

Opportunity Doesn't Wait

Success is where preparation and opportunity meet. (Bobby Unser)

The Jan 2024 RAA Winter Festival B/BB/C meet is where preparation and opportunity came together for our swimmers. Despite the cold and rainy weather, 33 of our swimmers showed up with success as their motivation. And successful they were.

OUTSTANDING SWIMS

Alice Zhu picked up a 4 new 'B' times for her 50 Fly, 100 IM, 200 Back, and 400 IM. *Jessica Seabert* picked up 3 new 'B' times for her 50 Back, 50 Fly, and 100 IM. *Bobby Han* picked up 2 New 'BB' times for his 100 Free, and 1,000 Free. Also picking up new 'B' and 'BB' times and getting an opportunity to take these events to the TMEC Eastern Committee Championships coming up at beginning of next month are: *Xichen (Jalon) Jiang, Jonathan Ko, Remy Lee, Qinyao (Olivia) Li, Giovanni Ortega, Nathaniel Schneider, and Damian Serna Arbow.*

ON THE WATCH LIST

David Wang, age 7, showed his preparation for this meet, dropping time in 7 of his 8 events for **BEST TOTAL TIME DROP**. He also placed in 4 of this events, earning 104 **TOTAL POINTS**. Way to go *David*, we're watching.

Angela Han, age 7, continues to impress with 2 more (5-8) B times.

TEAM RECORDS:

Our swimmers repeatedly demonstrate the highest level of personal performance as team records continue to be broken. The latest records to fall are:

- There were no new team records

FIRST TIME SWIMS

Our swimmers continue to work hard on technique. Here we acknowledge the swimmers who accepted the challenge of swimming an event for the very first time.

New C Times

Attaining personal excellence and getting their first C times are:

- *Teng (Matthew) Chan* - Bronze (7-10 100 Back, 100 Breast, 50 Fly);
- *Angela Han* - Bronze (5-8 50 Breast);
- *Lawrence Huang* - Bronze (11-12 100 Back);
- *Xichen (Jalon) Jiang* - Silver (13-14 100 Breast, 200 IM);
- *Amelia Kpaduwa* - Bronze (5-8 25 Breast);
- *Qinyao (Olivia) Li* - Bronze (7-10 100 Back, 100 IM, 50 Breast);
- *Kimi Liu* - Bronze (7-10 100 Back, 100 Fly, 200 Free);
- *Briant Rivera* - Bronze Elite (15 & Over 100 Back);
- *Sebastian Shibata* - Bronze (7-10 200 Free)

First Time B Times

Taking personal excellence to the next level these swimmers reached B times the first time swimming these events.

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- *Xichen (Jalon) Jiang* - Silver (13-14 100 Free);
- *Remy Lee* - Gold (11-12 400 IM);
- *Qinyao (Olivia) Li* - Bronze (7-10 100 Breast);
- *Jessica Seabert* - Bronze (7-10 100 IM, 50 Fly);
- *Alice Zhu* - Gold (11-12 200 Back, 400 IM)

First Time (5-8) B Times

- *Angela Han* - Bronze (5-8 25 Back)

First Time BB Times

Talk about personal excellence! Getting a BB time for a first time swim. Amazing.

- *Bobby Han* - Gold (11-12 1000 Free);
- *Jonathan Ko* - Platinum (11-12 400 IM)

NEW TIMES

More typical are the swimmers exhibiting personal excellence by moving up the time standards from C to B, or to BB, or to A, or to WAG / Age Group Champs (Spring and Summer formerly JO). These swimmers demonstrate their hard work pays off.

New B Times

- *Nathaniel Schneider* - Bronze (7-10 100 Back);
- *Jessica Seabert* - Bronze (7-10 50 Back);
- *Damian Serna Arbow* - Platinum (13-14 200 Fly, 50 Free);
- *Alice Zhu* - Gold (11-12 100 IM, 50 Fly)

New (5-8) BB Times

- *Angela Han* - Bronze (5-8 25 Free);
- *Amelia Kpaduwa* - Bronze (5-8 50 Free);

New BB Times

- *Bobby Han* - Gold (11-12 100 Free);
- *Giovanni Ortega* - Gold (13-14 200 IM)

TIME DROPS

BEST TOTAL TIME DROP was earned by *David Wang* - Bronze with a total (-36.49). **BEST SINGLE TIME DROP** was also earned by *David Wang* for dropping -17.82 for his (25 Back)

Getting those harder to get time drops are:

David Wang - Bronze (-36.49); *Bradley Age* - Bronze Elite (-29.47); *Charlotte Wu* - Bronze (-18); *Serenity Shibata* - Gold (-17.54); *Nathaniel Schneider* - Bronze (-16.07); *Giovanni Ortega* - Gold (-14.96); *Damian Serna Arbow* - Platinum (-14); *Jessica Seabert* - Bronze (-13.56); *Angela Han* - Bronze (-12.5); *Bobby Han* - Gold (-10.78); *Alice Zhu* - Gold (-9.5); *Casper Ngan* - Silver (-8.62); *Amelia Kpaduwa* - Bronze (-8.43); *Jonathan Ko* - Platinum (-7.82); *Teng (Matthew) Chan* - Bronze (-7.35); *Qinyao (Olivia) Li* - Bronze (-6.38); *Brandon Keffer* - Bronze Elite (-6.24); *Ethan So* - Gold (-5.32); *Skylar Shibata* - Gold (-5.22); *Jennifer Seabert* - Bronze (-5.05); *Briant Rivera* - Bronze Elite (-4.95);

