

# SPORTS



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Participants and organizers of October's Bike for the Parks fundraiser.

## Organizers Thank Riders for Success of Bike for Parks Fundraiser Event

### Sun Staff Reports

Hundreds of Alameda residents gathered to take part in the 22-mile "Bike for the Parks" community ride and fundraiser at Washington Park last month.

Bikers got up early for the 9 a.m. event on Oct. 7. They rode along the outer edges of Alameda. In all, 456 residents participated in the event including Mayor Trish Spencer. The full 22-mile ride took two hours to complete. Riders were able to stop at rest stations and

there were volunteers at numerous locations to offer directions and bike repair if needed.

Attendees were also invited to a post-ride party at the park where attendees could consume barbecue hot dogs, listen to music and visit various bike-related booths.

The second annual event is the brainchild of Gene Oh and George Stephens of Alameda Bicycle and the Alameda Friends of the Parks Foundation. Sponsors for this event include VF Outdoor, Catellus,

TriPoint Homes, Bay Ship & Yacht, Alameda Theatre, Deb Knowles of Edward Jones, Lars Hansson CPA, SRMERnst and Alameda Bicycle.

All proceeds from the event are used for Alameda park projects and programs. Parks that have benefited from this event to date include: Woodstock, Godfrey and Longfellow, along with events like Starlight Movies in the Parks, Teen Halloween Haunted House and the "Splash in to Spring" event at Crab Cove.

## Local Student Runners Travel to Fresno for Cross County Meet

### Ekene Ikeme

The St. Joseph Notre Dame (SJND) women's cross country team finished seventh in the Div. V California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) cross country meet Saturday, Nov. 25, at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Twenty-four teams competed in the state championship event. The Pilots posted a score of 265 — lowest score wins. Junior Emily Perez sparked the Pilots in the 5,000-meter race. Perez finished second overall in the meet out of 200 participants. She completed the distance in 18:24.2. She finished behind three-time CIF Div. V winner senior Rylee Bowen who attends Sonoma Academy of Santa Rosa. Bowen finished the race in a time of 18:17.9.

This was not Perez's fastest time in a 5,000-meter race. Earlier this season Perez finished the Clovis Invitational 5,000-meter race with a time of 17:54.5 on Oct. 7. She also completed the 5,000-meter race at the Stanford Invitational in 2016 with a time of 18:23.7.

Perez was joined by several of her teammates in the state final. Senior Beatrice Levy finished in

29th place with a time of 19:52.4. Freshman Ellie Chareonsuphiphat came in 91st place with a time of 21:11. Sophomore Danielle Perez ran her way to 116th place with a time of 21:50.6. Freshman Claire Nocon rounded out the Pilots' top five with a 127th place finish in 21:58.9.

Flintridge Prep of La Canada won the event for the fourth straight year.

The Alameda women's team finished in 16th place out of 24 teams in the women's Div. III race. Alameda junior Lauren Lum finished in 13th place out of 210 competitors. She completed the distance in 18:47.9. Hornet freshman Olivia Livson grabbed 63rd place with a time of 19:59.2. Junior

Katherine Gee secured the 97th position with a time of 20:30.4. Sophomore Geraldine Yue finished in 125th place with a time of 20:53.1. Sophomore Julia West rounded out the Hornets' top five with a time of 22:30.2 for 175th place.

### Other participants

Other teams did not take part in the state team competition, but other Alameda athletes competed as individuals. Pilot sophomore Zavier Annis completed the men's Div. V race in 17:17.2. He wound up in 59th place out of 207 athletes.

Encinal junior Shelby Nelson completed her trek in 20:30.7 in the Div. IV women's competition. She was slotted in 89th place out of 195 participants.

## Local Golfers Compete

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Alice Wong shot a net 67 to win the last Alameda Women's Golf Club Charm Day event of 2017 Thursday, Nov. 9 on the Earl Fry Course.

Wong competed in the second flight among golfers with a handicap of 24 to 31. She narrowly beat out Stephanie Bellato who posted a net 68 in the first flight — handicap of nine to 23. Bellato had the lowest gross score of the tournament with an overall 81.

