

## 2019 September Sunday Senior Series #1

### Experience – A New World

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*Nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced. (John Keats)*

And what an **experience** it was! Top teams from all over Southern California are sending their best swimmers with senior qualifying times to compete in a series of “fast” meets over a couple of months. This Sunday Senior Series meet was the first of 3 “dual” meets and was the first time our team was able to send a Senior team to compete with other Senior teams. Dual means we are competing head to head with another team. Actually we are competing head to head with 3 different teams (for points).

And BOY did it ever become ‘**REAL**’! The events are limited to a select few with ONLY 1 to 2 heats for each event. Each swimmer can swim a max of 3 events and 2 relays. The entire competition happens over 1 ½ - 2 hours. Which means the meet moves incredibly fast. Swimmers have no opportunity to cool down and warm up is the preceding event. (Just ask Garrett!).

Your Sharks were represented by our fearsome Titanium Team:

- *Jesie Castaneda,*
- *Samantha Cummins,*
- *Michael DiBello,*
- *Garrett Dykier,*
- *Beaver Haygood,*
- *Nathan Lee,*
- *Nailyn Lopez,*
- *Nohely Lopez,*
- *Teagan O'Dell,*
- *Luke Pedroche,*
- *Victoria Villarreal,*
- *Madeline Wheeler.*

### TEAM RECORDS

#### INDIVIDUALS

- *Sam Cummins:* 13-14 100 Fly;
- *Michael DiBello:* 13-14 100 Back, 200 IM
- *Garrett Dykier:* 15-18 500 Free
- *Nathan Lee:* 15-18 200 Back

(Here’s a riddle for you. Garret added 7 seconds to his SCY 500 Free best time and broke the SCY 500 Free Team Record by 9 seconds. How did he do it? (There is a link at the bottom of this news article with the answer.))

#### RELAYS

Competing at the Senior level has created a new challenge for determining **RELAY TEAM RECORDS**. Our Senior Relay Teams have swimmers ages 12 to 17. So which “age group” to use .. (11-12), (13-14), or (15-18)?

To solve this problem as we move into the world of senior meets we created a new category for RELAY TEAM RECORDS called ‘OPEN’. And our relay teams all set NEW TEAM RECORDS!

Girls 400 Medley Relay Team placed 4<sup>th</sup>: 1) *Jesie Castaneda,* 2) *Teagan O'Dell,* 3) *Nohely Lopez,* 4) *Maddie Wheeler.*

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Girls 400 Free Relay Team placed 4<sup>th</sup>: 1) *Maddie Wheeler*, 2) *Nailyn I Lopez*, 3) *Victoria Villarreal*, 4) *Sam Cummins*.

Boys 400 Medley Relay Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1) *Nathan Lee*, 2) *Michael DiBello*, 3) *Garrett Dykier*, 4) *Beaver Haygood*.

Boys 400 Free Relay Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1) *Beaver Haygood*, 2) *Garrett Dykier*, 3) *Nathan Lee*, 4) *Luke Pedroche*,

## NEW TIMES

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- *Michael DiBello*: SCY 100 Back.

## AWARDS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Place

- *Beaver Haygood*: 50 Free
- *Teagan O'Dell*: 200 Back, 100 Back, 200 IM

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- *Michael DiBello*: 100 Back, 200 Breast, 200 IM
- *Beaver Haygood*: 200 Free
- *Luke Pedroche*: 200 Back

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- *Samantha Cummins*: 100 Fly
- *Garrett Dykier*: 500 Free
- *Beaver Haygood*: 100 Free
- *Nohely Lopez*: 50 Free
- *Victoria Villarreal*: 200 IM

### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

- *Samantha Cummins*: 200 Back
- *Nailyn Lopez*: 200 Free
- *Luke Pedroche*: 100 Back

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place

- *Jesie Castaneda*: 200 IM
- *Garrett Dykier*: 200 Free
- *Nohely Lopez*: 100 Free
- *Luke Pedroche*: 100 Fly
- *Victoria Villarreal*: 200 Back, 100 Back

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place

- *Samantha Cummins*: 100 Back
- *Nathan Lee*: 200 Back
- *Nohely Lopez*: 200 Free

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### POINTS

- *Teagan O'Dell* (21);
- *Beaver Haygood* (16);
- *Michael DiBello* (15);
- *Luke Pedroche* (10);
- *Samantha Cummins* (8);
- *Victoria Villarreal* (8);
- *Nohely Lopez* (7);
- *Garrett Dykier* (6);
- *Nailyn Lopez* (3);
- *Jesie Castaneda* (2);
- *Nathan Lee* (1)

### TIME DROPS

*Michael DiBello* (-3.02); *Nailyn Lopez* (-2.93); *Nathan Lee* (-1.50); *Jesie Castaneda* (-0.67).

### WRAP UP

*“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste **experience** to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer **experience**.” (Eleanor Roosevelt).*

Our team is the youngest (except for ‘old man’ Beaver) senior team competing and one of the smallest with only 12 swimmers. Yet we made a very respectable showing. If stats are any indication we have an incredible group of 13-14 year olds who will be joining the senior team soon. And close behind them we have some very talented 7-12 swimmers.

Michael and Alan have been swimming age group meets for over 5 years and we thought “that’s what it’s all about”. Now, having a senior swimmer in the family, a whole, entirely new, ‘**experience**’ for swim competition has opened up. This ‘new world’ of swimming is fun and exciting.

I can’t wait for our parents and swimmers to reach out eagerly and taste this ‘**experience**’ ... this whole new world of swimming!

**GO SHARKS – YOU ROCK!**

GMA Sherry