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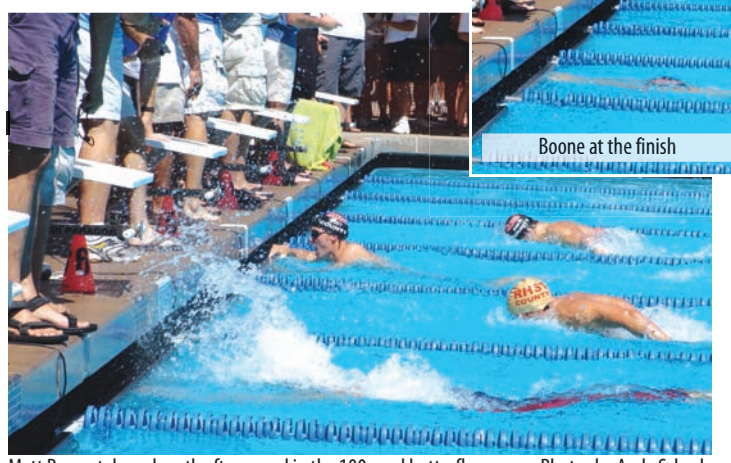
Family-Ties at 47th Annual Swim Championships

By Kevin D. Shallat

Lamorinda swimmers showcased their talents against the rest of the county at the 47th Annual Contra Costa County Swim Meet last weekend at Acalanes High School, while immediate and extended families came out in droves to cheer them on.

Nine-year-old Yurii Hanley Jr. and his 6-year-old sister, Paige, of Orinda Country Club, were represented by three generations of Hanley's: Their mother Cathy and father Yurii Sr. were swimmers and coaches, and his grandfather, Leo, was a water polo coach as well.

Paige Hanley was a part of the winning medley relay team for OCC on Saturday, along with Sophie Cortese, Annie Stryker, and Ryan Hag-



Matt Boone takes a breath after record in the 100-yard butterfly Photos by Andy Scheck

glund. When asked what motivated them, members of this winning team said, "It was music and candy." It was fitting that Paige swam with Stryker and Hagglund, as Paige's mother Cathy once competed with their mothers.

Orinda Country Club had another big winner this past weekend in 9-year-old Stephen Schmidt, who had a first place

finish in the breaststroke and the medley relay Saturday and was high point winner for 7-8 Mens with 40. Schmidt says one of the reasons for his success is that he doesn't merely show up to practice, he strives to practice perfectly. "Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect," Schmidt said.

It would not feel like a county meet unless a couple of records were broken by Springbrook swimmer Matt Boone. Boone broke two records Sunday in seemingly effortless fashion. In his first record-breaking performance, the crowd went completely silent before the race, only to erupt in applause right after the race had finished.

Boone finished with a time of 51.79 in the Mens 15-18 100-yard backstroke, bettering his time of 55.01 in the city swim meet a month ago. Boone performed even better in the 100-yard butterfly, recording a time of 50.60, as he smashed a 25 year old county record of 51.45 held by David Cademartori, and was high point winner for his category

with 40. Jane Wood broke the 50-yard butterfly record (girls 10U) with a time of 34.87.

Springbrook's team ended second in Division I with a score of 1,071 and Orinda Country Club took third with 1,025. Campolindo Cabana Club ended fourth in Division II with a score of 349.50, while LMYA finished second for Division III with 144.

Two swimmers not only shared the excitement of winning with their families, but with each other as well. Sleepy Hollow's 16-year-old Christina Vidal shared a time of 1:01.75 in the Finals of the 15-18 girls 100-yard backstroke with VDD Swim Club's Rachel McCracken, exciting the packed crowd with a rare tie.

There were also many ties for high point winner, including ties in the 11-12 Mens with Brett Usinger (SPBRK) and Charlie Wiser (OCC) with 40, Springbrook's Nicholas In-serra's tie in the 9-10 Mens with 40, and Sleepy Hollow's Merideth White's tie for number one in the 13-14 Women with 36.

