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## Improving Access to Sports Facilities in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

Sports are taken very seriously by everyone who has something to do with youth and recreation in Moraga. This was evidenced on Feb. 10 when the "Who's Who" of town staff and educational institutions met to discuss how to improve the availability of sports facilities for residents. The Town Council, the Moraga School District and the Moraga Sports Alliance were all present – and, more unusually, the heads of Campolindo High School and Saint Mary's College also joined in to discuss the sharing of sports facilities within the town. Together they form a subcommittee that will meet monthly for about nine months.

The Joint Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Subcommittee is comprised of James Donahue, president of Saint Mary's College; town council members Dave Trotter and Mike Metcalf; John Walker, principal of Cam-

polindo; the Moraga Sports Alliance's Harry Crouch, Chris Maher, Ken Towers and Judy McNeil; Charles McNulty and Shari Simon of the Moraga School District Governing Board; and Park and Recreation commissioner Phil Crosby. Jay Ingram, parks and recreation director, is the staff liaison.

Ingram summarized the three objectives of the subcommittee: To establish a complete list of existing sports and recreation facilities belonging to the town, the school district, the high school and the college; to establish joint use agreements for cross-use of the facilities; and to discuss possible long term joint projects that will increase the availability of facilities.

The first meeting of the committee was entirely dedicated to the inventory of the recreation and sports facilities that exist in Moraga. The

town itself does not own many sports fields. The sand volleyball courts at the Commons Park have been used by the college as additional courts for large competitions and both the Commons and Rancho Laguna parks are used for sports practice by younger age groups and for informal games. The school district, the high school and the college own the bulk of the sports facilities.

During the first meeting the representatives of the Moraga Sports Alliance did not say much. Josh Weaver, of the CYO basketball league, said later that sports groups in Moraga are challenged by the lack of facilities. In Moraga, CYO teaches basketball to about 240 boys and girls from second to eighth grade. It has access to only two half-size courts at Camino Pablo and Los Perales elementary schools and one court at the middle school.

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## Hetfield Continuation

The Moraga Planning Commission was scheduled to discuss the General Development Plan for the Hetfield Estates project on Feb. 18, but the item was continued to March 3 after the project's neighbors noted that the package was made public right before a long weekend when many people were out of town and the complexity of the documents required additional study time so they

could provide meaningful feedback.

The Hetfield project proposes seven new homes on 58.2 acres of MOSO land located across a creek off Sanders Drive in Moraga. The Conceptual Development Plan was approved and the Environmental Impact Report for the project was certified in 2012.

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