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## Charger Aquatics Santa Fe

### Charger Family,

Hard to believe we are over a quarter through 2025, and our long course race season has officially begun.

Before we look to the future, let's look back on our most successful short course season ever. We had the second most swimmers qualify for the State Championships and the most for Sectionals in Austin Texas than ever before. We had multiple state champions and many personal best times across all four swim groups. An incredible accomplishment by our kids.

On the sponsorship front, we continue to add more sponsors and will be installing a large 'Thank You' banner at the Chavez Center right above the pool wall. We will have that up by the end of April.

It is a source of pride that our program is respected enough and that sponsors have confidence in us, that we will spend their money wisely and in line with their goals and core values.

With these new funds we can continue to grow our scholarship and swim lesson programs throughout 2025. If you have any questions on either program please call Coach Lee.

**Mikey Hersom**  
President





## COACHES Corner



CAQ Santa Fe just finished up a fantastic 2024/2025 Short Course season. Our newest team members that came over from the Seals contributed in large ways immediately, as did our new coaches on staff. This year we had more qualifiers for the State meet than we've had since before Covid, and more Sectionals qualifiers than ever before. Our Sectionals roster was equal or larger than that of teams double or triple our size.

Please see below our top 8 finishers at HS State, Spring Finale, and Club State. **Way to go CAQ!**

### Lee Romero Taylor

Head Site Coach

#### ★ High School State

##### Nina Lyons

- 200 Free (5th)
- 500 Free (6th)

##### Andre Hersom

- 200 IM (7th)
- 500 Free (4th)

##### Lucia Roth

- 200 Free (7th)
- 100 Back (8th)

##### Ruby Sallah

- 50 Free (5th)
- 100 Breast (6th)

##### Raylee Hunt

- 200 IM (2nd)
- 100 Breast (1st)

##### Ian Wald

- 50 Free (2nd)
- 100 Breast (6th)

#### ★ Spring Finale

##### Enzo DiDomenico (9-10 Boys)

- 100 IM (1st)
- 50 Breast (5th)

##### Leo DiDomenico (8 and Under Boys)

- 25 Free (4th)
- 100 Free (4th)
- 25 Fly (3rd)
- 50 Free (4th)
- 50 Back (5th)
- 50 Fly (5th)

##### Ophelia Grafe (13-14 Girls)

- 100 Free (7th)

##### Alhiana Quintana de Andres (13-14 Girls)

- 50 Free (2nd)
- 100 Back (4th)
- 100 IM (4th)

##### Andi Severy (11-12 Girls)

- 50 Breast (1st)
- 100 IM (3rd)
- 100 Free (3rd)
- 100 Breast (3rd)

##### Chuck Severy (9-10 Boys)

- 50 Free (8th)
- 100 Free (4th)
- 50 Back (5th)



Have questions or news to share?

Send them to [SFAquaticsBusiness@gmail.com](mailto:SFAquaticsBusiness@gmail.com)



## ★ Club State Championships

### **Raylee Hunt** (15 and Over Girls)

- [2nd Place overall highpoint]
- 50 Breast (1st)
- 100 Breast (1st)
- 200 Breast (1st)
- 100 Free (1st)
- 200 Free (1st)
- 200 IM (2nd)

### **Andre Hersom** (15 and Over Boys)

- 200 IM (1st)
- 500 Free (1st)
- 1,000 Free (2nd)
- 1,650 Free (3rd)
- 400 IM (3rd)
- 100 Back (8th)

### **Colin Forsberg** (15 and Over Boys)

- 400 IM (6th)
- 200 Back (6th)

### **Nina Lyons** (15 and Over Girls)

- 1,650 Free (7th)
- 500 Free (7th)

### **Tommy Martine** (15 and Over Boys)

- 50 Breast (6th)
- 50 Free (7th)

### **Jaden Rand** (13-14 Boys)

- 100 IM (3rd)
- 50 Free (5th)
- 50 Breast (7th)

### **Luke Rand** (15 and Over Boys)

- 100 IM (6th)

### **Elena Roth** (13-14 Girls)

- 200 Back (1st)
- 100 Back (1st)
- 200 IM (3rd)
- 100 Fly (4th)

### **Lucia Roth** (15 and Over Girls)

- 200 Back (3rd)
- 200 Free (4th)

### **Adam Sallah** (13-14 Boys)

- 50 Back (6th)

### **Ruby Sallah** (15 and Over Girls)

- 50 Free (2nd)
- 50 Breast (3rd)
- 100 IM (4th)
- 50 Back (5th)

