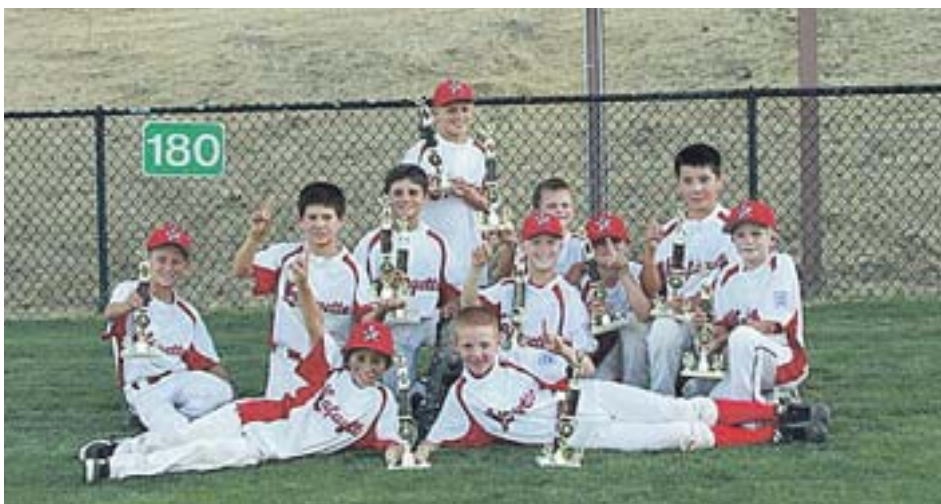


Lafayette Little League All-Stars

9's Protect Home Field

Submitted by Allyn Oh



Front row, from left: Evan Malmquist, Sam Winkles; middle row: Jack Wood, Michael Castelli, Kyle White, Graham Smith, Will Berrien, Graham Oh, Cade Finegold; back row: Luke Souza, Will Stryker; not pictured: Dante Montgomery. Photos provided

The Lafayette Little League 9U All-Star team managed by Paul Souza was selected to represent Lafayette in tournaments over the summer. The team had stops in Carson City, Rancho Cordova, Alameda, and the

First Annual Buckeye Classic in Lafayette. The team managed to make it to the championship game in all of its tournaments and went undefeated July 20-24 to win the Buckeye Classic.

10's "Warm-Up" for World Series

Submitted by Geoff Heyman



Back row, from left: Nick Murgia, Geoff Heyman, Jim Huchingson, Jason Vorhauer; middle row: Jack Byers, Thatcher Hurd, Sam Heyman, Mitchell Franklin, Tucker Gannon, Jason Vorhauer, Cole Murgia; front row: Duke Varrelmann, Brayden Clarkson, Patrick McLin, Brady Huchingson, Drew Davidson.

The Lafayette Little League 10-year-old All-Stars won the "World Series Warm-up" Tournament in Martinez July 13-14. The team went a perfect 5-0 in the tourney and

outscored their opponents a combined 55-7, including an 11-2 victory over a solid Orinda team in the final.

11's Advance to District Championship

Submitted by Kevin Reilly



Front row, from left: Luke Miles, Tommy Thrasher, Vince Bianchina, Brett Donat, Colby Burns, Jack Muren; back row: coach Brian Baker, Ryan Reilly, Nicolas Bamont, manager Rick Bianchina, Murphy Baker, Jack Larsen, Owen Hansen, coach Matt Hansen; not pictured: Nick Kresnak.

The Lafayette Little League 11-year-old all-stars finished a successful summer tournament season by capturing the inaugural Buckeye Classic in Lafayette with a 7-3 win over Alameda on July 24. Earlier in July, the

11's won six games in the Little League District 4 tournament and advanced to the District championship game against South Oakland, losing an extra-inning thriller, 8-7. The team's overall summer record was 15-5.

MCC Hosts Annual Tournament

Submitted by John Greenblatt

Moraga Country Club will host its 29th annual tennis tournament August 6-11.

The event, directed by Mark Orwig, offers \$25,000 in prize money. There are few Open Sectional tennis tournaments that offer this amount of prize money and, like all true tennis open events, any player may enter. In recent years, many local tennis players have competed with touring professionals.

Darrin Cohen, a Campolindo grad who played at UNIV of Virginia, was runner up in men's doubles three years ago. Nick Ballou, a Miramonte grad now attending Cal Lutheran, made the quarterfinals in men's singles and doubles in last year's competition.

Matches start Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. with the men's singles. On Wednesday, there are men's and women's singles followed by doubles in the afternoon. For those who cannot attend the matches during the day, there are featured tennis matches on Thursday evening.

The tournament is supported by major sponsor Heritage Bank of Commerce, and presenting sponsor Pine Grove Business Center in Orinda.



Nick Ballou (right) Photo provided

Orinda Baseball All-Stars Win Championship

Submitted by Linda Romary



Back row, from left: Coaches John Williams, Tim Westphal, Chris Leary, Scott Duncan; middle row: Luke Duncan, Shep Romary, Beau Westphal, Colin Fraser, John Williams, Bennett Leary, Caden Breznikar; front row: Charlie Karp, Brian Dolan, Keoni Wong, Charlie Eng, Matt Elliott. Photo provided

The Orinda Baseball Association "Pinto" All-Stars won the 18th Annual Dale Wilson 4th of July Tournament in San Bruno.

The Orinda Pinto All-Stars went 6-1 in the first three days of the tournament and earned a spot in the championship game where they beat the hometown San Bruno team, 11-4.

In the championship game, Orinda had a 5-2 lead in the top of the fifth when they caught

fire. They sent 10 batters to the plate and scored six runs to seal the win. San Bruno scored twice more down the stretch, but the defense put a stop to any comeback.

"This was an incredible group of individual kids who played as a cohesive team. They all took to heart that they were representing the city of Orinda and had to perform as such," said team manager Chris Leary.

Sea Serpents Bring Home Precious Medals

Submitted by Brian Wentzel



From left: Spencer Trevarthan, Daniel McLean, Matthew Bassett, Trevor Knowles, Rachel Kean, Andrea Halliday, Vicki Van Sickle, Elizabeth Rangel, Ashley Mangan, and Aaron Lo. Photo provided

Ten swimmers from the East Bay Sea Serpents swim team participated in the Special Olympics of Northern California's Summer Games held at UC Davis at the end of June. Despite the high temperatures, the Sea Serpents netted a haul of 25 medals including 11 gold, eight silver, and six bronze medals.

All 10 swimmers were selected by SONC

to represent the Sea Serpents after a qualifying meet at Laney College in May.

The East Bay Sea Serpents is a team benefiting special-needs athletes age 5 to 50 with a range of swimming abilities. It practices at Campolindo during spring and fall swim sessions. The team is run by volunteers.

Record Breaking Swim at Miramonte

Submitted by Chris Christensen



From left: Coaches Harry Wu, Quinn Silberman, Eddie Lee, and Jeremy Unger; team: Bronsen Trunzo, Abby Christensen, Amanda Kayari and Marilyn Jia. Photo Steve Christensen

The Miramonte Swim Club Mixed 6-and-Under 100 yard medley relay team set a pool record July 24 at the Los

Trampas Pool with a time of 1:28:99. The previous record of 1:31:30 stood for 36 years, set in 1977.