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Swimmers Go "Bottoms Up"

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MVP's Bottoms Up high point winners Photo provided

The Orinda Moraga Pool Association played host to a fun day of competitive swimming, putting on the 37th Annual Moraga Valley Pool's (MVP) Bottoms Up swim meet at the Soda Center at Campolindo High School on Sunday, July 8. More than 750 swimmers participated in the event.

Unlike all other swim meets where age group swimmers are placed together every other year, MVP's Bottoms Up features only the bottom of each age group swimming against the same.

"This meet is always very special because during the regular season, the bottom of each age group is overshadowed by the older swimmers, but in this meet, this is their chance to shine," said Sleepy Hollow senior assistant coach Anthony Estrada.

Orinda Country Club's (OCC) Sophia Kosturos set new Bottoms Up records in three events. She now holds records in the IM, freestyle, and butterfly for 11 year old girls. Her 100 IM time is 1:07:14, almost two seconds faster than the previous record.

Other individual records fell on the same morning. Tyler Abramson of OCC broke the 50 yard freestyle in a time

of 24.33 for 13 year old boys. Natalie Stryker of OCC became the youngest swimmer to be a record holder

became the youngest swimmer to be a record holder. At five years old, Stryker owns the record in 25 yard breaststroke, finishing at 24.75.

Less than 75 points separated first to third place: Orinda Country Club took home the championship with a total of 824.50 points, Meadow Swim & Tennis Club followed with 761.50, and third place went to Sleepy Hollow Legends (SHL) with 755.50.

Following are the high point winners:

5 year old girls, Natalie Stryker, OCC

5 year old boys, Bronsen Trunzo,

Miramonte Swim Club (MSC)

7 year old girls, Lindsey Lucas, SHL

7 year old boys, Jordan Kumar, SHL

9 year old girls Channing Hanley, Meadow

9 year old boys Brock Zamanian, Meadow

11 year old girls, Sophia Kosturos, OCC

11 year old boys, Narayan Sharma, SHL

13 year old girls, Amy Larsen, OCC

13 year old boys, Tyler Abramson

15 year old girls, Marie-Claire Schillinger

15 year old boys, Dylan Fara, MSC

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