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Happy New Year! And this will be a very Happy New Year indeed for all of the many supporters of the Save Our Bridge Campaign as we hope to see the actual restoration work begin on the Bridge later this year. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed towards, supported and shown such persistence in helping to drive this project forward! There will be a meeting on Friday January 12, 2018 with California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff to receive a thorough update on the Bridge Project. DPR staff will also be providing current information on the Solar Installation project at Malakoff Diggins Historic State Park. We are looking forward to a complete update on the two projects and an opportunity to discuss the implications for both Parks as a result of the scope of work to be performed and the impacts the projects will have on Park operations as they move forward. Please watch for a Press Release after the meeting for a complete update. This is an exciting time for our Parks and community as over $4,000,000 will be spent on these two very important projects. We trust that the Bridge Project will move forward according to schedule, and we ask that you continue to stay engaged in the process. As with any major construction project, there will be the need to adhere to the requests of the Contractors and DPR staff with regard to accessing certain areas of the Park. There may be some temporary inconveniences, yes, but it will be well worth it for the day in 2019 when we all will be able to once again walk across this historic treasure of California Gold Rush History. You will have saved the longest single span wood covered bridge left in the world!

Doug Moon, Chair Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee

Save Our Bridge Campaign Information table at the SYRPA Fall Festival October 2017
President’s Message

Winter is a quiet time at our Park. This edition of the newsletter is an opportunity to reflect on the events of this last year and to look forward to the New Year.

Happy New Year everyone!

2017 was very busy for our Association, including our Fall Festival, the Member and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in September, and our Holiday Potluck. We also made a significant effort to connect with the Penn Valley community and businesses. SYRPA became the first non-profit member of the Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce this year and hosted a Chamber of Commerce mixer at Bridgeport. We were also very conspicuous participants in the Penn Valley Rodeo Parade.

I wish to thank the other officers and directors for their efforts this past year and their willingness to serve in the coming year: Carol Berry, Vice President, Ann Wright, Secretary and Bill Stamatis, Treasurer, John Field, Paul Keasberry (who also serves as Vice-Chair of Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins), Doug Moon (who also serves as Chairman of the Save Our Bridge Committee), Bob Slyker, Bruce Stanton, Margaret Vodicka and Warren Wittich. This is a very talented group that works well together. If you have any interest in joining the Board or learning more about the activities of the Association please contact me or any other Board Member. I also wish to thank the members of the Association for their support of the Board – it is much appreciated.

Thanks are also due to the Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins Executive Committee, chaired by Dave Anderson. The committee continues to work to reinvigorate the role of the Cooperating Association in supporting educational and interpretive activities at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. In 2017, the committee completed and began implementing its strategic plan. In addition to holding the 51st Humbug Day in June, they introduced a new event; French Connection, in September celebrating the role French miners, engineers and others played in the history of North Bloomfield, the Town of Malakoff and Malakoff Diggins.

Looking forward, our most critical challenge is the effort to assure that our iconic covered bridge is fully restored and maintained. Earlier this year, the balance of the funding required to complete the restoration was included in the state’s budget. At this time, it is anticipated that construction will begin in the spring. (See the article from the Save Our Bridge Committee for a more complete update.)

The Board also will be looking at other strategic initiatives and action plans. Please let me or any other Board member know if you have ideas or issues that you believe we should address or would like to participate in the development of the update of our strategic plan.

Please remember that it is time for us to renew our annual memberships. Membership dues play a large role in our ability to perform our mission of providing interpretive and financial support to our park. It is also a good time to invite others who enjoy our park to also join our association or to volunteer.

The Association needs help for events, fund raising and many other activities in support of our goals. Please consider volunteering your time. We will appreciate your commitment and will respect your time. We have a very talented pool of members.

Finally I want to wish for everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

See you in the parks!

