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President's Message

BY BRUCE LAY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

Well, where do I start this month? No appreciable rain or snow as of the date this article was written. That said, there is a lot of work being done within our association. The upgrade scheduled for the Lake Lodge is ahead of schedule. Permitting applications have been submitted for the revival of the Shooting Range. Culvert and drainage projects are being completed by our Maintenance crews, and our biannual road repair and upgrade is in the engineering stage. I have noticed a very active grounds crew doing a lot of tree trimming and drainage work on our golf course. This is an extremely vibrant community.

I would like to say something about the wonderful Pine Mountain Lake newspaper. This monthly periodical has become a fascinating storehouse of information. Each month we see articles from Management, Staff, Department Heads, even Board members.

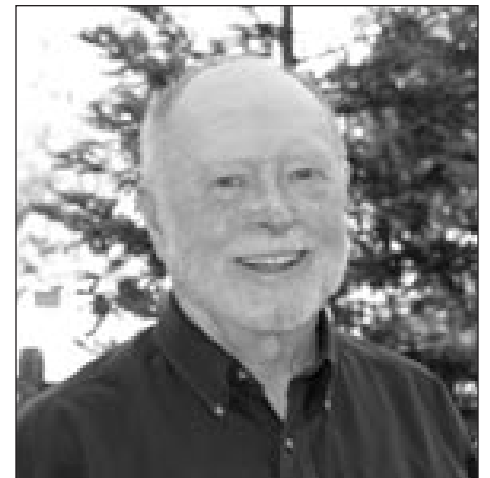
Also, there are monthly reports from many organized clubs and groups. This is an extremely handy way to keep our monthly calendars updated, so we can participate in

our chosen endeavors. Community activities are highlighted by articles by our local merchants, businesspersons, realtors, and others. I really enjoy the colored ads in a large portion of the newspaper.

I have shown various issues to friends who live in other Home Owner Associations, and to City Managers. They were extremely impressed with the way Management extends a message of transparency to the membership. Kudos to all who have a hand in the publication of this fine newspaper!

Last year the Board assigned management and staff to the task of preparing the update to our Bylaws and CC&R's. It has been over a decade since these important documents have been amended. Over the years, laws have changed and our community as well.

To ensure our governing documents are effective and in line with current law, we retained one of the top attorneys in the field to assist us with this endeavor. In the next few months, we will be presenting the proposed draft amendments for member review and comment. It is



our plan to coordinate the member vote on these documents with the Annual Election of Directors. The goal is to save time and money, by combining the two.

As always, I enjoy nagging everyone about observing the posted traffic signs on our roadways.

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "I never consider a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as a cause for withdrawing from a friend."

Until next month, see you at The Grill!

On the Cover



Clouds building over Pine Mountain Lake.
Photo by David Wilkinson.

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General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, GENERAL MANAGER

Board Resolution Amendments

PML operates under the governing documents and the policies as adopted by the Board of Directors in the form of resolutions or policy statements. We have resolutions that date back to the 1970's and we evaluate these resolutions from time to time to determine if they are still applicable, useful and valid.

Over the course of a given year, we may review and evaluate 5 to 7 resolutions that need amendment or rescinding. The management team then proposes amendments to bring these resolutions up to date with current laws or standards within our community. If the resolution is out-of-date and unnecessary, we propose the resolution be rescinded and archived for historical purposes.

Golf Course Policies and Procedures Committee

The Golf Course Policies and Procedures resolution has not been amended for over 10 years, and is in need of an update. Last year, I asked our Golf Professional, David Rau to review the resolution with his staff and come up with recommendations for an amendment. Mr. Rau has completed this task and has prepared a draft for review.

Given the size and scope of the Golf Course Policies and Procedures resolution, we recommended that

the Board of Directors form an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing these recommendations. After the ad-hoc committee reviews the draft and comes to a consensus, they would then propose a final amendment to the Board for adoption. We felt that it was important to get members of the golfing community in the process, as these policies directly involve their recreational activity. The Board of Directors agreed and instructed staff to proceed with the solicitation of committee applications and preparation of a committee charter.

Members interested in serving on this ad-hoc committee are asked to complete a committee application and submit it to the Administration Office. These applications will be reviewed and considered by the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting. Committee applications are available at the PML Administration Office and there is a copy posted to the PML website for easy access.

Loose Dogs

Our members and staff continue to experience problems with loose dogs in PML. Our Dept. of Safety staff has been active in picking up the dogs and working with Animal Control, unfortunately, some dog owners do a poor job of controlling their pets. Our Community Standards

department has seen an increase in enforcement actions and is working to come up with ideas to help mitigate the problem.

We are working to increase awareness among the membership of the importance of following the County leash law and PML rules. We are also considering an amendment to the dog control resolution and recommending an increase in the fine schedule to help mitigate this problem. We should have a draft within the next 60 days. If you are a dog owner, please help do your part and make sure that you observe the County leash law and the PML rules regarding pets.

PML Job Fair in April

Just a reminder that PML is conducting a job fair for seasonal positions this year. The job fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th and will be held at the PML Lake Lodge. If you or someone you know is looking for a summer job, we encourage you to attend.

We are currently accepting applications for all of our seasonal positions. For more information regarding the job fair or open positions, please contact our Human Resources Administrator, Allie Henderson at (209) 962-8628.

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The PML News is the Official Newspaper of Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners

The PML News is dedicated to reporting PML Association business and PML Association news to Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners.

The PML News receives more than 100 Tuolumne County/Groveland community related submissions each month. All such community related articles and notices will appear in the PML News on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis and at the DISCRETION of the PML News Publishing Editor.

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Articles — 10th each month
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Classifieds — 15th each month

Editor's Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible. Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.

We publish all PMLA related submissions such as Board & Management Business, Clubs, Activities & Events. Where space remains, we publish non-PMLA related submissions in our "Community" section.

We do our best to provide timely news. If you experience delayed delivery or have misplaced a particular edition, please visit us at the PMLA website pinemountainlake.com for a downloadable PDF of the News posted by the 1st of the month and a downloadable PDF list of ad rates.

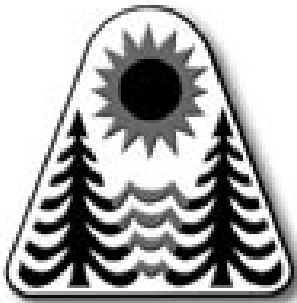
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Violations sent January 2012

Courtesy Notices	11
Notice of Non-Compliance	4
Final Notice	0
Fines Assessed	0
Violations Pending	22

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MON. & TUES. 12/24 & 25	CHRISTMAS
MON. 12/31	NEW YEARS EVE
TUES. 1/1/13	NEW YEARS DAY

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The PML News is mailed to approximately 3500 PML property owner households each month. Up to 500 copies are rack-sold in the local Groveland area. Our circulation reaches approximately 1200 full-time, resident, PML property owners and approximately 2300 "weekender," non-resident, property owners who maintain primary residence in Northern California, in Southern California, or in other states. For more information regarding the PML News, please call the PML Administration Office at (209) 962-8600.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE
OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at the
PML Lake Lodge
and start at 9 AM.
(Unless otherwise noted)

MARCH 17TH
APRIL 14TH (2nd Saturday)
MAY 19TH
JUNE 16TH
JULY 21ST
AUGUST 18TH Annual Meeting/Election
SEPTEMBER 8TH (2nd Saturday)
OCTOBER 27TH Budget Meeting (4th Saturday)
NOVEMBER 10TH (2nd Saturday)
NO DECEMBER MEETING

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please note that all letters appear in the order received by the PML News

The Pine Mountain Lake News welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current PMLA Editorial Policy (See excerpt below – entire policy on file at the Administration Office). Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, unit and lot by a property owner in good standing. LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF THE MONTH. Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper will not be accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of PMLA. Letters appear in order received.

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A SOLEMN THANK YOU

I have always told friends and family, that the Groveland/Big Oak Flat area is a small town with a very big heart. Nothing ever proved that better than the events of January 6, when after refueling our car, my husband suddenly died -- even before the Paramedics could reach him. Oddly enough, everyone I tried to call for help was out and about living their own lives. But people I had never seen or knew jumped into action and did every thing possible to assist me. Some prayed, some acted when I couldn't, all with great care and gracious concern. When the paramedics arrived, they tried valiantly to revive my husband, but it was not possible. Sooo I want to Thank as many as I know of -- and if you were there and helped and I have not acknowledged you, please forgive.

Claudia & Luis Alecio -- who stood by me, prayed with me, drove me and my car home and arranged thru

Jim Lowe to have Erma Cherry come to stay with me until my daughter could arrive. The ladies at Miners Mart - Mariska Northrup, who took care of my little dog, Terri Wemmer, Kathy Resicke, and Sue Arnold, who did everything possible to assist - including attempting CPR on my husband. Robin Rossi, who offered to pray and forgave us for some slight damage to her car -- and Kevin Springer. Neil Evans, Sheriff/Coroner was so helpful then and later, other sheriff personnel, highway patrolmen, ambulance driver -- all sweet, caring and sensitive of my situation. While I may not be able to place a face with a name, you will all forever be in my heart!!! Thank you all so very much.

With a grateful heart
Jody Poulin and family
Unit 2 / Lot 109

THANKS TO THE GRILL AT PML

Once again, The Grill exceeded our expectations for a wonderful Helping Hands Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Each January we hold this event where all the dedicated, hardworking volunteers are honored and thanked for their service and commitment. It's extremely important that the day be special for them. From the ease of planning with Bambi to the excellent food by Chef Carrie and staff to the on-point service, the day could not have been any better. A sincere thank you to all those involved for making our day so enjoyable.

