had 3 best times. Emma Barrow had the biggest drop of the day. Kim Abera, Daniel Blate, Sabina Blate, Avery Breen, Sadie Cohen, Gabriela Combs, Catherine Hsu (3 times!), Cate Ledoux, Julia Liao, Brandon Pino, Andrey

Tarapunov, and Andrew Vorozheykin all dropped at least 3 seconds in an event. A record 12 Sharks recorded All-Star nominating times, including first timers Maddy Manne, Dylan Pino, Andrey Tarapunov and Andrew Vorozheykin. Eshaan Mishra, Larry Liao and Max Manne swept the 8&under boy's breaststroke. It was Eshaan's first win on a Saturday morning. Sadie Cohen, Larry Liao and Julia Liao competed in their first Saturday meets. Sadie even swam on a relay. Speaking of relays, the Sharks won two. At the beginning of the meet, James Lieske, Jordan Kelly, Daniel Wang and CG took first in the men's open medley. Later, Jason Cobb, Fuster Kyle, Max Fuster and Dylan Pino won the boy's graduated freestyle. Alex Thompson, Andrew Vorozheykin, Nick Kim and Max Manne took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the graduated. Jordan Kelly and Dylan Pino swept their events. Max Fuster and Eshaan Mishra completed the sweep of their age groups. Hawie Abera and Maddy Manne combined to sweep the 9-10 girl's events. Madison Kelly and Jingjing Wu combined to sweep the 11-12 girl's events. A record-number of Sharks came to Chipotle to celebrate these great swims. Also, there was a bug on Karine.

### Best Times

The Sharks got 36 best times in the shortened meet on

Wednesday night, and earned a record-breaking 96 best times on Saturday morning. This brings their season total to 291. Through two weeks last year, the Sharks had 219 best times.

### Records

Madison Kelly started the meet off on Saturday by breaking the team record in the 12&under 100 IM. Jingjing Wu, who had broken the record last week, dropped time and also went under the old record. Madison and Jingjing are ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the entire county in the event. Both girls added multiple team records later in the meet. Jingjing's records came in the freestyle and backstroke, while Madison took down the breaststroke and butterfly records. Jingjing was also faster than the old record in butterfly. Jordan Kelly broke the Rockshire team record in the 13-14 boy's breaststroke and Poolesville pool records in the IM and breaststroke.

### Upcoming Events

It is rivalry week at Rockshire! On Wednesday night, the Sharks will travel to Hawaii to take on the Tallyho Foxes. On Saturday morning, they will finally return home and try to swim like superheroes against the Tanterra Tarpons. The Tanterra meet will be followed by a barbeque at the pool.