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Sebastian Shibata - Bronze (-3.82); **Remy Lee** - Gold (-3.81); **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (-3.64); **Brayden Coson** - Bronze Elite (-3.6); **Grace Miller** - Silver (-3.53); **Lawrence Huang** - Bronze (-2.74); **Ayaan Chudasama** - Platinum (-1.58); **Jolie Yin** - Gold (-1.15); **Alexander Hastings** - Gold (-1.02)

AWARDS & POINTS

Our 33 swimmers brought home 122 awards. 25 1st place, 22 2nd place, 20 3rd place, 20 4th place, 17 5th place, 18 6th place. These are our 1st thru 6th place winners.

1st place

- **Bradley Age** - Bronze Elite (11-12 200 Free);
- **Ayaan Chudasama** - Platinum (11-12 100 Free);
- **Angela Han** - Bronze (5-8 25 Back);
- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 100 Free, 1000 Free, 50 Breast);
- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (11-12 100 Back, 400 IM);
- **Amelia Kpaduwa** - Bronze (5-8 25 Fly);
- **Remy Lee** - Gold (11-12 100 Fly, 100 IM);
- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 100 Breast);
- **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (7-10 100 IM);
- **Jennifer Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 100 Free);
- **Jessica Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 100 IM, 50 Back, 50 Fly);
- **Damian Serna Arbow** - Platinum (13-14 50 Free);
- **Sebastian Shibata** - Bronze (5-8 100 Free, 100 IM, 25 Fly, 25 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly);
- **Alice Zhu** - Gold (11-12 100 IM)

2nd place

- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 50 Back);
- **Xichen Jiang** - Silver (13-14 100 Free);
- **Amelia Kpaduwa** - Bronze (5-8 25 Back, 25 Breast, 25 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Free);
- **Remy Lee** - Gold (11-12 50 Breast);
- **Kimi Liu** - Bronze (7-10 100 Fly);
- **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (7-10 100 Fly, 100 IM);
- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 100 Back, 200 IM, 50 Breast);
- **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (7-10 100 Breast);
- **Jessica Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 50 Free);
- **Damian Serna Arbow** - Platinum (13-14 200 Fly);
- **Sebastian Shibata** - Bronze (5-8 50 Free);
- **Ethan So** - Gold (13-14 50 Back);
- **David Wang** - Bronze (5-8 25 Breast);
- **Alice Zhu** - Gold (11-12 50 Breast, 50 Fly)

3rd Place

- **Bradley Age** - Bronze Elite (11-12 100 Free);

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- **Ayaan Chudasama** - Platinum (11-12 100 Breast);
- **Angela Han** - Bronze (5-8 50 Back);
- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 200 Free);
- **Alexander Hastings** - Gold (11-12 50 Fly);
- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (11-12 50 Back, 50 Fly);
- **Amelia Kpaduwa** - Bronze (5-8 100 Free);
- **Remy Lee** - Gold (11-12 200 Free, 400 IM);
- **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (7-10 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Free);
- **Briant Rivera** - Bronze Elite (15 & Over 50 Back);
- **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (7-10 100 Back, 50 Back);
- **Jessica Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 100 Free);
- **Ethan So** - Gold (13-14 100 Breast, 50 Breast);
- **David Wang** - Bronze (5-8 50 Breast)

4th Place

- **Bradley Age** - Bronze Elite (11-12 50 Free);
- **Ayaan Chudasama** - Platinum (11-12 50 Back);
- **Angela Han** - Bronze (5-8 25 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Free);
- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 50 Free);
- **Qinyao (Olivia) Li** - Bronze (7-10 50 Breast);
- **Grace Miller** - Silver (13-14 100 Free, 50 Breast);
- **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (7-10 100 Free);
- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 100 Free, 50 Free);
- **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (7-10 50 Free);
- **Jennifer Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 50 Free);
- **Jessica Seabert** - Bronze (7-10 100 Back);
- **Skyler Shibata** - Gold (13-14 50 Breast);
- **David Wang** - Bronze (5-8 25 Fly);
- **Charlotte Wu** - Bronze (5-8 100 Free);
- **Jolie Yin** - Gold (11-12 100 Breast);
- **Alice Zhu** - Gold (11-12 50 Free)

5th Place

- **Mindy Barrera** - Gold (11-12 200 IM);
- **Teng (Matthew) Chan** - Bronze (7-10 50 Breast);
- **Xichen Jiang** - Silver (13-14 200 IM);
- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (11-12 200 Free, 50 Free);
- **Remy Lee** - Gold (11-12 50 Fly);
- **Qinyao (Olivia) Li** - Bronze (7-10 100 Breast);
- **Grace Miller** - Silver (13-14 50 Free);

