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## Amateur Wine Makers Encouraged to Enter California State Fair Home Wine Competition

### Statewide Competition Awards Best Homemade Wines

Sacramento, CA - Winemaking is almost as old as humanity itself. It's no wonder then, how amateur winemakers continue to improve and perfect their homemade wines year after year. The California State Fair continues to honor this long tradition with its Home Wine Competition. The California State Fair today announced that entries for its 2011 Home Wine Competition will be accepted from April 25th through May 28th.

The Home Wine Competition is open to persons 21 years of age or older. Entries are limited to wines produced by amateur winemakers who are residents of California. An "amateur" is considered to be 1) a person who does not work in a professional wine producing capacity, or 2) a person who is not an owner of a commercial winery.

All competitors will receive "Judge's Tasting Notes" along with their scores so that the home wine maker can improve their craft. These detailed notes add a level of integrity and professionalism not found at other home wine making competitions. A technical advisory panel of wine industry professionals and educators provides assistance to judges to ensure notes are constructive.

The competition is headed by Chief Judge, G.M. "Pooch" Pucilowski who is assisted by many dedicated and devout wine volunteers. If you would like to help with the competition, contact Volunteer Coordinator Tom Ramme at [tomramme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomramme@sbcglobal.net).

Last year, Richard Valentine of Saratoga won Best of Show (red) for his 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon and Rex Johnston and Barbara Bentley of Walnut Creek won Best of Show (white) for their 2004 Voignier. Interested home winemakers can find competition details including handbooks, applications, wine classes and entry fees online at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org). Those with additional questions should contact [gmpooch@me.com](mailto:gmpooch@me.com). The 2011 California State Fair will be held July 14th through 31st at Cal Expo in Sacramento, CA.



## 13th Annual Race For The Arts Is More Than A Run - It's An Experience

SACRAMENTO - Anyone who enjoys theatre, dance, music, art - and exercise - won't want to miss this annual celebration of the arts and the outdoors. Join us for the 13th Annual Race for the Arts benefiting California non-profit performing, cultural and visual arts organizations, school music, drama and arts programs.

Run or walk to support your favorite organization or school program. Enjoy entertainment throughout: 42 interactive booths, costumed characters and a post-run party.

100% of your pledge monies benefit your designated group. Pledges are due on September 30, 2011 (pledges are not a requirement for participation).

Grab your shoes and come on out for the 5K Run/Walk - as well as Kids' Fun Runs (440-yard run for ages 6 and under, 1/2 mile for ages 7-9, 1 mile for ages 10-12). Starting Line: 15th Avenue and Land Park Drive, in Sacramento, CA.

Gear up for Race for the Arts with 'Off to the Races'

scheduled for August 20, 2011. Go to [www.raceforthearts.com](http://www.raceforthearts.com) to download a flyer (which can be personalized for your organization/school), an entry form and pledge forms.

Beginning July 4, 2011, entry forms will be available at Raley's, Bel Air, Hobrecht Lighting Design & Decor and California Family Fitness locations.

Teams of 10 or more will receive a 20 percent discount. In 2007, *Galena Street East* of Sacramento raised \$27,000!

## Grant Funding Offered

Now is the time for local non-profit groups to submit grant requests to Calaveras Community Foundation (CCF). Completed paperwork must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2011. Past grants have benefited youth, health services, education, music, the arts, history and many other worthwhile causes. Application documents and information are available now [www.calaverascommunityfoundation.org](http://www.calaverascommunityfoundation.org).

Having awarded nearly \$38,000 in grants last year, Scott Ratterman, chair of CCF's Grant Committee states: "More than twenty local groups received grants in 2010. This year the Foundation plans to make even more funds available to assist ..."

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## Orthopedic Surgeon Craig H. Lovett, M.D., Joins Sutter Amador Hospital Medical Staff

JACKSON - Sutter Amador Hospital (SAH) is pleased to announce the addition of orthopedic surgeon, Craig H. Lovett, M.D., to their medical staff. Dr. Lovett began seeing patients on May 18 from his new office in the Specialty Clinic on the 1st floor of the Sutter Amador Outpatient Services Center. "We are pleased to have Dr. Lovett join our medical staff and begin seeing patients in Jackson," says Anne Platt, CEO. "Dr. Lovett is a highly skilled orthopedic surgeon and will be an asset to our medical team."

Dr. Lovett is board-certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and has been an orthopedic surgeon since 1981. He received his medical degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Arizona and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Miami, Florida. Dr. Lovett has been in private practice in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties since 1985.

Dr. Lovett performs a wide range of surgeries for patients with bone, joint and muscle conditions. He specializes in total joint replacements and sports-related injuries. Dr. Lovett is already performing surgeries in Sutter Amador Hospital's Surgery Department. To schedule an appointment at his Jackson office, call 209-736-2030.



## Rotarians at Work Day a Big Success

Plymouth-Foothills Rotary Club turned out in force to assist the city in Plymouth Clean Up Day the end of last month. Trucks and cars kept driving in with loads of yard waste, old furniture and junk and filled up bins and a trash compactor from Aces Waste. Jeff Gardner, Plymouth City Manager, called it a "big success."

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