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MCC Art Exhibit Features Local Artists, and Photographer Karen Drinkwater

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Local events and sports photographer, Karen Drinkwater, will share original pieces capturing the essence of country club events at an art exhibit scheduled Sept. 10 at the Moraga Country Club.

"Over the years I have seen dozens of amazing photos Karen has taken at Campo football games," says exhibit curator Cindy Raleigh. "When I found out that she also shoots all the events for a well known health bar, I asked her to send me some sample work. I wanted to see more than just football shots since I would be asking her to focus on golf, swimming and tennis. The light, shadows and expressions of the athletes she captures is remarkable. Karen's photos tell a story."

Drinkwater spent days at the club, familiarizing herself with the types of events she was going to photograph. "Each sport is unique," says Drinkwater, "the actions, the regulations, need to be understood to make good shots. I met the coaches at the country club and spent days in the tennis courts, on the green and at the pool." Drinkwater photographed major swim meets, a golf tournament and a tennis competition. "One additional challenge was that the

"Ready to go" by Karen Drinkwater Photo provided

pictures needed to keep the people anonymous."

Drinkwater, who regularly exhibits her work in England, takes photographs at Cal Poly and UC Berkeley. Rugby is one of her favorite games to shoot.

Drinkwater's photography will be on display along with works by two abstract artists, Sheri Lenz and Lu Beury. An opening reception is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at MCC's club house on Country Club Drive. Cost for the event is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, which includes sampling award-winning wine from WALT Wines, Sonoma, and enjoying tasty bites prepared by MCC chef Kevin Ables. For reservations, call (925) 376-2200 or email frontdesk@moragacc.com.

Drinkwater's work, which includes portraits, scenery and of course sports photography, can be seen online at karendrinkwaterphotography.com.

(Editor's note: Readers may also go to www.lamorindaweekly.com and search for "Drinkwater" to view an archive of photos she has taken for us.)

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