

OMPA Championships Provides Largest Field of Competitors

By Zack Farmer

With the largest field in the Championships' history, the Orinda Moraga Pools Association (OMPA) held its 51st annual swim event last weekend at Campolindo High School's Soda Aquatic Center.

The OMPA Championships drew 1,789 swimmers, ranging from age 6 to 18, to this year's event and had over 2,000 people in attendance for the finals. Meet Director Charlie Luecker said he believes the OMPA is "one of the largest recreational swimming leagues in the country." Along with the extremely large field of swimmers came the most competitive meet in recent history with medals being won by as little as hundredths of a second.



Rachel Cleak (2nd left) dives in to win 50 yard Free Style

Photo by Gavin Schlissel



Mascheroni.



On Saturday afternoon, the crowd rose to its feet for the last individual race: the 15-18 50 Yard Breaststroke. It was the closest race of the afternoon, with the top three positions finishing with times within one second of each other. Moraga Country Club's (MCC) Kevin Brown, 18, took the gold with a time of 28.08 seconds. Campolindo Cabana Club's (CCC) Nick Wood, 18, finished second with a time of 28.34. Finishing with the bronze was Orinda Park's Baker Wenning, 15.

As part of winning two gold medals in the finals, 10-year-old Tyler Bartis of CCC set a course record for the Boys 9-10 50 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 35.64. This broke a seven-year-old record of 35.78 held by Nick

Smudsky of Meadow Swim and Country Club swam her way to two gold medals, one in the 7-8 25 Yard Freestyle and the other in the 25 Yard Breaststroke. Representing MCC, nine-year-old Bridget Coleman walked away with a bronze and a gold medal in the 50 Yard Freestyle and the 50 Yard Breaststroke respectively.

Moraga Ranch's Annie Shurtz, 12, took home two medals, one bronze and one gold. Orinda Country Club's (OCC) Charlie Wiser, 12, also walked away with two medals – both gold – with times of 24.60 and 31.68 in the two events. Wiser's teammate Nicholas

Zolintakis, 14, also walked away with two medals: one gold and one silver. Zolintakis was only milliseconds away from another gold medal in the 50 Yard Breaststroke, losing it by .26 seconds.

Three swimmers took gold as they crushed long-time Backstroke records in three age categories. Moraga Country Club's Kevin Brown beat Bayani Flores' (MIRA) 1996 15-18 50 Yard Backstroke record with a time of 24.57; Meadow Swim & Tennis Club's Nicholas Deaver came in with a record time of 25.99 in the boys 13-14 50 Yard Backstroke; and Orinda Park Pool's Robbie Fluegge came in under Chris Dyer's (MR) 2004 record time of 28.97 with a time of 27.95 in the boys 11-12 50 Yard Backstroke event.

Other record breakers included

Charlie Wiser (OCC) in the boys 11-12 100 Yard IM with a time of 1:00.94 and Nicholas Deaver (MSTC) in the boys 13-14 category.

The support for the swimmers was very visible in each team's persona. Luecker said, "These teams all picked themes to cheer their teams on."

Ten pools in the Lamorinda area were represented at the meet, including: Meadow, MCC, Moraga Ranch, CCC, Orinda Park, Miramonte, Sleepy Hollow, Moraga Valley Pool (MVP), Moraga Tennis and Swim Club, and OCC. The Championship Meet is the culmination of a full season of swim competition between the teams in the league.



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Christina Schultz, 2nd in 100 yard Free Style, Orinda Park Pool Photo by Gavin Schlissel



Moraga Valley Pool cheering section Photos by Gavin Schlissel



Orinda Country Club holds their 1st place trophy Photo by Gavin Schlissel



Stefan Miller cheers his team

**ORINDA/MORAGA POOLS ASSOCIATION
51st ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET (2007)**

Team Rankings - Through Event 84

Combined Team Scores

Place	Team	Points
1	Orinda Country Club OCC	2,299
2	Moraga Country Club MCC	1,922
3	Sleepy Hollw Swim & Tennis SH	1,877
4	Meadow Swim & Tennis Club MEAD	1,543
5	Orinda Park Pool PARK	1,410
6	Campolindo Cabana Club CCC	1,332
7	Moraga Valley Pool Swim Team MVP	1,259
8	Moraga Ranch Swim Team MRSC	1,025
9	Moraga Tennis & Swim Club MTSC	540
10	Miramonte Swim Club MIRA	481
Total		13,690

Meet Records - OMPA 2007								
New Record				Old Record				
Swimmer Name	Team	Event	Time	Finals Time	Swimmer Name	Team	Year	Time
Charlie Wiser	OCC	11-12 Boys 100 IM	1:00.94		Michael Sargent	MCC	1987	1:02.42
Nicholas Deaver	MEAD	13-14 Boys 100 IM	55.89		Chris Dyer	MRSC	2004	
Tyler Bartis	CCC	9-10 Boys 50 Breast	35.64		Ian Fisher	MEAD	1994	57.12
Robbie Fluegge	PARK	11-12 Boys 50 Back	28.83	27.95	Nick Mascheroni	MTSC	2000	28.97
		(1st split in Medley Relay)			Chris Dyer	MRSC	2004	28.97
Nicholas Deaver	MEAD	13-14 Boys 50 Back	26.12	25.99	Ian Fisher	MEAD	1994	26.41
Kevin Brown	MCC	15-18 Boys 50 Back	24.57		Bayani Flores	MIRA	1996	24.90
Relay Names								
Gabe Ostler					Michael Worthing			
Jason Lammert					Nick Zolintakis			
Matthew Cobley	SH	11-12 Boys 200 Medley Relay	2:00.24		Tim Fuller	OCC	2005	2:00.84
Tyler Kirchberg					Miles Honens			



