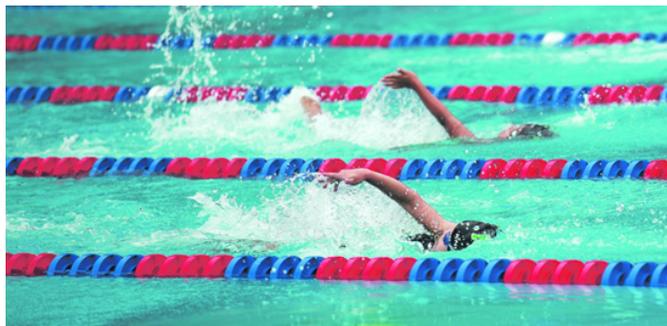


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The Bigger the Better OMPA Hosts 57th Annual Championship Meet

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Emma Knutson of MCC (bottom) finished first in the Girls 6 & under 25-yard backstroke. Photo Kevin Nguyen

If bigger means better, the Orinda-Moraga Pool Association (OMPA) championship certainly has the size factor. For the 57th year in a row, the OMPA welcomed nine recreational swim teams to compete for a championship title. On August 2-4, almost two thousand swimmers from age 3-18 swarmed Campolindo High School for the event. OMPA president Ben Horenstein noted that the event is one of the largest in the country.

"Everybody comes together in one meet," said 14-year-old swimmer Scott Wu of Meadow Swim and Tennis Club. "Dual meets are only so fun because you can only swim against one other team. When you get every single team out here, it just makes it that much better."

Bigger is not only about the number of participants, bigger also means faster. Just this year, nine meet records were broken, one of which dated back to 1978. The fastest team this year was Orinda Country Club, who won the championship for the 13th year in a row, followed by Sleepy Hollow, then Meadow.

Even when swimmers do not break OMPA records, there is much celebration for "popping" one's time, swim-speak for breaking a personal record.

"I set goals for myself and I try to get better times every time I swim," said 10-year-old Aia Zabetian of Sleepy Hollow.

It is this aspect of personal improvement that makes swimming appealing not only to swimmers, but to coaches as well.

"The most fun thing is that you get to watch all of the hard work the swimmers put in during the season and watch them beat their times, and have a great time doing it," explained Miramonte Swim Club coach Kelly Noah.

With so many teams, the event also encourages a healthy rivalry. Teams show support by painting cars, wearing spirit gear, and cheering loudly from the poolside stands.

"Even though it's only recreational swimming, it feels like it's the national championships," said Wu regarding the spectators' excitement.

For many, the excitement is almost as fun as the competition. Charlie Wiser, of Orinda Country Club, competed in his last OMPA event this year and he is headed to Stanford in the fall to play water polo. He said the team spirit is what he will miss most.

"I've grown up here. You make lifelong friendships and it's basically just another support system that you can always fall back on," Wiser explained, "You always have a place you can call home."

Orinda-Moraga Pools Association
57th Annual Championship Meet 2013

Combined Team Scores

Place Team

- 1 Orinda Country Club
- 2 Sleepy Hollow Legends
- 3 Meadow Swim & Tennis Club
- 4 Moraga Country Club
- 5 Orinda Park Pool Swim Team
- 6 Moraga Valley Pool Swim Team
- 7 Moraga Ranch Swim Club
- 8 Campolindo Cabana Club Marlins
- 9 Miramonte Swim Club

Doc Webster Memorial Plaque			
Team Name	2013 Points	2012 Points	Improvement
MCC	2459.5	2086	373.5

Most Improved Team without Relays			
Team Name	2013 Points	2012 Points	Improvement
MIRA	499	376.5	122.5

2013 Meet High Point (Outstanding Swimmer)-Girl					
Name	Age Group	Team	Place/Stroke	Total Points	
Sophia Kosturos	11-12	OCC	1st Free, 1st Fly, 1st Im	72	
Record in Event 100 IM		Record in Event 50 Free		Record in Event 50 Fly	
New record =	1:01.91	New record =	0:24:98	New record =	0:26.75
Old record =	1:02.53	Old record =	0:24.98	Old record =	0:26.90
(Tie of record)					

