



AUGUST 21 WINE TASTING SCHEDULED FOR NEWLY RE-OPENED NAKOMA GOLF RESORT

Clio, California

The Portola Railroad Days 2010 Committee is excited to have the opportunity to show off one of the area gems, the reopening of the Nakoma Golf Resort. The committee has added another event to its robust calendar of activities celebrating the area's lengthy love affair with train travel. On Saturday, August 21, train guests, seasonal visitors and local residents alike are invited to an "inaugural" wine-tasting at the recently re-opened Nakoma Golf Resort on County Road A-15/Portola-McLears Road.

The event will take place between 1:00pm-3:30pm, following the Golden Spike Parade. Shuttle buses will make a continuous loop between Portola and Graeagle, with one headed in each direction to maximize opportunities for guests to hop aboard from the parking lot at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola. A \$5 bus pass guarantees everyone an opportunity to experience not only Nakoma, but everything in between, without the hassles of parking or concerns about alcohol consumption. Those folks that have booked a motel room with Trains & Travel International will have a free bus pass. Wine Tasting tickets are \$25 if ordered in advance and \$30 at the door. The first 150 guests will receive commemorative wine glasses, while area restaurants such as Longboards, Grizzly Grill and Cuccias will demonstrate their support by providing signature appetizers or entrée samples.

A significant draw to the area, the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed clubhouse and its renowned Dragon golf course has just been purchased in April of this year by the Schomac Group of Tucson, Arizona. Conceived in 1923 for the Nakoma Country Club in Madison, Wisconsin, the daring design was never constructed due to a poor economy and concerns about Wright's scandalous lifestyle during that period.

Because the dramatic facility was built in a completely different setting from the one for which it was originally intended, Arnold Roy, an architect who apprenticed under Wright, supervised its eventual construction and adaptation to the amazing, but challenging, mountain terrain.

This facility reflects significant Asian influences that resulted from Wright's stay in Japan in the early 1920's, during which time he designed Tokyo's Imperial Hotel. It stays true to his organic approach as well, however, and the mix of styles is a source of fascination for visitors. Particularly noteworthy is a soaring central fireplace that has become something of a hallmark of many Wright creations. It dominates the stunning Wigwam Room, whose windows overlook incomparable views of the High Sierras. The Refectory is home to a unique bar and lounge where unusual furnishings are characteristic of the famed architect's designs.

The Nakoma clubhouse, its sprawling golf course and surrounding Wright-style villas today reflect ongoing renovations that have already revitalized much of the building and its grounds. Gold Mountain's homeowners and Schomac's management team want to thank the property's many fans for the support they've shown over some very trying years, and will provide the facility at no charge. As a result of their generosity and the philanthropic spirit of both the wineries and local restaurateurs, all ticket revenues will go back to the committee to help fund this year's events for Portola Railroad Days, that draw visitors to our communities.

58 Degrees and Holding, a Sacramento-based wine bar and restaurant, has developed a terrific wine list, invited vintners, and will help host the tasting. Those who enjoy a particular wine, once they've had a taste, may purchase it by the bottle or case for their own pleasure.

Call Trains & Travel International toll free at 1-800 359-4870 or (775) 453-1004 to reserve your ticket for the 2010 Portola Railroad Days wine tasting fundraiser today. For additional information on the Nakoma Golf Resort go to: www.nakomagolfresort.com