

Scoreboard a Much Needed Addition at Soda Center

By Jennifer Wake

Although home to many prestigious programs in Northern California – including Orinda Aquatics, the NCS swimming championships, DFAL league championships, and even the 2002 U.S. Water Polo National Junior Olympics – the Soda Aquatic Center in Moraga has no scoreboard and timing system. After its opening in 1999, following a grant from The Soda Foundation to the Acalanes School District, a scoreboard

was never installed, although posts for it were put into place after the pool was built.

For the past two years, a handful of parents involved in the community and in aquatics have mounted a campaign to raise funds for the board, working with the Acalanes School District to raise funds for a matrix scoreboard and complete timing system.

“The system will show names of competitors and teams, times and events, and

there is also the capability to advertise upcoming events and exhibitions,” said Robyn Varellas, who is chairing the fundraising efforts. “The timing system will include touch pads, a start system, water polo shot clocks and swim pace clocks.”

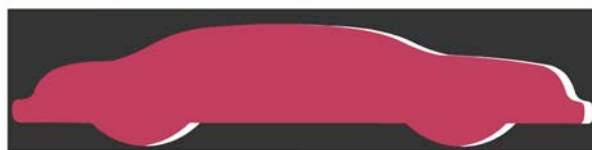
To date, Varellas and the other parents have raised about one half of the funds needed for the scoreboard, but still need an additional \$40,000 to complete the tim-

ing system, installation, and storage portions of this project.

“Our goal is to complete it by this spring,” Veralles said.

For questions or to make a donation, contact Robyn Veralles at (925)631-1214 or Heather Gevertz, Lyndel Melton at (925)437-4110.

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