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Cascadel Woods Resident Nate Hodges Wins Top Logger Title at Mid-Sierra Loggers Jamboree

Sierra News On Line July 7, 2019 George Lurie



Nate Hodges, foreground, waits for Tom Wheeler to start the Chocker Setting Race, the first event of the day at the 60th Loggers Jamboree. (Photo by George Lurie)

The theme for this year's event, "Make Logging Great Again" was displayed on bright green and orange tshirts worn by this year's officials and also many of the competitors.



As expected, defending champion Nate Hodges took home top honors this year in the professional competition – **his 11th overall ALL-AROUND title.**

Clocking in a 16.32 seconds in the first event of the day on Sunday – the chocker setting run – Hodges easily won the race and appeared to be in top form. "I liked the course," he said. "It seemed a little shorter. I could get my rhythm."

The North Fork native is a rising superstar in the world of timber sports and will compete later this year in the National Championships, to be broadcast live by ESPN.

Hodges is currently ranked No. 3 in the world in doubleblade axe throwing and has already won more than a dozen national titles in the sport.

To see the complete list of winners in all events go to: <u>https://sierranewsonline.com/hodges-wins-top-logger-title-at-mid-sierra-loggers-jamboree/</u>.

Nate Hodges Carves Out Runner-Up Finish At 2019 Stihl Timbersports Championships Sierra News Online Posted by: george lurie July 29, 2019

MILWAUKEE - North Fork's Nate Hodges finished second overall this past weekend at the 2019 Stihl Timbersports U.S. Championships.

Hodges, one of his sport's rising superstars, was edged out for the top spot by a single point by another successful and popular timbersports athlete, 38-year-old Cassidy Scheer of Minnesota, whose family has been dominating lumberjack competitions for more than 40 years.

Later this year, Hodges will compete in another national competition that will be broadcast live by ESPN. Currently ranked No. 3 in the world in double-blade ax throwing, Hodges has already won more than a dozen national timbersports crowns and is sponsored, in part, by <u>Arbor Works</u>.

Later this year, he is planning to open an <u>ax-throwing</u> <u>club in Oakhurst</u>.

To see his time in the events he competed in, go to this link: <u>https://www.stihlusa.com/stihl-timbersports/results/2019-us-championships/</u>

WELL DONE & CONGRATULATIONS NATE !!!

CMWC NEWS

Work has begun on protecting the Water Company facilities. Fencing should be completed by mid August.



The Draft Minutes of the September 15,

2018 meeting have been approved by the Board and are posted on the website (<u>http://cascadelinternet.com</u>).

CASCADEL WEBSITE

We have recently added a ticker running across the top of the front page of the site. Here you will find the latest news items. Just click on the message to view the article. We have also added a photo gallery. This is not showing yet. We would like you to send your photos of places and things inside Cascadel Woods. Send your photos to Carol at <u>egginks@netptc.net</u>. Your photos will be reviewed before uploading to the site.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

The Brigade members had a refresher training session on charging a hydrant and hose connection by Brian Curtis. as well as how to attack a grass fire with the different types of sprays from the hose.

Kathy Tooms from the Heights is looking to start a Firewise Committee for their community, so she was invited to attend. Due to the elevation of the Heights, Kathy keeps Cascadel's contact person, Carol Eggink, informed of wildfires she see's coming our way. We in turn, keep her informed of emergency issues here in the Woods that could possibly affect them. We are all in this together.

The Firewise Brigade will be holding a chipping day in August. Information will be posted on the website calendar when finalized. (<u>http://cascadelinternet.com</u>)

A few fire Brigade members and some residents are getting out there in the heat and pushing back the weeds from the easements and from the staging area on the first property of Cascadel Woods. (Thanks to Ron and Alma Davino for making this possible.)

Madera County has mowed the shelter in place and around the clubhouse. They also mowed strips on the easements of a couple of the CSA open areas. The Fire Brigade has plans to clear the open areas before the bridge so they can actually be used as time allows.

You, the Cascadel Community have been very proactive in your fuel clearances again this year. We are required to report at least 178 hours of clearance and you have turned in volunteer hours totaling 397 at a value of \$9,583.58 for the year. Some have yet to turn in your hours. Every hour matters and helps our community to be better prepared for defense in the case of a wild fire. You can email your volunteer hours with dates and activity to Carol Eggink at <u>egginks@netptc.net</u>.

Be sure to check out the Cal Fire website: <u>http://readyforwildfire.org</u> to learn how to be ready to evacuate BEFORE you need to.

The Firewise Committee & Brigade are looking to add more volunteers. If interested, come to a meeting and/or email Carol for information.

CASCADEL'S HOLIDAY POT LUCK PARTY

Since the clubhouse has been closed by Madera County for safety reasons, we are faced with finding a new venue to hold our annual community party. We have contacted Grace Community Church and for a small donation we can hold our party on Friday, Dec. 13 in their meeting hall. One hundred dollars is acceptable. There is no alcohol allowed on the premises. We also have the possibility to use the North Fork Ranceria Center. The rate is \$200 plus a \$150 deposit. No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

The CWPOA Board needs to know if the community would like to hold the event this year and if you have other ideas of venues, please send your ideas to Carol Eggink at <u>egginks@netptc.net</u>. <u>If we do not receive</u> <u>enough responses by end of September, I am sorry to</u> say, we will not hold the Holiday party this year.

ROAD WORK

A few community members, Mark Stamas, Dan Norton and Forrest Negrete filled some more of the cracks and pot holes on Cascadel Drive in July. One of the two





Firesafe Councils inside Cascadel Woods was given a permit to work on our roads by Madera County.

The CMWC would like to thank the Eastern Madera Firesafe Council for their

generous donation to the community.

CSA -21 News

The Madera County Grand Jury Final Report on Cascadel Woods CSA-21

The full report may be found on our website. <u>http://cascadelinternet.com</u>. Check out the ticker on the front page.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Aug 16 CMWC Board Meeting 4 PM at the CDC Conference Room
- Aug10 CWPOA Board Meeting 10AM at the CDC Conference Room
- Aug 17 Firewise Brigade Work Day 9AM at the Clubhouse Parking Lot
- Aug 17 North Fork Car Show 1-5PM - Main Street, North Fork

NEXT MONTH

- Sep 21 Firewise Brigade Work Day 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse Parking Lot
- Sep 28 CWPOA Membership Meeting and Elections for Directors 10:00 AM CDC Conference Room

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the September Newsletter by August 24, 2019 to Carol Eggink at <u>egginks@netptc.net</u>.