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## LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS

### Summer Love at Tennis Camp

By Rebecca Eckland



Junior coach Amanda Chan trains youngsters with "Quick Start" foam balls. Photo Scott Borowiak

It's time for summer Love, 15-Love, that is. The Junior Tennis Summer Camp, held at the Moraga Valley Tennis Club, is a "match" for young players looking for fun and to improve their tennis game.

"We mostly have neighborhood kids attend," said camp Director Scott Borowiak.

Campers are as young as 5-years-old, but Borowiak has a few high-school aged attendees as well. Through his instruction, Borowiak hopes to give young players a love of the game and a future as high-school caliber players.

Borowiak's venue allows him to break their day into two sessions to

avoid fatigue and boredom. "What makes our camp unique," Borowiak said, "is its structure. We play tennis for 90 minutes and then the kids get to swim or play ping-pong and then they get another set in the afternoon." This differs from other camps that only allow campers one session of tennis a day.

Borowiak's camp also uses newer training techniques so even young and inexperienced players can have a sense of the game. For instance, he has six different types of tennis balls, "quick start balls" that are different weights and are easier or more difficult to hit. He also uses a new type of foam back board that purposefully slows the game down so even youngsters who have never played before can move through an actual game.

The Summer Valley Junior Tennis Camp runs for nine weeks and usually has 40-45 campers attend each week. For the player who wants to compete, there are weekly matches with other area tennis clubs held every Thursday.

Borowiak's measure of readiness? "I always ask my campers: what can you do if you know how to serve?" The answer: play tennis for the rest of your life.

The camp continues through August 12. For more information contact Scott Borowiak at 376-4190.

### Lamorinda United 94 Win Schwan Soccer Cup USA

Submitted by Larry Margerum



Front row, from left: Darian Corey, Ally Turner, Sophie Fuller, Jess Tuan, Sophie Leksan, Val Margerum, Natalia Pedder, Megan Turner, Hillary Buchanan; back row: Rachel Hamilton, Coco Pearce, Sam Zarling, Shannon Stabler, Katie Tao, Jess Jara, Michaela Maes, Becca Bostwick, Kaitlin McGee, Nina Gerson (not pictured: Frances Collins, Claire Winter, Mohamed Mohamed) Photo Larry Margerum

The Lamorinda United 94 girls' team won the U16 vElite Flight Schwan's Soccer Cup on Sunday, July 17th in Minneapolis. The team took on the SoCal Blues in the championship and defeated them 3-2 in overtime. Kaitlin McGee (Acalanes) scored the go-ahead goal on a solo breakaway run just two minutes into the first overtime. United held on despite another spirited comeback by the Blues who had tied the match with seconds to play in regulation after being down 2-0. Goalie Sophia Leksan (Campolindo) was player of the match turning away 15-of-17 shots on goal.

The United girls wore pink jerseys in the championship game in

support of tournament sponsor Puma's Project Pink Day for breast cancer awareness.

In pool play, United finished first by defeating the nationally ranked Blues 1-0 in the first game, followed by wins over teams from Canada, Sweden and Texas, squeezed around a 0-0 draw against a Wisconsin team. The outcome was a team effort as United 94 recorded four shutouts and scored 15 goals by seven different players.

The win gave the girls the opportunity to travel to the Women's Professional Soccer championship game in late August and train with the professionals, including several players from the USA World Cup team.

### Miramonte Cycling Competes at Nationals

Submitted by Steven Johnson



Photo provided

The Miramonte Cycling Club traveled to Sun Valley, Idaho, to compete in the US Cycling Mountain Bike Cross Country National Championships July 14-17.

Junior Eric Johnson took first

place in Category 2, 15-18-year-old racers. Johnson outraced 60 other riders on the 10-mile alpine course to earn the Club's first-ever national victory.

Senior Adam Ocamb took 23rd in the Category 1, 17-18-

year-old racers 14-mile course.

Freshman Justin Ocamb finished 14th in the Junior 13-14 age group.

Miramonte Cycling Club will compete in the upcoming NorCal 2012 spring racing season.

### Gael headed to Italy



Photo Tod Fierner

Recent Saint Mary's graduate and West Coast Conference Player of the Year Mickey McConnell signed with a professional basketball team in Italy, Lega Due side Filena BPA Jesi.

### OIS Student's Modern-Day Duel

Submitted by Kasey Bryne



Bronfman (right) placed ninth in his age-weapon category Photo Kasey Bryne

Gabriel Bronfman, a seventh grader at Orinda Intermediate School, traveled to Reno in early July to compete in the US Fencing Association Summer Nationals/North American Cup. He finished ninth in his age-weapon category, Youth 12 Men's Epee. Bronfman also qualified for and competed in Youth 14 Men's Epee, finishing 71st. He trains at both George Platt's Swordplay in Concord,

and at Golden Gate Fencing in San Francisco; he has been fencing for two years.

Fencers come from all over the US and Canada to compete at Summer Nationals, held once every year in July, qualifying for this event through competition at local fencing tournaments. More than 3500 fencers from 10-year-olds to over 40-year-olds competed in individual and team events.

### Lamorinda Water Polo Team Advances to Junior Olympics

Submitted by Lisa Dirito



Top row, from left: Collin Chiapello, Tyler Kirchberg, Jacob Welcomer, Tucker Stone, Jack Fellner, Drew Holland, Jake O'Malley, Vassillis Tzavaras, Nick Solit, Tommy Bush and Charlie Wiser; bottom: Thomas Carroll, JD Ratchford, Conner Reid, and Grant Sivesind Photo Lisa Dirito

Lamorinda 16 boys' water polo placed first at the United States Water Polo Club Championships held locally in Lamorinda on July 15-17.

The team moves on to the Junior Olympics tournament in Orange County July 29-August 2 (after press deadline).

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