

# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS

## It Only Takes One

Dons defeat rival Campolindo, 1-0

By Alex Crook



Sam Palano (25) struggles with Bryan Berlier (3) for control

Photo Doug Kohen

On a chilly January 26th, a rivalry was renewed on the pitch as undefeated Campolindo hosted Acalanes in a boys' soccer matchup.

The Cougars came into the match on a two-game winning streak, while Acalanes looked to snap a single game skid, a loss to Berkeley. Campo sat atop the DFAL standings having defeated the Dons in their December 10th matchup, while the Dons came into the match at number two; things were about to change.

There were some great chances for both teams in the opening forty minutes, as both the Dons and Cougars went back and forth

exchanging missed opportunities. Late in the opening half, Campo senior captain Jaison Kimura was awarded a free kick which was blocked. Kimura quickly recovered the ball and floated the rebound over Dons junior goalkeeper Jackson Foote for the easy goal. But after some reviewing by the referees, the goal was waved off, and the game remained scoreless.

Campo finished off the half with a few chances, but could not capitalize, and both teams went to halftime without a goal.

The second half picked up where the first left off, with tremendous effort and physicality. But

seven minutes into the second half, Acalanes senior forward and captain Nick Pereira received a great pass from the middle of the field and easily converted it into a goal to put the Dons up 1-0.

That was the spark Acalanes needed and they controlled the tempo the rest of the way.

Campo put together a late surge, but it was not enough to overcome the Dons' defense.

Acalanes held on to take down their rivals from Moraga, 1-0. With the win the Dons take sole possession of first place in DFAL—although each team only carries one loss, the Dons have one tie to the Cougars two.

"They had their chances but it came down to execution like we expected. They had control of the game in the beginning but once the game got going it was very even. Our attitude didn't change much in the second half, except we were more focused about defense after the goal," said Pereira, whose lone goal sparked the Dons to victory. Pereira currently leads Acalanes with six goals on the year.

After the loss, Cougar senior goalkeeper Alex Mangels said, "It's tough, but it's really hard to go undefeated the entire season. Not a lot of teams can do it. We thought we could, but clearly tonight we just weren't on top of our game. We were outplayed a little bit, and it just took that one goal to put us away."

Up next, the Dons look to stay hot as they take on Alhambra in Martinez, while Campo tries to get back on track when they visit Dublin.

Fellow Lamorinda rival Miramonte is hanging in there with a 4-7-3 record, most recently coming off of a 2-1 loss to Dougherty Valley. The Mats currently sit in sixth place in DFAL.



Adrian Chow-danel (4) heads the ball

Photo Doug Kohen

## Stanley Wildcats Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball

Submitted by Lyenne Denny

The Stanley Middle School Wildcats seventh grade girls' basketball team captured the league champi-



Top Row: JulieAnne Martin, Grace Deskin, Alex Grant Hudd, Hannah Roberts, Maddy Ponzo, Julia Lyons, Bella Denny, Carly Porep, Middle Row: Coach Marcus Payne Bottom Row: Kenny Souza and Grace Bolen Photo provided

onship with a win over Piedmont Middle school on January 20 at Martinez Junior High. The Wildcats entered post-season play with a 7-2 record. The Wildcats split the series with championship opponents Piedmont Middle School. The championship game was a similar battle, but the Wildcats edged out a 24-22 victory. Kenny Souza earned the MVP award for the championship game while JulieAnne Martin was selected the tournament All-Around MVP.

The Wildcats defeated Piedmont B and Benicia to reach the championship game.

# Lamorinda Schools

## Lafayette School District Saves Money with Green Initiatives

By Sophie Braccini



The Green Team checks the new energy efficient lights in the Stanley Gym

Photo Steve Richard

Since its first meeting about a year ago, the Green Group of the Lafayette School District has been working with a single mandate: find opportunities to save money that also make sense from a sustainability perspective. Green Group parent volunteers recently presented to the School Board some possible changes, both large and small, that they say could save the District one million dollars over the next ten years.

At the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year, Sustainable Lafayette organized a green summit with schools and public agencies to start identifying possible ways to save money by using less energy, less water and producing less waste. After the meeting, the District Green Team was formed, composed of Superintendent Fred Brill, Rob Davies (District Operations Manager), school board members Art Kapoor and Shayne Silva, Springhill Principal Bruce Wodhams, and Sustainable Lafayette members Barbara Williams, Ann Johnston and Steve Richard. They decided to meet once a month and identify money-saving green opportunities for the district.