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2007 County High Points - Top 3 by Age Group

6-8 Under Women - Individual Scores			9-10 Women - Individual Scores			13-14 Women - Individual Scores		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Holly Beach	6 BRCC 40	1	Mairia Smith	10 CCCC 40	1	Merideth White	14 SH 36
2	Ashleen O'Brien	6 CCC 37	1	Sara Nicolosi	10 HOX 40	1	Christina Ray	13 RHCC 36
3	Matalie Ospeck	6 DCC 34	3	Christina Chesault	10 SPBRK 37	3	Jessica Bunting	14 ECS 35
6-8 Under Men - Individual Scores			9-10 Men - Individual Scores			13-14 Men - Individual Scores		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Ryan Iannaccone	6 DSC 40	1	JJ Koski	10 CCCC 40	1	Michael Wommetberg	14 PHAQ 40
2	Ryan Johnson	6 HOX 36	1	Nicholas In-serra	10 SPBRK 40	2	Mason Kinnard	14 YGWD 37
3	Garrett Dunn	6 OCC 34	3	Michael Wardle	10 WVST 33	2	Nicholas Zolintakis	14 OCC 37
7-8 Women - Individual Scores			11-12 Women - Individual Scores			15-18 Women - Individual Scores		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Charlotte Meier	7 DAPA 40	1	Madeline Benavidez	12 CCCC 37	1	Georgi Cappelletti	17 HOX 37
2	Haley Schreiber	8 DCC 37	2	Chelsea Airoldi	12 CST 36	2	Kelli Schneider	16 WOOD 36
3	Olivia Price	8 OCC 33	3	Jaqueline Doyle	12 CCCC 35	2	Kate Mounday	18 WOOD 36
7-8 Men - Individual Scores			11-12 Men - Individual Scores			15-18 Men - Individual Scores		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Stephen Schmidt	8 OCC 40	1	Brett Usinger	12 SPBRK 40	1	Matt Boone	17 SPBRK 40
2	Erik Krommenhoek	8 DCC 37	1	Charlie Wiser	12 OCC 40	2	Aaron Wayne	16 ECS 37
3	Peter Moore	8 MCC 36	3	Robbie Fluegge	12 PARK 36	2	Steven Woods	18 WOOD 37

2007 County Meet Records

Event	Name	Age	Team	Points	Meet Record
#17 Men 15-18 100 Free	Matt Boone	17	Springbrook	51.79	53.41
#18 Men 15-18 100 Free	Stephen Schmidt	9	OCC	40	46.08
#58 Men 15-18 100 Back	Matt Boone	17	Springbrook	51.79	54.05
#635 Girls 10&U 50 Fly	Jane Wood	9	Springbrook	34.87	34.87
#68 Men 13-14 50 Fly	Mason Kinnard	14	YGWD	24.32	24.32
#70 Men 15-18 100 Fly	Matt Boone	17	Springbrook	50.60	52.07

Relay	Seed	Prelims	Finals	Meet Record
1 Crow Canyon Country Club - 'A'	2:01.16	2:07.15	2:07.52 (1) 40	2:07.15
2 Crow Canyon Country Club - 'A'	1:57.35	1:58.86	1:58.63 (1) 40	1:57.35
3 Campolindo Cabana Club - 'A'	1:38.83	1:40.40	1:39.36 (1) 40	1:39.36
4 Orinda Country Club - 'A'	1:00.67	59.03	58.05 (1) 40	58.05
5 Crow Canyon Country Club - 'A'	1:55.88	1:55.81	1:53.86 (1) 40	1:53.86

Lafayette Padres Play Cooperstown

Although a record of 3-5 last week may not seem exciting, the Lafayette Padres had the times of their lives at one of baseball's most hallowed territories.

The Padres participated in a tournament in Cooperstown, New York, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, playing teams from New York, Thousand Oaks, Irvine, Willamette, Shed Park (New Jersey), the Virgin Islands, and Massachusetts. In pool play, the Padres went 3-3 and went 3-1 after dropping the first two games by scores of 7-1 and 3-0. With the rust out of the gears, Lafayette picked up their game in game three of pool play as they defeated Shed Park 6-4. Jack Davis went 2-2 with two RBIs while Cole Lucey picked up the win in the game.

