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Aquabears Viking Club Swimmers Excel at NCS Championship

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From right: Marie-Claire Schillinger (Miramonte), NCS Champion in the 100 Breaststroke with fellow Viking Aquabear breaststrokers Aileen Lee and Kaya Philapil
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Alexa Hanley who placed 18th in the 100 Breast (1:05.70) and 25th in the 100 Butterfly (58.52). Campolindo Junior Jane Wood also swam the 100 Fly and placed 21st (57.98). Miramonte freshman Nicole LaCour placed 28th in the 500 Free (5:28.54) and Las Lomas senior Michael Lutzker placed 17th in the 500 Free (4:50.94) and 24th in the 200 Free (1:48.24).

With the high school season over, these swimmers now shift their attention to the summer-long course season. For information on the Viking Club team, contact coaches Joe Natina or Chris Horner at aquabearsvic@gmail.com or visit www.swimviking.com.

The 2015 North Coast Section Swimming and Diving Championship was held on May 14-16 at Concord Community Pool. Over 800 swimmers and divers representing 70 public and private high schools competed at the meet. Aquabears Viking Club, located in Pleasant Hill, qualified 16 swimmers representing 12 local high schools.

Olympic trials qualifier and Harvard-bound Acalanes senior Brittany Usinger won two individual events, the 200 Freestyle (1:47.51) and the 100 Butterfly (52.43). The 100 Butterfly swim set a new NCS record, previously held by Celina Li of Foothill High School from 2012.

Marie-Claire Schillinger, a senior from Miramonte headed to Rice University in the fall, won the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:01.12. She also finaled in the 200 Individual Medley (2:06.47) and placed seventh. On Sunday, at the Aquabears post-NCS meet held at Diablo Valley College, Schillinger qualified for the 2016 Olympic trials in both the 100 and 200 meter Breaststroke.

Other fast swims included Campolindo Junior

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