Yacht Club cookbook provides cash to Tahoe charities

South Lake Tahoe Yacht Club's first publishing endeavor is "Our Favorite Recipe Book".

The purpose of this project is put the group's recipes into an easy to use collection, while supporting local charities. All profits this year will be directed to the Lake Tahoe Boys & Girl's Club, CASA and the South Lake Tahoe Women's Center.

The Yacht Club has a number of gourmet cooks as well as professional restaurant owners who have contributed recipes to the book. These include favorites from Evan's, Nepheles, Tep's Villa Roma and the Cantina.

The request to members was for "special" recipes. Many have been passed down through generations.

The pages are printed in black and white and color, with a focus on the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe. The original drawings by local artist and club member Nancy Farmer add to the recipe pages.

Cookbooks are $20. For information on ordering copies of "South Lake Tahoe Yacht Club; Our Favorite Recipes!" e-mail sharonlschultz@charter.net, or tahoekahler@aol.com or call Sharon at (530) 545.0065 or Jerry at (530) 541.1120. Contact information is also at www.SouthLakeTahoeYachtClub.com, select RECIPE BOOK.

Softball game ends with stabbing, arrest

A stabbing at a popular park in Gardnerville during a softball game sent one person to the hospital and another to jail.

On May 14 at approximately 9pm, deputies of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office arrived at Lampe Park. They found 26-year-old Brandon Robertson injured from a stab wound and separate slash wound to the chest.

He had been stabbed and cut by 20-year-old Brandon Brown, deputies said.

Robertson and Brown had been at the park playing in a softball game when they became involved in a dispute for unknown reasons.

Brown was transported to the DCSO Minden Jail where he was booked on charges of battery with a deadly weapon. His bail was been set at $25,000.

Robertson was airlifted to Renown Medical Center in Reno.

Investigation continues into the history between Brown – a resident of the Dresslerville Indian Colony in Gardnerville – and Robertson – a resident of the Woodford's Indian Colony outside of Markleeville.

SATELite Festival at Squaw

The SATELite Festival at Squaw Valley Sept. 10-12

The weekend includes an array of activities including films and music, art and symposiums, and dinner and drinks all in support of conservation. The event is a community-based event celebrating the beauty of nature and the steps that all must take to preserve it. Participation in the festival is free, compliments of event sponsors and donors, and tickets to additional activities including dinners, concerts and symposiums will be all benefit SATELite's 2010 cause.

For more information about the SATELite Festival and the 2010 environmental cause and sponsors click here.

Maritime museum seeks volunteers

Tahoe Maritime Museum is looking for fun and enthusiastic people to volunteer at the museum.

On June 5 at 9am, learn about the unique ways to help out this summer. The hour training and information session will include light refreshments.

Opportunities include:

Greeting folks during regular visiting hours and lecture series events;

Leading group tours at 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays during the months of July and August;

Capturing the moment by taking photographs at special events;

Spending time in the children's area assisting youth visitors with crafts and activities;

Passing on Lake Tahoe's maritime history to the next generation during schools program field trips.

Tahoe Maritime Museum is located on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe at 5205 West Lake Blvd., Homewood.

For information, call (530) 525.9253.

Questioning lack of criminal charges in CalPERS case

Publisher's note: ***The following editorial is from the May 13, 2010, Sacramento Bee.***

Where is the outrage?

In the week or so since Attorney General Jerry Brown filed a civil lawsuit charging two former high-level officials of the California Public Employees' Retirement System with massive fraud, there's been hardly a peep from public employee union leaders whose members' retirement fund was allegedly defrauded.

There's been no loud complaint registered by the state's Democratic establishment that usually walks in lockstep with union leaders – no press release from Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg or Assembly Speaker John Pérez. There's been no word from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger either, even though recent large pension fund investment losses have added enormously to the state's massive budget deficit.

Read the whole story

Lake Tahoe Orchestra Academy attracts international students

The inaugural class of the Lake Tahoe Music Festival's Orchestra Academy has been selected and 36 of the nation's top music students are Lake Tahoe-bound for the 10-day intensive residency program.

Candidates were selected after a three-month audition process where more than 50 students submitted YouTube audition videos. Participating students play a diverse range of instruments, from viola and cello to flute, oboe, bassoon and timpani, and come from hometowns as far away as Spain, Ukraine and Brazil as well as from across the United States and even Lake Tahoe.

Geared toward bridging the gap between college music studies and a career in music, the academy includes rehearsals and master classes, solo instruction and practical sessions for career planning all led by professional musicians from major U.S. orchestras. The Orchestra Academy also performs at the festival's July 22 Best of Broadway and July 29 Simply Sinatra concerts along with intimate Strictly Classical concerts July 21 and 28.

Instructors for the 2010 session are Ariana Ghez, principal oboe for Los Angeles Philharmonic and Jerry Grossman, principal cello for New York's Metropolitan Opera. The festival's Artistic Director Timm Rolek serves the same role with the Academy.

For more information about the Lake Tahoe Music Festival and the Orchestra Academy, log on to www.TahoeMusic.org or call

(530) 583.3101.

