

Editor's note

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Youth results

Alameda Jr Golf Club

East Bay Juniors Championship

At Chuck Corica GC, Fry course

July 18-19, 2016

(First-third place finishers)

Boys overall champion:

Brendon Choe, age 16, 68-68 136

Girls overall champion: Angela Bagasbas, age 17, 59-67 136

Boys 16-18: Nick Orecchia 68-74—142, Chase Wickman 72-71—143, James Lemos 70-74—144

Boys 14-15: Andrew Bagasbas 72-71—143, Ethan Chung 73-71—144, Adrian Davis 75-73—148

Boys 12-13: Ben Soicher 72-71—143, Justin Hopkins 72-77—149, Michael Burry 71-78—149

Boys 10-11 (9 holes): Leonardo Vieira 36-36—72, Jackson Koivun 40-36—76, Jay Udinsky 39-38—77

Boys 7-9 (9 holes): Justun Kim 47-4-2—89, Eduardo Tapper 53-47—100, Shrey Kanji 51-50—101

Girls 15-18: Megan Yang 68-75—143, Quynn Duong 71-72—143, Elizabeth Sholtes 74-71—145

Girls 12-14: Jacqueline Ha 71-74—145, Alice Liu 79-71—150, Priya Bakshi 77-73—150

Girls 10-11 (9 holes): Janna Andaya 41-38—79, Varnika Achanta 42-40—82, Annabelle Chen 43-41—84

Girls 7-9 (9 holes): Sydney Silva 43-43—86, Sophia Bardunias 45-43—88, Michelle Ho 44-44—88

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BASEBALL

■ **Oakland Junior Giants** — Free instructional baseball league running June 20-Aug. 11 for boys and girls, ages 5-13. Mon.-Thurs. from 5-6 p.m. at Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter St., Oakland. For more information www.jrgiants.org, 510-577-9100 ext. 292, oakland.jrg@gmail.com

■ **Oakland Velocity** — Holding tryouts for 12U-14U travel fall ball teams. Practices begin in August at Bishop O'Dowd High School. To schedule an appointment contact Head Coach Cedric Gilmore 510-584-7239, oaklandvelocitytb@gmail.com

BASKETBALL

■ **Nothing But Net** — Jr. Warriors basketball league for boys and girls ages 9-11 and Pee Wee program for boys and girls ages 5-8. League runs in Berkeley on Saturday's from July 16-Aug. 27. \$65-75. 510-845-9010 ext. 231, www.leaguelineup.com/byasports, www.leaguelineup.com/byajrwarriors

GOLF

■ **Alameda Jr Golf Club** — Registration open for tournament season and clinics for boys and girls, ages 7-18. June-August every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Chuck Corica Golf Course, One Clubhouse Memorial Dr., Alameda. \$35. 510-521-4727, alamedajrgolf@gmail.com

FOOTBALL

■ **Alameda Pop Warner** — Youth football registration open, for ages 5-14. For more information, www.alamedafootball.com

LACROSSE

■ **Berkeley Lacrosse** — Registration open for boys U9, U13, U15 teams and girls U11 and U15 spring teams. Practices at Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex in Berkeley. 510-501-1277, www.berkeleylacrosse.org

SOCCER

■ **Alameda Soccer Club** — Fall recreational season registration open now through Aug. 6 for boys and girls born between 2001-2011. For more information, visit bit.do/asc-fall-rec-2016

Outdoor sports

Alameda High mountain bike team takes off in first year



COURTESY OF MICHAEL KARP

Alameda High School's Hornets Mountain Bike Club Team was established this year. Team members pose for a photo in front of Alameda City Hall. Shown, from left, are Darryl Brown, Mackenzie Todaro, Jackson Ball, Ethan Karp and Ben Johansing.

Members practice with Piedmont High, O'Dowd, Skyline cyclists

By Mike McGreehan

Correspondent

ALAMEDA — Long popular in fits and starts throughout the United States, cycling permanently seeped into the national consciousness when Greg LeMond became the first U.S. rider to win the Tour de France in 1986. And even more people got hooked when mountain biking became an Olympic event 10 years later.

Today, the sport keeps growing. Many high schools have even formed club teams (cycling has yet to achieve formal recognition by the California Interscholastic Federation).