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- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 50 Fly);
- **Briant Rivera** - Bronze Elite (15 & Over 100 Free, 50 Breast);
- **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (7-10 50 Breast, 50 Fly);
- **Damian Serna Arbow** - Platinum (13-14 200 Free, 200 IM);
- **Ethan So** - Gold (13-14 100 Free);
- **Alice Zhu** - Gold (11-12 50 Back)

6th Place

- **Bradley Age** - Bronze Elite (11-12 100 IM, 50 Breast);
- **Mindy Barrera** - Gold (11-12 100 Breast, 50 Back);
- **Brandon Keffer** - Bronze Elite (11-12 50 Free);
- **Kimi Liu** - Bronze (7-10 200 Free);
- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 200 Free);
- **Damian Serna Arbow** - Platinum (13-14 100 Fly);
- **Serenity Shibata** - Gold (11-12 100 Breast, 200 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Free);
- **Skyler Shibata** - Gold (13-14 200 IM);
- **David Wang** - Bronze (5-8 100 Free);
- **Charlotte Wu** - Bronze (5-8 25 Breast, 25 Fly);
- **Alice Zhu** - Gold (11-12 200 Back, 400 IM)

POINTS

Taking **TOP POINTS** at this meet was **Sebastian Shibata** - Bronze with 149 points.

Congratulations to all our point getters.

Sebastian Shibata - Bronze (149); **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (128); **Amelia Kpaduwa** - Bronze (121); **Nathaniel Schneider** - Bronze (121); **Alice Zhu** - Gold (109); **Bobby Han** - Gold (108); **Jessica Seabert** - Bronze (108); **David Wang** - Bronze (104); **Remy Lee** - Gold (103); **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (100); **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (97); **Damian Serna Arbow** - Platinum (96); **Bradley Age** - Bronze Elite (94); **Serenity Shibata** - Gold (85); **Angela Han** - Bronze (81); **Qinyao (Olivia) Li** - Bronze (67); **Charlotte Wu** - Bronze (67); **Ethan So** - Gold (63); **Kimi Liu** - Bronze (62); **Grace Miller** - Silver (55); **Briant Rivera** - Bronze Elite (55); **Jennifer Seabert** - Bronze (53); **Ayaan Chudasama** - Platinum (51); **Teng (Matthew) Chan** - Bronze (50); **Mindy Barrera** - Gold (49); **Xichen (Jalon) Jiang** - Silver (46); **Alexander Hastings** - Gold (36); **Jolie Yin** - Gold (36); **Brandon Keffer** - Bronze Elite (31); **Skyler Shibata** - Gold (29); **Casper Ngan** - Silver (16); **Brayden Coson** - Bronze Elite (9); **Lawrence Huang** - Bronze (6)

TOP 10 BEST TIMES

New Top 10

Placing their event in the **ALL TIME TOP 10 PERSONAL BEST TIMES** for the first time are:

- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 1000 Free, 50 Breast);
- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (11-12 400 IM);
- **Amelia Kpaduwa** - Bronze (5-8 100 Free);
- **Remy Lee** - Gold (11-12 400 IM);

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- ***Giovanni Ortega*** - Gold (13-14 100 Breast);
- ***Briant Rivera*** - Bronze Elite (15 & Over 50 Back);
- ***Sebastian Shibata*** - Bronze (7-10 200 Free)

Top 10

Updating their personal bests in the **ALL TIME TOP 10 PERSONAL BEST TIMES** are:

- ***Amelia Kpaduwa*** - Bronze (5-8 50 Fly, 50 Free);
- ***Sebastian Shibata*** - Bronze (5-8 50 Fly)

RELAYS

Female 7-10 200 Free Relay - 2nd Place - ***Jessica Seabert, Jennifer Seabert, Amelia Kpaduwa, Charlotte Ngan***

Female 11-12 200 Free Relay – 2nd Place - ***Alice Zhu, Mindy Barrera, Serenity Shibata, Jolie Yin***

Male 7-10 200 1st Free Relay - Place - ***Sebastian Shibata, Kimi liu, Teng Chan, Nathaniel Schneider***

Male 7-10 200 MR - 2nd Place - ***Nathaniel Schneider, Teng Chan, Sebastian Shibata, Kimi liu***

Male 11-12 200 Free Relay - 2nd Place - ***Ayaan Chudasama, Jonathan Ko, Remy Lee, Bobby Han***

Male 11-12 200 MR – 1st Place - ***Remy Lee, Jonathan Ko, Bobby Han, Keffer, Brandon Han***

Male 13-14 200 MR – 1st Place - ***Ethan So, Skyler Shibata, Damian Serna Arbow, Xichen Jiang***

WRAP UP

If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives. (Lemony Snicket, The Ersatz Elevator)

Clearly, our kiddos aren't waiting for opportunity and success to come to them. 33 of our swimmers, along with their dedicated parents, seized the opportunity to swim for new times and performance improvements. Our team was ready, and our kids did very well. On to the next opportunity.

GO SHARKS

GMA Sherry