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Fitch Mountain Footrace



The early 10K leaders

About 250 runners registered for the 10k and 3k courses of the 47th annual Fitch Mountain Footrace held on Sunday June 18. About 130 runners finished the 10K course and about 120 finished the 3K. The event went off very well thanks to the efforts of event co-chairs Ron and Debi Doble, event committee members, the many club members and other volunteers needed to monitor intersections along the racecourse and Boy Scout Troop 21 members who manned the water stations, all of whom deserve a huge thank you for a job well done. Special thanks to our 15 sponsors shown in the photo of the back of the race tee shirt.



Healdsburg Running Co. provided timing services.

Overall medal winners are shown in the following table. Medals were also awarded to winners in the various age groups.

	Male		Female	
10K				
1	Grant Hotaling	37:20.58	Melanie Mathewson	45:03:47
2	Dante Godinez	39:35.33	Catherine Dubay	45:10:33
3	Xavier Surgeon	39:58.44	Cindy Taylor	48:55:74
3K				
1	Hans Amador	15:05.79	Diana Wanzer	15:06.90
2	A. Hansen	15:11.80	Minerva Vargas	16:48.24
3	E. Petersen	15:29.86	D. Ortiz	16:57.42

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Annex unless noted otherwise.

Meeting Dates:

Jul 4: No Meeting, attend Scouts Pancake Breakfast at the Villa.



Jul 11: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Lucy Lewand presenting a "Happy for no reason" workshop.

Jul 18: Evening meeting at 5:45 noon, Kiwanis Night at the Prune Packers.

Jul 20: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Jul 25: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Build, retain and support a growing Healdsburg Kiwanis Club for the next 100 years.

Save the Date

Aug 8: Kiwanis sponsored Tuesday night music in the Plaza – Danny Click & the Hell Yeahs!

Aug 26: Brandt's Beach BBQ.

Sep 30: Denny's deinstallation party. Details later.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Dennis Stead (433-6503) or Secretary Nancy Arsenaault (949-257-6739).

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Total revenue banked for the benefit of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship fund was about \$8,000.



Liz and Joanne pass out medals



10K 1st place Grant Hotaling celebrating with his biggest fan



10K 2nd place Dante Godinez (2022 1st place)

Some of the age group winners



The Peterson Family



Dave Keller & Sidney Sheehy



Hans Amador & Diana Wanzer



Aaron Wilch

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Harry Jackson – July 1
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Todd Brandt – July 10
Kathy Burgess – July 16

Kiwanis Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Club during the month of July:

Richard Bugarske - 7-1-03
George Clough - 7-14-98
Richard Iverson - 7-15-86
Edgar Deas - 7-22-86

The President’s Message

As I am writing this, it is just a few days before the 4th of July. I love the 4th, one of my favorites! It is a time to celebrate being a citizen of the greatest nation in the world. I am a veteran and proud to have defended what America stands for! On the 4th, raise a glass to us, the Americans!!

Moving on to the 18th of July, we, the mighty Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg, will descend upon the Baseball stadium that is home to the famous Prune Packers. It is our night. The Kiwanis, their families and friends, will be "In House", rooting for the home team. Join us for the fun.

One other big event not to be missed is August 8th. It will be "Kiwanis Night" and as sponsor of the "Music in the Plaza", we will have food, drink, pop-ups, banners and a lot of fun. I want all of our Kiwanis family to be there. Even our Senator, Mike McGuire, will join us! Dance to the "Hell Yeah Boys"!

We continue to celebrate our 100th year as Kiwanis of Healdsburg.
Denny



Thanks again to our sponsors!



Staying with our 100th Anniversary theme, *bigger and better*, these beautiful medals were awarded to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place 3K and 10K runners, including overall and each of the various age groups.

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Nancy Arsenault

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the June 2023 Board meeting:

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$39,672 allocated as follows:
 - Admin Fund, \$34,041
 - Admin Fund Reserve \$5,000
 - The Charity Funds:
 - Rowdy Yates \$218
 - Denny Stead \$423

Admin Business and Service

- A motion was passed to remove Don Marshall from the Healdsburg Kiwanis roster. Don has moved out of the area.
- A motion was passed to move Richard Iverson from active to honorary member of Healdsburg Kiwanis.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Healdsburg Center for the Arts - \$250 for the Healdsburg Art After Dark program.
- Boy Scout Troop 21 - \$6,000. Funds Request- Their request was for \$5,000 for various activities and needs. An additional \$1,000 was approved, commemorating our 100th Anniversary.
- The 20/30 Club requested a donation of \$1,000 for their Barn Dance. A motion was made and seconded that we not support this event.

President's Update:

- The president updated the board on upcoming events we need to prepare for and suggested that we need some committees for some of the events.