Robert Coats
SUPERVISING RANGER REPORT

Happy Holidays to our Park Volunteers and Partners! As we end 2017 and look forward to 2018, I am excited to see what this upcoming year brings. I am excited since I believe that California State Parks is truly starting to recover from the economic downturn that the early 2000s devastated us with. Did you know that in 2007 the South Yuba Ranger staff consisted of seven Rangers and one Supervising Ranger? Currently, we have only three Rangers assigned to the South Yuba River State Park and just one Supervising Ranger to cover all three parks in the Sector. We have been doing more with less for a long while. I am encouraged by what I have been hearing and seeing lately with our Department. Our Department has tapped into a new funding source that could very well turn into much needed permanent field positions. If this happens, minor maintenance project timelines will shorten, new and improved interpretive programs will be developed and morale will reach new heights. We could see some of these changes this upcoming year. Fingers crossed! Now you know what I asked Santa Clause for…

Lastly, I want to thank all of our dedicated and positive minded volunteers that have given so much this year. Remember, without your passion, our parks are merely just structures and static displays. Volunteers make our Parks come to life!

Supervising Ranger Dan Youngren

Welcome Allyssa Borich;
New Park Interpretive Specialist for South Yuba River State Park

I have been very fortunate in my life to have visited many State and National Parks. I am dedicated to committing my creativity, and innovation to cultivate amazing possibilities to explore, celebrate, interact and learn in these jewels of America that are preserved for the world. My favorite thing about South Yuba River State Park is the accessibility of California's gold rush history for visitors. I am excited to delve again into this unique and beautiful State Park and discover what makes it special, and what makes visitors return time and again. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and a minor in Spanish. My degrees taught me immense respect for the trade-off between history and innovation; we must respect the past while forging ahead into the future. Updating our historic parks is a balance between modernization, and preservation of historic integrity. I look forward to working alongside Park Staff, Associations, and volunteers to engage the public, and enhance the park experience. I am excited to learn what your favorite aspect of our park is.

Allyssa Borich
Park Interpretive Specialist
Bridgeport Fall Festival

Sunshine, music, laughter, performances, exhibits, demonstrations, and food welcomed the community when they arrived at the Bridgeport Fall Festival on October 22, 2017. This annual event would not be possible without the support of The South Yuba River Park Association (SYRPA), over 80 hard working Park volunteers, State Park Rangers and staff, plus the sponsors, raffle donors, and exhibitors.

The day’s activities included music by The Buffalo Gals, a revival of "Ghosts of Bridgeport" reenactment, hayrides on Rod Hisken's John Deere tractor, and wild bird presentations by Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release of Grass Valley. There were tables with representation by Sierra Foothills Audubon Society, the Nisenan Tribe, Sierra Club, Eco-NU, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Nevada California State Parks, and of course, SYRPA and Save Our Bridge.

Among other activities were basket weaving, wool spinning, face painting, pumpkin painting, gold panning, children's games, barn tours and much more for kids of all ages. The 1920's gas station was open serving our popular and delicious root beer floats and for observation of the beautiful diorama housed within.

Food and drink was available from vendors including Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Penn Valley Rodeo Association, Culture Shock Yogurt and scrumptious home made cakes by Marji Kerhart.

Although the Covered Bridge is still closed for renovation, the fence was down so that people could peer into it as they listened to one of the Ghosts of the Past stories. From the Bridge, the audience continued on hearing from other Living Legends of Bridgeport ending up at the Kneebone Cemetery. Thank you to Jenna Randar, our Park Interpretive Specialist, and her actors for bringing back this wonderful program.

The day concluded with raffles and a silent auction of items donated by many very generous SYRPA Board members, docents and merchants. A big thank you to our sponsors - Susan and Jeff George, Penn Valley Rodeo Association, Penn Valley Mini Storage, and Carolyn Winters. The money raised supports interpretive and educational activities at the Park year round.

