

Bay Cities League Heats Up

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Willy Birkowitz of Orinda at MCC Driving Ranch



Thomas King of Moraga

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On Saturday June 28th the Moraga Country Club (MCC) junior golfers traveled to Santa Rosa to take on the Santa Rosa Country Club golfers.

Looking to find its first win of the season MCC took on the immense challenge of going head to head against the strong Santa Rosa CC, which is undefeated on the season and in second place in the Northern division. MCC did not beat Santa Rosa but managed to gain a few points.

With a mere 8 points this year the MCC golfers have struggled to find their way against stronger opponents. This however has not deterred the junior golfers from taking on the tough competition and has given the golfers a great ex-

perience for their golfing futures.

The highlight of Saturday's match against Santa Rosa came on the back nine of the top match of the day. MCC's number one golfer, Thomas King, single handedly took on two of the toughest competitors he has had to face this year. King was able to make an 8 foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to halve the back nine. His 38 on the back nine tied Santa Rosa in stroke play and best ball to give MCC some much needed points.

"It was tough for me; I had to play within myself and focus on my own game rather than try to do what my competition was doing" commented King on his play. "The guys we were playing against were so good, and it was tough to

watch them consistently hit impossible shots close to the pin... but I knew that I had to focus on playing my own game."

Willy Birkowitz managed to take 1.5 points away from Santa Rosa even though he had to play by himself. With MCC a man, short Birkowitz successfully fended off two Santa Rosa golfers in his match.

Even if the MCC golfers are not winning, they are having fun and are gaining a lot of experience in the process. As King said, "Bay Cities is a fun league because it lets those of us who aren't necessarily top ranked junior golfers, go and play against some of the best players in the area."