2007 Individual High Point Awards					
Girls					
Age	Place	Name	Place/Stroke	Points	Team
6 & under	1	Megan Colpo	2/ Free 1/ Back	32	MVP
	2	Ashleen O'Brien	3/ Free 1/ Fly	31	CCC
	2	Ryan Hagglund	1/ Free 3/ Back	31	OCC
7-8	1	Abigail Smudsky	1/ Free 1/ Back	51	MEAD
	2	Nicole Jackson	2/ Free 3/ Breast	46	PARK
	3	Caroline King	1/ Fly 4/ IM 2/ Back	45	MRSC
9-10	1	Megan Reid	1/ Free 1/ Back 1/ Fly	51	MVP
	2	Emily Byrne	1/ IM 4/ Back 2/ Fly	45	MEAD
	3	Bridget Coleman	3/ Free 1/ Breast 5/ Fly	43	MCC
11-12	1	Megan Howard	1/ Free 2/ Back 1/ Fly	49	OCC
	2	Natalie Redig	2/ IM 2/ Breast 2/ Fly	45	SH
	2	Erica Muller	1/ IM 2/ Free 4/ Back	45	MCC
13-14	1	Rachel Cleak	2/ IM 1/ Free 1/ Fly	49	CCC
	2	Meredith White	1/ IM 2/ Free 2/ Fly	47	SH
	3	Jenna Haufler	5/ IM 1/ Breast 2/ Back	44	OCC
	3	Sierra Robbins	4/ IM 3/ Free 1/ Back	44	MEAD
15-18	1	Katie Bilotti	1/ IM 2/ Back 1/ Fly	49	SH
	2	Lindsey Jackson	2/ IM 4/ Breast 1/ Back	45	OCC
	3	Christina Schultz	3/ IM 2/ 100 Free 5/ Back	41	PARK
	3	Madeline Smith	3/ 50 Free 4/ Back 3/ Fly	41	MCC
Boys					
Age	Place	Name	Place/Stroke	Points	Team
6 & under	1	Garrett Dunn	1/ Free 1/ Fly	34	OCC
	2	Lucas Allen	3/ Free 1/ Back	31	MCC
	3	Leo Berkman	2/ Free 2/ Fly	30	SH
7-8	1	Stephen Schmidt	1/ IM 1/ Breast 1/ Fly	51	OCC
	2	Max Murphy	3/ IM 3/ Back 3/ Fly	42	SH
	2	Tyler Abramson	2/ Free 2/ Back 5/ Fly	42	OCC
	2	Griffin Schwarz	4/ IM 3/ Free 2/ Fly	42	MVP
	2	Christian Meckfessel	2/ IM 5/ Free 2/ Breast	42	SH
9-10	1	Tyler Bartis <small>New Record</small>	1/ IM 1/ Free 1/ Breast	51	CCC
	2	Henry Baer	3/ IM 1/ Back 3/ Fly	45	OCC
	3	Tommy Bush	2/ IM 2/ Back 5/ Fly	42	PARK
11-12	1	Charlie Wiser <small>New Record</small>	1/ IM 1/ Free 1/ Breast	51	OCC
	2	Robbie Fluegge <small>2 New Records</small>	2/ IM 2/ Free 1/ Back	47	PARK
	3	Jason Lammert	5/ IM 2/ Breast 1/ Fly	44	SH
13-14	1	Nicholas Deaver <small>2 New Records</small>	1/ IM 1/ Back 1/ Fly	51	MEAD
	2	Nicholas Zolintakis	2/ IM 1/ Free 2/ Breast	47	OCC
	3	Aleck Ryner	4/ IM 2/ Free 1/ Breast	45	MEAD
15-18	1	Kevin Brown <small>New Record</small>	1/ IM 1/ Breast 1/ Back	51	MCC
	2	Dana Foster	3/ IM 1/ 50 Free 2/ Back	46	CCC
	3	Jackson Sharf	4/ IM 2/ 100 Free 2/ Fly	43	PARK

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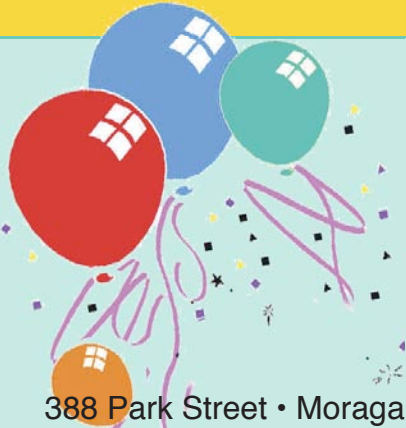
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