

Youth Sports Memories

The other night I went to an awards ceremony for Oroville Youth Soccer. What came to me during and after the ceremony and the dinner was that there is such tremendous camaraderie among the families, the coaches, and the Board of Directors for Oroville Youth Soccer. You can feel the closeness of all that are involved. I just have to commend Dan Briggs, this year's President of Oroville Youth Soccer, and all those who have worked tirelessly with the youth of Oroville. What I also realized more than ever before is that there is a desperate need for soccer fields in the Oroville area. Though I knew it before, I know it even more now. Riverbend Park is the perfect location to provide the turf area needed for years to come. There is space in the northern part of the park, roughly 20 acres, to develop four fields for play. It is so important for this community to step up and support Oroville Youth Soccer and the needs of the youth of Oroville. The District's mission is to embellish and enhance other existing sports fields that it owns. There is presently work on renovating with new improvements at Gary Nolan Sports Park- Playtown Park, as well as Nelson Sports Park.

I was recently talking with Monique Gurr, Chairman of the FRRPD Board of Directors, and she said to me, "Bob, it's all about the needs of youth." I cannot agree with her more. Youth sports, be it soccer, Little League, Rhinos and Eagles football, Rattlers Wrestling, Orcas Swim Team, or any of the other sports programs at the school districts, are the foundation for the future. Being a part of a sports team helps children develop in so many ways. It promotes a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally. It also builds friendships for years to come that are never forgotten.

Having mentioned all of this, what came to me was how simple the sport of soccer really is. And by that I mean it's all about working together as a team. At this time around Thanksgiving, those memories of good times playing with your friends and looking to those who are your mentors brings a closeness that you don't forget. Thanksgiving is about memories and being with those who you will never forget, be it your grandmother, your grandfather, your mom, your dad, your brother, your sister, your wife, your husband, your children, your dog, your cat, or whoever is important to you. But what a great time I had at the soccer dinner and awards ceremony, because it made me realize how Oroville Youth Soccer is making memories happen.

FRRPD Treasure Hunt Clue #3

Arrgh! It be dark and gloomy with the impacts to bow of the ship. But our swords be sharp and ready for battle in the land of gold. "X" marks the spot by a rock for James. Fer more information about the FRRPD Treasure Hunt, talk to the scoundrels at the FRRPD office, at 533-2011.

Top Ten

1. This year marks 30 years of soccer in Oroville, thanks to many people. To mention just a few of them Dr. Roy Shannon, Dr. Steve Rocchi, Bruce Roughton, Bill Caspers, and a host of many others have worked tirelessly for the youth of this community.
2. 15 years for Greenline Cycles is an incredible thing for an incredible guy named Dax Downey. Way to go, Dax!
3. Kudos to Dan and Kaye Wilson. Dan rides his bike up Montgomery Street, across the Upper Thermalito green bridge, up to Table Mt. Blvd., left on Nelson, and then right on County Center Drive to the County Public Works yard every day. And to his wife, Kaye, who tools around on her cool Vespa scooter. It's great to see people using other modes of transportation.
4. City of O staff for riding bikes to inspections and various other locations around town. Very cool and very efficient.

5. Jared Hancock, a new disc golf enthusiast, who was recently spotted at the fifth hole at the Riverbend Disc Golf Course. Great shot, Jared!
6. The continuation of great work on the bocce ball court at Hewitt Park.
7. Freda Flint and the Artists of River Town for advocating public art in public places such as parks.
8. The noon time Rotary for its interest and dedication to building a new concession stand for Oroville Youth Soccer at the north end of Riverbend Park.
9. FRRPD and the City of Oroville for passing through grant funding to Butte County to finally build the Oroville Veteran's Park. Let's quit talking and build it!
10. To Amanda Louderback and Jennifer Kremen for their outstanding application to the San Francisco Giants for the Junior Giants Baseball Program at Thermalito (Nelson) Sports Park this coming year.

Oroville Quote

"Oroville – easy to get to, hard to leave." Michaellee (Mikey) Malotte

Fun Facts

The average chocolate bar has 8 insect legs in it.

The average person laughs 15 times a day.

That fleshlike appendage that hangs off a turkey's neck is called the *wattle*. It can grow to great size, and is extremely elastic.

Turkeys have lived in North America for 10 million years.

FRRPD Upcoming Events

FRRPD will hold a ceremony to unveil the new arch at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park today at 11 AM, at the Wyandotte Avenue entrance. Come help us "Catch the Dream!"

The Creative Arts Centre will present "The Story of the Velveteen Rabbit" at the Municipal Auditorium, Nov. 23 at 7:30 PM, and Nov. 25 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$8 (general) and \$5 (12 and under and 60 and over) and are available at the FRRPD District Office and the Oroville Gymnastics Academy. Call 534-1478 for more information.

White Christmas Talent Show tryouts will be held on Nov. 30 at 5 PM in the Municipal Auditorium. Come show off your talent!

The KRBS and FRRPD Craft Fair will be held on Dec. 1 from 10 AM – 6 PM at the Municipal Auditorium.

The lighting of the Christmas tree will be held on Dec. 1 at 6 PM at the Municipal Auditorium Plaza.

Sign up now for John Allen's pie making class, which begins Dec. 6. Classes will be held at the Municipal Auditorium. Call the District office at 533-2011 for more information.

Random Thoughts – Keep it Simple

"The best way to secure future happiness is to be as happy as is rightfully possible today." Charles W. Eliot (1834-1926)

Happy Thanksgiving, and see you in the parks!