Patti Beaulieu
Store Manager - Helping Hands

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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The One Month Ended January 30, 2012

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget	
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME	(NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 86,142	\$ (111)		\$ 86,031	\$ 117,469	\$ (31,438)		\$ (31,438)	\$ (38,817)	7,379
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	508	39,379		39,887	108,088	(68,201)		(68,201)	(40,470)	(27,731)
Marina	-0-	2,317			2,317	11,437	(9,120)		(9,120)	(5,659)	(3,461)
Snack Shack	-0-		844		844	3,061	(2,217)		(2,217)	(1,702)	(515)
Stables	-0-	3,531		205	3,736	17,449	(13,713)		(13,713)	(9,207)	(4,506)
Recreation	-0-	4,170			4,170	2,500	1,670		1,670	2,792	(1,122)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	80		60	140	121,213	(121,073)		(121,073)	(122,684)	1,611
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	9,640		120	9,760	71,927	(62,167)		(62,167)	(78,332)	16,165
Administration	-0-	10,860		384	11,244	148,250	(137,006)		(137,006)	(113,211)	(23,795)
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	309,379			2,455	311,834	10,089	301,745	60,526	241,219	243,771	(2,552)
Totals	\$ 309,379	\$ 117,248	\$ 40,112	\$ 3,224	\$ 469,963	\$ 611,483	\$ (141,520)	\$ 60,526	\$ (202,046)	\$ (163,519)	(38,527)

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.
2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1 Months Ended Jan. 30, 2012

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2012 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 898,416	\$ 21,819	920,235
Interest Income	275	3	278
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	5		5
Assessments Earned	149,350 ⁽¹⁾	(7,355) ⁽²⁾	141,995
Income Tax Expense			-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course			-
Country Club			-
Bar	(1,889)		(1,889)
Marina	(1,226)		(1,226)
Snack Shack			-
Swim Center			-
Stables			-
Recreation			-
Roads & Facilities Maintenance			-
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety			-
Administration	(234)		(234)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(16,358)		(16,358)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(19,707)	-	(19,707)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,028,339	\$ 14,467	\$ 1,042,806

Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2012 is \$1,792,195
- (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2012 is -\$7,355

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Someone once told me that if you don't toot your own horn then who will. I have never been a big horn tooter (is that really a word?), but sometimes things happen that you can take pride in and that, frankly, deserve a bit of recognition.

Now before you think I am heading on an overblown ego trip please bear with me as I explain the reasons for this bit of self-indulgence. As many of you know the Association contracts with an outside CPA firm (SBH and Associates) to conduct an annual audit of our financial records. This audit is designed to provide a level of reassurance that your money is being handled properly and that the financial statement we present to you accurately reflect the financial position of the Association.

We just recently completed the audit for the year ending December 31, 2011. The audit includes a complete review of our internal controls, discussions with management and Board members as well as testing of our financial

records and transactions for the entire 12 month period. The audit team spends 2-3 days here prior to year end (typically in October/November) and then for the better part of a week in late January. They complete their review once they leave and have an opportunity to analyze everything they have seen during their visit. Any adjustments to our results are also presented at this time.

The net result of this audit is the issuance of an opinion letter issued by the auditors. The desired result for any organization is what is called an unqualified opinion. This means that no significant issues arose during the audit that would call into question the accuracy and completeness of the financial records. This kind of opinion assures you, the property owner, that things are being handled properly from a financial perspective. Our opinion letter this year will be an unqualified one and has been for many years.

The second result of an audit is

the issuance of a Management Letter. This letter details any deficiencies or major suggestions the auditors might have regarding our internal controls, processes and financial management. The letter is addressed to the Board for their review and possible action.

Now comes the horn tooting part of this article. Over the last six years we have, 1) not been required to make any material adjustments to our financial results. In fact any adjustments that have been required have been for less than \$1,000.; 2) received an unqualified opinion from the auditors, and finally 3) we have had no findings reported to the Board via the Management Letter. This is a big deal. Adjustments mean we have been sloppy in our record keeping. Management Letter comments/suggestions reflect poorly on an organization's operations. They indicate issues that need to be addressed and improvements that need to be made in an organization's way of doing business. In my opinion the lack of Management Letter issues and significant adjustments speaks to the high level of professionalism exhibited by the management team in general and the accounting team

specifically.

While I would love to take credit for this streak of excellent audit results I can, in reality, only accept a small part of the credit for this. In fact the real reason we are so successful is due to the hard work and dedication of my team in accounting. Every day I see the efforts put in by Gene Zaroni, Michelle Ronning, Karen Peracca and Stacy Gray. These are the individuals who put the forth the effort, working tirelessly for the benefit of the Association and all of the individual property owners. The skill and dedication they bring to their tasks truly keeps things running smoothly, efficiently and, most important, accurately. They are the reason we have such a good string of audit results. My personal thanks go to each one of them for making my job a lot easier.

Well that's it for this month. If you have any PMLA Money Matters you would like to see discussed in this column in the future or have specific Association related financial questions please drop me a line at CONTROLLER@PINEMOUNTAINLAKE.COM or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion a little interesting at least a bit informative and mildly entertaining.

PML SAFETY REPORT

January – YTD			January – YTD			January – YTD			January – YTD		
Guest Passes Issued	779	779	Water Main Shut Off	0	0	Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	5	5	PML Reg Violations Guest	0	0
Vendor Passes Issued	110	110	Escorting Vehicle	14	14	- Monitoring Ctrl Burn	0	0	Citation Issued	0	0
Realtors Passes Issued	31	31	Report Writing	8	8	- Non-compliance	0	0	Parking Warning	0	0
Vehicles Admitted	7645	7645	Gate - Related	14	14	Hazard	11	11	Towed	0	0
Vehicles Refused Entry	163	163	- Tamper	0	0	Hazard - Tree Down	0	0	Marking Tires	0	0
Phone Calls Received	3609	3609	- Follow Through	2	2	Suspicious Circumstance	31	31	Accident PML	1	1
Residential Alarm	8	8	- Malfunction	8	8	Suspicious Person	3	3	Patrolling Unit	519	519
Amenity Alarm	6	6	- Struck by Vehicle	2	2	Suspicious Vehicle	0	0	Amenity Security Check	1974	1974
Animal Related	27	27	Unauthorized Use of Gate Card	1	1	Campground Envelopes Collected	29	29	Resident Security Check	363	363
Animal - Loose	18	18	Confiscated Gate Access Card	4	4	Campground Dumpstation	3	3	Opening/Closing Buildings	167	167
- Impounded	6	6	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	26	26	Residential Disturbance	0	0	Opening/Closing Gates	302	302
- Dead/Injured	12	12	Posting Flyers	52	52	Amenity Burglary	0	0	Posting Tennis	60	60
- Disturbance	2	2	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	0	Residential Burglary	0	0	Monitoring Tennis Courts	3	3
Dispatch Assist	60	60	ECC Inspection	0	0	Grand Theft	0	0	Personal Injury PML Property	1	1
Patrol Assist	147	147	Miscellaneous	76	76	Petty Theft	0	0	Weapon Violation	5	5
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	1	1	Scanner Traffic	22	22	Malicious Mischief	2	2	Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	52	52
Public Assist Misc.	14	14	Emergency Vehicle entering PML	38	38	Trespass	0	0	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	2	2
Welfare Check	2	2	Lost and Found	6	6	Law Violations - All Other	0	0	Patrol Vehicle - Safety Check	111	111
Transport	3	3	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	0	Law Violations - TCSO	0	0	Fixed Post	2	2
Civil Stand-by	0	0	Fire Safety Violation	0	0	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	2	2	Courtesy Notice Issued	3	3
Traffic Hazard	0	0	Control Burn Reported	41	41	Property Damage - PML	1	1	Notice of Trespassing Violation	0	0
Traffic Control	0	0	Permissive Burn Day	9	9	Property Damage - Resident	0	0	Tennis Fees Collected	\$47.00	\$47.00
Water Leak	8	8	Non Permissive Burn Day	22	22	Training/Meeting	0	0	All Other Fees Collected	\$4,049.74	\$4,049.74
Jump Start	6	6	Fire Safety - Hazard	1	1	PML Reg Violations Resident	3	3			

Independence Day Wristbands Now Available at the PML Administration Office.

Fireworks show is Saturday, July 7th, at dusk.

Property Owners receive 2 wristbands per property at no charge. Free wristbands are available through the Administration office only. Office hours are Mon - Fri, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. To speed things along please be ready to show your PML Gate Card photo ID. Additional wristbands can be purchased at the Marina (beginning May 12th) and the Administration Office now. Adults are \$6 ea. and children \$1 ea. (8 yrs and under).

If you are unable to pick up your free wristbands at the Administration Office they can be mailed to you. In order to maintain a "free" status please mail in a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please include a brief written request, include your unit/lot, sign and mail in to the address below.

MAILING: Your signed request and

self addressed, stamped envelope must be received by Friday, June 22nd. Wristbands will be mailed to the address of record only. Envelopes received without prepaid postage will not be mailed back to you. PMLA is not responsible for delivery.

MAIL TO: PMLA Free Wristbands
ATTN: Nancy
19228 Pine Mountain Drive
Groveland, CA 95321

PICK UP: Free wristbands are available through the Administration Office until Friday, July 6th during regular business hours.

We're sorry but lost, forgotten or misplaced wristbands cannot be replaced.

The Administration Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

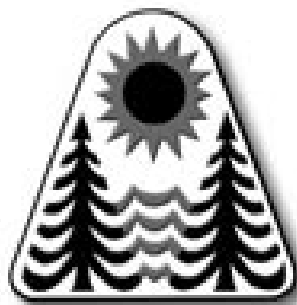
PMLA WRISTBAND REQUEST

I hereby request that PMLA mail my two (2) free July 4th wristbands per property to me. Enclosed please find a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope with required postage affixed. I understand my free wristbands will only be mailed to the address PMLA has on record as my mailing address.

I hereby accept responsibility for delivery of the wristbands and understand that PMLA will not replace lost or missing wristbands.

Any requested change of address must be submitted in writing and signed by a current property owner.

