



# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS

## Summer Basketball Champions

Submitted by John Merrion



Front row, from left: Kyle Parnell, Deven Kadlic, Adam Machajewski, Isaiah Coleman; middle row: Declan Merrion, Bernard Adri, Jack Berrien; back row: John Merrion (coach), Sam Meyers, Carl Kadlic (coach) Photo provided

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation 5/6 grade boys' basketball champions claimed the title on July 26th at Stanley Middle School.

## MCC Hosts Tennis Tournament

Submitted by John Greenblatt

Moraga Country Club will hold the 25th Annual \$25,000 Heritage Bank of Commerce Tennis Championships on August 7-12. The true open event attracts many local NorCal Open, collegiate and satellite professionals.

Formerly called the Stead Open, the event was not held last year due to major renovations

at the Country Club. Net proceeds are donated to the Fore our Schools Foundation, which has raised over \$100K for the Moraga Education Foundation.

"We are delighted to partner with Moraga Country Club in this event and hope for a long term relationship," said Patrick Artiaga, founding member of Fore our Schools.

## Sherman Divers at Zone Championships

Submitted by Steve Sherman



From Left: Morgan, Asher, Harrison, Steve, Miranda, Brenna Photo provided

Sherman Divers competed at the Zone Championships, qualifying by placing in the top 15 at the Regional meet in June. Asher Lichtig of Lafayette qualified for the national meet for his age group on the 3m springboard.

**Brenna Cetrone (Orinda):**  
1m: finished 23rd of 44  
3m: finished 15th of 41

**Morgan Matranga (Moraga)**  
1m: finished 20th of 41  
PF: finished 30th of 35

**Miranda Gold (Lafayette)**  
1m: finished 37th of 40  
3m: finished 38th of 40

**Asher Lichtig (Lafayette)**  
1m: finished 15th of 31  
3m: finished 10th of 33 (National Qualifier)

## Lamorinda United Earn Second Place

Submitted by Matt Hansen



Top Row, from left: Shane Nelson, Owen Hansen, Brett Donat, Kyle Jasper, Kellen Clancy, coach Roberto Zambrano; bottom row: Vince Bianchina, Jack Daugherty, Sean Donovan, Erik Voss, Luke Miles; not pictured: Jack Muren, Kai Digrande, Mark McCurdy, Nicolas Bamont Photo provided

The Lamorinda United U10 boys' Navy came out firing in their first tournament of the year. They earned a second place finish in the San Ramon Valley Classic July 21-22. United was tested in their opening game against Brentwood/Oakley but came out victorious with a 2-1 final. In the afternoon match United breezed to a 7-1 win over the host team San Ramon Valley.

On day two of the tournament, United faced

a tough opponent in Santa Rosa. After going down 1-0 United battled back to win the game 4-2. The undefeated United faced Brentwood/Oakley in the championship match. After going down 3-0 in the first half, United bounced back to net three goals of their own. Deadlocked at 3-3 after regulation time the game then went into sudden death overtime where the Brentwood striker converted on a breakaway.

## Master's Water Polo Club Honored

Submitted by Jeannie Johnson



From left, back row: Deborah Simmons, Ann Sharf, Maureen O'Toole-Purcell, Jeannie Johnson, Michele McCarthy, Meredith Rosenthal, Jane Allen, Carole Kay Lynn, Ann Bundy and Susan Anderson-Taylor; Helena Singelstad, Jennie White, Patty Trenkwald, Shawwna Costanza and Yanira Vazquez-Azpiri Photo Ohlen Alexander

The Soda Moms women's water polo club was recently honored with a dedication by the Orinda City Council for its achievements in International and National competition this year. Members of this team won a silver medal in the Women's 50+ division at the FINA Worlds Masters Championship, held in Ric-

cione, Italy in June. The club also captured the gold medal in the Women's 50+ division and the bronze medal in the 40+ division at the US Masters Nationals Championship, held in Irvine in July. The team practices at the Soda Aquatic Center in Moraga and is coached by Andrew Morris.

## Lamorinda United Compete in Europe

Submitted by Benson Chan



The Lamorinda Soccer Club United 95 U16 girls prepare to leave from the San Francisco International Airport. Front, from left: Kristen Chan, Annie Loose, Regan Gong; middle row: Rachel Lindenauer, Carly Moran, Stehania Munoz, Sarah Mills, Jordan Rowley, Courtney Attard, Caroline Runco; Lauren Petite, Julia Reshke, Megan Reid, Emily Orwig, Lindsay Wilson, Jane Fessenden, Mali Tehaney, Katherine Tottle Photo provided

As the world's best athletes come together to compete against each other in the 2012 Summer Olympics, the Lamorinda Soccer Club's United 95 U16 girls experienced their first taste of international competition at the Gothia Cup (Sweden) on July 16-21 and the Football Festival G17 Elite Cup (Denmark) on July 25-29.

Out of 80 teams in the G17 bracket, Lamorinda finished as quarterfinalists in the final round of eight at the Gothia Cup. The following week, Lamorinda captured the championship at the Elite Cup. The Lamorinda Soccer Club was the sole American team competing at the Football Festival tournament.

## Olympian Works with Local Swimmers

Submitted by Hector Chao



Kim Vandenberg shares her Olympic medal with LMVA swimmers. Photo provided

With the 2012 Summer Olympics just around the corner, local swimmers were busy getting ready for end of season competitions. Kim Vandenberg, a 2008 Olympic bronze medalist and UCLA All-American, recently joined LMVA's coaches to help team members prepare for the inaugural Lafayette Swim Conference Championship and the upcoming Contra Costa County Swim Meet.

"This community was incredibly supportive during my swimming career; it is my turn

to support future generations of Lamorinda Olympians," Vandenberg said.

Head Coach Marc Cavallero believes the Moraga native's experience will inspire local swimmers to swim with confidence. "We are lucky to add Kim to a group that includes U.S. National and NCAA champion Hayley Peirsol and former Cal men's swim team member and school record holder Peter Davis. I'm confident their big meet experience will serve our team well."