

Rotary Field Day: So Much Fun!

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High point winner Bridget Coleman (first left in the second row) had a blast with her friends from Camino Pablo's 5th grade class Photo Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Rotary's 17th Annual Field Day for children from the 3rd to 5th grades from all Moraga schools was held at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School on Wednesday, May 21st.

"The purpose of the Rotary Field Day is to provide an opportunity for all boys and girls in grades 3-5, regardless of ability, to participate in a variety of field activities," explains Rotarian Candice Moses. "Events include shuttle relay races, long jump, softball throw, 50 yard dash and sack races. These events involve luck, skill and fun while allowing all an equal opportunity to win." Of course each school wants to win the most points, but the general spirit is about having a fun time with your friends while doing your best.

"We had 172 students competing in this year's Moraga Rotary Field Day," said Al Simonsen, the Field Day Chairman, "it's a fun event for the children, Rotarians, teachers and parents. We look forward to next year's 18th Field Day."

The organizers awarded 1st,

2nd and 3rd place medals for the top three in each event plus participant ribbons for everyone else. The girls' High Point winner this year was Bridget Coleman, a 5th grade student at Camino Pablo. Bridget has won this award for three consecutive years. The only other girl to achieve this performance was Tracy Hamm. "Tracy excelled at soccer at Campolindo and earned a soccer scholarship to Cal," says Simonsen, "I expect Bridget will also be a great high school and college athlete." According to her family, Bridget's favorite sports are soccer and swimming.

The boys' High Point winner was Michael Hooper, a 3rd grade student at Rheem, the High Point class award was won by Mrs. Ralph's 5th grade class at Rheem, and that school also won the awards for most participation and overall High Point school.