Requests for mailing of free wristbands must be RECEIVED in the PMLA Administration office by June 22, 2012.



Property Owner Signature

Property Owner Name

Date

Unit/Lot

Mail To: PMLA Free Wristbands – Nancy
19228 Pine Mountain Drive
Groveland, CA 95321

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our trail rides. Back in May of 2005 when I first started managing the stables for Pine Mountain Lake, there were a few old and very tired horses that were used on trail rides. After taking a good look at past procedures I was convinced there was a better way. After some time and research, I was able to locate a private contractor to take over the trail rides. That contractor is Dan Fraser. By using a private contractor, we eliminated the need for PML to own trail horses, and pay for tack, feed, veterinary and Ferrier (horseshoeing) services.



The trails contractor is responsible for furnishing trail horses and their equipment and handling their upkeep. The contractor is paid a percentage of what is charged for each trail ride. PML stables staff takes care of all bookings and handles all monies taken in for the rides. So far, this has been a successful business partnership.

To ensure that PMLA is protected, all trail riders must first sign a waiver and release form. Riders are also required to wear a safety helmet (which is provided) and closed-toed shoes or boots. This helps protect the riders feet while on the trail. It also helps to wear

long pants. To participate in a trail ride, the rider must be at least 8 years old and 44 inches tall. Riding double is not permitted. For the younger kids we can usually provide a pony ride on a horse if we receive advanced notice. Riders are instructed on what to do while riding the horses on the trails.

PML leases part of the Long Gulch Ranch and this is used for our trail rides. This area is around 400 acres behind the stables facility. There are lots of trails on this part of the ranch for our use. As spring time approaches we plan to add some new trails for your riding enjoyment.

Rides are on a set schedule all year long, weather permitting. During the busy part of summer we run rides seven days a week. During slower times of the year we run trail rides on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We will also schedule other days for rides with a little bit of notice. Normal ride times are 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

The cost of our trail rides is \$35.00 for a one hour ride, \$65.00 for a two hour ride, or for other rides please call the stables office. It is always a good idea to call the stables office to make a reservation for rides. The stables phone number is (209-962-8667). Happy Horsing Around!

GOT CC&Rs?

Each new homeowner at Pine Mountain Lake receives a copy of the Bylaws, CC&Rs and other important documents when they purchase their home. These governing documents are updated periodically, so if you purchased your home years ago, you may not have current copies. These documents are important to have handy. May we suggest if you need current bylaw or resolution information, use the internet and go to our website at www.pinemountainlake.com as we work hard to keep this

information current. If you do not use the internet, or you need the CC&Rs, you can purchase a hard copy of the Bylaws and CC&Rs (\$5). If you want to replace the entire new homeowner information packet that includes all of the governing documents including Resolutions, plus additional information you can purchase, a CD (\$40) or a complete hardcopy of the Homeowner's Binder for (\$85). If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Office at (209) 962-8600.

Pine Mountain Lake Golf News

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

WINTER IS STILL MIA

SPRING is around the corner and after an extremely dry winter, we have had absolutely perfect weather for golf in January and February. We've had plenty of play and Alan Macdonald and his mighty crew are continuing to keep the golf course in remarkable condition.

Speaking of conditions, I'd like to offer a big "Thank You" to all of you that are committed to keep the golf course and pace in great condition. I've had the pleasure to meet with the Committee Members of the Men's and Ladies 9-Hole and 18-Hole Groups to revitalize and review course conditions, course etiquette, and ways to enhance pace.

To name a few of the finer points we've reviewed:

CARTS

- GOLF CARTS ON THE CART PATHS AROUND ALL TEES & GREENS (no exceptions)
- Pull carts shall never be parked or pulled across any approaches and/or fringes
- Avoid cutting corners with Golf Carts
- The edges around the paths are what I like to call part of the "Frame round the Picture" A great frame can make a great picture even greater

FOLLOWING COURSE SIGNAGE

- Cart signs in fairways extend and include through the rough
- Driving around the signs or cutting inside them defeats the purpose and destroys sensitive areas that are meant to be protected
- Never driving beyond the signs in the rough and/or fairways ensures a healthier more appealing looking golf course.

PACE OF PLAY

- Always keep up with the group in front of you
- If you can't see the group in front

of you; you are out of position and need to catch up.

- Never look back to gage your pace; the group behind you does not dictate your pace, the group ahead does
- Keep an eye on your partners shots. Helps avoid prolonged searches for those sneaky, hiding golf balls and keeps everybody's attention on the game and makes the round more enjoyable

PLAYING "READY GOLF"

- Take 3-clubs with you to avoid unnecessary trips back and forth to the cart
- Avoid excessive practice swings; save energy and time and take them while you're waiting
- Get to your golf ball before it's your turn to hit
- Mark your scores on the next tee; this allows the group behind you to continue playing and gets your group out of potential harm's way

This is OUR golf course. We are the ambassadors and caretakers. Following these guidelines will allow us to continue to improve playing conditions and have more enjoyable rounds for us and our guests while adding to the overall value and attractiveness of our course to new golfers and potential property owners. Thank you in advance for all of your help in continuing to ensure that Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club continues to be the Best Club in the Sierras and the hidden jewel at the gateway to Yosemite.

SPRING Merchandise is coming in! Come check out the new TaylorMade Rocketballz (RBZ) line of clubs and balls. The name speaks for itself and these clubs are hot! Lots of demos available in the shop and the new RBZ irons are available from the fitting cart in the golf shop.

DEMO DAY will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the PML Golf Practice Range. For now we have TaylorMade, Cobra-

Puma, and are still working to get Callaway and Adams Golf on board. Don't miss this great opportunity to try some of the most advanced equipment we've ever seen.

LESSON CORNER – Telling The Honest Truth About Uneven Lies

One of the best defenses that PML Golf Course has is its hilly terrain. Here are a few quick tips on how to deal with those difficult shots that you'll inevitably come across:

Down Hill Lie – Play the ball back in your stance – aim left as the tendency is to push or fade the ball right

Up Hill Lie – Play the ball forward in your stance – avoid falling back – aim right as the tendency is to pull the ball left

Ball above the feet – Play the ball slightly back in your stance – aim right as the tendency is to pull the ball left – take one less club to compensate for a gain in distance

due to a lower hooking trajectory as a result of a flatter swing plane

Ball below the feet – Flex your knees and maintain that flex to allow yourself to get down to the ball – your swing will be a little more upright – aim left as the tendency is to push or fade the ball right – take one more club to compensate for a loss in distance

For all of these uneven lies, take an extra practice swing to determine where your club is impacting the ground. Swing easier to help maintain balance throughout the swing. This will help ensure a cleaner strike on the golf ball.

My door is always open and I am happy to meet, talk, play, and listen to any questions and/or comments you may have about how we can improve and serve you and your golf games here at Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club. Contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at golfpro@pinemountainlake.com.



PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE GOLF SHOP



NEW IN 2012

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS!

PML PROPERTY OWNERS/MEMBERS
RECEIVE

15% OFF GLOVES

20% OFF GOLF BAGS

20% OFF HEADWEAR

25% OFF ACCESSORIES

PLUS YOUR USUAL

**15% OFF CLOTHING
& SHOES**

DISCOUNTS ARE OFF OF
FULL RETAIL PRICES




Interesting Conceptual Ideas: Feedback Requested

BY GARY OING, LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

The PML Conceptual Ideas (CI) program was launched in November 2011 to encourage involved property owners to submit ideas to improve life at PML. Several owners have taken the initiative to submit their suggestions and now the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) will be exploring the feasibility of implementing these ideas with the submitters.

Before doing an extensive investigation, the LRPC would like to hear feedback from other property owners as to how interested the overall PML community is in the currently-submitted CIs. It should be noted that a large “expression of positive interest” does not necessarily mean that an “idea” can be immediately implemented because there will always be monetary/budget and practical considerations. But it would be helpful to know that a particular idea is (or is not!) popular with the community at large.

The following table shows the list of the four CIs that have been received:

CI NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1111-01	A swimming pool that is open year-round and has a size to allow for lap swimming.
1201-01	Replace current Marina building.
1201-02	Widening of selected roads and construction of bike lanes.
1202-01	Improve current swimming pool: maintain water temperature at 84 degrees and reduce heating costs, water evaporation, and chemical usage.

Check out the website link to see more background information on the CIs (as provided by the submitters) and send any opinions you have on these CIs by email

to lrpc@pinemountainlake.com. In your email, it would be helpful to reference the CI Number (see table) that you are sending your comment regarding.

The CI program website is the place to go to see the latest information about the status of all CIs as well as how you can submit other CIs. For example, the results of the feedback received will be posted there. The CI website, pmlmgc.com/lrpc/ci/index_ci.html, also gives further background about the program and how the process is intended to work in taking an “idea” forward to possible implementation and/or funding in a future PMLA budget cycle.

The official PMLA website, www.pinemountainlake.com, has a link to the LRPC webpage (under the Committees link) which has details about other activities of the committee as well as a link to the CI website. The LRPC welcomes your feedback on any of its past activities or suggestions for future projects.

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FOR ALL YOUR GIFT
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THE GRILL • BOAT
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THE MARINA • SNACK
SHACK GOODIES

Stop by the Golf Shop
and pick up great gifts
and golfing gear for the
golfer in your family.

KNOW A HUNTER
OR FISHERMAN?
Stop by the Main
Gate and pick up a
gift voucher from the
Department of Fish
and Game for the 2012
season. It works just like
a gift card. We can even
personalize it for you.

