

OCC Tops Competition at Bottoms Up

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Mixed 11 Year Olds 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

Photo Andy Scheck

Nearly 700 swimmers flocked to the swimming pool at Miramonte High School to take part in the annual Bottoms Up swim meet. Competition was fierce in the meet and everyone wanted to win for their team. However, all swimmers displayed great sportsmanship and it ended up being a fun day for everyone.

“The meet is a great way for kids of all ages to get a chance to compete” said Orinda Country Club (OCC) coach Kelley Fernbacher. “Everyone really has a great time at Bottoms Up.”

OCC came in first place at the meet, beating second place Sleepy Hollow by nearly 100 points. Garrett Dunn (7), Stephen Schmidt (9), and Charlie Wiser (13) all won the coveted high point trophy. This highly prestigious and sought after trophy is given to the swimmer in each age group who wins the most points for their team.

Nine year old Stephen Schmidt broke two records, eclipsing the previous records in the 100 yard IM and the 50 yard freestyle. Charlie Wiser broke two records as well, shattering the previous marks held in the 100 yard IM and 50 yard

breaststroke.

The second place Sleepy Hollow Legends boasted high point winners Natalie Redig and Sean Berry; Redig was the winner in the 13 and under age group and Berry in the 5 and under boys.

Another key point scorer for the Legends was 15 year old Meredith White. White swam in the 100 yard IM, 50 yard freestyle, and 50 yard fly earning silvers in the IM and freestyle and a gold in the fly.

“I am very proud of Natalie and Sean really representing Sleepy Hollow and doing so well in the

meet. Winning the high point is an amazing accomplishment, and they both deserve that trophy for their hard work.” said Legend coach Lincoln Haley.

Moraga Country Club also had a strong showing, finishing in third place. First place finishes by Erica Muller, Mary Allison Ashby, Sophie Smith, and Dana Holt helped key the success of the waves.

Muller, a 13 year old, earned the gold in 100 yard IM, 50 yard freestyle, and 50 yard backstroke. She also earned silver in the mixed 200 medley relay.

Eleven year old Mary Allison Ashby earned gold in the 50 yard freestyle and the 50 yard backstroke, as well as grabbing the silver in the girls 100 yard IM. Ashby was also a high point winner for the waves.

Fifteen year old Sophie Smith nabbed three medals, gold in the 50 yard breaststroke and silvers in 50 yard fly and 50 yard freestyle.

Dana Holt, also 15, brought home the gold in the 50 yard backstroke and 50 yard fly, as well as the silver in 50 yard free.

Five year old Arielle Allen also won a high point for the waves, after winning silver in the 25 yard freestyle and 25 yard backstroke. She also earned the bronze in 25 yard fly to earn a total of 26 points.

Other notable swimmers included fifteen year olds Sierra Robbins and Nicholas Deaver of Meadow and eleven year old Tyler Bartis of Campolindo Cabana Club. All three set records; Deaver broke records in the 100 yard IM, 50 yard backstroke, and 50 yard fly, Robbins in the 50 yard freestyle and 50 yard backstroke, and Bartis in the 50 yard backstroke



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