

DIAMOND A REC. ASSOCIATION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014

HAPPY SPRING to all of our members. Here we are in the blink of an eye , ready to launch another fun and event filled Summer at our beloved 'Rec', as described below by our , always energized and enthusiastic President, Carleen Faybusovich:

GREETINGS FELLOW MEMBERS !!

It's that time of year when the Rec is getting "ramped up" for hot weather, BBQ's and friendly gatherings. We look forward to a season of great fun for one and all. In addition to our amazing grounds, which of course include a walking trail, baseball diamond, children's playground, tennis courts, swimming pool and club house, we now sport a brand new Bocce Ball Court ! This was made possible with donations from you, our fantastic members and the blood, sweat and tears of Wayne Schake, Dave Waldron and their hard working crew. We will keep you posted on the Bocce Ball courts official opening and up coming competitions. Dust off your balls!

Wishing all of you a wonderful Summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Rec. !

Carleen Faybusovich

President

WE FINISHED OFF last year's busy schedule with our Winter Wed night BBQ's on the first Wed each month, thanks in part to the donated portable BBQ donated by Bruce Hoadley. Wed. night Summer BBQ's will continue each week, so bring your favorite entre to grill and a tasty dish to share.

THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year included a special visit from Santa Claus himself, who patiently listened to special requests by members of All ages , as they sat upon his knee, confirming they had been very good all year. The clubhouse was transformed into a winter wonderland with crackling fire and beautiful Christmas tree, by our Board elves , filling those gathered with seasonal spirit, liquid and otherwise. Smiling children clutched special gifts from Santa.

NEXT, THE ANNUAL CRABFEED: As usual a happy 'Sold Out ' event . Fred Merrill and his Crabby crew searched high and low to bring us the tastiest and most plentiful Crabs we can recall. The Rec Board did another outstanding job of decorating and serving the multitudes, cleaning up, making sure no plate was wanting and no glass empty!

WHO CAN FORGET the great effort the 49ers made in their race for the SUPERBOWL, as we cheered them on each game day on our big screen TV? Maybe next year? Baseball anyone?

RECOUNTING OUR SUCCESSFUL SPRING AND FALL WORKDAYS:

In addition to the mowing, pruning, weeding, power washing, cleaning everything from top to bottom, our teams of great volunteers also: Spruced up the Playground

with new wood surround, playground bark, stained the play-set and replaced the climbing ropes Repainted the picnic tables and storage shed.

SOME NOTABLE NEW ACQUISITIONS:

New American flag now waving from our flagpole. (Roland Gangloff)

New unbreakable wine glasses for poolside use.

Pool baskets for new pool toys.

Playground wood chips (Hansen Family)

Four new chaise lounge chairs on wheels .

Four pop up picnic table canopies for future events .

Portable propane BBQ. (Bruce Hoadley)

Beautiful hand crafted Bench at the playground (Bob Avrit)

Bocce Ball Court ! Mama Mia!

VITAL MAINTENANCE ITEMS completed in 2013 and this year:

Pool lights repaired

New hand railings on walkway entry

Replaced pool filter

New pool signage installed

Cracks in Tennis court and pool patio surface repaired

SPRING WORK DAY MAY 17/ WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS !!

THANK YOU TO ALL of the volunteers that contributed to this, ever important gathering of our members and their joint efforts to keep our beloved Rec in it's pristine condition, providing us all with a wonderful and special place to enjoy and celebrate our special community here on 'The Hill'.

Armed with weed eaters, mowers, hand tools, rakes, gloves and plenty energy , the worker bees polished up all of facilities and the REC is ready for another event filled season. Coffee and munchies and a BBQ rewarded the tired and famished crowd.

POOL OPENING PARTY: June 14. Stay tuned for more details as we begin another active Summer season around our sparkling pool.

THIS YEAR we have launched our support for some of our Local non-profits, by bringing appropriate items to the Rec Wed. Nite BBQ's. We started with F.I.S.H (foodstuffs) and will continue this month with Pets Lifeline. Please bring dry or canned pet food, toys, etc. to the Wed. BBQ. Thank you for your support of this crucial and heartwarming organization.

A NOTE FROM Marilyn Avrit/ Rec Calendar Chairman

It has now become easier to rent the Rec for your events. Also, the number of guests you host, without a rental fee, has been raised to 35 people. Summer dates are available. Please contact Marilyn Avrit 707-938-5818 for reservations.

TWO NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS were elected at the Annual meeting in Sept.
Please welcome Dave Waldron and Julie Conger !

Our heartfelt thanks to Bruce Hoadley and Rebecca Hengehold for their outstanding contributions as Board of Directors members, the past several years, helping to improve and maintain one of the most special and beautiful spots in Sonoma Valley for the enjoyment of our members and all passersby.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: Please contact Celia Schake , 707-938-9248 , if you know of any party that would like to join the Recreation Association. Memberships are available.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS by our members, financially and by their hard work to bring the dream of our new BOCCE BALL COURT to a reality. Additional cash contributions are most welcome and will assure that the Rec Association stays well into the Black on the books.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR ANNUAL REC. ASSOCIATION DUES !

THAT'S ALL FOLKS! Thank you for your participation in our well loved, appreciated and admired Diamond A Recreation Association.

See you at the Rec !!

Leo Merle
Director