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55th Annual OMPA Championship Swim Meet Rocks Campo's Soda Center

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Sophia Kosturos(OCC) at start for Girls 9-10, 50 yard freestyle Photos Andy Scheck

Lamorindans don't need a calendar this time of year. One look around town at the decorated SUVs complete with painted windows and rooftop paraphernalia indicates that it must be OMPA Championship weekend. The first weekend in August marks this three-day event at Campolindo's Soda Center where the nine teams that makeup the Orinda and Moraga Pool Association swim in one of the largest recreational meets in the country. This year celebrates 55 years of competition.

The face-offs began Friday night with just one event - the Individual Medley. It was an exciting beginning to the weekend as three records were brought down. In the girls' 9-10 category, not just one, but two girls broke the previous record that had been set in 1982. Both Sophia Kosturos of Orinda Country Club and Megan Colpo of Moraga Valley Pool managed to beat this nearly 30 year old time. Colpo will hold onto to the record because she touched first with a time of 1:08.55.

Saturday's action brought many hours of preliminaries and then final freestyle and breaststroke events with the medley relay capping off the day. Although six new records were crushed, a non-record setting swim by the 6-and-under girls in the 25 free final could not have been more dramatic. The first four finishers - Lindsey Lucas of Sleepy Hollow, Mia Colombini of Moraga Ranch, Kali Sharma of Sleepy Hollow, and Meghan McAninch of Orinda Country Club - touched just .3 seconds apart. Lucas posted the winning time of 18.23. More excitement followed when the next three finishers, all from Meadow Swim and Tennis - Lauren LaCour, Dania Innis, and Grace Clark - all touched with the exact same time of 19.94. Just .01 seconds behind them came Ellie Buckley of Moraga Country Club to create a virtual four way tie for that fifth place spot.

Sunday rounded out the weekend showcasing the backstroke, butterfly, and free relay events. Again, records went down, but an unbelievable finish to the day came at the last moment. In the boys' 15-18 200 free relay, the very last swim of the day, the OCC and Meadow foursomes vied for the top spot. Amidst the deafening roar of the crowd, the two teams furiously swam an intense neck-and-neck race. Everyone watching jockeyed for better positions to glimpse the photo finish. In the end, the first place honors went to BOTH teams as they touched simultaneously posting identical tying times of 1:27.70.

By the end of the weekend, a staggering 12 records were etched into history. OMPA embodies a community with unbounded spirit and love of competition. As Moraga Ranch parent Shauna Silva put it, "It's an exciting, crazy, adrenaline rush...the kids love it."

Total Team scores

- 1 Orinda Country Club 3,774. 50
- 2 Meadow Swim & Tennis Club 3,589. 50
- 3 Sleepy Hollow Legends 3,280. 50
- 4 Moraga Country Club 2,179
- 5 Moraga Ranch 2,018. 50
- 6 Moraga Valley Pool Swim Team 1,952. 50
- 7 Orinda Park Pool Swim Team 1,798
- 8 Campolindo Cabana Club 1,764

9 Miramonte Swim Club 1,465. 50

High Point winners

6 & under Lindsey Lucas Sleepy Hollow 48

Jordan Kumar Sleepy Hollow 45

7-8 Maya Supran OPP 69

Brody Crouch Moraga Ranch 64

9-10 Megan Colpo MVP 72

Garrett Dunn OCC 69

11-12 Analisa Pines Meadow 66

Scott Wu Meadow 72

13-14 Emily Byrne Meadow 68

Tyler Bartis CCC 72

15-18 Sierra Robbins Meadow 69

Charlie Wiser OCC 72

Most Improved Team with Relays

Doc Webster Memorial Plaque

Team Name 2011 Points 2010 Points Improvement

MVP 1952.5 1759.5 193

Most Improved Team without Relays

Ellwood Douglas Memorial Plaque

Team Name 2011 Points 2010 Points Improvement

CCC 996 817.5 178.5

Team Sportsmanship

Heidary Sportsmanship Trophy

Team Name

CCC

2011 Meet Records

New Record Old Record

Swimmer Name Team Event Prelim Finals Swimmer Name Team Year Time

Time Time

Megan Colpo MVP 9-10 Girls IM 1:08.55 Elaine Weigand MEAD 1982 1:09.72

Megan Colpo MVP 9-10 Girls Back 0:31.39 Maddie Murphy OCC 2008 0:31.82

Brooke Woodward OCC 15-18 Girls IM 0:59.61 Sierra Robbins MEAD 2010 1:01.50 Charlie Wiser OCC 15-18 Boys IM 0:51.61 Nicholas Deaver MEAD 2009 0:52.99

Charlie Wiser OCC 15-18 100 Free 0:46.09 Kyle Peterson MVP 2005 0:47.05

Charlie Wiser OCC 15-18 Boys Breast 0:26.62 0:25.83 Michael Gotelli MEAD 1992 0:27.04

Dana Holt MCC 15-18 100 Free 0:52.73 0:52.24 Merideth White SH 2009 0:52.87

Sophia Kosturos OCC 9-10 50 Free 0:27.45 0:27.14 Elaine Weigand MEAD 1982 0:27.71

Relay Names

Ryan Hagglund OCC 9-10 Girls 200 2:13.39 SH 1998 2:15.74

Lauren McAninch Medley Relay

Sophia Kosturos

Eloise Engs

Steven Wescott CCC 13-14 Boys 200 1:47.98 MEAD 1986 1:48.27

Tyler Bartis Medley Relay

Scott Zurnacian

Martin Cunnane

Ryan Hagglund OCC 9-10 200 Girls 1:59.47 SH 1994 1:59.59

Eloise Engs Free Relay

Sophie Cortese

Sophia Kosturos

Tommy Bush OCC 13-14 Boys 200 1:35.07 MVP 1980 1:35.67

Tommy Baier Free Relay

Tommy Larsen

Henry Baer



Megan Colpo (MVP) was 9-10 high point winner

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