(Gift cards are available at
the Administration Office,
The Grill, and the Pro Shop)

2012 SCHEDULED EVENT DATES AND TIMES

FLEA MARKETS

Saturday, May 12th & Saturday, Sept. 8th

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

July 7th

MARINA STORE

Opening date: April 28th – May 11th (limited hours) 8 am to 5 pm
May 12th – Sept 3rd (regular hours) 7 am to 6 pm

MARINA LAKESIDE CAFÉ

Opening date: Saturday, May 12th to May 18th 11 am to 4 pm
May 19th – Sept 3rd summer hours
Sunday to Thursday 11 am to 6 pm
Friday & Saturday 11 am to 7 pm
Sunday (holiday weekends) 11 am to 7 pm
Sept 4th – Sept 16th – Fall hours 11 am to 4 pm
Friday & Saturdays 11 am to 6 pm

POOL

Opening date: Saturday, May 12th, closing date October 28th
Saturday, May 12 – Sept 3rd, (summer) 10 am to 9 pm
Sept 4th – Sept 16th (Fall) 10 am to 7 pm – weather permitting
Sept 17 – Oct 28, noon to 5 pm

SAND CASTLE CONTEST & FUN AND GAMES

Sunday, July 8th, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Sunday, July 8th, Fun & Games 1 – 3 pm
Saturday, Sept. 1st, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Fun & Games 11 am to 1 pm

FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 5th to Monday, Sept 3rd

FISH PLANTS

Friday, May 11th & Friday, Sept 21st

FISHING DAYS FOR KIDS

Saturdays, June 16th, July 14th and Aug 11th

FREE STATE FISHING DAYS

July 7th & Sept 8th

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, Nov 3rd

For detailed, updated information check the website
www.PineMountainLake.com

Times & Dates are subject to change without notice.

Waterfowl Management Committee

Pine Mountain Lake has formed a Waterfowl Management Committee to control the growing Canada goose population.

The Committee is soliciting member input and welcomes any suggestions.

To provide suggestions please email the committee at: PMLAWMC@pinemountainlake.com

Hiking and Walking Trails

BY TOM MOFFITT

The Pine Mountain Lake hiking and walking trails have been expanded, improved, and are receiving some greatly deserved embellishments. Enhancements to these trails will be published in this year's PML Activity Guide, available this May. The trails will have many newly constructed trailhead kiosks, displaying trail information and seasonal notifications. Please familiarize yourself with the Trail Rules of Use, posted at the kiosks, before using the trails.



access roads have been graded, and a new Fenceline Trail has been added. Three picnic areas have been constructed on the trails, adding a place to rest and enjoy the view.

While the Big Creek Trail and the Rock Canyon Trail are moderate walking trails, this Recreation and Trail Area offers hiking trails which are more strenuous for the day hiker. The new Fenceline Trail is the steepest of the trails in this network, but offers a connection trail between the largest trail loops. The trails in this area will now be signed with

Added to the PML trail network is the Big Creek Trail at the southeastern area of our community. The trail is a 2-mile round trip, a moderate walking path, ending at the PMLA boundary. Trailhead parking is available at the north side of the Big Creek Bridge on Pine Mountain Drive. The trail is accessed at the trailhead gate, and travels for a mile along Big Creek on the old Hetch Hetchy railroad grade. Please use the mandated diversion trail which leaves the railroad grade, runs below the grade, and along the creek for a short distance. This is

necessary in respect to private property and homes along the old railroad grade. There are resting benches on the trail, no restrooms facilities, and be sure and carry drinking water.

The Rock Canyon Trail has been enhanced with the completion of the trail loop. This trail is accessible from the trailhead vehicle parking at Fisherman's Cove playground, and by foot from several places along Rock Canyon Way and Crescent Way. There are three foot bridges on the trail, two bridges complete

the trail loop, and a bridge crosses the creek to the Tennis Courts across from the Rock Canyon Mail House. There is a picnic area mid-way on the trail, which is the connection for the trail loop.

A great amount of work has been completed for the Recreation and Trail Area in Unit 16. This is the area on the north side of PML, above the Campground, north of Ferretti Road. With the completion of the fire abatement work, the Maintenance Department has expanded the trail network here. The

the official access road names. These road names will also appear on satellite mapping of this area. This will also help in emergency situations which require immediate response. Restrooms and water are available at the Campground.

Trailhead vehicle parking is available at the Campground designated parking area at the road end of Rocky Point Drive. Follow the trail use guidelines which are posted, enjoy the use of these hiking and walking areas.

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION JOB FAIR SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PMLA Lake Lodge on Pine Mountain Drive

JOIN OUR SUMMER TEAM!

THE GRILL

Servers
Line Cook
Prep Cook
Dishwasher
Snack Shack

MARINA

Store Clerk
Boat Patrol
Beach Patrol
Boat Handler
Water Taxi
Gate Guard

PRO SHOP
Outside Services
Shop Assistant

POOL
Attendants

MARINA LAKESIDE CAFÉ

Supervisor
Line Cook
Cashier

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

NEW AUTO CLEAN-UP PROGRAM (not a car wash)

As we enter our 4th year under revised Resolution #95.04 Fire Safety Rules and Regulations we learned a lot about how members manage and maintain their Lots to comply with our fire safety requirements.

Some members clean their Lots themselves, and many hire vendors to perform this work. In fact, many have the same vendors clean their Lot every year. We work closely with vendors who perform this work and we know some of the frustration members go through in this annual process.

This coming 2011-2012 fire season we would like to offer one more option to our members. It is called our "Auto Clean-up Program." For those members who choose to participate, we will have the member's Lot cleaned by a pool of approved vendors according to our standards, and have this approved amount added to the member's account.

We are always looking for ways to add value to property ownership, and this will help alleviate the worry about this annual responsibility.

Members will have the opportunity to approve the bid and feel comfortable that the Lot will be cleaned on time. This option will be ideal for absentee Owners who don't visit their property on a regular basis and for Owners who just don't want to deal with it, yet know it has to be done.

We posted the sign-up forms with additional information on our website at www.pinemountainlake.com under the fire safety tab. The "internet challenged" can call us and we will fax or mail the forms. Members have until May 15, 2012 to sign up. Each year there will be an option to continue or cancel participation in this program.

If you have any questions, we have answers. So please call us at (209) 962-1240.

On another topic, I would also like to give a big Thank You to those members who provided us with their email address. This is the most effective way of communicating and, at least at this point, it is still free! Please, if you haven't done so already, give us your email address. It beats the more traditional way by a mile.

Welcome Campground Master

BY SERGEANT NATALIE MOFFITT, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

Campground Master? Who is the Campground Master? Did they hire a new person? Campground Master is a software program designed around campground reservation management. As many members are already aware, the Campground is one of many amenities at Pine Mountain Lake. It is utilized throughout the year by the public, members and guests of members alike. With the decline in the economy, more and more people have sought out cheaper vacation alternatives, such as camping. In turn, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of reservations at our Campground since about 2009. The Department of Safety has also become more inundated with calls from those who would like to reserve and those who are just simply inquiring. On average, Safety staff spends roughly 20 minutes on the phone or in person with a customer answering questions and completing each reservation. During the busier times of year, a few 20 minute phone calls can turn into hours spent reserving, modifying and cancelling campsite reservations.

The campground reservation system at Pine Mountain Lake has not been without evolution. Prior to 2009, the Department of Safety was utilizing a three ring binder in which reservations were recorded in a ledger and on a printed calendar. During 2009 the campground reservation system was revamped and converted to a similar setup in Microsoft Excel. As many of you know, Excel's main function is strictly for collecting and analyzing raw data. These rudimentary Excel

spreadsheets were designed in the hopes that a separate software system would prove unnecessary. With the increase in reservations we have thus far experienced, using Excel in this capacity was no longer feasible or practical. It was decided that a system specifically designed for reservation management would be beneficial to the operation of the Pine Mountain Lake Campground so that it might meet its full potential.

Let me preface this by saying that we continually strive to keep up with advances in technology while providing members with the best possible service and overall cost. Campground Master will enable us to book reservations year round and reduce inaccuracies in customer information while providing a more reliable database. This will not only improve our reputation as an efficient and dependable campground, but will also enable us to generate more revenue for the Association. Achieving this goal was not nearly as possible during the previous seasons as it was very challenging to record and maintain such a multitude of reservations. Now that Campground Master has resolved this problem, we are looking forward to a very busy reservation season. As a side note, property owners and guests of property owners are welcome to stay at the Campground for a discounted rate by contacting the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615. Additional information regarding the Campground can also be found on the Pine Mountain Lake website.

As always, please remember to call in your guests ahead of their arrival. Thank you!

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

What is on tap for late winter and early spring for golf maintenance?

The drainage project near #4 green should be completed and the lateral hazard there a thing of the past.

Selected trees around the course will have some winter maintenance, either in house using the bucket truck or hiring professional tree climbers to come in and do the high work.

We will be improving some bunker edges and leveling a tee or two.

Also during this time we will be mowing and doing course cleanup as needed. The tees and collars are mowed about once a week in the winter and greens one to three times just to cleanup and smooth out. We have not mowed a fairway since early December!

As the soil temperatures begin to rise, we will vertical cut, seed, top dress, and fertilize thin areas around the course. We are limited in the cold of winter to do some things to improve various areas around the course, due to the cold soil temperatures.

Two areas that need constant work are to the left of #4 fairway, especially near the dogleg, and to the right of #9 fairway. We will poke holes, apply extra fertilize, say a few prayers and seed these areas to make them more playable. Other areas will also be worked.

Seeing membership enjoy their course gives the golf maintenance crew a lot of satisfaction. [Maybe a good cheeseburger too] Becoming very familiar with the same course can lead to habits that we don't give a lot of thought to. These habits could be to not rake the bunker you have just played out of, or

not looking to repair your ball mark on the green.

As mentioned last month, another habit that sometimes we don't think about, is driving the golf cart. Some of the most intelligent people in the world play golf, [it must be Thursday] yet when these same people drive golf carts, common sense is absent. During dry, cold conditions like we are experiencing this winter, it is even more important that you are aware of where you drive the golf cart. The areas mentioned above would be much better off without cart traffic and would be more playable year around if you stayed on the path in these compacted areas. Constantly driving around tees and greens will also add to the compaction in these areas, along with leaving unsightly tire marks. We certainly appreciate all you can do to make the playing conditions as good as you can.

