

**The Ethic of Sport:
Does Anyone Still Play Fair?**

with John Forenti

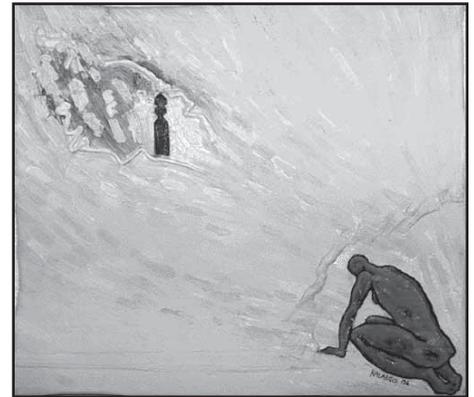
Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

John Forenti returns for a second time to the Gualala Arts lecture series on Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. to present new insights into the Character Counts program, this time with emphasis on the ethics of sports. The lecture entitled “The Ethic of Sport: Does Anyone Still Play Fair?” draws on Forenti’s background as an athlete, coach, educator, and administrator.

This talk expands on the 2007 presentation that discussed the nature of character development and the principles expounded by Michael Josephson, founder of the CHARACTER COUNTS! programs. In this lecture Forenti argues that saying, “It’s only a game,” denigrates honorable competition and marginalizes its importance. In fact, sports are much more than determining who wins.

John worked for the Tulare County Office of Education for 32 years before retiring in 2005. Since 1996 he has conducted Character Counts and ethics seminars for approximately 4,000 educators, parents, and community members. Forenti completed the CHARACTER COUNTS! Pursuing Victory with Honor Sports Certification in July 1999.

In March 2000 he received certification from the Josephson Institute for its Ethics in the Workplace program.



Trekking the Annapurna Circuit

with R.C. Vasavada

Monday, February 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

This lecture describes R.C. Vasavada’s trek that covered 130 miles over 19 days. Accompanied by two friends, two guides and two porters, R.C. retraced the Annapurna Circuit, an ancient trade route between India and Tibet. He will include photographs of the spectacular scenery, a glimpse into village life along the journey, and a brief illustrated history of Kathmandu as an introduction to Nepal.

Starting at an elevation of 2,700 feet the group followed the Marsyangdi Valley north, crossed the Thorung La Pass at 17,770 feet, and steeply descended to the historic village of Muktinath at 12,500 feet before following the Kali Gandaki River to the final destination near Naya Pul.