After dropping the next game to the eventual tournament champions, Thousand Oaks, the Padres picked it up and won their final two games against Willamette and Shed Park again.

In their second game against Shed Park, Danny Glascock went 2-2 with two home runs and three RBIs. Lucey picked up the win allowing no runs.

In the playoff round, Lafayette fell quickly to Mass Pride (Massachusetts) and St. Thomas (Virgin Islands). The Padres lost 14-6 against Mass Pride but came back from a 9-1 deficit to pull the score to 9-6. JJ Ewing, who had two home runs in the tournament, led the late charge.

Clark Evans led the team in batting average for the tournament

with a .438 stretch. Ewing led the team with two home runs and seven RBIs. Lucey led the team with a perfect 2-0 record and was third on the team with a 3.00 ERA.

The tournament was only one aspect of their trip. Before the tournament really started they visited the Hall of Fame and spent five hours there. According to Coach Jon Ewing, the trip to the Hall of Fame was the most special. They went to the Hall on Aug. 6, the day after Giants slugger Barry Bonds tied the all-time home run record in San Diego, just missing an exhibit about Bonds hitting home run no. 756, which occurred two days later.

"The kids played pretty well," Coach Ewing said. "We just had the time of our lives."

Stead Open Tennis Tournament a Smashing Success

By Lee Borrowman

The \$25,000 Stead Open Tennis Tournament wrapped up a week of what Tournament Director Mark Orwig of Moraga Country Club called "A very high level of tennis," on Aug. 12. Last year's winners returned to claim victory once again. In the Men's Open Singles, Amir Hadad handily defeated Huntley Montgomery 6-1, 6-2, and in the Women's, Sasha Podkolzina persevered to beat Surina Debeer 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in Sunday's final matches.

Orwig was impressed with this year's event. "We had beautiful weather all week. It wasn't too hot, so the players had more energy and there were better matches this year. With ongoing matches on 12 courts, there was always a good match to watch." And the tournament had more entrants, both men and women, than it has attracted for several years; all of which made for a great week of tennis viewing.

"The crowd was very engaged this year," Orwig continued, the community support for



Lafayette's Darrin Cohen in a Sunday match Photo by Tod Firner

the event was strong and speaks to the huge tennis contingent in the Bay Area." Thursday evening's featured matches were accompanied by a barbecue and raffle at the Moraga Country Club. A tennis weekend and a plethora of prizes donated by equipment suppliers were raffled off; the \$3,000 in proceeds will be

divided between the tennis programs at Campolindo and Miramonte High Schools.

Event organizers would like to thank their sponsors, including the Stead Family of Fine Automobiles, which has sponsored the Tournament for 21 years, and Alain Pinel Realtors, now in its seventh year of support.

Karate News: Locals Garner Honors, Medals

Submitted separately by Dave McKinnis and the Karate & Fitness Place



Haze Mach, Chris Wellbrook, Brandon Tokuyama

Three athletes from the Karate & Fitness Place USA of Moraga returned home with five medals from the 2007 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Karate Championships, held in Winston / Salem North Carolina.

Chris has qualified himself to represent the USA/AAU Junior World Karate Team. The Junior Worlds are to be held in October. Chris was also named the most outstanding competitor at the na-

tional qualifier that was held in Grants Pass, Oregon by winning three gold medals.

Other karate successes occurred at the biennial Taikai International, held July 27-30 in Lake Placid, NY, where Campolindo freshman Kyle McKinnis, 14, took gold in both sparring and Kata. Kyle had previously won gold in Kata in Osaka, Japan at the last Taikai in 2005. The Taikai pays homage to two founding karate masters Itosu and Higaonna and emphasizes traditional Japanese karate.

Teammates from the NCJK dojo in Danville all gave stellar performances. Other black belts winning medals were: Kelly Suzuki, 16, member of the National Karate Federation national team, and Keanu Karsevar, 11. Kelly took two gold, and Keanu two silver.



front row left to right: Keanu Karsevar, Kelly Suzuki, Kyle McKinnis, Kassie McKinnis, and behind instructor Richard Boeckholt Photos provided

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