

SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS



Lamorinda Swimmers Battled to Win

Submitted by Kristi Buck



LMYA Dolphins, 6th place Team Honors (pictured LMYA Coaches Caroline Lukins, Anne Everett, LJ Fassler, Julianne Bozzini) Photo Rob Schussman

Nearly 20 teams from throughout the East Bay gathered to compete in the 20th Annual Battle of the Ages Swim Meet in Pleasant Hill June 25-26. Considered one of the area's premier invitational meets, the competition was fierce. While Crow Canyon Country Club placed first overall, the Lafayette teams put in a strong showing as well. Springbrook and LMYA battled for top team honors placing fifth and sixth respectively.

Lamorinda swimmers captured top individual honors in their respective age groups this weekend and were recognized as High Point Winners: Sean McKenna of Sun Valley (12 yr old boys); Nicholas Inserra of Springbrook (14 yr old boys); Megan Schussman of LMYA (15 yr old girls); Barbara Lanier of Springbrook (17 yr old girls); and Ryan Connolly of Springbrook (17 yr old boys).

Coaches from all the teams could be seen distributing gold caps throughout the weekend to signify a swimmer's qualification for the County Championships in August. The 2011 swim season got off to a wet start, forcing many teams to postpone their time trials and pre-season meets due to the unusually rainy spring. Despite the weather, spirits are high as the competitive season is finally taking shape. LMYA head coach Marc Cavallero remarked "I am excited to bring the team back to our home pool. Acalanes has been our team's home for over 50 years and the new pool will be a fantastic venue for the upcoming Lafayette City Meet and County Championships. I expect we will see many records broken this year!"

CYO Athletes Honored

Submitted by Monica Chappell



From left, front row: Paige Winter, Jenny Gonser, Michael Samaniego, John O'Malley, Jack Eisner and Daniel Hogan; back row: Kevin Fisher (Athletic Director), Rob O'Reilly (Head Coach), Cindy Nelson (Widow of Ken) and Fr. John Kasper (Pastor); not pictured: Chris Hagmaier Photo Cliff Eisner

Six athletes were selected for CYO's Ken Nelson Award. The "Ken Nelson Award" is for the player on each CYO eighth grade team who best represents the values of CYO basketball, as voted on by their peers—leadership, sportsmanship, hard-work and respect for all. Ken Nelson was a long time CYO Board Member and CYO coach. He also coached Campolindo High School. Nelson passed away from cancer in 2008.

Rancho Colorados Tennis Takes League

Submitted by John Sharpe



From left, back row: Rita Hock, Lauren Webster, Katie Kresnak, Marlou Eyl, Lori Langley, Bev Maechling, LeeAnn Gove, Sharon Nagle; front row: Sally McKay, Cari Thrasher, Casey Sasner, Catherine Franklin; not pictured: Tracy Brewer, Melanie Brinkman, Charlene Condy, Kathy Kessenich, Lynn Salazar Photo provided

The A2 tennis team from Rancho Colorados, Costa Spring Tennis league. They went undefeated and as a result qualify for A1 play next spring. ling, recently captured first place in the Contra

Gaels get Drafted



Mickey McConnell Photo Tod Fierner

Two Gaels were selected in the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

A surprise pick came from the Los Angeles Dodgers who chose Mickey McConnell. McConnell, a four-year varsity basketball player and West Coast Conference Player of the Year, has not played baseball competitively since high school. The Dodgers picked McConnell in the 31st round with the 944th pick.

McConnell comes from a baseball family. His older brother was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009.

Junior starting pitcher Kyle Barraclough was selected in the 40th round as the 1,228 pick by the Minnesota Twins.

Barraclough was named to the All-West Coast Conference First Team. He is seventh on the all-time career strike-out list with 210 and eighth on the all-time career wins with 16.

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Kyle Barraclough Photo Tod Fierner

Lafayette Golfer Wins Tournament

Submitted by Paul Griessel



Paul Griessel, Jr., 12, took first place at the Junior Golf Association of Northern California tournament at Buchanan Fields Golf Course in Concord on June 15. Griessel shot par, earning a score of 62 for 18 holes, to win the boys' 12-13 age group.

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