Financials

- The Financial Report was not complete at this time because of confusion as to where some of the money should have gone, (foundation or admin.) Some of the Fire and Earthquake Expo funds may have been put into Admin in error. Ron will have better numbers at our next board meeting.

Club Presentations, Correspondence, Service

- Handheld Fans- Susan and Nancy would like to add a recruitment sticker on the back of the fans to give information about the club and how to join before passing them out.
- Social Night Meeting: Prune Packers- Liz and Rowdy will form a committee for the July 18th Prune Packers Social evening. We will need banners, signs, food, and possibly hand out handheld fans for the 100th anniversary.
- Social Night Meeting: Tuesday Night in the Plaza- Our August 8th evening social will be located at the plaza as we host the music for the evening. We will need food, banners, signs, tables, chairs, and maybe potluck food. Liz, Barbara, Rowdy, Susan, Joanne, Brian, and Anna will all be involved with this event.
- Brandt's Beach BBQ- We will need a committee to organize the BBQ on August 26th at Brandt's Beach.
- Social Night Meeting: Pool Party for Installation/Deinstallation- On September 30th the installation of the new president and the deinstallation of the current one will be at Denny Stead's home. We will need a committee to help with this event.
- Thank You Notes- Barbara suggested writing thank you notes to all who donated to our 100th Year Anniversary Booklet.
- Scholarship Distribution Formula- Dick suggested the club distribute the funds for scholarships possibly as 40% vocational and 60% 4-year college funds. Liz asked about the 17K given each year. Dick explained we can allocate money for more scholarships which he will clarify and present to the Board at our next meeting.

Meetings

Jun 6: Dick Bugarske - Introducing the 2023 Healdsburg Prune Packers - Opening Day

On June 6, opening day for the Prune Packers' 2023 season, Dick presented an interesting PowerPoint show summarizing Prune Packers history and introducing us to the 2023 team.

- In February 1921, the Chamber of Commerce voted to bring back a baseball team to Healdsburg.



- In March, over 50 folks moved tons of earth and built a fence creating Recreation Park.
- In 1923 lumber from the bankrupt Cotati Speedway was brought to Healdsburg and the present-day Clarence Ruonavaara Stadium was constructed at Rec. Park.
- The Prune Packers played only a handful of games in the 1930's due to the financial challenges of fielding a team and attracting fans.
- In the late 1940's local baseball teams were formed in Santa Rosa and many local residents played with teams like the Ind. Order of Odd Fellows.
- In 1951 the Prune Packers returned to Rec. Park with a 15-game schedule.
- Struggling to find sponsors, the Prune Packers limped into the 1961 season.
- Prune Packer baseball was inactive for the remainder of the 20th century. Softball leagues took over Rec. Park. Teams called the Prune Packers and the Prune Pits vied for softball victories. Youth Baseball was sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club and Little League baseball programs expanded.
- In 1990 the Redwood Empire Baseball League was created, and teams played regular fast pitch baseball, continuing to this day.
- In April 2012, the refurbished Rec. Park stadium was named after Clarence Ruonavaara, and the Prune Packers were reborn with the help of the American Legion.
- In 2016 the Prune Packers joined the California Collegiate League.
- The Prune Packers were 2021 and 2022 CCL Champions.

The 2023 team of 39 players represent 35 Hometowns and 22 Universities. Several players from recent teams are now playing in the majors. The success of the Prune Packers has gotten the attention of University sports program managers and major league baseball scouts, promising continued success.

As of June 30 the Prune Packers 2023 win/loss record was 14-3 (CCL) and 21-3 (Overall).

Jun 13: Hayley Bly, Dr. of Development and Dale Schroeter, community Engagement Manager, Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma and Marin.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are continuing to recover and grow following the difficult times during the pandemic.

- 40 club locations are now open.
 - 10,000 youth are served annually.
 - 350,000 healthy meals are served annually.
 - 12 communities across Sonoma- Marin are served.
- Boys and Girls Clubs serve “Young people who need us most.”
- 81% of current Club Members are low income or extremely low income & can't afford current program.
 - 73% are English learners & need additional academic support.

Programs are designed for priority outcomes: academic success, good character, healthy lifestyles and creative expression. The clubs support learning with 34 academic programs aligned to new standards and fully integrated into the school day. The goal: 100% of members complete 100% of school and homework daily.

Hayley visited us last year and told us about plans for rebuilding and expanding the Healdsburg clubhouse. At the same time a capitol campaign was in progress for a new clubhouse at Roseland and it was impractical to for a capitol campaign for Healdsburg at the same time. The \$17 million Roseland clubhouse was recently completed after a 10-month construction period. The capitol campaign for Healdsburg is now underway.



Recently completed Boys & Girls Club of Roseland

Jun 20: Don McEnhill, Executive Director, Russian Riverkeeper



Don gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Russian River Keepers organization and the present and future operation and management of the river in response to climate change.