### **Ian Wald** (15 and Over Boys)

- 100 IM (2nd)
- 50 Breast (3rd)
- 100 Free (8th)

### **Calder Wood** (11-12 Boys)

- 100 Free (3rd)
- 50 Free (5th)
- 200 Free (5th)
- 100 Breast (7th)





## SWIMMER Spotlight



### Ethan Quintana de Andres

Ethan has been swimming with us since 2017 (8 years!) and in that time he has grown tremendously as a swimmer and person. Now a Senior, Ethan just finished up his last ever club meet as he will be gone this summer. At his final meet (Club State), he went best times in every event he swam (200 IM, 500 Free, 100 Free).

His professionalism, respectfulness, and willingness to work hard are something that I hope has rubbed off on others. **He'll be missed tremendously!**

## OLDER AND WISER!

Happy birthday to all our swimmers who are having or had a birthday recently! If we missed any please let us know!

### February birthdays

Rosalind Grafe (10)  
Ethan Quintana de Andres (18)  
Luke Rand (17)

### March birthdays

Evie Daly (13)  
Oliver Medrano (8)  
Chuck Severy (10)

### April birthdays

Ardas Best (8)  
Enzo DiDomenico (10)  
Liam Follingstad-Hyde (13)  
Frederik Strieker (7)



## TYR TEAM GEAR

Our new TYR Team Portal is now open!

1. Go to [teams.tyr.com](https://teams.tyr.com)
2. Create a username/account
3. Input the access code of **04219**



## 2025 Long Course Championship Season (Page 1)

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2</b><br>May   | <b>LCAT Suntan Classic</b><br>May 2-4, 2025   NMSU, Las Cruces, NM                   | Group:<br><b>White, Yellow, Blue</b>                    |
| <b>16</b><br>May  | <b>Block Party</b><br>May 16, 2025   Albuquerque Academy Natatorium                  | Group:<br><b>Entry level developmental meet</b>         |
| <b>30</b><br>May  | <b>Phoenix Swim Club Summer Invite</b><br>May 30 - June 2, 2025   GCCC, Santa Fe, NM | Group:<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>                           |
| <b>31</b><br>May  | <b>LOBO LCM Meet</b><br>May 31 - June 1, 2025   UNM, Albuquerque, NM                 | Group:<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>                           |
| <b>7</b><br>June  | <b>CAQ Santa Fe Meet</b><br>June 7 - 8, 2025   GCCC, Santa Fe, NM                    | Group:<br><b>Jr., White, Yellow, Blue</b>               |
| <b>13</b><br>June | <b>Block Party</b><br>June 13, 2025   Albuquerque Academy Natatorium                 | Group:<br><b>Jr., White, Yellow</b>                     |
| <b>14</b><br>June | <b>Training Camp</b><br>JUne 14 - 19, 2025   TBD - Local to Albuquerque & vicinity   | Group:<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>                           |
| <b>20</b><br>June | <b>RAAC Sprint Shoot Out</b><br>June 20 - 22, 2025   UNM, Albuquerque, NM            | Group (qualifying times):<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>        |
| <b>26</b><br>June | <b>Clovis Grand Challenge</b><br>June 26 - 29, 2025   Clovis North, Clovis, CA       | Group (qualifying times):<br><b>Blue</b>                |
| <b>27</b><br>June | <b>El Paso EPAP</b><br>June 27 - 29, 2025   Westside Natatorium, El Paso, TX         | Group:<br><b>Yellow</b>                                 |
| <b>28</b><br>June | <b>Mako - LCM Last Chance</b><br>June 28 -29, 2025   West Mesa, Albuquerque, NM      | Group: <b>anyone not traveling to Clovis or El Paso</b> |
| <b>10</b><br>July | <b>NMS State Championships</b><br>July 10 - 13   West Mesa, Albuquerque, NM          | Group (qualifying times):<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>        |



## 2025 Long Course Championship Season (Page 2)

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>19</b><br>July | <b>Summer Finale</b><br>July 19 - 20, 2025   Hobbs, NM                     | Group (athletes not qualified for state): <b>Jr., White, Yellow</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>July | <b>Senior Zones</b><br>July 29 - August 2, 2025   Clovis, CA               | Group (qualifying times):<br><b>Blue</b>                            |
| <b>9</b><br>Aug   | <b>Age Group Zone Championships</b><br>August 6 - 9, 2025   Elk, Grove, CA | Group (qualifying times):<br><b>Yellow, Blue</b>                    |