At times during our winters we will have trees damaged or knocked down due to the weather.

During the only storm in January we lost a cedar to the right of #11 fairway. Trees are such an important part of our course, and most courses, that you hate to see them go down. Losing this tree did us a favor as it will allow more sunlight to the area, especially during the winter months when there is frost. It will also assist with our summer time irrigation scheduling. Some of our evergreens just don't need to be where they are.

Enough said! Play well, enjoy the company that you are in [unless it is...] and please help us in taking care of your course.

2012 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Stop by the main gate to get your Deer, Pig, Bear, Waterfowl, or Fishing license and all supplemental stamps today! Need the Perfect Gift? Pick up a Gift Voucher. It works just like a gift card. The recipient can redeem their gift at any California licensing agent. We can even personalize the voucher with "Happy Birthday" "Happy Anniversary" or any other special note. For questions, please call the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615

What’s Cooking in March

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



Well, year number two is tucked neatly under my belt. It has been a fantastic year for The Grill. We have pushed our culinary envelope and created some “crazy good” specials for our weekends. While some of our diners return time and time again to order their very favorite dish, others come to see what Raul and I have whipped up. We are always brainstorming on how we can make each and every meal a special one. Thank you to all who have helped make year two a memorable one!

We will celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day with Irish Vineyards wine tasting and corned beef and cabbage lunch buffet. This will be a fun way to enjoy the holiday. Also the response to last year’s Irish dinner was great! I am sure that this combination of a wine tasting luncheon and our Irish dinner specials will surly guarantee a full house!

Any of you East Bay transplants ever go to Brennan’s in Berkeley? I have spent many of St. Patty’s Day there slurping down Irish Coffee and eating corned beef and cabbage at the Hofbrau.

Here is my Irish Soda Bread Recipe:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup cold butter
- 1 cup raisins or currants
- 1 3/4 cups buttermilk

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add raisins. Stir in buttermilk just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; gently knead 6-8 times. Place on an ungreased baking sheet; pat into a 7-in. round loaf. Using a sharp knife, cut a 1-in. cross about 1/4 in. deep on top of the loaf. Bake at 375 degrees F for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

How about starting the weekend off in style with our Saturday Champagne Brunch? Each brunch starts with a basket of fresh baked goodies and the menus change monthly. The entrées with be fresh, new and exciting, not the usual brunch fare, and so delicious.

March marks the beginning of lent and we have fresh fish every weekend. We like to be creative with the variety of fish we order. Bluenose sea bass, grouper, monk fish are just a few we have done recently to a very happy crowd. Our popular fish and chips and Mahi Mahi sandwich are a great lunch choice.

Easter Brunch on April 8th

Mark your calendars and make your reservations NOW! We sell out quick. I, so hope that you can join us in this feast celebrating Easter. We will do our Grand buffet that has wowed so many with all our brunch specialties. Slow Roasted Prime Rib, Rum and Brown Sugar Glazed Ham with Raisin Sauce (a must have), Waffle Station, Omelet Station, traditional brunch favorites and some new dishes, and to top it off a full array of baked goods and desserts.

Spring is just around the corner and I can’t wait. If you haven’t visited us in awhile, here is my personal invite for you to dine with us, please let your server know and I will be happy to come out of the kitchen and introduce myself.

Until we eat together...

News from the Lounge

BY AARON HAMBLIN, ASST. GRILL MANAGER



February was a great month filled with fun and fabulous weather! As we move into March there are many exciting things happening at the Grill and Lounge. Who knows... there may be some “GREEN” drinks on St. Patrick’s Day! Chef Carrie is preparing a meal that would please a true Irishman. Corned Beef with all the fixings” is on the menu.

Recently, a trend in flavored Vodka has swept over bars nationwide. Some are hard to get, others become regular flavors in bars due to their popularity. We are right there in the mix. We are now carrying some flavored Absolut Vodka. Here is a little bit about the flavors we carry:

ABSOLUT RUBY RED is made exclusively from natural ingredients, and unlike most other flavored vodkas, it doesn’t contain any added sugar. ABSOLUT RUBY RED is smooth and fruity with a crisp and refreshing character of zesty grapefruit.

ABSOLUT CITRON is made exclusively from natural ingredients, and unlike most other flavored vodkas, it doesn’t contain any added sugar. To put it short and simple: ABSOLUT CITRON is smooth and mellow, with a fresh fruity lemon and lime character and a note of lemon peel.

ABSOLUT PEPPAR is made exclusively from natural ingredients, and unlike most other flavored vodkas, it doesn’t contain any added sugar. ABSOLUT PEPPAR is hot and spicy and has a distinct character of green bell, chili and jalapeño pepper

ABSOLUT MANDRIN is made exclusively from natural ingredients, and unlike most other flavored vodkas, it doesn’t contain any added sugar. It’s complex, smooth and mellow with a fruity mandarin and orange character mixed with a note of orange peel.

ABSOLUT GRAPEVINE The newest member in the ABSOLUT family is ABSOLUT Grapevine, new vodka that offers the true taste of white grape, balanced with notes of dragon fruit and papaya. ABSOLUT Grapevine will be available in bars, nightclubs and retail nationwide beginning in January 2012. It is made from all-natural ingredients and contains no sugar.

Ask any of our friendly bartenders for their recommendations using any of these quality Vodkas. They will be happy to mix just the right drink for you.

As always, we will provide great entertainment on Saturday nights. Be sure to come in for Showtime Karaoke on the first Friday of each month. Karaoke has become such a popular event. We are fortunate to have some wonderful singers join us. Entertainment for April is:

**FRIDAY APRIL 6TH
SHOWTIME KARAOKE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 7TH
DYNAMO**

**SATURDAY APRIL 14TH
HIWAY 99 BAND**

**SATURDAY APRIL 21ST
ROCKSLIDE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
CRYSTAL IMAGE**

As always, entertainment starts at 8:00 pm and lasts until midnight. We encourage dancing. Our Saturday night dancers have become incredible to watch. The bands each try to play a mix of oldies, rock, jazz and even some new contemporary so that everyone has a chance to hit the dance floor. Feedback on the bands is encouraged. We like to know who you want to see more of. And be sure to reserve a table in the dining room if you (and friends) plan to dance the night away.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LOUNGE!

St. Patrick's Day

WINE TASTING & LUNCH BUFFET

March 17th

Blarney Red & White, Pog Mo Thoin, Malbec, Viognier
and Glenda - just to name a few

MENU FEATURING

Traditional Irish Meal

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Potatoes
Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert

At Noon on March 17, 2012

Only **\$19** per person plus tax

All wines featured are offered for sale
at discounted prices this day only

Reservations are required
so make yours today!

962-8638

THE
GRILL

at Pine Mountain Lake



March Madness at The Grill

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



March on down to The Grill and watch March Madness on one or all of our five high definition, flat, big screen televisions! The 19th Hole lounge offers a bar

menu, with all of your game time favorites. If that doesn't interest you try one of our monthly wine tasting lunch or dinners. Also, keep in mind we have our wonderful holiday buffets coming up!

March 17 Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Wine Tasting and Lunch Buffet Featuring Irish Vineyards.

Expect to see such varietals as Blarney Red & White, Pog Mo Thoin, Malbec, Viognier and Glenda, just to name a few. All wines featured will be offered for sale at discounted prices this day only. Carrie will prepare a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and Irish Soda Bread. She will top off your afternoon with a dessert that would satisfy any leprechaun! The cost of this event is only \$19.00 plus tax. What a deal for unlimited wine tasting and a wonderful lunch! Reservations are required so call today to make yours. Seating time is at 12 pm on 3/17/12 at 962-8638.

April 8th, Easter Buffet!

This is a very popular event so make your reservations early. Seatings are at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm. Expect to

see all of you favorites like carved prime rib, old fashion baked ham, omelet station, and an amazing assortment of entrees, salads, and baked goods, and desserts. All for only \$29.95, guests 65 and better are \$23.95, and kids 6-12 are only \$15.00, with the little ones 5 and under free! Call today 962-8638

April 19th, Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet 5-7:30pm

In April we will be featuring wines from Classic Wines of California. Classic Wines of California is a major representative of a vast portion of wineries throughout California. They will be showcasing an array of vineyards sure to please even the most particular of connoisseurs. Chef Carrie will prepare a dinner buffet of Coq au Vin (French Chicken stew with wine), herb and butter pommes (potatoes), sautéed seasonal vegetables, and green salad with lemon vinaigrette. To top it all off she will satisfy your sweet tooth with Chocolate Éclairs to complete your dining experience! All featured labels may be purchased at discounted prices this night only. The cost of this event is only \$23.00. Reservations are required so call today for yours 962-8638

If any of the above events do not appeal to you, try our awesome breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday

See **IN THE AIR AT THE GRILL**
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Burgers Make a Comeback

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



The All American Burger is making a comeback. From the finest eatery to the fastest drive thru, burgers have taken over the restaurant industry — and they show

no signs of letting up, both as a top consumer menu pick and the hottest growth segment in foodservice says the Nation's Restaurant News.

Technomic research, a Chicago-based market research firm, shows that nearly half of today's consumers, about 48 percent, eat a burger at least once a week, up from 38 percent in 2009. The NRN Top 100 survey shows burger brands dominating the top growth chains, from Five Guys Burger & Fries to Culver's, Hardee's and Whataburger. From gourmet to fast food, the burger is very popular. Consumers also say, according to Technomic, that it's important for restaurants to offer a variety of burgers, in terms of ingredients and pricing.

