

# SPORTS

## LAMORINDAS LOCAL SPORTS NEWS



### OBA Pinto All Stars Win 4th of July Tournament in Fremont

Submitted by Sandra McGonigle

The OBA Titans won all six of their games at the FNYB 4th of July Tournament, four by lopsided scores, to bring home the 8 & Under title. The championship game was very exciting and tightly contested. The Fremont Cal Ripken team took an 8-7 lead with a grand slam in the top of the fifth. The Titans responded with six straight hits to open the bottom of the fifth, however, and ended up scoring six huge runs in that decisive frame en route to a thrilling 13-11 victory.



Team members and coaches with their trophies Photo by Mollie Rickson

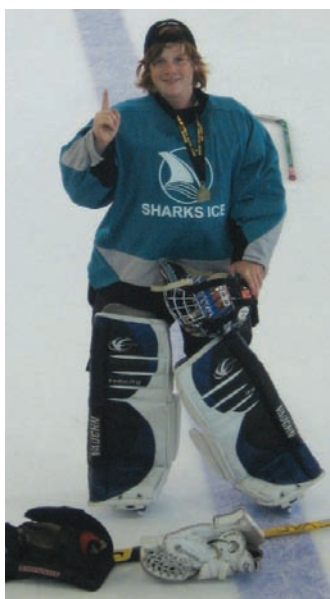
### Lamorinda Hockey Players Give Jr. Sharks Bite

Submitted by Christina Churchill



As the youngest member of the San Jose Jr. Sharks Major Novice hockey team, Ian Churchill, age 8, from Springhill Elementary School, took second place in the Whistler International All-Star Tournament in Whistler, British Columbia on July 2, 3, and 4. The Jr. Sharks beat the Jr. Eagles from Surrey, B.C., the California Cougars from Cupertino, and the B.C. Outback; an all-star team from upper British Columbia. Head coaches of this team include Randy Churchill and his father, Tom Churchill – both long time Lafayette residents.

Nathan Churchill, age 11, incoming Stanley Mid-



dle School 6th grader, joined the San Jose Jr. Sharks Minor Pee Wee hockey team

to win the gold medal at the Whistler International All-Star Tournament in Whistler, British Columbia on July 11, 12, and 13. As a goalie, Nathan earned MVP in the second game against The Storm; a Vancouver all-star team, a shut-out against West Coast Hockey Club from Nanaimo, B.C., and another MVP in the final gold medal game, again against The Storm. The Jr. Sharks won 2-1 in overtime.

For more information on the Jr. Sharks hockey program, go to [www.sjjr-sharks.com](http://www.sjjr-sharks.com)

### Sherman Divers Show Prowess at Nationals

Submitted by Steve Sherman



Left to right: Katie Copenhagen, Laura Winn, Steve Sherman, Codu Sunkel, Brianna Nicholson

Four divers from Sherman Swim School accomplished great success in six events at the 2007 AAU Diving Nationals in Orlando, Fla., July 24-29. Lafayette resident, Laura Winn, took 6th place in the 1 Meter Springboard finals (up from 12th place in the prelims) with a score of 317.65. A recent graduate from Acalanes, and a former "class 10" gymnast, Winn plans to continue diving when she attends UCLA in the fall.

Katherine Copenhagen, who is from Orinda and is also an accomplished viola player, finished 35th in the prelims with a score of 237.95. Other personal bests included Las Lomas student Cody Sunkel, who moved from 12th to 9th place in the 3 Meter Springboard finals with a score of 364.00, and Carondelet junior Brianna Nicholson who scored 238.80 in the 1 Meter Springboard, each for their respective age groups.



Laura Winn and Cody Sunkel

### Boys 18 and Under Water Polo Wins National Title

Submitted by Jackie Smith



From left to right (top row) Rob Barter, Kyle Smith, James Perry, Zak Dychtwald, Brendan Whitmore, Stephen Hobbs, Max Parrague, Eric Johnson, Terry Kezer, Boyd LaChance, Kirk Everist, (bottom row) Nick Ferrif, Jackson Sharf, Kevin Peat, Miles Gilhuly, Nick Hoversten, Charlie Steffens, Andrew Milcovich.

The Lamorinda Golden Bears Boys 18 and under water polo team captured the National Jr. Olympic championship Tuesday, July 31 in San Jose. Competing against 48 teams from across the nation who qualified for this competi-

tion, they were the only 18U team to go undefeated in the tournament, beating SoCal Water Polo of Tustin, CA in the Championship game 5-4. The team features players from Acalanes, Campolindo, De La Salle, Las Lomas, Miramonte and

Monte Vista High Schools and is coached by Boyd LaChance, Rob Barter and Kirk Everist. Lamorinda last won the title in 2000. Lamorinda's 16U team also won a bronze medal at the tournament.

### Lamorinda Girls Capture National Soccer Title

Submitted by Dennis Rowland, Edited by Jennifer Wake



The Lamorinda Soccer Club under-17 girls team captured the U.S. Club Soccer premier championship at the U.S. Soccer National Cup VI in Greensboro, N.C., July 28-31. Competing against teams from New Jersey, Minnesota and Maryland, the girls came away undefeated. In the championship game, they dropped Minnesota's Shattuck-St. Mary's 3-0 in a penalty kick shootout following a 2-2 tie in regulation and overtime play to win the Premier U16 Girls flight.

Goals by Marisa Rowland and Alex Salgado, successful penalty kicks by Marissa Crosetti, Corrine Collins and McKenna deBack, together with a spectacular penalty kick save by goalkeeper Laura Bannister helped seal the win.

This win moved the team ranking (according to

GotSoccer.com) to among the top 15 nationally ranked teams in their age group. Team members, who range in age from 15 to 16 years old, include Ashley Aczon, Laura Bannister, Kaelyn Capillo, Corrine Collins, Marissa Crosetti, Katherine Cuyler, McKenna deBack, Moira Heath, Adrienne Johnson, Alexandra McDonald, Kendall Pegan, Marisa Rowland, Alex Salgado, Katherine Sander, Caroline Scofield, Elaine Tanski, Bonnie Zeiger and Allegra Zoller. The team is coached by Mohamed Mohammed and Alasdair Heath.

Prior to the Finals, and for the second year in a row, the Lamorinda Soccer Club hosted players and coaches from Denmark's Skolunde Soccer Club, arranging host families for 40 players and coaches and planning several activities for the U16 and U17 girls from Denmark.

In addition to a club-wide welcome barbecue hosted by a Lamorinda family, other events included two friendly scrimmages against the LMSC U17 & U16 girls teams, sightseeing tours of San Francisco, Alcatraz, Stinson Beach and Muir Woods and of course lots of opportunities for the Danish girls to shop.

Although, their visit was brief, the Danish team had a very enjoyable stay in the Bay area. They are looking forward to hosting girls from the Lamorinda Soccer Club next summer in Denmark.

"This is a very special opportunity for LMSC families and players," said Mohammed Mohammed, Technical Director for LMSC.

For more information about the Lamorinda Soccer Club, visit [www.lamorindasoccer.com](http://www.lamorindasoccer.com).

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