



Bridgeport News

South Yuba River State Park

South Yuba River Park Association

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Association Member Picnic President Anderson's Report

The Association held a Member Picnic at Bridgeport on the 17th of October. The purpose of the picnic was to introduce the Board and to allow the members to meet each other and to talk about our beloved park. We were fortunate to have Marilyn Linkem, Sierra District Superintendent with us. Marilyn gave an update on what is happening with our state parks and explained the latest information on the proposed repairs to the covered bridge. The bad news is that the necessary repairs will not be accomplished soon because of funding and environmental issues. She did, however, indicate that there may be some temporary stabilization repairs made to ensure that the bridge does not undergo further damage. The Association has agreed to contribute to the local matching funds if a suitable construction grant is found.

As part of a general review, I briefed the members on the purpose of the Association, the Association's Strategic plan, recent accomplishments, finances and planned future efforts. The Strategic Plan is our five-year vision for the Association; it is reviewed and updated every two years, and a review, led by V.P. Ron Ernst, has just been approved by the Board. You can read the Plan on our website at:

<http://southyubariverstatepark.org/Web%20Pages/member%20info.html> and click on Strategic Plan.



Recent accomplishments include the Phase I restoration of the 1927 Kneebone Shell gas station. The exterior walls, roof, shutters and signs were restored with Association funds. The inside store area, including shelving, display merchandise, and scale were restored as well. We are working on the Phase II conversion of the garage area into an interpretation room. At the picnic, many of our members offered good suggestions for improving our efforts, and those will be incorporated into the plans.



Cake was served

In all, I believe it was an enjoyable and informative event and we look forward to a repeat next year. Meanwhile I would like you to encourage others to join our Association, so we can increase our support to the Park and ask that you renew your memberships when they are due. The board is anxious to hear from you and always willing to listen to your suggestions and answer your questions. More photos follow. See you at the Park.

Dave Anderson





Supt. Marilyn Linkem