At the Grill we have also rode this wave of success serving a fresh Angus chuck half-pound burger. The very popular Grill Burger is cooked over an open flame to order and is sure to satisfy even the healthiest of appetites. We offer an assortment of extras and cheeses to add a little variety and unlike some other restaurants, we include french fries. For those with a smaller appetite we have our trendy sliders. 3 mini burgers served with french fries. And of course for the

non meat-eater we serve the yummy Boca burger. A very popular name brand vegetarian patty made with soy. If you're watching your carbs, then try the burger bunless with a caesar salad.

In the news all we heard was people were eating healthier and looking for healthier options on the menu. The new 2011 law made multi unit restaurants post the calories on their menu. But the above research numbers show that most people still want a burger no matter what. And our numbers support that as well. By the way if you really want to know, our burger is a juicy 684 calories. What that tells me is that our burger is bigger than theirs.

So, the next time you're traveling through Oakdale on your way up to Pine Mountain Lake, don't stop and get a fast food burger or two. It's worth the 45 minute drive to have a great burger at The Grill. We are open until 9 pm on Fridays and if you are cutting it close because of traffic just call ahead and let us know that you are your way. For your convenience, we can do phone orders to go as well.

As the All American Burger is making a comeback, I'm sure that the Grill Burger will make you comeback. The views in March of the snow capped Sierras on a clear day make the Grill that much better of a setting to dine in.

As always, if you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to drop me a line clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com. For all the latest news and events check us out at the only official website www.pinemountainlake.com

WINE TASTING & Dinner Buffet

April 19 Seatings (all PM) at: 5 • 5:15 • 5:30 • 5:45 & 6

Featuring Classic
Wines of California

\$23.00 plus tax/per person
All wines are offered at discount
prices for sale this day only

MENU

Coq au Vin (French Chicken stew with wine)
Herb & butter Pommes (potatoes)
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables
Green Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette
Chocolate Éclairs

Reservations are required, so make yours today! 209-962-8638

THE
GRILL

at Pine Mountain Lake



EASTER BUFFET

April 8, 2012

MENU FEATURES

Expect to see all of your favorites like carved prime rib, old fashion baked ham, omelet station, and an amazing assortment of entrees, salads, and baked goods, and desserts.



Only **\$29.95** per person plus tax

\$23.95 for guests 65 and better

Kids 6-12 are only **\$15.00** and 5 and under are **FREE!**

Seatings: 9am, 11am and 1pm
Make your reservations early! Call 962-8638

MARCH MADNESS AT THE GRILL

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mornings. In March expect to see the debut of our Saturday Champagne Brunch. This incredible brunch will offer a special menu created by our chef monthly, with a special flair to showcase our very talented Chef Taylors culinary expertise. There will be a new and exciting brunch menu to look forward to every month.

We now offer fresh brewed espresso, cappuccino, and mochas. What a great way to start your day! We are also open for lunch 6 days a week, Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Believe it or not, our outside terrace has been the preferred dining spot with the afternoon temps lately near the 70's, with magnificent views of The Sierra's and our beautiful

championship golf course. If dinner is what you desire we also serve it 6 days a week, Tuesday through Sunday starting at 5:00pm. We have something to satisfy everyone in the family from children's menus, to small plates, to hearty meals! And after dinner let us tempt you with a luring look at our dessert cart filled with tantalizing creations made fresh daily by Chef Carrie.

In addition to our wonderful planned events and ala cart dining opportunities, consider us for all your special celebrations. We accommodate banquets of all kinds on site and off. You will be proud to have The Grill staff cater any of your events. Our staff is professional and dedicated to maximize your dining pleasures! You can contact me 24/7 at cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com or call 962-8638. I look forward to hearing from you. Bon Appetit!

On the Lake: Sediment, an Ounce of Prevention

BY MIKE HORVATH, LAKE CONSULTANT/LIMNOLOGIST

Good news! Since last month's article, we did get enough rain to fill and spill the lake. The storms weren't enough to end the threat of a drought, but at least we're heading into the spring with a full lake.

Last month, I ended with a teaser, suggesting that our lake would become a meadow within 300 years or so. Facts, and specific studies done on our lake, support this. Nothing but the facts! In a nationwide study of lakes (reservoirs) constructed prior to 1954, 33% of them had lost one-quarter to one-half of their capacity due to sedimentation. Another 14% had lost one-half to three-quarters, and 10% had completely filled in. I'm confident we will fare better than that. However, it won't come without a price, commitment, and involvement.

Several studies done on our lake show that it continues to accumulate enough sediment to cover the entire bottom of the lake with one to three inches per year. Two of those studies compared the lake volume based on pre-dam surveys, to measurements made with sophisticated depth sounders in 1994 and again in 2005. Another study done over 8 years, measured the actual amount of sediment being deposited in "traps" deployed at various locations on the bottom of the lake. I even ran a model that considers soil erosion, precipitation, land use, and slope. They all came to the same conclusion; the lake gets an infusion of 20,000 to 60,000 cubic yards of sediment every year. Remember that number.

Now it gets down to the "ounce of prevention." We already know what a pound of cure cost. Last year's dredge project was mostly successful, but costly. It removed about 20,000 cubic yards of sediment. And it certainly wasn't a be-all and end-all fix or a simple one-time operation. I know that, the Association knows it, and so does the lakefront property owner up in the Garrotte area who was fairly displeased (understatement) that they had already lost a foot of depth after the dredge was complete. That gets into shoreline management and is a subject I'll cover later.

So, what is an ounce of prevention, and how many ounces will it take? By

far, the biggest ounce will be borne by the Association. They are already working on a sediment mitigation plan. In the end, it will likely include a variety of measures that will substantially reduce the amount of sediment entering the lake. These might include; armoring and redirecting small gullies to slow the eroding force of the water, planting and enhancing soil binding vegetation in high erosion areas, providing more guidance and oversight on construction sites, and enforcement of existing codes. I saw one lakeside lot being sprayed with herbicide. I know that's not good for soil binding, and I'm fairly certain it is illegal. I saw another burning brush right at the shoreline... more sediment, ash and fertilizer into the lake.

The plan will also look at the feasibility of sediment interceptors or basins on the inflowing creeks to capture some of the sediment load. Additional, small scale dredging in areas susceptible to high deposition might be required. However, even if the Association does everything within its control, it will also have to look at cooperative agreements with land owners and managers outside of PML. The majority of land that contributes sediment into the lake is outside of the boundaries of PML. During a heavy rain last year, I walked up Second Garrotte Creek to identify sources of the mud and sediment laden water entering the lake. A major contributor appeared to be poorly maintained roads along a power line right-of-way.

In the end my friend, it is all the "little ounces" that will really make a difference. Every property owner has a part. I don't write about this to scare you into thinking that someday you will wake up to a mud-hole rather than a beautiful lake. Instead, I hope to encourage you to get involved (constructively), learn about your lake, do your part on your property and don't be afraid to encourage others to do the same.

Fact: In an average water year (Oct 1 to Sept 30), Pine Mountain Lake receives enough inflow to refill the lake, even if were COMPLETELY empty. Caveat, average can be very misleading.

IS IT TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE?



May 12, 2012 at the PML STABLES on 13309 Clifton Way

- Spaces are first come-first served on the day of the event
- Please bring your own tables, tarps, blankets, etc.
- Space set-up starts at 7 am
- Space fee is \$7 per space. Pay in advance at PML Admin Office or at the Stables the day of the event



Tioga High School Fundraiser

ENJOY

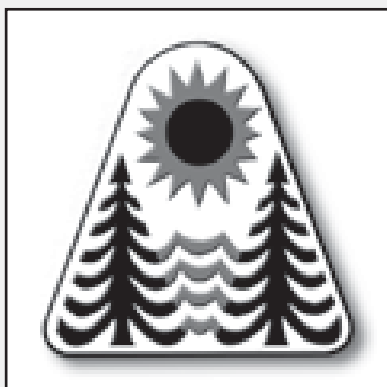
Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Donuts • Coffee • Juice



Hosted by the
Pine Mountain Lake Association

The following proposed Board resolution is an amendment to Resolution # 95.04, Fire Safety Plan Policies and Procedures. The purpose of the amendment is to update the policies with regard to inspection requirements, notification, information guides, and to enact burn pile standards.

The effect of the amendment will be a more streamlined and effective fire safety inspection process. The main effect and change in this draft is the addition of burn pile standards. This draft was discussed at the February 2012 monthly Board meeting. This published draft will also be discussed by the Board of Directors at the March 2012 monthly Board meeting at the PML Lake Lodge. The Board will make a decision on the adoption of the draft at that meeting. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and all PMLA members are welcome to attend.



Proposed Revision Resolution # 95.04

FIRE SAFETY PLAN POLICY AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined there exists a threat to property occupants and others should wildland fire strike the subdivision,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has conducted a study to identify those fire safety concerns,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby approve and adopt the fire Safety Plan developed by Robert Irwin and William H. Bowman to reduce or eliminate the wildland fire potentials, the attached policy entitled "Fire Abatement Notice and Enforcement Standards and Procedures".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual deadline for property owner fire safety compliance is July 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bangs **Ian Morcott**, Secretary

FIRE ABATEMENT NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

California's wildfire history over the last several years has caused those residents who live in rural areas to understand the need to do fuel reduction work prior to each fire season. Pine Mountain Lake is clearly one of those communities at risk for major loss. That's why volunteers and staff have developed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. It's a strategy for PML that articulates what we need to do to reduce the threat, and helps us focus on specific tasks. As an example, our Board of Directors has taken aggressive measures to reduce fuels in our greenbelt areas.

Similarly, our staff and Board of Directors have reviewed the status of fuel reduction work done by property owners on privately owned lots. Thankfully, there are hundreds of property owners who do a stellar job of reducing fuel loads and maintaining their properties. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of lots that are not fire safe. This has resulted in a decision to strengthen our enforcement policies and procedures.

Please read the attached PMLA FIRE ABATEMENT STANDARDS, INSPECTION SCHEDULE AND FINE POLICY. It provides:

- Reference to sources for fuel reduction standards
- Revised inspection schedule
- List of actions for those properties found not in compliance

Also, be aware that Cal-Fire is empowered to inspect PML properties and levy fines for non-compliance.