Climate change is causing a disruption in the annual weather pattern with more extended droughts and more intense storms and runoff, affecting water storage and usage. Aquifers adjacent to the river provide plenty of space to store water during high runoff years for use in drought periods. Getting river water into the aquifer is becoming more critical and Riverkeepers and landowners are working to improve this process.

Vineyard owners are changing their farming methods to enhance the flow of flood water into the aquifer.

The Riverkeeper has received grants “to remove *Arundo donax*, provide floodplain restoration, advocate against unchecked ground water pumping, help in fire and flood recovery, ensure river and watershed trash cleanup and support water conservation.”

<https://russianriverkeeper.org>

Arundo donax is an invasive species that forms dense stands on riparian areas, and wetlands. It has invaded the Russian River and is threatening the ecosystems by outcompeting native species, such as willows. The Giant Reed is an extreme fire hazard and water guzzler. Once the invasive plant is removed, it opens up the riverbanks for native plants to establish. The plant has a dense root system that impedes water movement from the river to replenish the adjacent aquifer.

Riverkeeper crews and volunteers are working hard to remove *Arundo donax* along the river in the Fitch Mountain area from Digger Bend to the 101 bridge.



Jun 27: Evening Meeting at 6 pm, Backyard Barbeque hosted by Judy and Steve Everett.

About 30 members and guests attended the party in Steve & Judy’s patio. We enjoyed an abundance of appetizers brought by members, pleasant conversation and catching up with recent absentees. After about an hour, Judy ordered us to stop eating because the main course was on the grill. We enjoyed the fare consisting of Hot Dogs, Polish Dogs, & Pineapple Bacon Sausages with some Summer Salads, with Red & White Wine and Steve's famous margaritas.



Pancake Breakfast for Healdsburg Junior High School 8th graduates

Thursday June 8 was graduation day for the Healdsburg Junior High School eighth graders. With Loretta Strong at the helm, our club members joined the celebration and prepared and served breakfast to 97 graduates before sending them on their way to celebrate this special day.

Jerry Strong cooked 10 pounds of sausages to a golden brown and Harry Jackson mixed 15 pounds of batter mix to the proper and mostly lump free consistency and Eric Smith heated the griddle to a perfect temperature and flipped 220 pancakes. The breakfast was complete with a delicious fresh berry compote prepared by Loretta. A contingent of Kiwanians helped set up, work the serving line, cleanup, and all other necessary tasks. Thanks to all for the hard work and the HJHS kitchen staff for cheerfully putting up with us.

Special thanks to Frank Teuschler and the American Legion for loaning the Legion's pancake grilling machine including early morning delivery to the school and pick up after it cooled.



Harry stirs it up



Eric Flips 'em



Jerry is amazed at his newfound talent



Serving it up



Selfie by Susan with Denny, Joanne, Dick, Debby, Eric, Lucy, Loretta, Jerry, Harry



The Grads enjoy their breakfast

The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG



**Denny, Eric, Loretta, Jerry & Harry
sample their product**

Happy/Sad\$\$

Judy Everett happy that 4 friends came to the meeting with her.

Dick Bugarske happy that 6 of 8 grandchildren are visiting.

Loretta Strong sad for an alarming phone call that Hankie was chasing a car down Grove Street.

Patty also was alarmed when the power went out at the dialysis clinic, but happy that Rick is ok.

Healdsburg Rec Park

Kiwanis night!

July 18th
6 PM
Ticket \$8

www.prunepackers.org/game-schedule

The complex block features two logos at the top: the Healdsburg Prune Packers Baseball Club logo (EST 1921) and the Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg International 100 Years logo. Below the logos is the text 'Healdsburg Rec Park'. The main part of the block is a photograph of baseball players in maroon uniforms cheering behind a chain-link fence. The text 'Kiwanis night!' is written in a stylized font across the top of the photo. To the right of the photo, the date 'July 18th', time '6 PM', and 'Ticket \$8' are listed. At the bottom of the photo, the website 'www.prunepackers.org/game-schedule' is provided.

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May 5, 2023

To the Board of Directors,

It is with great sorrow that I must resign as a member of this auspicious organization. I began my association with Kiwanis in 1955 while in business in Southern California. Served as President of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club in 1961 and attended the International Convention in Toronto Canada.

On July 15, 1986 I was elected an Active Member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. Ray Blatt was President and Don Reukema Secretary. I have enjoyed serving the Club and the delightful community of Healdsburg these many years.

Now at the age of 96, I find my health does not allow me to continue. My best wishes for the Club's 100th year and may it serve our community forever.

Farewell to you all!

Rich Iverson
Rich Iverson

Richard's resignation was considered at our June 23 board meeting, and he was awarded honorary membership in recognition of his many years of service to Kiwanis.