Economy driving price down at regional golf courses



By Dan Hinxman, Reno Gazette-Journal

Golf in Northern Nevada and the Lake Tahoe area is getting cheaper, a clear indication that owners are reacting to the recession.

Many golf courses in the area have lowered their greens fees, in some cases significantly, for the 2010 season. Among the courses that have reduced their rates by 20 percent or more are D’Andrea (from $85-$95 to $69), Dayton Valley (from $70-90 to $40), Kiley Ranch (from $15 to $10), Empire Ranch (from $40-$45 to $27-$32), Nakoma (from as high as $85 a few years ago to $55), Sunridge (from $50-$60 to $40-$50) and Tahoe Donner (from $150 to $120).

Read the whole story

Entrance free for cyclists into Nevada parks

In celebration of National Bike Month, Nevada Division of State Parks is waiving entrance fees May 22-23 for anyone who rides or brings their bike to any of Nevada's 25 state parks.

This weekend in State Parks is in conjunction with Nevada Bike to Work Day on May 21, and the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month.

More information on bicycling in Nevada can be found at www.BicycleNevada.com or by calling (775) 888.RIDE.

Nevada Division of State Parks participates in the Nevada Bike Advisory Board's statewide efforts to promote and improve bicycle riding, safety, enforcement, tourism, trails and events.

For more information on bicycling opportunities in Nevada State Parks in Northern Nevada, contact State Trails Coordinator Randy Moore at (775) 684.2775. In Southern Nevada, contact Rick Keller at (702) 875-4141, or visit www.parks.nv.gov.

Borges joins select club in state Wrestling Hall of Fame

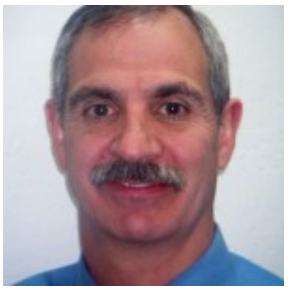
By Kathryn Reed

Dave Borges says he never made it to the elite category in wrestling. That changed Saturday night when he received the

Lifetime Service Award from the state Wrestling Hall of Fame.

“Dave is being recognized because of his long years of dedication and work and community service mindedness within the wrestling arena,” said John Taylor, who nominated Borges for the honor. “He has just given a lot of his time and efforts.”

Taylor also credits Borges for training referees in California and Nevada.



Dave Borges

Borges was one of 11 people to receive the Lifetime Service Award at the May 15 dinner in Sacramento before hundreds of people. The actual hall of fame is in Clovis.

He is one of the younger inductees. He also got in on the first ballot.

For 43 of his 56 years Borges has either been a competitor or a coach. And most of that time on the mat has been in South Lake Tahoe.

“The thing that stands out for me is my teammates along the way. Even today, (Taylor) who nominated me, I wrestled in the early ’80s and we are still great friends,” Borges said.

He said there is a camaraderie that grows as wrestlers compete, along with respect and lifelong attachments.

Although Borges has fleeting thoughts of competing in the senior circuit, he admits the sport is now a hobby and not a

vocation.

“I’ve had desires to compete in (senior nationals), but then I see who is on the list. They are tough,” Borges said. “I keep it in proper perspective.”

Some of the guys still competing have day jobs, like being a Marine, that are more conducive to competing regularly. Borges is a chiropractor by trade.

It was his older brothers who got him interested in wrestling when he was a seventh-grader at what was South Tahoe Intermediate School. They competed, so then he did. So did the youngest Borges brother.

It was at South Tahoe High School that he developed his skills that allowed him to compete at the university level. A hand injury prevented him from wrestling his fourth year at Pacific University in Oregon.

He calls himself an above average wrestler who could hold his own against the elite wrestlers back in the day.

As an amateur he wrestled in Japan and Korea.

“There’s no money in wrestling. There are no sponsorships,” Borges said. “A lot of top guys in mixed martial arts have a wrestling background.”

Now Borges’ emphasis is coaching kids, mostly ages 5-12.

“We have some tough wrestlers,” Borges said of the youths on the South Shore.

They have a tough coach – a hall of famer, now.

Tahoe’s Ruvalcaba refuses to give up on boxing dreams

By Robert Mladinich, Sweet Science

Although super middleweight Simon Ruvalcaba has an outwardly nominal record of 4-10-2, he has a master plan to put himself on the fistic map. Fighting out of his native Lake Tahoe, which is located on the California/Nevada border, the 31-year-old journeyman would like to put together a few wins before taking on Joey Gilbert, a star of season one of “The Contender,” who hails from nearby Reno.

“We would sell out the outdoor arena at the Montbleu, which used to be Caesar’s Tahoe,” said Ruvalcaba. “It would be the thrill of a lifetime, and it would be my biggest payday.”



Simon Ruvalcaba

In July 1989, when Ruvalcaba was all of 11-years-old, he was in the audience when future heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield stopped Adilson Rodrigues in two rounds there.

He was also present for the 1990 HBO tripleheader featuring Pernell Whitaker, Meldrick Taylor and Hector “Macho” Camacho in separate bouts, as well as for Lennox Lewis’s heavyweight title defense against Henry Akinwande in 1997.

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