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City Reps Compete in Treeline Triathlon Which town will win?

By Cathy Tyson

Both Lafayette and Orinda have teams competing in the upcoming Moraga Treeline Triathlon on April 26, 2008. Participants from age 12 to over 60 will start at the Soda Aquatic Center at 7:00 a.m. This is followed by a 14-mile bike ride, and a 5K run, which ends by circling the track at the Campolindo football stadium to the finish line in front of the grandstands.

Representing Lafayette is an all City Council Team. Mayor Mike Anderson notes, "We have managed to keep last year's award winning relay team together for this year's event. Swimming will be Vice Mayor Don Tatzin, Council member Brandt Andersson will bicycle, and running the last leg is yours truly."

Brandt Andersson reflects on his training regimen, "Just a week after the triathlon last year, I did a 50-mile charity ride for the American Diabetes Association in Napa, (he signed up again this year) so the 14-mile triathlon effort is a training ride." He has the same goal he had last year, "They paint your team number all over, but they also paint your age on your left calf. I don't know why. My goal is not to let anyone older than

I am pass me. I did it last year, and I'm older now, so my chances are good."

Representing the Orinda City Council is Council Member Sue Severson's son, Chris Severson who will run, accompanied by his pals Danny May, who will swim and Andy Sorenson who will bike. Trish Raver, Human Resources Analyst and Monica Pacheco, Assistant to the City Manager, along with Carter Hemming and Heather Calister, will each do the whole triathlon.

City Manager Janet Keeter, City Clerk Michele Olsen, and Public Works Director Mark Lowery will also be representing Orinda. As part of their training regimen, Olsen has replaced all of the candy jars with bowls of 'Cuties' oranges. "Hopefully they won't win this year," she noted, referring to the Lafayette City Council team.

Unfortunately Moraga was unavailable for comment, perhaps they want to keep their team a secret, or maybe they are all working out in preparation for the big day.

For more information, go to www.moragatri.com. Registration ends April 25, space is still available.



We Want to Play, Too!

We've been kicking the idea around for a few weeks; it's too much fun for us to pass up! So it's with great pleasure that we announce the entry of the Lamorinda Weekly Relay Team to the Treeline Triathlon.

Looking fabulous in a swim suit will be the fearless Andrea Firth, with Lee Borrowman on the bike and petite but fleet Associate Publisher Wendy Scheck trying to beat Mayor Anderson across the finish line.

Publisher "Iron" Andy Scheck will do the entire triathlon. In addition to our athletes look for Sophie Braccini and Cathy Tyson, who may be found helping out at the event.

It's not too late to register your own team! Whether you're participating or cheering on your favorite team or triathlete, we'll look forward to seeing you on race day, April 26!

Editor's Note:

Some of you may be surprised to read that I'm now on a relay team (while others may not be surprised at all), when I had previously committed to a bit more. A recent injury made me realize, a) how much I hate running, but you knew that already, and b) there's no way I was wearing a swim suit in front of all those people!