Count Alameda High among them, with the start of the Alameda Hornets Mountain Bike Club Team this spring.

"There's a culture, there's a camaraderie," Hornets coach Michael Karp said of the sport. "You're competing on your own, but the team also gets points."

Already, this team of five riders has progressed, as the Hornets finished 31st among Division II teams at the state championships in Los Olivos on May 22.

For this division, the scores of four team members accounted for the total team score as Alameda finished with 1,341 points.

Darryl Brown, competing in the Division II freshmen boys race, finished the approximately 12-mile race on the Dirt Club facility in 55 minutes, 50.14 seconds, recording Alameda's best finish in the process for 17th place and 385 points.

Ethan Karp finished that same race in 58:27.33 for 34th place and 317 points.

Ben Johansing, in Division II sophomore boys, finished in 1 hour, 28.56 seconds for 49th place and 257 points.

Alameda's only female rider, Mackenzie Todaro, finished the combined Division I/II freshmen girls race in 1:14:15.25 for 24th place and 352 points — a strong



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Alameda High School's Hornets Mountain Bike Club Team began this spring and is already making a mark. The Hornets finished 31st among Division II teams at the state championships in Los Olivos on May 22. Shown, from left, after a race in Fort Ord are team members Mackenzie Todaro, Ethan Karp, Darryl Brown, Jackson Ball and Ben Johansing.

result for someone whose "legs felt dead throughout the entire warm-up" and "wasn't feeling very ready to race."

"My start was kind of iffy and a lot of girls passed me on the straightaway, but other than that, I felt OK," Todaro wrote on the website of Alameda's sister club, the Oakland Composite High School Mountain Bike Team. "I dragged myself up that first climb and got to some little downhill sections, which were absolutely amazing. I passed about 10 girls in the first lap and fell into a fairly good pace ... then I kicked up the pace about two-thirds into the second lap."

Alameda's fifth rider, Jackson Ball, was unable to compete after breaking his foot in a skateboarding accident during the season.

Overall, Alameda has a pretty well-rounded team. Brown also plays football, and Todaro has done some running.

"There's some very strong similarities between cycling and cross-country running, chief

among them is that they're very aerobic sports," said Michael Karp, a former runner who himself took up mountain biking a decade ago. "That aspect of it appealed to Mackenzie very well — and getting to meet the girls from other schools, too. The cultures (of the two sports) are very similar."

The concept of an Alameda High cycling club actually started about four years ago with the coach's son, Ethan Karp.

"When he was about 11, he asked, 'Does Alameda High have a team?'" Michael Karp said. "He said, 'Better start one.'"

That did not happen immediately. Until this year, Alameda High cyclists competed with Oakland Composite. This year, though, the Hornets had enough riders and support from Alameda High to spin off their own club.

As with Oakland Composite, Alameda still competes in the NorCal High School Cycling League. The teams maintain

FYI

More about local high school cycling can be found on the Oakland Composite website, www.oaktowncomp.com.

ties in other ways, too.

"We have our own racing kit — jerseys, sweaters," Michael Karp said, "but when it comes to racing and practices, we usually practice together (at locations in the Oakland hills) — we have picnics and practices together. Without Oakland Composite, teams like mine wouldn't be as viable. The kids all became friends and support each other — Skyline kids, Bishop O'Dowd kids, Piedmont High kids. It's a magical group, the envy of NorCal."

Officially, this year's high school season began in March and concluded with the state championships. But the summer and fall also feature a number of camps, clinics and rides. Alameda, meanwhile, has visions for the 2017 season.

"We had a lot of people (at the school) who weren't sure they wanted to join (the club)," Ethan Karp said. "Now that they've heard about it, they want to race next season."

Those who do join will be a part of a growing trend. NorCal and its sister league, the SoCal High School Cycling League, belong to the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, which added leagues from Nevada, Arkansas and Pennsylvania this year. Nationally, some 7,600 students took part in high school cycling in 2015, a number that NICA expects to see rise to as many as 9,000 by the end of this year.

Alameda High looks to spread the word to all its students.

"The growth is in part due to the inclusiveness of the sport, the coed nature of it (20 percent female and growing fast) and the no-cut culture," Michael Karp said. "There's especially a very strong mandate that you have to have both genders on the team. The goal is to get more girls on bikes. We did very well (this year) because we had a very active female."