

# MAAC Charity Golf Raises Funds for Painted Rock Land Trust, Mineta Legacy Project and Eth-Noh-Tec

Submitted by Sharron Sue



18th Annual MAAC Charity Golf Tournament Winners, from left: Steve Kobayashi, Ron Tanaka, Craig Oki, and Steve Oki. Photo provided

The 18th Annual and final Moraga Asian American Club Charity Golf Tournament was held Sept. 23 at Corica Park. Tournament Chairs Sharron Sue and Ron Tanaka announced, "We thank our golfers, as well as our generous major supporters who donated prizes and contributed to the overall success of the event: Monterey Hilton Garden Inn, Corica Park, Berkeley Bowl, Moraga Garden Center, Lee's Florist and Nursery, Tokyo Fish Market, Russell Takei, DDS, Todd Fujinaga, Derrek Tomine and Ronald

Wake, DDS." The charity golf tournament raised funds and donated \$1,000 each to the Campaign to Save Painted Rock, The Mineta Legacy Project and Eth-Noh-Tec.

The Moraga Asian American Club began more than 20 years ago to promote civic involvement, inclusion and respect for differences in celebration of Lamorinda's diversity. Since its inception, the golf tournament has been raising money to support these goals, but after a tremendous run of 18 years, the tournament will sunset.

# Navy girls' soccer compete in the Dublin Fall Classic

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From left: Abbie Wang, Mia Wang, Sena Hens, Matilda Nethery, Isabella O'Callaghan, Avery Williamson, Kaela Reid, Zoë Lehrman, Kylie Weiss, Ingrid Flory, Madeline Wong, Gabriella Tibbals, and coach Alex Sanchez. Photo Joel Flory

The Lamorinda United 09 Navy girls' soccer competed in the Dublin Fall Classic and took first place in the gold division. They went undefeated in the tournament going 4-0 and outscoring opponents

12-2. The team played their possession style game and pulled out a gritty 3-2 overtime win in the championship game against North Marin United 09 Green.

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# Saint Mary's Men's Soccer performs as a whole

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The offensive numbers are equally impressive as the Gaels have outscored their opponents 33-4. They have outshot their opponents 195 to 98 and have 53 more shots on goal as well. Cooper attributes much of the success the growth of the team: "We have a lot of good offensive pieces and the guys are working well together. With the players knowing each other's movements, the offense is getting more shots."

Once again, it's a group effort that should be credited for the success of the offense. Ten different players have scored for Saint Mary's so far this season. There are many reasons for the improved offense, according to Cooper: "We have good attacking players. The team is creating more scoring opportunities. We have different facets to our offense and set

pieces. Even some of the defenders have stepped up and scored."

The two leading scorers on the team are junior forwards Jake Rudel (10 goals and 2 assists) and Anders Engbretsen (6 goals and 5 assists). Says Duffy: "Jake is the fastest player in the country. He generates a lot of opportunities with his feet and Engbretsen has a good shot and is a good attacker with the ball on his feet. Our front five attackers have helped us to create a lot of opportunities and chances to score."

A team does not go 13-0 without a group chemistry that allows them to work so well together as a unit. There is a strong international flavor to the team. The roster has 17 players from the United States (13 from California) and is complemented with 10 players from 10 different coun-

tries - The Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Italy, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Says Cooper: "Our foreign recruiting has been really strong the last four years. The players come from different cultures, background and soccer experiences. They enjoy learning about each other. They come in with different styles and techniques. Still we make sure it's the right fit for the players we recruit. The players like to hang out with each other off the field and that helps on the field. My assistant coaches, Josh Duffy and Charlie Campbell manage the personalities of the team. We have fun in practice, which helps in team bonding. Our co-captains, Dougherty and Prieur, are the team leaders, holding themselves and the team ac-

countable."

Duffy stresses the importance of recruiting the right players: "Soccer is soccer but the guys we bring in have to fit the culture. We want to recruit good people that understand the philosophy of Saint Mary's, which is to come in to learn and leave to serve. The mentality fits the mold."

Saint Mary's was the first team this year this year to reach double figures in victories, leading the nation in shots on goals, and is fourth in offensive scoring and fifth in save percentage. Says Cooper: "This has been a season with a lot of firsts. It's the best start in school history. We are definitely setting a high bar for years to come."



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