"Our big chance was that Ann (Johnston) was able to secure for the district a 'Bright School Program,' a free audit offered by the Department of Energy," explains Williams. "The result was a 175-page report that listed areas where improvements could be made, the detailed cost associated with the changes and the payback period." Report in hand, the Green Team se-

lected the projects with a return-on-investment (ROI) period of 10 years or less.

"In the area of energy, we identified \$71,000 per year of saving opportunities with a short ROI, \$33,000 of potential savings on water use and \$20,000 on the waste management bill. The total of \$124,000 a year represents about 25% of the total cost of these posts in 2009," says Williams.

In the area of energy, the first recommendation was to replace the lights in the gym at Stanley Middle School. That project has already been completed, with a ROI period of less than a year, and much better lighting quality in the facility. "This is a win-win-win solution," explains Brill, "and now we are going to expand the replacement to the entire district."

One of the elements that made the move possible was that Williams and Johnston found a no-interest federal loan for the school to purchase the lights. "There are incentives, rebates, financial opportunities that we can take advantage of," states Williams.

"We are incredibly eager to move in the direction of more sustainable ways to manage our operations," says Brill, "but I'm not sure that staff had the possibility to do the study and research. The parents volunteers did all the behind the scene project management and they have been spectacular in that work. These are selfless individuals who are truly making a difference."

Many changes have already

been made and more are coming as the Green Team continues its research and pulls other resources. For example, free faucet aerators provided by EBMUD were installed and are reducing that water use by 50%; the boiler time-clock can be replaced for about \$600 and will produce \$5,500/year in savings.

Some of the recommendations will take more time to implement. For example, 70% of the district's water usage is for landscaping. "We are meeting with EBMUD to perform a detailed review of the timed watering system," explains Williams. Another measure is the planting, in front of the District office, of a drought tolerant garden by parent volunteer Brad Crane.

With only a 13% diversion rate there is room for improvement in the district's waste management plan. But most of the waste comes from lunches, meaning from food that is sent from homes - this is not an area that Brill is ready to regulate, "our policy will be to encourage, raise awareness and educate," he says.

The Green Team will continue its work and Brill sees the parent volunteers as long term partners. "We thought we would be done after the first year," says Sustainable Lafayette co-founder Steve Richard, "but we are motivated as parents. We have no agenda, only the desire to identify opportunities while the District decides to take advantage of them, or not."

## Troop 237 Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Sandra McGonigle



left to right: Kyle Weikert, John Palmer, Kevin Yee, Kelly McGonigle

Photo provided

Boy Scouts of America Troop 237 is pleased to announce that four new Eagle Scouts have joined the Troop's Eagle family. Kelly McGonigle, John Palmer, Kyle Weikert and Kevin Yee, who are Orinda residents and juniors at Miramonte High School, were honored at BSA Troop 237's Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday January

9, 2011. Scoutmaster Eric Jorgensen presented the Eagle awards, the highest rank in Scouting. Their Eagle projects are described below:

Kelly Joseph McGonigle conducted a backpack drive to benefit the Global Health Access Program based in Berkeley. Over 175 used backpacks were collected, cleaned and repaired for delivery to

the Mae Sot Medical Clinic, on the Thailand/Burma border.

John Kingsland Palmer dismantled and rebuilt two baseball backstops at Del Rey Elementary School in Orinda, benefiting both Del Rey School and the Orinda Baseball Association.

Kyle Robert Weikert designed, built and installed a large redwood shade arbor at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School in Orinda and dedicated it to a long-time teacher there, Kay Aaker. Kyle also re-graded the area underneath the arbor and installed a moss rock-lined pathway.

Kevin Mark Yee designed and built a table and bench benefiting the City of Orinda and the Christian Science Church. The project involved cutting, sanding and staining the redwood supports set in cement and transporting the 400-lb moss rock slab tabletop.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 237, chartered by the Orinda Community Church, has been serving the Orinda community for over 58 years and has recognized 180 Eagle Scouts over its history. Each Eagle candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 Eagle-required badges. They must also demonstrate leadership, outdoor skills, Scout spirit plus successfully complete a service project with a minimum of 100 volunteer hours to earn the Eagle award.