

## Finally Back (And Breast and Fly and Free) – Again!

After a few days off, the Sharks were finally cleared to return to the pool again on Thursday morning. Given the extended time away from the pool, the Sharks had to get right back to work and, as a result, Funday Thursday was quickly rebranded as Swimming Thursday. The coaches are hopeful this will be a permanent rebrand. We're not so sure what the swimmers think... The Sharks may also need a Singing Thursday, as both the 11&ups and 10&unders struggled to keep their rhythm while wishing a belated happy birthday to dear(?) Gabriela Combs. Fans who have listened to the Sharks cheer Superbad in rounds while marching in to meets were not surprised. And some are now wondering if Andy might benefit from a Conducting Thursday. Friday morning became Throwback Friday (the Sharks continue to get an F in Frhyming). First, former (and hopefully future) Shark superstar James Lieske stumbled into practice to wish the Sharks good luck. Later in the morning, coaches Emma and Maddy turned back the (presumably digital) clock to join Karine in mankillers. This is the first time in mankillers history that the coaches have participated. As a result, it was

arguably the most complicated mankillers to date. While Nicolas Cheng and Karine were both disappointed to discover that the mankillers would involve math, Emma was thrilled that it would be a mankillers and not a srelliknam. Meanwhile, Andy was excited for another opportunity to let Alex Platzer false start by over 30 seconds in a mankillers. When the dust settled, Team Maddy took home the victory with a strong anchor leg from Max Fuster. Doing a great imitation of herself in an open age medley, Hawie Abera was able to hold off a very fast 17-year-old (Alex) and secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Team Emma. Team Karine is still doing math to figure out which place they came in. After practice, Matthew Ledoux and Jerry Yang impressively organized every single kickboard by size and put them into a (superior) straight line. The *Review* is quite sure that Matthew will agree with this statement (and not just because everything Andy says is true). On Friday afternoon, the Sharks competed in their 5<sup>th</sup> annual water balloon toss. The Sharks evidently used their time off to practice their throwing and catching skills and there were many strong teams. Ultimately, Marco Minai and Dylan Pino took home the

victory. Even though they were one of the youngest teams in the competition, Lukas Nuredini and "older Shark" Mitchell Kupersmith were still able to tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Daniel Blate and Thomas Tawk tied Lukas and Mitchell. A surprisingly disciplined CG joined forces with Luke Hussmann for 4<sup>th</sup> place.

## Regency Estates Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks took on the Regency Estates Sailfish at home. Despite only two days of practice leading up to the meet, the Sharks were still able to turn in many fast swims with the help of some Disney magic. Best dressed winners Hawie Abera, Kim Abera, Amelia Fuster, Chace Kelly, and ~~Caleb Dressel~~ Jordan Kelly helped the Sharks create this magic. Max Fuster and Maddy Manne also created some Disney magic with their creative outfits. In the water, Dylan Pino had 4 best times. Hawie Abera, Jordan Kelly, Cate Ledoux, Marco Minai, Brandon Pino, Olivia Qin, Felicia Wang, (Rockshire's) Katie Wang and Judy Wu were not far behind with 3 best times. Other swimmers with multiple best times were Gabriela Combs, Catherine Hsu, Luke Hussmann, Chace Kelly, Raimi

Kvedys, Matthew Ledoux, Julia Liao, Madison Manne, Lukas Nuredini, Sidney Thompson, Charlie Wernimont, and Clement Yuryev. Lukas Nuredini knocked off 8 seconds in butterfly for the biggest drop of the day. Zena Badr, Amelia Fuster, Luke Hussmann, Mitchell Kupersmith, Raimi Kvedys, Matthew Ledoux, Erica Lopez, Brandon Pino (twice), Dylan Pino, Charlie Wernimont, Felicia Wang, (Rockshire's) Katie Wang, and Judy Wu, and Jerry Yang also dropped multiple seconds in a single event. Regardless of theme, the Sharks continue to be magical on relays this season. First, Marco Minai, Jordan Kelly, Max Fuster, and Alex Platzer out-touched a very fast Regency team for the win in the men's open age medley. Daniel Blate, CG Combs, Alex Lopez, and Nick Kim added a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in that relay. In the women's medley, Felicia Wang, Sidney Thompson, Gabi Winig, Cate Ledoux, Catherine Hsu, Juliana Combs, Erica Lopez, and Grace Zhang took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the end of the meet, Dylan Pino, Jason Cobb, Fuster Kyle, Brandon Pino, Clement Yuryev, Alex Thompson, Raimi Kvedys, and Lukas Nuredini swept the boy's graduated free relay, and Judy Wu, Madison Manne, Jingjing Wu, Lindi Cheng, Olivia Qin, Hawie Abera, Chace Kelly, and (Rockshire's) Katie Wang took 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girl's graduated free relay. (Rockshire's) Katie Wang, Lindi Cheng, and Julia Liao swept the

8&under girls breaststroke. Madison Manne, Hawie Abera, and Yasmine Badr similarly swept the 11-12 girls breaststroke. Individually, Jason Cobb, Madison Manne, Dylan Pino, Jingjing Wu, and Judy Wu swept their events. Hawie Abera, Chace Kelly, Alex Thompson, and Clement Yuryev completed the sweep of their respective age groups. At halftime, the Sharks bid a fond farewell to 18-year-old graduating senior Cate Ledoux. The Sharks also welcomed 19-year-old Daniel Wang (now a coach at Regency) back to the Shire to swim one final race. Cate and Daniel have been valuable members of the community both in and out of the water and they will be missed next year. After the meet the Sharks celebrated their great swims at Chick-Fil-A, where the editors may have gotten a head start on writing this week's *Review*.

### Best Times

The Sharks got 81 best times on Saturday morning. This brings their season total to 553.

### Records

Brandon Pino broke Rockshire Team Records in the Boys 8&under Backstroke and Breaststroke. These records were held by current sharks Fuster Kyle and Jordan Kelly respectively. Brandon also broke Rockshire Pool Record in the Boys 8&under Breaststroke.

Jordan Kelly lowered his own Rockshire Team Record in the Boys 15-18 Breaststroke. Jordan also teamed up with Marco Minai, Max Fuster, and Alex Platzer to lower their Rockshire Team and Pool Records in the Men's Open Age Medley Relay. Daniel Wang set new unofficial (but probably unbreakable) Rockshire Team and Pool Records in the Boys 19-year-old Butterfly.

### Upcoming Events

On Wednesday night, the Sharks will attempt to swim like superheroes as they take on the Tallyho Foxes at home. On Saturday morning, they will hope they are better at spelling than they are at reading an analog clock as they take to road to face off against the Lake Marion Lasers.