

DIAMOND A RECREATION NEWSLETTER FALL 2013

WOW, that was fast, it was just yesterday we were reading the 'Spring' newsletter and it has been busy times around our beloved Rec ever since.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IN MAY brought an army of determined friends and neighbors with tools in hand for our annual polishing and spiffing up of the clubhouse, pool, play structure, ball field, landscaping and 'you name it' . The result is a unique and beautiful facility , unequaled in Sonoma Valley and admired by all visitors. The team was well fortified with donuts to get the blood flowing and topped off with a welcome barbecue of hot dogs, burgers and frothy cold drinks. Everything just sparkled , just in time for the:

POOL OPENING PARTY, JUNE 1st. A fun event for young and old, splashing about in our sparkling pool, enjoying the new pool lounges, umbrellas and newly painted picnic tables while working up big appetites for the chicken barbeque with tasty side dishes donated by our beloved members . Did someone mention food !

COLLECTORS CAR SHOW ON THE GREEN

A big tip of the hat to Bill and Shirley Angeloni for taking the lead ,once again, in organizing and presenting , what has become a local sensation for enthusiasts of all ages. Featuring an amazing assortment of beautiful and rare collectors cars of every hue and style. Pebble Beach , eat your heart out. Over 180 people oogled and aahd over the 63 four wheeled jewels sprinkled about the grassy field. The live entertainment had everyone tapping their feet while munching on a delicious picnic lunch, under festive tents, while checking on their favorites of the silent auction's tantalizing offerings, including:

Homemade and commercial wines
Craft Jewelry
Knitted goods
Mosaic flowerpot
Gift baskets
Paella party for 16
Dinner for eight
Glider ride or open cockpit ride
Limo service for eight

The net fundraising benefiting the Rec Assoc. was \$6,454. Of this \$3,245 came from the silent auction ably handled by Kevin and Donna Wilson , with marketing efforts by Nelleke Cooper. Of course, all of the wonderful and fun events at the Rec would never happen without the constant and enthusiastic efforts of so many of our members over the years.

OKTOBERFEST presented all attendees with an incredible selection of potato salads, sauerkraut ,sausages , hot dogs, wieners, many freshly roasted on the recently upgraded barbecue by fire master Val and accomplices with flames soaring and smoke billowing. All washed down with a variety of frothy suds and local wines to the traditional OOM-PA-PA of Kevin's accordion. And of course ,the appearance of the Schake's in traditional Tyrolean attire. Yodel-e-o-o-tee!

A HUGE THANK YOU and appreciation to our amazing New President Carleen for her boundless ,enthusiastic energy and creativity in overseeing and organizing all of our wonderful events, gatherings and celebrations, along with our hard working Rec Board, their helpers and spouses. We love you all!

COMING UP:

Wed. Night Winter Barbecue on the first Wed. of the month. A great way to relax midweek and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Bring your favorite meat to grill and a dish to share.

The FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Rec at 5:00, December 14. Bring the whole family for treats and libations, sing a few carols , tinkle the ivories on the baby grand. This year we have a special guest ! SANTA CLAUS has promised to make a special appearance for children of all ages, so you'd better be good!

THE ANNUAL CRAB FEED:

Fred Merrill and his Crabby Crew will be planning this, always, sold out extravaganza of copious consumption. Keep tuned for ticket sales announcements after the first of the year.

Thank you to all of our members and neighbors for your support of the Rec and all that it means to our special Community here on the Hill

The Rec Board