Attending the Bridgeport Fall Festival was, once again, a great way to experience one of our local treasures in Nevada County...The South Yuba River State Park at Bridgeport.

Thanks to all!
Margaret Vodicka

To see more photos, go to:
http://lindberglee.com/SYRPAassoc/Recent/2017_FallFestival/17Fallfest1.html
A HOLIDAY POT LUCK TO REMEMBER!

On a beautiful cold Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, 2017, many South Yuba River Park Association / Friends of North Bloomfield, Malakoff Diggins Members, Docents, Volunteers and State Park retirees gathered in the Oak Room at Lake Wildwood to celebrate the Holidays and share food and fun stories. Food was aplenty and festivity in the air. Many individuals were commended for their dedication to South Yuba River Park Association, Friends of North Bloomfield and their respective State Parks. SYRPA President Robert Coats noted that the wheels were turning to get the work started on the Bridgeport Covered Bridge but cautioned folks not to get too anxious as the work must proceed according to plan. Dave Anderson of FNBMD lauded all the effort that resulted in making the French Connection a success, in commemorating the French involvement in the Gold Rush and Malakoff Diggins. Dave introduced Tina Wener as the newest member of the FNB/MD Executive Committee. Melinda Booth was introduced as the new Executive Director of the South Yuba River Citizens League. She is anxious to get acquainted with all the people and entities working for the good of the river, its watershed and the folks that appreciate it all.

Our Event Planning Committee had some last minute illnesses and medical issues arise (including our entertainer, Heather McAdam!). We missed our fallen comrades but other members stepped up to make the event a success. We were able to secure a musician replacement, Jim Bratt, who worked out great. A special Thank You to Ann Wright and the set-up volunteers Bev Morgan-Fuller, Ardie Obert, Kathy Field, John Field, and Margaret Vodicka. Also our substitute bar tending team of Dave Anderson and Robert Coats did a great job keeping everyone’s glass full. It was truly wonderful to spend time and Holiday cheer with so many of our Park friends and Supporters.

Larry Clark and Doug Moon
2018 Bird Walks at South Yuba River State Park

A new Calendar of the 2018 Bird Walk at Bridgeport is now available in the Visitor Center at Bridgeport or on the Park Association Web Site (http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org/). Also see following page. There will be a bird walk on the second Saturday of each month (excluding August and November when no walks are scheduled). Participants should meet in the Bridgeport north parking lot at 7:30 AM for spring/summer walks and at 8:00 AM for walks in the fall and winter. Binoculars are a must; however, for those who do not have binoculars the Docents usually have an extra pair.

All ranges of experience in bird watching from those who are observing birds for the first time to more experience watchers (birders or twichers in England and Australia) are welcomed on the walks. It’s an old birder’s adage that the more eyes watching the more species observed. Frequently, we see 25 to 30 species on the walks.

Hopefully, this year will see a return of the nesting pair of bald eagles that have raised young in the Bridgeport area for a number of years. Compared to other raptors bald eagles are early breeders: nest and egg laying occur in late winter and incubation/hatching in the spring. The young eagles fledge (have grown feathers necessary to fly) in late May or June. The picture to the right (taken by SYRSP docent Jan Peters in July 2017 from the Point Defiance Trail) shows the two eaglets raised in the park last year with their protective mother.

Another notable bird species frequently seen in the park is the American Dipper. This was John Muir’s favorite bird. He called it by it’s old name “Water Ouzel”. These plump sooty-gray birds are found by or in the river’s rapids and are often seen diving into the fast-flowing river and then reappearing some distance downstream. Dippers have evolved many specialized adaptions to suit their aquatic lifestyles.

You can learn more about these most interesting birds and observe more birds, including various woodpeckers, blue birds, kinglets, phoebes and the many spring migrants in the park (warblers, grosbeaks, swallows, etc.), by attending one of the walks. Who knows, you might discover a new interest or hobby!

