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RIBBON CUTTING FOR POLO GROUNDS COUNTY PARK SCOREBOARD

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, along with the Mid-County PONY League, Aptos Sports Foundation and Supervisor Kimberly De Serpa, are pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony at Polo Grounds County Park for the dedication of an electronic scoreboard. Join the ribbon cutting ceremony on April 22 at 2 p.m. at Polo Grounds County Park, 2255 Huntington Dr., Aptos.

Polo Grounds County Park has a rich tradition of hosting youth baseball games for many years. The Mid-County PONY league has rented and utilized the fields for several years. The Mid-County PONY league reached out to Parks about installing an electronic scoreboard repurposed from Aptos High School with collaboration from the Aptos Sports Foundation. Led by De Serpa, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the installation in February.

"Thank you to our County Parks Department, Aptos High School, John Marinovich, Paul Bailey and the entire team at the Aptos Sports Foundation, and the Mid-County PONY league for all their hard work and collaboration to make this scoreboard a reality for the upcoming season. I was happy to be a small part of making this happen," De Serpa said.

"We have used a small, portable scoreboard for over 20 years. The opportunity to get Aptos High's existing 16-foot by 5-foot permanent scoreboard is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our league. The scoreboard and the newly constructed score booth are significant upgrades to the field and the park," Mid-County PONY league president Eric Bloom said.

Founded in 1957, the league offers community based recreational baseball for 13- and 14-year-old players from throughout the mid-county area.

"County Parks is happy to be able to work with the Mid-County PONY League and the Aptos Sports Foundation to be able to upgrade the service provided to Parks users," said Parks Deputy Director Rebecca Hurley.