2013 Meet High Point (Outstanding Swimmer)-Boy				
Name	Age Group	Team	Place/Stroke	Total Points
Charlie Wiser	15-18	OCC	1st Breast, 1st Fly, 1st Im	72

2013 Individual High Point Awards					
Girls					
Age	Place	Name	Place/Stroke	Points	Team
6 & under	1	Emma Knutson	1st Free	48	MCC
			1st Back		
	2	Amanda Kayari	1st Fly	45	MIRA
			2nd Free		
	2	Natalie Stryker	1st Breast	45	OCC
			2nd Fly		
7-8	1	Lindsey Lucas	1st Free	72	SH
			1st Breast		
			1st IM		
	2	Meghan McAninch	1st Back	69	OCC
			1st Fly		
			2nd IM		
3	Paige Hernandez	3rd Back	57	MEAD	
		4th Free			
		5th IM			
9-10	1	Maya Supran	1st Free	72	OPP
			1st Fly		
			1st IM		
	2	Channing Hanley	2nd Back	63	MEAD
			2nd Breast		
			2nd IM		
2	Emmie Appl	1st Breast	63	SH	
		3rd Fly			
		4th IM			
11-12	1	Sophia Kosturos	1st Free	72	OCC
			1st Fly		
			1st IM		
	2	Charlotte Wu	1st Back	63	OCC
			2nd Fly		
			5th Free		
3	Lauren McAninch	1st Breast	62	OCC	
		2nd IM			
		6th Back			
13-14	1	Hailey Eberle	1st Fly	66	OCC
			2nd Breast		
			2nd IM		
	1	Kelly Murphy	1st Back	66	SH
			2nd Free		
			2nd Fly		
3	Katrina Drake	1st IM	64	OCC	
		2nd Back			
		4th Free			

15-18	1	Tori Yee	1st Fly	68	OCC
			1st IM		
			3rd Back		
	2	Madison Tagg	1st 100 Free	65	OPP
			2nd IM		
			3rd Fly		
	3	Claire Hamilton	2nd Back	62	OPP
			2nd Fly		
			3rd Free		

2013 Individual High Point Awards

Boys

Age	Place	Name	Place/Stroke	Points	Team
6 & under	1	Bronsen Trunzo	1st Back	48	MIRA
			1st Breast		
	1	Grant Kurtz	1st Free	48	MEAD
			1st Fly		
	3	Lincoln Sovik	2nd Free	42	OCC
			2nd Fly		
7-8	1	Charlie Karp	1st Back	67	MEAD
			1st IM		
			4th Free		
	2	Jordan Kumar	1st Fly	66	SH
			2nd Back		
			2nd IM		
	3	Logan Robeson	1st Breast	58	MCC
			6th Free		
			6th Back		
9-10	1	Brock Zamanian	1st Free	72	MEAD
			1st Fly		
			1st IM		
	2	Jay Mills	2nd Back	62	OPP
			2nd IM		
			3rd Fly		
	3	Will Coons	3rd Free	59	MEAD
			3rd IM		
			4th Fly		
11-12	1	Narayan Sharma	1st Back	68	SH
			1st IM		
			3rd Free		
	2	Nicholas Gaspardone	1st Free	64.5	OPP
			2nd Breast		
			3rd IM (Tie)		
	2	Leo Berkman	1st Fly	64.5	SH
			2nd Free		
			3rd IM (Tie)		
13-14	1	Tyler Abramson	1st Free	69	OCC
			1st Fly		
			2nd IM		
	2	Michael Dakis	1st Breast	64	MEAD
			1st IM		
			7th Free		
	3	Max Murphy	1st Back	62	SH
			3rd IM		
			5th Free		
15-18	1	Charlie Wisser	1st Breast	72	OCC
			1st Fly		
			1st IM		
	2	Robbie Fluegge	1st Free	67	OPP
			1st Back		
			4th Fly		
	3	Grant	1st 100 Free	64	MCC
			3rd Back		

	Sivesind	3rd Fly		
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Bronsen Trunzo of Miramonte finished first in the Boys 6 & under 25 yard backstroke. Photo Kevin Nguyen

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