

Camino West racing team

Camino West was founded in the summer of 1973 by Peter Michon. Pete has, since that inception, served as it's only head coach and president. Camino began as an organization to meet the needs of runners who looked to other forms and types of competition for their favorite sport. The club gave them a team concept in addition to that of their scholastic programs; and allowed them to more fully realize their potential over a number of years after their schooling was completed. It brought them in contact with a wide variety of runners of all ages. There was a pride to belong and Camino West built it's team on that concept.

Since its founding five years ago, the club has won the Lake Tahoe Relays twice, the Runner's World 24 Hour Relay, the Christmas Relays and many individual road races. They have consistently placed high in Pacific Association AAU Championships despite the youthfulness of the membership. In 1974 Camino West was the only team to place two teams in the top ten in the Junior Cross Country Nationals (fifth and eighth place). More recently member Steve Palladino won the San Francisco Marathon in his first effort in the time of 2:20.



JOHN MORENO

Camino West is a road racing team; and they've chosen the symbol of the eagle in flight to grace their uniforms. The red, white and blue jersey emphasizes their free spirit and freedom to choose when and where to compete. Much of their strength and enjoyment has come from the team concept of running. As a club, Camino West, sees to it that any and all of its members find their certain place in this runner's world. To the jogger or the racer, Camino West welcomes you.

The club is led by some of the finest young runners in the Pacific Association. Their ages range from 14 to 24 and make up over 90% of the team. Camino West is most prolific in the Bay Area but includes members from all over the PA territory. Many have left for schools all around the country, however, are still very much an integral part of Camino West. Led by John Moreno, Mitch Kingery, Steve Palladino, Dave Murphy, Damon Wood and Ron Fritzke, Camino

West can hold it's own in national competition as well as the juniors.

Camino West's future stars are some of the toughest high school runners in the Central Coast Section. Led by 1977 CCS champion Bob Love, John Hoch, Kevin O'Connor, Dan Hernandez, Jesse Colvin, Ken Apperson and Greg Wimmer.

Other top notch competitors include San Jose State's Dan Harvey, College of San Mateo's Paul Mello, Cal Poly's Wally Montenegro and Joe Fabris, University of Nevada's Rudy Munoz, Stanford's Jerry Emory, UC Davis' Roy Hoglund and Bob Miller. In the up and coming women's section, Sue Munday is Camino West's finest.



STEVE PALLADINO

As for club leadership; it's Peter Michon all the way. The club is handled entirely through his capabilities and that of his assistants. They are involved in many road race sponsorships, promotions and race coordinations. In this regard, the strong membership is responsible for the raising of funds essential to their operation. The trio of Roy Michon, Tom Nelson and Peter Michon make up one of the most efficient and effective road racing crews in the business.

Camino West from time to time prints a mini magazine of its club as sort of a year book. It includes the year's highlights, photographs, information, results and ratings, among other things of interest.

Camino West Racing Team is a road race—long distance team that is involved with the many aspects of competition from low key fun runs and all comer meets to Divisional and National Championships, in both junior and senior divisions. It won't be long and the women's program, as well, will be ready for high caliber competition. Everyone is welcome to join the team and be a part of it all; and to share the friendship and integrity Camino West is so proud of.