

***Our summer youth golf program is starting again! Gold Rush is sponsoring eight weeks of free instruction and play at Mace Meadows Golf Club every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:00p.m. beginning June 20th. Gold Rush, Mace Meadows and Amador High School Golf Program staff will be working with youths interested in learning the game or improving their skills. Please call our office at 267-1441 to register.***

Summer is here and we are grateful for the warm weather at last. We had a great visit with those of you who were able to join us at the Gold Rush Ranch property for our first Barbeque and Site Tour event of the season. If you have not yet set a date for your site tour, we hope you'll join us this month.

The feature article this month is about the network of hiking and biking trails throughout the Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort. Safe walking and biking paths were one of the first on the list of needs voiced by the Sutter Creek Community in numerous public forums.

We are hosting more Community Workshops and Discussions on Friday June 9th and 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at our office in Sutter Creek. Our Workshops will offer updates on the project, a venue to address your comments and questions and extend information about our Site Tours. Refer to our calendar below for specific time and date information. If you would like to attend a workshop, please contact our office with a reservation so we are able to accommodate all interested Sutter Creek residents.

Please contact us if you would like to schedule a Site Tour. Our Site Tours are by reservation only. There are two scheduled Site Tours in June. The first will be on Saturday June 10th, meeting at the Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting Company in Sutter Creek at 10a.m. A Barbeque and Site Tour will be offered on Saturday June 24th at 12p.m. meeting at the Gold Rush Ranch property on Lower Ridge Road. Our calendar below lists the upcoming tour dates.

Our office address, phone number and web address are included below. We encourage residents to contact us with questions and comments on subjects of mutual concern.

Sincerely,  
*John Telischak, Bill Bunce and Troy Claveran*  
Project Sponsors

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## Walking Trails & Bike Paths at Gold Rush Ranch



The Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort project has been designed with extensive community input. Numerous public forums were held before the project plan was developed, inviting comments from public agency representatives as well as community members. One of the recurring desires voiced by the Sutter Creek community was the need for safe hiking and biking trails that would be open to the public. Many people have found that there is just not enough access to the beautiful land around Sutter Creek, so the project sponsors have incorporated a network of over five miles of biking and walking paths.

A comprehensive network of bike trails will allow active recreational activity linking all areas of the site. The bike trails will be separated from vehicular circulation and follow the main parkway and parkway loop along an eight foot wide path that will be dual directional. Additionally, an eight foot wide bike path with a three foot wide walking trail will follow along Ridge Road and will link back to the proposed neighborhood park located at an historically significant Miwok Indian grinding rocks site. A trail is also proposed to follow along the main parkways linking the Noble Ranch portion of the site to the Allen Ranch portion of the site. This could continue to the northeastern corner of the site, potentially linking to future trails connected to adjacent land parcels.

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## News Update & "Ask Troy"



### Amador High School Golf Team Finishes Strong

Under the direction of Head Coach Kevin Scott, the Amador High School Buffalo Golf Team won nine of their last eleven matches, pulling off a 3rd place finish in the Mother Lode League. In a great effort from this young team, Will Byrd, Max Deegan, Ben and Aaron Pearl qualified for the Sub-Section Tournament and all four were honored with All-League Team selection. Will Byrd qualified to play in the Section Final. The boys extend their appreciation to Sutter Creek residents Mark and Holly Bowers who paid for the Sub-Section Tournament entry fees for the team.

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Feature continued:

A linked system of walking trails and walkways will follow along all vehicular roadways and local streets throughout the project site. All walkways within the project are proposed to be separated from vehicular traffic by a landscape planting zone of varying widths. All walkways will be a minimum of four feet in width.

In addition to walking trails along roadways, an extensive system of nature trails will wind their way through the open space and conservation areas in the central and western portions of the project site. These nature trails will also highlight ecological, historical and archeological sites along the trails with interpretive exhibits and historical markers at a former gold mine, the Miwok grinding rocks, the former Lone Canal, and the historical dam site. Ecological interpretive signage will be located at existing and restored wetland sites, along the existing creeks, and at oak conservation and reforestation sites.

Additionally, the project sponsors have responded to public comments regarding access to proposed conservation areas and trail systems by including off-street parking lots at three locations within the site. Further, trailhead access for all hiking trails, walking paths and bicycle trails will link the surrounding community to the proposed public parks and conservation areas. New neighborhood parks with playgrounds and picnic tables will also be available to the public.

***Would you like to receive future newsletter issues via e-mail? Contact us at: info@goldrushranch.com***

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***We are located above the Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting Company on Eureka Street in Sutter Creek***

#### Schedule of Events

<b><i>Friday June 9<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Community Workshop @ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b><i>Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Gold Rush Site Tour</b>
<b><i>Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Community Workshop @ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b><i>Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>12:00p.m. Barbeque &amp; Site Tour @ Gold Rush Property, Lower Ridge Road</b>

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News continued:

Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort was happy to support the Buffalo's effort this year with a title sponsorship of their fundraising golf tournament. The tournament raised over \$5,000 which provided new hats, home and away jerseys, home and away vests, raincoats, golf bags and clubs for the team as well as golf balls with the Amador Buffalo logo for use in every match. Gold Rush was able to treat the league to a celebratory lunch after the Mother Lode League tournament as well. Mark your calendar for the next Buffalo Golf Team Tournament scheduled for August 18th.

The Buffalo Golf Team enjoyed a renewed energy this year and are looking forward to next season. The boys are grateful for all the support they have received and gave back to our community by putting in time and effort to help make the Gold Rush Ranch First Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success this year.

#### ***"Ask Troy"***

***Q: Why is the project taking so long?***

***Troy:*** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has very strict rules requiring the lead agency (the City of Sutter Creek) to study all impacts that a large project such as Gold Rush Ranch might have on the environment. Input from all interested parties, including citizens and agencies, must be evaluated.

Project related impacts and potential mitigations must be fully identified and addressed. It is not uncommon for the processing and approval process for a project to take years. However, the result of good planning and public participation is a project that is good for Sutter Creek.