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AT Feature:

Far Western Age Group Championships (July 26-30)

Photos by Gordon Johnson & Kristyn Young

The Terrapins hosted one of the longest running Championship age group meets in the world-- the Long Course Far Western Age Group Championships. Teams from China, Canada, Mexico and from all over the United States competed in the five day event held at the Concord Community Park Pool. Prelims and finals began Wednesday, July 26 and ran through Sunday, July 30. The Terrapins had over 60 swimmers qualify for this meet and placed third in a field of 71 teams!



Nine-year-old Justin right after he won the 50-meter backstroke handily in a 30.26 (fastest time in Pacific Swimming!) with his proud Terrapin coach, Paul Stafford. Justin's was with VJO for two years before joining the Terrapins a year ago.

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*Ben Forster (17), Orinda Aquatics
Ben swam for AT's Holly Johnson at Bentley Upper School (high school team).
It was great to see him again!*



Terrapin Gerald Gee leading off the 200 m. relay... Gerald was well-known as an Antioch Delta Skimmer for many years before going year 'round with the Terrapins.



It was so good to see the Diaz family (Aquabears) again, as AT's Debbie Johnson enjoyed coaching all three of their kids in the past.

That's Toni, 15-18 (who also LOVES swimming open water!) and her brother, Ceasar (11-12). Bella (13-14) was off someplace else at the time of the photo.

By the way, mom (Martha) said if you do a GOOGLE search of "Toni Diaz", you can keep up with her latest open water adventures!



Terrapins Matt Bishop (Coach Sue Bishop's son) swims the Breaststroke leg of the 200 Medley Relay.



Three ladies from Canada... I just had to take a picture of this set up I've never seen such a thing-- isn't it the coolest!! I want one!



We caught up with Crow Canyon Sharks coaches and past Terrapin National Team swimmers, Dan Cottam and Ethan Hall as they were leaving. They're very busy also heading the Crow Canyon Country Club rec team (2005 County champs!) and coaching NCS top notch Accalanes High School.



Charlotte, owner of Walnut Creek's Maggie Moo's scooping up AT Debbie Johnson's favorite flavor, cotton candy! And, I stake my reputation as an expert on that flavor, Maggie Moo's has THE best cotton candy ice cream!



It was a surprise to see Chelsea Allard! She was visiting from Illinois where she and her family moved last year. Her dad renowned rec and Aquabear coach, is now ass't coach at a national renowned high school where, by the way, Chelsea swims, Lake Forest. Their head coach replaced Richard Quick as head women's team coach at Stanford last year.



*It was very nice to see former Larkey Shark, now Terrapins Tim Smith (13-14).
...Love that swimmer hair!*



*Three good friends playing cards:
Walnut Heights Jonathan Johnson (middle)
observing the card skills of his Terrapin friends
Gerald Gee (left) and Kyle Tully.
Swim meets and cards go together
like peanut butter and jelly!*

The following great "action" photos were taken by Kristyn Young



*Dominic Ryan from B.E.S.T. (Arizona)
diving in 13-14 boys 200 I.M.*



*Marie-Pierre of De Anza-Cupertino Aquatics
getting set for her awesome start
in 10 & Under girls 50 back*



*Marie-Pierre of De Anza-Cupertino Aquatics
swimming a very aggressive and determined*

10 & Under girls 50 back



*Mark Yuvience of Sunnyvale Swim Club
in the 10 & Under boys 200 free*

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