## Campolindo Interact Club holds bicycle fair

Submitted by Rich Render



On Saturday, Aug. 16, the Campolindo Interact Club held a Bicycle Fair at Camino Pablo School to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and the return of kids riding their bikes to school. The Fair included an obstacle course, a bike wash, bike decorating, and a maintenance and chain oiling event

for the young and old. Interact sold snacks and refreshments as a fundraiser, and there was a very appreciative turnout of Moraga par-ents and kids for this community service project.

The Fair was headed up by Interactors co-Presidents Thea Stratford and Bhavana

Kasalanati, Treasurer Sean Hu, and Lion's Leo club member Maria Castillo. Moraga Rotari-ans Mary Sue Erickson and Rich Render joined in the festivities, and Lions Club member Andy Boggeri supported the event with buckets, supplies, and equipment.

**Obstacle Course at Interact Bike Fair** 

Photo provided

## Creek project by OIS middle school Girl Scout troop

Submitted by Erika Rosenberg

Girl Scout troop 30573 completed their bronze award this past spring. The girls worked with Friends of the Orinda Creek to identify the plants along San Pablo Creek in Orinda. Each troop member picked a plant along the creek to learn about, which they then created an artwork of the plant and researched information about. The girls then created plant markers by pounding out metal

spoons to stick in the ground by various plants along the creek walkway, labeled with their drawings of the plants shrunken to fit on the spoons.

The final part of troop 30573's bronze award project was to create a permanent sign that provides details about all the plants along the San Pablo creek walk. The community can now walk along the creek and read about the various plants they will see around them.

Throughout the process of working on this project, the Girl Scout troop was very fortunate to have Toris Jaeger as a guide. Toris offered many hours of her time to educate the troop about the plants along the creek, help the girls identify their plants when they put in their markers, and be a presence when the sign was hung.

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## St. Mary's first annual cross-country invitational

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The race was two miles long and went along the St. Mary's rugby front fields, which parallel St Mary's Road and goes down a gravel hill into a fire trail, and

then on back to the fields. Thankfully, the weather cooperated with a cooler than usual day.

The bulk of the St. Mary's women's team and members of the men's team volunteered to help run the event and Hubert Higueros, one of

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St. Mary's athletic trainers, was also present for any medical conditions that could have arisen. "We provided water and snacks for the runners at the end of the race, and we had a concession tent that we hosted as far as snacks, Gatorade and

even t-shirts for sale," Kinsey said.

Kinsey made it a point to meet with all of the head coaches after the race to thank them, and asked for feedback to make the races even better for the second annual race. "In the end we were really encouraged, and the feedback that we got was all constructive and definitely things that we can implement to make the event more smooth ," Kinsey said. "We will groom the course a bit and may add a community race, saying

to Lamorinda: 'Bring your family and kids and we can have five and ten K races."

"I couldn't have hoped for a better first event," Kinsey concluded.

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