
MENDOCINO COAST SPORTS FOUNDATION

January 2002

President's Message

*Yeab But... The Stadium has been open for over 2 years...
But we are **not done!***

Madeleine Melo

President

We work hard and are gaining on this really giant project that we took on. The first high school football game of the 1999 campaign was played at the James G. Cummings Timberwolf Stadium on September 10th. I believe that since that time many people believe that now it is open that that is that and we can move onto other things..... **but we are not done.** There is much we have accomplished in the last 2 years but much more to accomplish. I thank Joe Sutphin, our construction chairman and Virgil Nelson, our site foreman, for their continued efforts in getting construction events scheduled and done while trying to work around the needs of the schools and other community organizations who use the field. Their efforts are sometimes accomplished against some unkind events. We thank you for hanging in there and working hard to make the stadium the showpiece it is today. The stadium is open and well used by High School football, track and athletic events, by cubs football, and soccer. Graduations are held in the stadium. Last year a job fair was held in the stadium.

We now have over 900 seats in place and most sponsorship plaques are in place. We have some 100 sponsorship plaques to place. So if yours is not there yet, give me a call and I'll make sure it is on the next group to do.

Seat Sponsorship and Advertisement for businesses continued to be our best way to raise funds...that along with our now many fund raising events during the year move us ever closer to the completion of the stadium.

We need to sell the property on Hwy 1. *Continued on page 2*

Stadium Construction

Joe Sutphin- *Construction Chair*

What we accomplished in 2001-

Water and Sewer hook-up are completed

The big accomplishment for the year was to connect the sewer from the concession stand to the city's pipe on Dana Street. A big thank you to **Coast Rents, North Coast plumbing, Jeff Green, City of Fort Bragg and 6 volunteers who made it happen.** The Fort Bragg Cubs and High School Booster Club donated the materials.

Rumors: In talking with people around our community I find it very humorous about rumors and confusion of how and why the stadium happened. I would like to clear of few of these questions up.

Question #1—Where did the seats come from?

Answer-Anaheim Stadium- They were removing some seats out of center field to install a waterfall, to go off when a home run is hit.

Question #2 Where did the lights come from?

Answer- Port of Oakland- the 6- 80-foot high platform light poles and 112-1000 Watts each light fixture were being removed as part of a remodeling project.

Question #3 Why did you run out of money before the stadium was finished?

Answer- When we broke ground we told the School Board we had enough money to return the site back to PE usable with a level track, berms in place and light poles up. All within 3 years. What we ended up with, Thanks to a donation from the James G. Cummings Foundation was

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That property is listed through Century 21 and Mr. Bill Crecelius. If you or someone you know would be interested in zoned visitor-commercial property, please call him at 937-2121.

Of course all of this effort that the board continues to work so hard for would not be possible without you. At every event we hold to raise funds for this project I see you over and over again. You send checks and spend your hard-earned dollars to give to your high school, the children and members of his community a truly remarkable well built comfortable lighted stadium in which to hold various events. You, the current board members and previous board members and the hundreds of people who have given in kind donations and the thousands of people who have supported this project with money have made a great team.

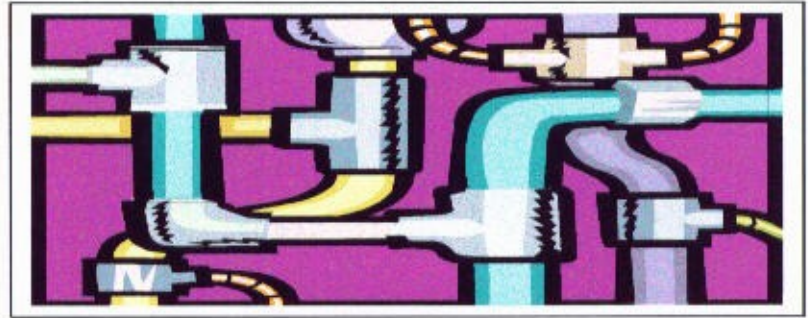
Thanks for all of your support.



Looking for Grants

We have come a long way, but now it is time to find alternative ways to complete the Stadium.

The MCSF is looking for grants for which to apply. We have had several helpful suggestions from our friends. Can you help? Do you know someone or some organization that gives grants to our kind of charitable organization?



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1. A PE usable field, 2. Fencing, 3. Berms, 4. Seating for 850 including handicap, 5. Ticket booth, Concession stand, and Announcing Building shells, 6. Level cinder track with concrete curbs, 7. Football and soccer game usable with Lights & Scoreboard. All within 2 years of ground breaking.

Question #4 How much money has been spent on the stadium. **Answer-** \$700,000 cash to do improvements valued at more than 3,000,000. (3 million).

Question #5 How much does it cost to operate the lights. **Answer-** A little over \$9 per hour.

We invite you to come up to the stadium to see! The progress that we have made and if you can provide any specific expertise in construction leave your name, telephone number and what your trade specialty is with our construction supervisor on the

Dinner/Auction

To benefit Timberwolf Stadium

Dinner at the Wharf Restaurant

No Host Cocktail Hour

6PM

Thursday February 21, 2002

Tickets \$35

Call Madeleine @ 964-0676 for tickets

Tickets are limited so call early

Raffle, Silent Auction, Live Auction