You are welcome to contract with a private firm or to perform the work yourself. However, if you wish to obtain a bid from the company that will be providing fire abatement services to Pine Mountain Lake Association on common areas, as well as many of the owners of developed and undeveloped lots, please contact the PML administration. And if you would like assistance in deciding what action needs to be taken on your property, contact the PML Fire Safety Coordinator. He can help you develop an "Individual Fire Abatement Plan" that not only brings your lot into compliance with standards, but also provides a park like setting for your property, as well as improving the health of our forest.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Only as a community taking action together can we reduce the threat of wildfire.

Sincerely,

Pine Mountain Lake Association
19228 Pine Mountain Drive
Groveland, CA 95321

Fire Abatement Enforcement Standards And Procedures

STANDARDS:

For a complete picture of legal statutes, PMLA policy, and fire abatement best practices, property owners should refer to the following documents:

1. PML website, Association Information:
 - a. PML "Fire Program Clean Up Requirements"
 - b. PML "Community Wildfire Protection Plan", August 2008, PMLA
 - c. "Fire Prevention Guidebook", March 1996, Revised July 2006 by CDF and GCSD
 - d. "Living with Fire in Pine Mountain Lake". A Fire Abatement Guide for the Property Owner. Fire Safe Council, Highway 108 (revised 2010)**
 - e. PMLA Burn Pile Standards**
2. Pine Mountain Lake Fire Safety Plan, December 1994, Robert L Irwin and William H. Bowman
~~"Living with Fire in Tuolumne County- A Guide for Homeowners" Fire Safe Council, Highway 108 (revised 2005)~~

INSPECTION SCHEDULE AND FINE PROCESS

1. All properties must be in compliance with fire abatement standards on July 1st of each year.
2. PML staff will conduct inspections of private property ~~June 1 – June 30~~ starting **July 1 of each year.**
3. Those properties found not in compliance will be sent non-compliance letters, stating necessary changes.
4. Property owners will have 15 days from the date of the letter to remedy non-compliance issues called out in the letter.
5. PML staff will conduct a follow-up inspection for those properties notified as not in compliance. PMLA will take the following action for those properties found to have uncorrected deficiencies:
 - ~~a. "Summary Judgment Letter"~~ **"Final Notice Letter"** sent to property owner.
 - b. Property owners will have 15 days to request a hearing regarding these actions
 - c. Property owner fined \$500 as a charge to the property owner's member account.
 - d. The property will be immediately abated by the company providing fire abatement services to Pine Mountain Lake Association, with the cost of the fire abatement services being charged to the property owner's member account.
 - e. The property will be scheduled for abatement the following year by the company providing fire abatement services to Pine Mountain Lake Association, with the cost of the fire abatement services being charged to the property owner's member account.

Authority: special individual assessment, as set forth in Article IV, Section 4 (a) (iii) of the First Restated Declaration of Restrictions). A special individual assessment shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made per PMLA CC&Rs, Article IV, Section 4 (a) (iii) in accordance with the members right to notice and hearing pursuant to Article XIV, Section 6.

PMLA Burn Pile Standards

November 1 – May 31 (burn season)

- **Maximum pile size is 4' x 4' x 4'**
- **A ready water source available**
- **Attendance by an Adult until fire is out**
- **10' Diameter clearance from vegetation or flammables**
- **PML burn permit required by property Owner and any other required permits.**

June 1 – October 31 (no burn season)

- **Disposal at the compost dump is required for all brush, limbs, leaves/needles**
- **A cut and stack (burn pile) for future burning must be authorized by PML Fire Safety Coordinator**
- **Conditions at the time will dictate the criteria for authorization to maintain a burn pile for future burning**

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

Aviation Association	
Marle Hewett	962-0701
Computer Users Group	
Frank Perry	962-0728
Country Mountain Riders	
Dorothy Scofield	962-8667
Duplicate Bridge	
Bobbie Vandenbergh	962-6965
Exercise	
Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake	
Richard Hathaway	962-7595
Garden Club	
Louise Turney	962-0609
Guardians of PML	
Brian Sweeney	962-5737
Ladies Club	
Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Ladies Golf Club	
Diane Lloyd	962-4386
Marathon Bridge	
Joe Sousa	962-5708
Men's Golf Club	
Gus Allegri	962-6915
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club	
Bob Oakley	962-4799
Monday Bridge Club	
Bill Parker	962-5957
Needle Crafts	
Lee Isbell	962-5727
Non-Residents' Club	
Kathy Coon	(510) 656-0162
Pine Needlers Quilt Guild	
Susan Halstead	878-3111
PMLakers RV Club	
Ned Nuddleman	925-371-2287
PML Niners	
Geralyn Dielman	962-5818
PML Shooting Club	
John Graham	president@pmlsc.com
PML Waterski & Wakeboard	
Tom Duprey	(510) 796-4180
Racquet Club	
Emily Van Vleet	962-0930
Residents Club	
Dick Faux	962-4617
ROOFBB	
Rita Hart	962-0670
Sierra Professional Artists	
Heinie Hartwig	(209) 586-1637
Sunday Couples Golf	
Alma Frawley	962-5578
Windjammers Sailing Club	
Fred Mecum	962-7989

Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We are off and running, ready to do what we need to do this time of year in our yards and gardens. We had our first meeting for the 2012 year on February 13th, under the direction of new president Louise Turney. We all feel like it is spring already with the nice sunny days we have been having, but we know a lot of winter yet to come. Hopefully we will have a lot of rain. While we wait for the rain, we need to do outside watering.

I looked up the definition of the words, yard and garden. A yard is a track of ground next to a building, A garden is a plot of land for growing flowers, plants or vegetables. It doesn't matter what you have or do, we want to make the best use of the area around our homes and make it as attractive as we can. This is what garden club is all about. We learn a lot. Arlene Vorce told us how to prune roses and talked about the gopher problem at the meeting on the 13th. Linda Flores,

Chairperson for the Jail garden, told us the history and an update on what we will be focusing on. If you are new to our area, the Jail is our project. We are all very proud of this lovely spot in our town. Sometimes we have our meeting there and have work days (doing Jail time).

Our next meeting will be on March 12. We usually meet at the Lake Lodge, but watch for your newsletter or email for time and place.

See you at Garden Club.

January Golf with the PML Lady Niners

BY CYNDY KROUT

We continue to enjoy this wonderful winter weather with 10 or 11 players each week. We certainly wish more of our members would come out and join us as the ball is rolling a little extra and the golf course is in good shape.

This month we had five ladies that got a par at least once on #14 and they were Beverly Oakley, Karen Dickson, Pat Van Gerpen, Darlene Hoagland and Cyndy. On #17 three players enjoyed a par and this was Darlene H., Marilyn Alexander and Judy Michaelis. Bev also chipped in on #14. Shirley Colley, Marilyn A., Nancy Whitefield, Flo Jensen, Judy M., and Cyndy vied for Low Net of the month and Cyndy was declared Ace for January.

The first play day in January (5) is

Putts Day and Wanda Patterson was in first place taking the least putts to sink that ball. Second place was a tie with Darlene H. and Pat VG while third was shared by Shirley C., Flo Jansen and Cyndy.

On January 12 we played Low Net and it was a close game with only 1 stroke between each place. First was Nancy W., second Pat Price, third Barbara Haiges and fourth a three-way tie with Faye Buckley, Karen D., and Linn Faler.

For the 19th we played Three Blind Mice with blind draws. The first place team consisted of Marilyn A., Darlene H., and Cyndy. Second place was Faye B., Wanda P., and Pat VG.

And then, on January 26 we played Cry Baby! It is always nice to throw

out your worst two holes and try to forget them. In order of placing we had Cyndy, Pat VG, Marilyn A., Pat P., and Bev O.

We are looking for new members and encourage you to invite anyone interested in playing with us to come play as a guest.

All members are asked to be conscious of keeping up the speed of play.

Coming up in March we will be have Daylight Savings time and the start of the 9 AM Shotgun on the 15th. Start watching your calendars as tee time will change again in a couple more weeks. We also will have our first Home & Home event at Del Rio if anybody wants to attend.

Pine Mountain RV Lakers Club

BY MADELAINE SOUZA

Our group met for a Valentine's Day Pot Luck and club meeting on Feb. 12 at the home of Joe & Maddie Sousa. The Event was hosted by Liz & Joe Mattingly & Pat & Ned Nuddleman. We enjoyed a great Pot Luck and continued our discussions on the Schedule for this year.

March 11th. 5pm Pot Luck Meeting/ Lake Lodge Hosts: Cluffs & Sperrys

April 2 to 5 Angels Camp Hosts: Paul & Lou Riggs

May Morro Bay Hosts: Ned & Pat Nuddleman

June & July Open

Aug Smithwood (Felton)

Sept 18-21 Jackson Rancheria Hosts: Sousas / Hoaglands

Oct 12-18 Manchester Beach Hosts: Sousas / Cluffs

Nov Pot Luck Lake Lodge

Dec. Holiday Party

Call Ned at: 925 371-2287 or Maddie at 209 962-5708 for more information on events or to join our Happy Campers!



Our group at Smithwood (Felton)

PML Ladies Golf Club

BY SUE PERRY

Hope your New Year's resolution was to play more golf. What perfect weather we had for it this month. Sunny days and shirt sleeve golf is about as good as it gets for the dead of winter. We should keep our fingers crossed for enough rain to prevent a draught this summer however. Hope you all had fun playing in the following games.