Bob Slyker Director, SYRPA Board
JOIN US FOR
BIRD WALKS
AT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK

2018 BIRD WALK DATES:

Saturday, January 13
Saturday, February 10
Saturday, March 10
Saturday, April 14
Friday, May 4
Saturday, May 19
Saturday, June 9
Saturday, July 14
Saturday, September 7
Saturday, October 13
Saturday, December 8

ALL OF THE WALKS WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 AM EXCEPT FOR JUNE, JULY, & SEPTEMBER WALKS, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 AM. MEET AT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK’S NORTH PARKING LOT. WEAR WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING & BRING BINOCULARS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK AT (530) 432-2546.
Geology Tour of Buttermilk Bend Trail Added to Parks Interpretive Programs

This past December SYRSP Docents led their first geology tour on the Buttermilk Bend Trail. The tour included a lecture to provide background on the Park’s complicated geologic history and then a walk to observe some of these geologic features on the trail. Participants also received a tour guide “Geology of the South Yuba State Park – A Self-Guided Tour on the Buttermilk Bend Trail”. This guide is available on the Park Association’s web site and will also be available in hard copy starting January 2018 in the visitor center. The next Docent-led geology tour at Bridgeport will be on Saturday March 17, 2018. Time of the tour will be announced later.

The objective of the Geology Tour is that participants learn a little bit about the complex geologic history of the area and about the rock types along the Bridgeport portion of the South Yuba River. There will be a general geology review at the beginning of the tour to provide background for the geologic terms and concepts that will be discussed while walking the Buttermilk Bend Trail. The review will also give participants some information on the Park’s regional geologic setting. The area bounded by South Yuba River State Park was an important gold-bearing locality during the California Gold Rush in the 1850’s and again in the 1930’s during the Great Depression. The geologic history of these gold deposits will also be included on in the tour.

The South Yuba River within the State Park cuts through four major tectonic belts (assemblage of rocks of any origin that have been folded or mixed together). Like a surgeon, the 20-mile long scenic river canyon within the Park has cut an incision across these belts. This has provided geologists with a cross-section of the ancient oceanic-continental tectonic plate boundaries within the Park during Jurassic (about 160 million years ago) period and older times. Participants will learn details about these relationships and more specifically about the rocks exposed within the South Yuba River State Park at Bridgeport. Come take a Docent-led walk along this beautiful trail and learn about the Park’s geologic past.

Bob Slyker, Director SYRPA Board
WORK PARTY ON INDEPENDENCE TRAIL A BIG SUCCESS

The 2017 Independence Trail work party season closed on Saturday, December 9th with a large volunteer turnout. More than 20 volunteers came out to work on the West Trail. Volunteers leaders, Warren Wittich from South Yuba River Park Association, “SYRPA” and Shaun Clarke from Bear Yuba Land Trust, “BYLT” got the crew started on many projects for cleaning up the trail. The whole West Trail was addressed by a brush cutting crew. Repairs were made to walkways, railings and flumes. Work was done to clean up the picnic area just past the Rush Creek flume. Leaves and dirt were removed from the many flumes (bridges) to help slow down the deterioration. This effort was a huge success.

SYRPA members who volunteered were Robert Coats, Ron Berry, Dennis Wescot, Zoli Bissoof, Karen Synowiec and Mary Ann Coleman. Michael Flynn, who is a neighbor of the trail came to take a hike and ended up staying to volunteer. He enjoyed it so much he said he will be back. BYLT signed in 8 members.

The two leaders, Warren and Shaun said it was this was the best work party they had seen in years. They also feel that the trail looks better than it has in some time.

The trail still needs some major work which will take time and money. If anyone would like to help the Independence Trail become a better place to recreate please write to Mary Ann Coleman at maryann1015@gmail.com. We would like to have you as a volunteer on the Independence Trail crew.

