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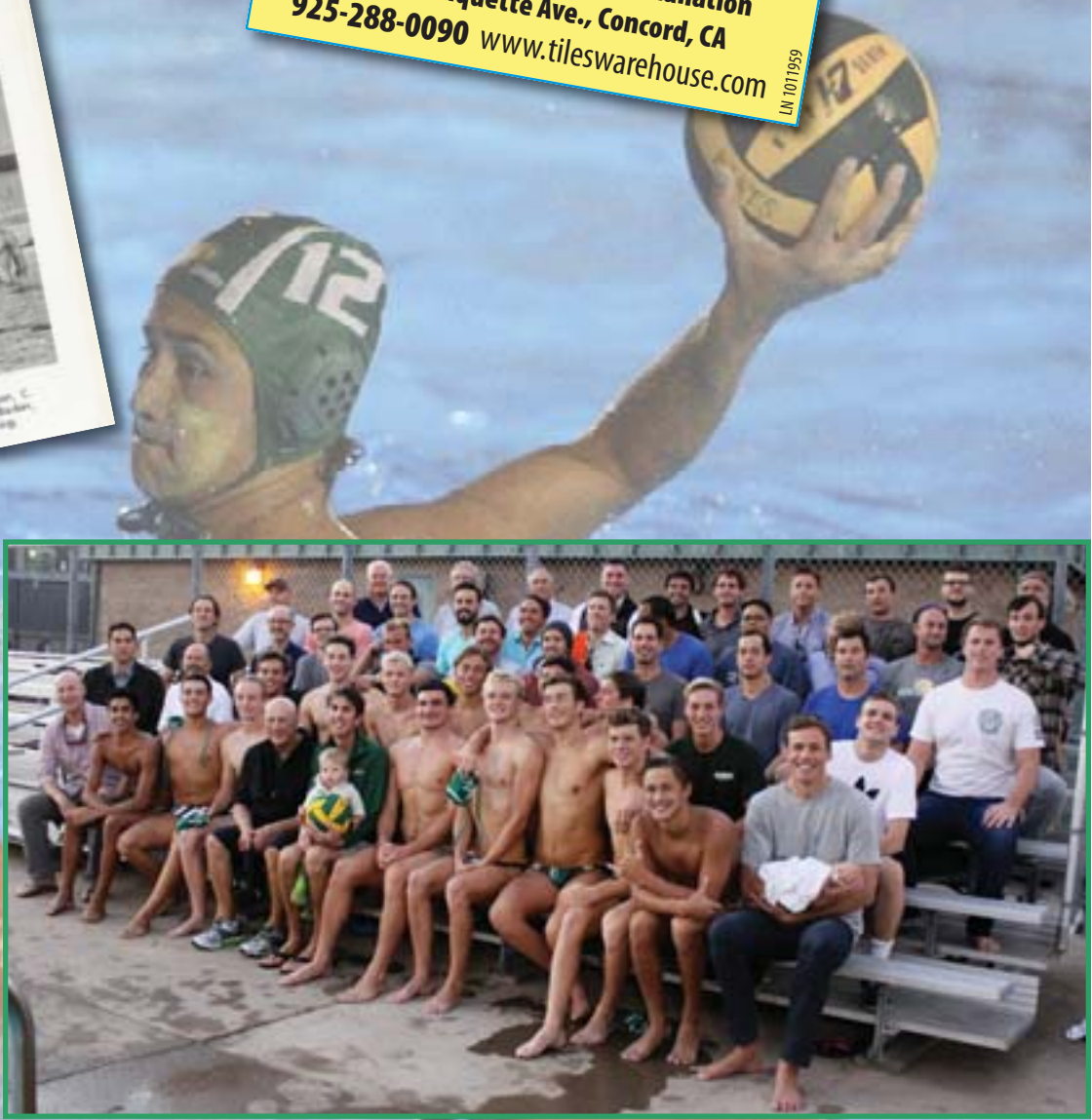
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1967 Polo Year Book team year book photo



Mats Polo Alumni game with five decades. Front row, fifth from left, is Bill Brown; sixth from left, James Lathrop. Photo K. Tehaney

Miramonte Water Polo Marks 50 Years in Lamorinda

By John T. Miller

It's no secret that Lamorinda high schools make a splash each year in the Northern California Sectionals water polo championships. It's due largely to a strong history of the sport, especially at Miramonte High School.

The Miramonte boys water polo program recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with an alumni game and dinner at the Bill Brown Aquatic Center in Orinda.

The event also honored the memory of Dave Patching

('74) who died in 2011. He was a first-team high school All-American at Miramonte. According to Jeff Moulton, the honorary sports information director for Miramonte water polo, "Patching was a regular participant and helped organize other alumni. The dinner provided a perfect opportunity to remember his contributions."

Approximately 40 alumni made it to the game or dinner, showcasing the way former players stay involved in

the program. No score was kept for the scrimmage, but current coach James Lathrop characterized it as a competitive game, even with a former Olympian and other highly rated college graduates and players on the alumni side. "The alumni usually wins, but it's definitely more of a fun thing," said Lathrop.

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Fun and Challenges are Par for the Commons' Disc Golf Course

By Sophie Braccini



The Collins and Chiapetta children of Lamorinda have fun on the disc golf course. Photo Sophie Braccini

On a typical October Saturday afternoon the Moraga Commons Park is filled with people of all ages pursuing all kinds of activities. A young woman lays down her yoga mat and exercises in front of the band shell, while dogs and their owners are strolling the grounds, little kids run giggling on the lawn by the fountain, the two playgrounds are buzzing with attentive parents and their offspring, a group has organized a barbecue under

the oaks by the parking lot, while some of its members are holding a bake sale on the sidewalk.

Twins and teens push their energy into the skatepark, while young adults are playing basketball next to kids who think that the sand volleyball courts, unattended that day, are a giant sand box placed there for their own amusement.

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Election Results 2016



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Orinda City Council member-elect Inga Miller, the top vote-getter, talks with former Citizen of the Year Mark Roberts of the Orinda Community Foundation on election night.

This issue of the Lamorinda Weekly has all the coverage of the current local election results in Lafayette (A2), Moraga (A4) and Orinda (A6).

We also look at the results for the races for Moraga-Orinda Fire District Division 5 (A8) and BART board (A9).

Look to the Lamorinda Weekly for updates, as well as coverage of swearing-in ceremonies. — P. Spear

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