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OCC Swim-a-thon Benefits Nicholas Colby Fund

By Jill Tarkoff, OCC



Nicholas Colby Fund volunteers Sarah Atkinson, Becky Edwards, Steve Haufler, OCC Head Swim Coach with swimmers Photo Allie Edwards
Dustin Montero, Allie Edwards, & Erin Collier



Sleepy Hollow Hosts "B" Invitational Swim Meet

Submitted by Ali Minden



Morning winners Photo provided



Afternoon winners Photo provided

On Sunday July 27, Sleepy Hollow Swim and Tennis Club held its 22nd Annual "B" Invitational swim meet. There were approximately 750 swimmers from 9 swim clubs from the Orinda-Moraga Pool Association competing in this fun meet.

Here are the results of the meet:

- High Point Winners:**
6 and under women - Ella Drury - Sleepy Hollow
6 and under men - Matt Lyons - Sleepy Hollow
7-8 women - Avery Hansen - Sleepy Hollow
7-8 men - Jack Lewis - Sleepy Hollow
9-10 women - Kristine Stanners - OCC and Mary Noal - Meadow (Tie)
9-10 men - Taariq Saffouri - Campo Cabana Club
11-12 women - Claire Marvin - OCC
11-12 men - Grayson Judge - OCC
13-14 women - Cynthia Brzezinski - Sleepy Hollow
13-14 men - Michael Hori - Miramonte
15-18 women - Kelly Katsura - Sleepy Hollow
15-18 men - Pierce Haley - Sleepy Hollow

More on the Lafayette City Meet



Sean McKenna and Brady Aiello with 9-10 High Point Trophies at Lafayette City Swim Meet 2008 Photo submitted by Colin McKenna

In our last issue, you read some of the highlights of the Lafayette City Swim Meet. When we listed the high point winners, we failed to note that 9 year old Sean McKenna, swimming for Sun Valley, tied with Brady Aiello (31 points each) in the Boys 9-10 category. Coming off last season's victories as high point winner in the 7-8 group at the both the City and Conference meets, McKenna dropped several seconds off his previous best time to win the 50 yard backstroke and also took the high point award for his age group at this year's Battle of the Ages.

"I love swimming as a sport, but it makes me even happier to swim for children who are less fortunate. I feel special that I was part of this," said Kyle, an Orinda Country Club swimmer. On July 21st the Orinda Country Club Sharks swimming team, coached by Steve Haufler, held their annual Swim-a-thon. This year the team swam laps to raise money for The Nicholas Colby Fund in Walnut Creek. Swimmers age four to eighteen donated \$5,000 to help children with cancer, degenerative conditions or other life threatening illnesses and their families.

The Nicholas Colby Fund

reaches out to children through collaborative relationships set up with Children's Hospital Oakland, Stanford-Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, The University of California San Francisco Children's Hospital and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Their motto is "Helping Children Be Children." They accomplish this goal through partnerships with area businesses to provide breaks from treatment through ticket donations to Warriors basketball games, Oakland A's baseball games, Oakland Ice Arena events, Harlem Globetrotters basketball games and the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus.

Holidays are another time that the Nicholas Colby Fund reaches out. At Thanksgiving the fund also provides thanksgiving dinners for parents and their children in the hospital. At Christmas they collected donated toys for patients to give to their siblings. At New Year's, baskets are delivered to patients, parents and medical staff to help ring in the new year of possibilities and hope.

When a child is diagnosed with a life threatening illness, a family may struggle for moments to smile. The Nicholas Colby Fund tries to provide not only nutritional treat packs to parents of children in Pediatric Intensive

Care Units and backpacks filled with fun things to do for newly diagnosed children, but also a moment to treasure. A night away from treatment, seeing the sparkle in your child's eyes and laughing together can make all the difference and a lifetime of memories.

OCC is proud to help the Nicholas Colby Fund in their pursuit of helping children be children. Just as we clap and cheer for our swimmers as they reach their individual goals we know that our small contribution will help other families and children in the Bay Area reach theirs.

Doing the Dive!

Information submitted by Steve Sherman

On Saturday, August 2, young divers from Lamorinda and beyond gathered at the Sherman Swim Club in Lafayette to compete in the 2008 Sherman Invitational Diving Meet.

"This meet caters to novice divers, but it has become a springboard for a lot of great divers starting their careers," said coach Steve Sherman. "We had national level divers competing this year as well."

Carley Roberts of Orinda was the winner of the Novice Girls High Point Dive Award, earning the single highest score among all the novice girls.

Meet Results for Lamorinda Participants:

11 & Under Boys (Novice)

1st place: Sunil Aneja, Lafayette

13 & Under Girls (Novice)

1st place: Alyssa Parsons, Moraga
2nd place: Claire Svedberg, Lafayette
3rd place: Carley Roberts, Orinda

13 & Under Girls (JC)

3rd place: Mikaela Moore, Moraga

16-18 Girls (JO)

9th place: Eliza Galligian, Moraga
11th place: Heather Finerte, Moraga

19 & Over Women

1st place: Katie Copenhagen, Orinda



Sunil Aneja Photo Robert Johnson



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