

# Murphys Community Club

*An informational bulletin especially for our members.*

## Thank you!

Welcome new members, and a special thank you to our members who have renewed their 2016 membership dues and to those who generously gave us an additional donation. If you haven't already done so, please consider renewing today. We had many projects to complete this spring that required extensive funding. A \$15,000 grant from the Calaveras Community Foundation will make it possible for the heavily-used children's area of the park to be repaired, made safe, and brought up to state standards. This generous grant will allow us to restore the equipment and buy new swings. It will also pay for installing several tons of wood chips in the area as mandated by the state. The grant is from the Foundation's Community Betterment Fund established by a donation from Murphys residents and active MCC club members JoAnna and Bob Reagan. Thank you! Other completed projects this spring include the repair and repainting of the gazebo, and a new barbecue in front of the playground area is slated for completion in June. An unexpected expense occurred when we re-seeded the lawns and discovered the topsoil was defective. In order to meet our park rental commitments beginning in early May it was necessary to install sod lawn as there was not sufficient time for the new seed to grow before that deadline. Also, thanks to recent donations from the Murphys Business Association and the Native Daughters of the Golden West #46 - Murphys, there is now seating provided at the bocce courts; shade structures will be forthcoming as funds become available.

## Paddleboard Raffle

Sierra Nevada Adventure Company (S.N.A.C.) has again generously donated an item for our annual raffle. This year you have a chance to win a "Nalu 12.5" standup paddleboard! It measures 12'.6 "long by 30'.5" wide, weighs 50 pounds, color: green/fade, and includes a paddle and lifejacket. Retail value is \$918. Tickets are available for purchase at all concerts: \$5 each or 6 for \$20. Call Gail at 890-7533 or visit S.N.A.C. at 448 Main Street, in Murphys. The winner will be announced at our last First Fridays in the Park concert on September 2 at 6 p.m. Winner need not be present to win.

## Summer Concerts

Here is our summer concert schedule (First Fridays\* and Calaveras Arts Council):

**June 10** (\*second Friday): Music: Chains Required – Caterer: Murphys Historic Hotel

**July 1:** Music: Crystal Image – Caterer: Sierra Hills Market and Lila & Sage Catering

**August 5:** Music: Free Fahlen – Caterer: Alchemy Café & Market

**August 17** (Wednesday) – Calaveras Arts Council – 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Music: Blade Rivers Band (Honky Tonk & Country Swing) – Food: Hot Dogs from Helen's Hut

**September 2:** Music: Jim Bailey & Plan B – Caterer: Pipin' Hot Smokers BBQ.

All concerts offer **FREE** live entertainment from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Per person dinner cost is \$12.

Local wines and a selection of other beverages will be available for purchase from Helen's Hut.

## Murphys Homecoming

Homecoming this year is scheduled for Saturday, July 16 and has been revamped as a **family fun-filled event**. Lots of games, old time photo ops, bocce tournaments, and more! The day kicks off at 8:00 with an organized run/walk on Six Mile Road by the Murphys Firecracker Five. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., "Jail or Bail" in the Murphys Pokey for selected residents, and at 11:30 a.m. a concert by the Calaveras Community Band. Our annual Old Timers Luncheon at noon is available to residents of Murphys, Vallecito and Douglas Flat age 70+ years of age that have resided in the area for at least 10 years. The luncheon is free, but advance reservations are a **MUST**. Please call Sue Friedman at (209) 728-8183 by July 11 to reserve space. The Calaveras Mentoring Foundation will again host the annual Duck Races beginning at 1:00 p.m.

## Park Fundraiser

We wish to again thank Steve and Carolyn Gonzales for generously donating their beautiful property for our third fundraiser to be held at The Garden in Murphys on Saturday, Sept. 10. Watch for your personal invitation in the mail, or reserve early by calling Sue Friedman at (209) 728-8183. Everyone is welcome, so invite friends to join you for this Hawaiian-themed evening!