Warren Wittich
Pictures by Mary Ann Coleman

A Special Cub Scout Pack Visit to the Park

Cub Scout Pack 64 would like to express our gratitude in being allowed to visit the South Yuba River State Park this October to learn about the local area and its history. Our Pack is based from Beale Air Force Base, CA. Our Cub Scouts range in age from 6-13 years of age and are all children of Active Duty Air Force members. We even have Scouts with parents currently deployed. We were grateful to have Park volunteers to guide our Scouts and Pack leadership on a hike, while re-visiting the rules of Leave No Trace and identifying various trees, plants, and more. Following that, the Pack had the opportunity to learn some of the history of the Gold Rush and about gold panning.

As military families we move often and this opportunity was a unique one in creating some awesome memories for our Scouts and families for their time in California, while also working on their required adventures for the various ranks. Many of our Pack and their parents had not realized how close we lived to the SYRSP and commented on how beautiful the area is and that they would love to visit again. Thank you so much for your hospitality!

Cheri Black, Committee Chair of Pack 64

Our Cubmaster is Brian Bilello. Den Leaders pictured include Edgar Black and Joe Yant. Permission to list the children’s names was not given.
Recent Passing of Kneebone Family Members

As we all know time waits for none of us. Friends and family see their loved ones pass on after hopefully a long and fruitful life. Since 2002 we at Bridgeport have seen the passing of three decedents of park pioneers Andrew and Victoria Kneebone; Lucille Victoria Kneebone who died on March 31, 2002, Tosca “June” Kneebone Ferretti and Edwin “Butch” Kneebone. I personally had the pleasure of knowing and working with two of them, Lucille Victoria Kneebone daughter of Alfred and Lucy Kneebone and Tosca “June” Kneebone Ferretti daughter of Charles Andrew Kneebone, Alfred’s brother, she died on April 20, 2017. As the docent ranger during the later 1990’s, I encouraged them to come to Bridgeport to help us better understand their stories here and thereby learn a clearer picture of the park’s cultural history.

They were the best of friends and first cousins too and they always visited Bridgeport together. For several years, they attended the annual Kneebone Reunion and I greatly enjoyed our meetings. Both were cheerful and warm hearted and made my job easy. They both aided the park by completing their oral histories at the time. I remember June and Lucille telling wonderful stories of them playing together as young girls here at Bridgeport. With Lucille and Alfrieda, Lucille’s younger sister, helping at the Kneebone Pleasure Resort. After I retired in 2004, I had the pleasure of meeting Ed Kneebone son of Lucille Caroline Jareske Kneebone, wife of Milton Edward Kneebone who passed away on June 23, 2011. He had brought his mother Lucille Caroline to the park for a visit. This was during one of our living history days when I played the part of the great teamster pioneer Andrew Kneebone, Lucille Victoria and Tosca June’s grandfather and Ed’s great grandfather. Ed passed away on June 1 of this year and will be laid to rest next to his parents Milton Edward Kneebone and Lucille Caroline Jareski Kneebone in their family cemetery here at the park. Tosca “June” Kneebone Ferretti is buried in the old Auburn cemetery next to her father Charles Kneebone, brother of Alfred Kneebone.

I would like to acknowledge these wonderful people, their lives and give thanks for the heritage they have left for us at Bridgeport.

Chuck Scimeca, South Yuba River State Park Ranger, retired
The Roles of the
South Yuba River Park Association (SYRPA) and State Park Volunteers

There are often questions about the different roles of SYRP Members and the role of State Park Volunteers. This article helps describe the respective roles of State Park volunteers and SYRPA members.

Volunteers and non-profit organizations are an integral part of the California State Parks experience. Most State Parks have a Volunteers in Parks Program (VIPP) and also benefit from the support of a Cooperating Association, such as SYRPA. Many interpretive and educational programs in State Parks would not exist without the participation of State Park volunteers and the support of a Cooperating Association, such as SYRPA.

