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Moraga Rotary Field Day Attracts Record Number of Athletes

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Camino Pablo School third-grader Tommy Richards competes in the long jump. Photo Carol Irwin



On May 15, the Rotary Club of Moraga held its 22nd Annual Field Day, a track and field meet at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School for third, fourth, and fifth grade Moraga students in the three elementary schools and Saklan School. There were 302 athletes this year, compared with 250 last year, competing in events such as sprints, relays, sack races, long jumps, and baseball and football throws. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to the top three contestants in each event, and all athletes got a blue participant ribbon.

Again this year, Donald Rheem School won plaques for the most winning points and the most participants; the plaques will be displayed at the school campus. The 112 Rheem athletes accumulated 117 points out of the total 270.

The High Point Girl was Sydney Roberts, in Mrs. Barnett's fourth grade class at Camino Pablo School. The High Point Boy was Mark Mc Curdy, in Mrs. Cavallero's fifth grade class at Rheem School. These students along with the High Point Teacher, Mrs. Cavallero, and Principal Elaine Frank of Rheem School, will be guests at a Moraga Rotary luncheon meeting where they will be presented with the plaques honoring their achievements.

This year's Rotary Field Day chairman Tony Schoemehl said: "The students behaved beautifully and were enthusiastic in their support for each other and their schools. All who participated were winners in our eyes!"

The Field Day is a Moraga Rotary community service project originated by Moraga Rotary Past President Al Simonsen, who has chaired the event for its first 21 years. Moraga Rotary meets at noon most Tuesdays at Saint Mary's College. For information, call Gary Irwin of Moraga Rotary at (925) 376-7688.

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