



## Colt 45 Baseball Ready for Another Season



Redding's Colt 45 baseball team is gearing up for a great 2016 season. Rick Bosetti, team manager gave the Rotary Club of Redding a preview of what will be happening this year. For those who like to see action baseball, Rick mentioned those playing for the Colt 45 team this year will be hammering the ball on a regular basis. Rick also mentioned he hoped the Colt pitching would hold up to match the hitting.

Some basics regarding the team is the Colt 45 players are

all college students from all over the United States. This year two players are coming from Venezuela. The players are housed in Redding for the entire baseball season. Each player must be in good academic standing. Most are the cream of the crop with their respective schools and baseball teams. Many of the players are batting over 350 average.

Rick said the sales price remain the same, \$2.00 for kids, \$3.00 for seniors and \$5.00 general admission. The team is maintained by the sale of beer, soft drinks, tri-tip sandwiches and hot dogs. The games start at 7:15 on a regular basis. A nice feature for group functions is the Party Pavilion. For \$500.00 a group can reserve the picnic area down the left field line for the day. This is great for birthday parties, group gatherings and company events. This comes with 50 admission tickets and each person gets a hot dog or hamburger and a soda.

Last year during the 40 games played the team generated \$26,000. Rick hopes the team can improved that by at least \$5000.00 this year. Redding is known for its enhanced temperatures. Rick said Tiger Field is always in the shadows by game time. It makes for a very pleasant evening.

As important as the Colt 45 team is to Rick, another passion is Redding itself. South City Park is a great place to have a picnic or play tennis. In recent years an unpleasant element has moved into the park. Over the past several years Rick established the South City Park Security Fund. This has been very successful making the park a safe place to spend an afternoon or evening. At first there was a partnership between the Colt 45 team, South City Park and the Shasta County Library. Rick hopes this partnership will continue. Keeping all the areas safe continues to be a topic of discussion. Thanks to Rick and his entire team for all you do for the City of Redding and baseball.



**Rick Bosetti, Colt 45 General Manager**

# The Colt 45 Baseball Team Announces 1st Annual “Swing with the Legends”

## *1<sup>st</sup> Annual* *“Swing with the Legends”*

*May 21-23, 2016*

*Featuring Hall of Fame members **Fergie Jenkins & Eddie Murray***



**P**lan ahead for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Swing with the Legends” Golf Tournament and Fundraiser**. There will be 36 Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association members on hand to meet and greet fans as well as Hall of Fame members Fergie Jenkins and Eddie Murray! This is going to be an amazing one-of-a-kind event benefitting three Redding non-profit organizations—Luis Miramontes Memorial Foundation, One Safe Place, and Redding Colt 45s—whose contributions to the North State make our community a great place to live!

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## President Dave's Recognitions

First up for recognition was **Maurice Johannessen**. Seems Maurice has purchased a beautiful and I mean beautiful Aston Martin car. This car looks like it is going fast even while parked. The original owner was Rotarian Les Melberg. Maurice said he saw the car one day and it followed him home. Once home MoJo's wife Marianne gave a thumbs up and the deal was done. James Bond would have been proud of Maurice. Thanks for the \$100 to his Paul Harris Fellow.

Next up was **Gary Burks**. Seems Gary was attending a Beer seminar in the Washington D.C. area and was able to meet up with son and daughter. We learned some interesting facts. There are around 300,000 people that live in Washington D.C. Every day there are 3,000,000 visitors. Gary was able to visit all the local sites, he did the double decker bus tour and visited the Civil War battlefields. Gary thought the trip was so worthwhile that he contributed \$100 to his Paul Harris Fellow and \$100 to the club.

Next was **Bill Speer and Pat Moty**. The question was what do these two gentlemen have in common. Seems Bill Speer is a vice president at Scott Valley Bank. Pat Moty has come out of retirement to become Marketing President. Pat donated \$100 to the club and \$100 to his Shan. Bill said he would pay whatever he had left in his pledged donation.

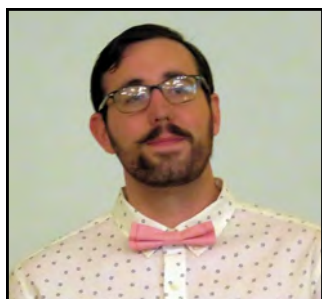
**Michelle Nystrom** was the final person on stage. Seems Michelle who was engaged not to long ago got married on the previous weekend. Congratulations to Michelle and her new husband. She donated \$100 to the club.

Thanks to all for their very generous donations.

## Calendar

April 28th	TBA
May 5th	TBA
May 12th	Team 2 presents "Stranger in my Bed, speaker is Debbie Sprague, Debbie is the author of best seller "A stranger in my Bed"
May 19th	TBA
June 4th	Redding Rotary Night at Tiger Field - Colt 45 game starts 7:15 p.m.
June 23rd	Redding Rotary Club Demotion— At Richard and Ann Malotky's Residence

## Honor to Youth Simpson University



Simpson University presented **Nathan K. Bruce**. Nathan is from the town of Soulsbyville, CA. It is a town of 2200 population and is in Tuolumne County. He graduated Summerville High School in 2014. This year he is a sophomore and holds a GPA of 3.577. Nathan was honored with the Presidents Award for the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

Nathan is currently a music major. He plans to obtain a Master's Degree or even a Doctorate. His big hope is to become a music professor.

## Bruce Dean Wins the Chance at the Card Game

Bruce had his number called and apparently being in a hurry jumped to the area of the card game mixing up the cards. Immediately he drew his first card. He said higher for the next card. Bruce drew a two of diamonds and that was it. Thanks Bruce for trying and for your emotional response to your donation to Rotary.



Thanks to Marjeanne Stone for the pre meeting entertainment.

Also thanks to Team 9 headed by Steve Westlake and Gary Burks for the fine program at Thursday's meeting.



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