**Volunteers in parks Program:** The purpose of VIPP is to provide service supporting the mission of State Parks that would not otherwise be provided if State Parks could only rely on State Park staff. State Park volunteers act under the direction and control of State Park staff. State Park volunteers support Park staff in administration, interpretation, Park operations and facilities/grounds maintenance. Volunteers who are trained to provide interpretive services are often referred to as Docents. All Docents are volunteers, but not all volunteers are Docents. Docents go through specific training in a particular Park function such as Gold Panning, Barn Tours, Wildflower walk leaders, etc.

**South Yuba River Park Association:** SYRPA is a nonprofit public benefit corporation established for charitable purposes. It is organized and operated for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 510© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The primary purpose of SYRPA is to promote educational and interpretive activities of the State Parks, principally in Nevada County. It is a “Cooperating Association” under a contract between it and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. (DPR). SYRPA funds its activities through the sale of educational and interpretive material through Visitor Centers staffed by State Park volunteers and Park staff, fundraising, including cash and in-kind donations and memberships.

SYRPA members serve on the SYRPA Board, maintain the websites, ([www.southyubariverstatepark.org](http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org)) and ([www.malakoffdigginsstatepark.org](http://www.malakoffdigginsstatepark.org)), produce the newsletters, and organize events, including Celebrate Spring, Fall Festival, Humbug Day and the French Connection. State Park volunteers may help staff events.

Clearly, State Park volunteers are not required to be Cooperating Association members, however, State Park volunteers and staff are encouraged to join and support the Associations.

**In Summary:**
Many SYRPA members are also State Park volunteers, but not all SYRSPA members serve as volunteers. Many, but not all State Park volunteers are SYRPA members.

Of course, from a visitor’s perspective, whether services are delivered by State Park staff, State Park volunteers and Docents or SYRPA members is unimportant. What is important is that services are delivered in a professional manner and enhance the visitor’s experience to our Parks.

We encourage all State Park volunteers to join the South Yuba River Park Association to help further support our mission to promote and enhance our Parks. If you are interested in joining SYRPA, please visit our website at [www.southyubariverstatepark.org](http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org). On the home page, in the right column, click on “Become a Member” or contact any SYRPA Board member (see page 14 for contact info) To become a State Park Volunteer, please contact State Park staff member Jenna Rander; [jenna.randar@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jenna.randar@parks.ca.gov), or any Park staff.

Robert Coats, President SYRPA Board
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Below is a list of the current South Yuba River Park Association Board of Directors. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of your Board Members. This is a highly dedicated group of volunteers who put in many hours each month to preserve, protect, support and promote the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins Historical State Park. They can always use more help. Please consider becoming more active in Park activities, helping staff events and the Visitor Centers. New Coordinators are needed for programs such as Gold Panning, Wildflower Walks, and Beautification of Park grounds. Please contact any Board member or Senior Park Aide & Volunteer Coordinator: Dan Roediger at 530-432-2546, email Daniel.Roediger@parks.ca.gov to volunteer.

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WINTER/SPRING 2018
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◇ BIRD WALKS: Saturdays, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14, Friday May 4, Saturdays May 19, June 9, July 14, Sept 7, Oct 13, Dec 8; All walks start at 8:00am *Except for June, July & Sept, which start at 7:30am ~Meet at the Bridgeport North parking lot.

◇ Geology Tour: Saturday, March 17th; time to be announced~Bridgeport

◇ Wild flower walks: Mid March - Mid May; Dates to be announced

◇ Humbug Day: Saturday June 9; 11:00am - 4:00pm Malakoff Diggins

◇ Ice Cream Social: September 2: Malakoff Diggins

◇ Malakoff’s French Connection: Saturday, September 8: Malakoff Diggins

Reoccurring events

◇ VISITOR CENTER Open Thursday–Sunday 11am-3pm

◇ SYRPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month; 9:00am~ Bridgeport

◇ FNB/MD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meetings: First Friday of each month

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