Bellato won the first flight by a sizeable amount. There was a three-way tie for second place in the flight. Claire Loud, Jenny Bae

and Tai Chewpanich each shot a net 75. Cheryl Saxton posted a net 76 for fifth place, while Fran Mori shot a net 77 for sixth place.

Madeline Sally was two strokes behind Wong in the second flight with a net 69. Barbara Wood shot a net 72 for third place. Bonnie Kim and Susan Yoon tied for fourth place with net 75s.

Jean Cho posted a net 71 to win the third flight — handicap of 32 to 40. Kay Park was one shot off the lead with a net 72 for second place. Beatrice Lebec and Ruby Soo shot net 78s to tie for third place. Vivian Kang and Bobbie Hoepner shot net 79s to tie for fifth place in the flight.

Cho won the closest-to-the-hole competition on the fourth hole. In this competition players take two strokes to get the ball in the hole. Cho's attempts traveled half an inch from the hole. Bellato's attempts ended up 1" from the hole for second place. Chewpanich's ball landed 1' 3" from the hole.

The competition on the 15th hole was a one-shot competition. Chewpanich won the competition with her ball landing 22' 4" from the hole. Debbie Adams was second with her ball traveling to within 24' 7" of the pin.

Twenty-eight golfers participated in the event.



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# HAPPENING IN DOWNTOWN ALAMEDA

## Eat, Shop Late and Be Merry Downtown

### Annual Tree Lighting & Downtown Cocoa Crawl

Join Mayor Trish Spencer and Santa when they light the official island holiday tree on Saturday, Dec. 2, at City Hall. Enjoy live local holiday performances beginning at 4:30 p.m. and meet the big guy himself. Afterwards, do the Downtown Alameda Hot Cocoa Crawl with family and friends while voting on a favorite holiday window display.

To receive special treats on the night of Dec. 2, pick up a Hot Cocoa Crawl flyer at the tree lighting ceremony and bring it to these businesses:

- Alameda Theatre & Cineplex (2317 Central Ave.) Show your Hot Cocoa Crawl flyer to have Hot Cocoa with *Coco* (the movie)! Admission and a cup of hot cocoa is \$8 with the flyer.

- Daisy's (1347 Park St.) Get a complimentary cup of Mayan hot chocolate served by Good Grub Alameda.

- The Local (1333 Park St.) Show the Hot Cocoa Crawl flyer to receive a complimentary cup of hot chocolate or a half-price Mocha.

Additional places to purchase a hot beverage while viewing the holiday windows:

- Cinema Grill (2301 Central Ave.)
- Crispian Bakery (1700 Park St.)
- Julie's Coffee & Tea (1223 Park St.)
- Mama Papa Lithuania (1241 Park St.)
- Peet's Coffee (1365 Park St.)
- Starbucks (1364 Park St.)
- Tucker's Ice Cream (1349 Park St.)
- Tuttimelon (2402 Central Ave.)

### Holiday Window Contest

Downtown businesses have teamed up with local artists to create dazzling holiday window displays this season. Bundle up the kids and take a stroll through the downtown district to enjoy the sights of the holiday season. The public is invited to

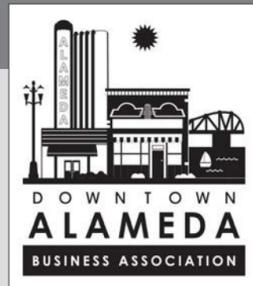
vote on their favorite holiday window. Voting takes place from Nov. 30 through Dec. 21 on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using #DAHWC. Look for official contest signs in the windows.

### Shop Late Thursdays

The shops are staying open late on Thursdays during the

holiday season. Grab a bite to eat, catch a movie or toast the holidays with co-workers and then get a little holiday shopping done afterwards! For a fun photo opportunity, look for Santa to be out and about greeting downtown visitors tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For a list of holiday



activities in Downtown Alameda, go to www.DowntownAlameda.com/Holidays

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