

LAMORINDA SPORTS

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

By Marissa Harnett

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.



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

Photos Andy Schreck

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."



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

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 Time	Finals Time	Swimmer Name	Team	Year	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	
1:01.50Charlie 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								

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