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Bottoms-Up Tradition Continues

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The Moraga Valley Pool swim team hosted the 39th Annual Bottoms-Up Swim Invitational at the Soda Aquatics Center at Campolindo High School on July 13. The meet is designed to give kids at the "bottom" of their age group an opportunity to compete against only those swimmers of the same age. ... Ever since its 1976 start, Bottoms Up has become a favorite among OMPA teams. Over the years the meet has grown to over 700 swimmers ages 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15. This year's meet was ushered in by typical morning fog giving way to glorious sunshine and many smiling swimmers.

Some of the biggest smiles included the high point winners:

Five year old winners, from left: Garrett Joyce (MR), Mackenzie Romer (OCC not pictured), Ellis Culleton (MCC), Shawn Smith (OCC), Kaitlyn Flanagan (MVP), Piper Coy (Miramonte), Sydney Gray (MVP) Photos Eric Thompson

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| 5 Year Olds Girls | Shawn Smith | OCC |
| 5 Year Olds Boys | Ellis Culleton | MCC |
| 7 Year Olds Girls | Amanda Kayari | Miramonte SC |
| 7 Year Olds Boys | Bronsen Trunzo | Miramonte SC |
| 9 Year Olds Girls | Meghan McAninch | OCC |
| 9 Year Olds Boys | Benjamin Kang | Sleepy Hollow |
| 11 Year Olds Girls | Maya Supran | OPP |
| 11 Year Olds Boys | Owen Wardy | MCC |
| 13 Year Olds Girls | Sophia Kosturos | OCC |
| 13 Year Olds Boys | Henry Conner | Meadow |
| 15 Year Olds Girls | Hailey Eberle | OCC |
| 15 Year Olds Boys | Derek Ludwig | CCC |

Overall team scores:

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| 1 Orinda Country Club | 940 |
| 2 Sleepy Hollow Legends | 719.50 |
| 3 Meadow Swim & Tennis Club | 526.50 |
| 4 Moraga Valley Pool Swim Team | 483.50 |
| 5 Orinda Park Pool Swim Team | 468.50 |
| 6 Moraga Country Club | 419 |
| 7 Miramonte Swim Club | 316.50 |
| 8 Moraga Ranch Swim Club | 218.50 1 |
| 9 Campolindo Cabana Club Marlins | 141 |



Seven year old winners, from left: Lincoln Sovik (OCC not pictured), Grant Kurtz (Meadow), Bronsen Trunzo (Miramonte), Amanda Kayari (Miramonte), Natalie Stryker (OCC), Marilyn Jia (Miramonte), Siena Chang Brown (OCC not pictured), Emma Knutson (MCC not pictured)



Nine year old winners, from left: Cal Elizondo (OPP), Zachary Hoffman (Meadow), Benjamin Kang (SH), Meghan McAninch (OCC), Lindsey Lucas (SH), Grace Clark (Meadow)

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