January 5th – RESOLOURIN GOLF

1ST Place..90..Jodie Awai, Ginny Lay, Clarice Ligonis, Iris Moffitt; 2nd Place..92.. Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Kathy Shehorn, Paula Vautier; 3rd Place..98.. Jennifer Dwaileebe, Janice Mussatto, Sue Perry, Virginia Tallman; 4th Place..99..Alma Frawley, Jeanne Pacco, Jane Reynolds, Marilyn Scott: BIRDIES: Ginny Lay #10, Sara Hancock #14, Priscilla Park #11. Congrats Priscilla for shooting a 83!

January 12th – TEAM BINGO

1st Place 11 Bingos..Jodie Awai, Corky Graham, Clarice Ligonis, Anne Petterson ; 2nd Place 9 Bingos ..Barbara Davis, Sara Hancock, Lynne Dust, Alice Stoll; 3rd Place 6 Bingos..Marche Kizziar, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Pacco, Anne Toner; 4th Place 5 Bingos .. Tie** Ann Hankin, Mary Houser, Kay Bettencourt & Alma Frawley, Linda Johnson, Iris Moffitt, Kathie Wood. No Birdies.

January 19th – RED, WHITE & BLUE

1st Place 141..Diane Lloyd, June Moore, Marilyn Scott, Joyce Scott, 2nd Place Jodie Awai, Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Kathy Shehorn. All braved a very cold day!!

January 26th – BEST BALL PLUS BEST PUTT

1st Place 90. Thelma Faux, Sue Perry, Patty Peebles, Kathy Shehorn, tied for 1st place 90. Jennifer Dwaileebe, Janice Mussatto, Kathy Oing, Virginia Tallman; 2nd Place 91. Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park, Marjorie Rich. BIRDIES: Jennifer Dwaileebe #14, Marjorie Rich #6.

Remember that on March 12th regular Tee times begin again...General Meeting and Pine Tree invitations on March 8th @ 9:30am. Course closes for aeration April 16-17th. Hit 'em long and hit 'em straight and you golf score will be great!!

Country Mountain Riders ... Caring, Mucking, Racing, Oh My!

BY LYNNE ORLOFF

With the downturn in the economy, so many horse owners have been affected. You can well imagine that when a job is lost, a horse takes backseat to the needs of the family. The cost of hay has gone out of sight with so much of it being shipped out of country and the number of starved, mistreated, and abandoned horses has reached a desperate level. Raquelle Van Vleck of Re-Horse Rescue Ranch has more than doubled the horses she once helped to rehabilitate, feed, and find homes than she did a few years ago. Country Mountain Riders once again voted to donate a thousand dollars towards their hay bill, a drop in the hat when you're supporting thirty-nine horses, all with special needs, which means Veterinarians, supplements, special shoeing and hoof repairs, re-training, and on and on. Grab a Kleenex, call her (209-337-5886) to determine a good time to visit, and go see for yourself what this is all about, or visit her website <http://www.reborserescue.org/>. Do watch her video about this tax-exempt organization. These horses need your help and a home!

On a different note, April 21st is the day Alexandra North, our resident endurance champion, is putting on the Yosemite Gold Cup International Endurance Ride utilizing our beautiful Stanislaus National Forest, Buck Meadows and Groveland trails. This is a Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) sanctioned ride put on in conjunction with Southern California Equestrian Sports, a non-profit, 501 c (3) public charity. Riders will be gaining points towards being able to qualify to ride FEI rides throughout the world and possibly represent the United States on an equestrian endurance team. Tuolumne Trails, the non-profit camp for children and adults with special needs located on Ferretti Road in Groveland, is the site for the event. An Asgard Arabian horse, started for sixty days by the Clinton Anderson Academy, will be raffled off at Friday night's dinner. We have covered the success of these well-bred horses in our past articles. A picture of this very nice gelding can be found on the website for the event.

If you have ever had an interest in trying this sport, this would be the perfect

ride to start your new "first love". It's addictive! Alexandra is laying out a shorter Fun Ride for those that do not want to compete but want to see what it is all about, as well as an opportunity to ride with some of the world's best endurance competitors. The registered riders will be competing in 25, 50, 75 or 100-mile rides. The 75 and 100-mile riders will have a glimpse of El Capitan and Half Dome from the back of their horses. Even the Fun Ride will be slightly challenging with some stream crossings and uneven terrain, so be sure to get you and your horse in shape if you decide to enter. The riders in the 25, 50, 75 and 100-mile rides will each receive a completion award, and, in addition, have a chance at money prizes associated with their placement, time, and horse condition. The payout formula for figuring placements is based on the formulas used in barrel racing and is explained on the website.

This will truly be an international event with riders expected from Japan, Great Britain, Germany and South America: Veterinarians are coming from South Africa and ride officials from as far away as Australia. Each horse must pass a pre-ride veterinary inspection before their final entry can be accepted, and veterinarians



Pictured from left to right: Dorothy Scofield, Raquelle Van Vleck, and Lynne Orloff.

at several checkpoints throughout the ride will examine them. All sorts of volunteers are needed and you can sign up on the website to help out. The general public is welcome at the Friday night pre-ride dinner complete with exciting Calcutta-type betting on the horses for charity. Seating is limited so pre-purchase of dinner tickets is highly recommended. If purchasing a dinner ticket only, fill out your name and address information on the ride-entry form, and fill in the appropriate line for a dinner ticket. Mail the form and your check to the address on the entry form. All particulars of the ride are located on the website: <http://yosemitgoldcup.com/index.html>. Hope to see you out there!

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PML Niners are Looking for Women Golfers

BY CYNDY KROUT

The Lady Niners are looking for women golfers who would like to play nine holes of golf on Thursdays with a great bunch of ladies. One has to be a resident of PML and has to have a score of 80 or less for nine holes. Yes, I said 80 on 9 holes. We invite you to come play with us as a guest and you can also play to establish your handicap. Establishing your handicap is easy as you just play 10 rounds of nine

holes and turn in the cards.

We have a lot of fun as a group and this includes occasional breakfasts or lunches and the opportunity to play others courses and participate in Team Play with other nine hole clubs.

If you are interested in learning more or joining please contact Nancy Whitefield (962-5348) or Stacie Brown (962-5129).

PML Ladies Club Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CHAIR

Author Ernest Hemingway stated "Wine is the most civilized thing in the world" and the PML Ladies Club Wine & Chocolate luncheon on February 1, co-chaired by Judy Basey and Barbara Davis, was indeed a very civilized event. The flyer had enticed club members by promising "Something Yummy" for lunch, and Chef Carrie and the staff at The Grill provided a yummy lunch of a Brie appetizer, incredible Quiche Lorraine with salad and of course plenty of chocolate to pair with the wines. The committee and hostesses looked wonderful in their brilliant red and heart-adorned aprons. You must ask Kathy McConnell to tell you're her "rusty" joke and Maddie Souza about the lying dog.



President Sonja Palmer, Hostesses Virginia Bent, Wanda Patterson, and Lois Rosenbaum.

The Ladies Club would love to have you join us for the fun we have every month. If you would like to become a member, simply send your \$15 membership fee to P O Box 100 and you will be a very welcome part of the fun.

PML Men's Golf Club

BY ROY CONLEY, SECRETARY

We kicked off 2012 with a 4-club tournament on January 16. 52 members signed up, eager to get life back to normal after the holidays. Congratulations to all the winners.

The annual Ice Breaker is scheduled for Friday, March 30. This 2 man better ball tournament will have tee times

beginning at 10:00. Entries must be in by Wednesday, March 28.

Now for a short rules quiz, prompted by bad advice I've been given on the course.

You tee off on number 11. Your drive goes a little left. You can't see where the ball lands, but everyone in the group



Nine Hole Members Bob Haliwell and Larry Culler. Photo taken by Nine Hole Member Kurt Peterson. Photo has nothing to do with golf but I love it.

I talked to David Rau about offering a discount punch card for the nine hole players that ride. The men's nine hole group has players that can no longer walk and were not considered in the rate increase for 2012. I'd like to see that the burden for the rate increase is fair for all players.

The Men's nine hole board met on Jan 21st at the Country club, to discuss our membership list, our rules of play, and raising are member dues.

The 2012 membership list will be available at the PML Country Club by the time you read the PML news.

In order to speed up play the out of bounds rule for the Men's niners, is a one stroke plenty only, not stroke and distance. Place the ball in bounds and take a one stroke plenty. No need to hit a provisional ball.

The 2013 membership will be twenty five dollars to fund a hole in one fund. It's either raising money for a hole in one or not allowing Bob Haliwell to play on the Men's Niner's. Please no emails I'm just kidding. This is still open for discussion so please let the board know if you agree or disagree.

thinks you're safe. However, when you get to your ball it's out of bounds. What are your options?

According to Rule 27-1 b. you must play a ball "as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played". That's it. In this case you have to go back to the tee and hit again.

The only way to avoid this is to play a

JANUARY RESULTS

1/04/2012 (Three Blind Mice)

FIRST FLIGHT:

First: Bob Haliwell

Second: Larry Fuller

SECOND FLIGHT:

First: Jack Leetham

Second: Malcolm Brown and Tom Polek.

1/11/2012 (4 Man Best Ball)

Del Stockstill, John Clink, Steve Thompson, and Jim (Doc) Van Gerpen.

1/18/2012 (Low Net)

FIRST FLIGHT:

Roger Peterson and Larry Fuller

SECOND FLIGHT:

George Young and Malcolm Brown

1/25/2012 (Four Man Bramble)

First: Rich Robenseifner, Gscwend, John Klink, and Rich Eckman

Second: Jack Leetham, Roger Peterson, Malcom Brown, and Frank Briggs.

provisional ball. If you had hit a provisional ball, you could have saved the time it takes to go all the way back to the tee, and you would have avoided the inevitable heckling from the group behind you. When in doubt, hit a provisional ball.

Until next month, put your drives in the fairway, your putts in the hole and have fun out there.

PML Aviation Association News

BY LARRY JOBE, PMLAA PUBLICITY



Janet Gregory, 5th from Left, receives congratulations from other lady pilots of Pine Mountain Lake.

Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association second meeting of 2012 will be March 3rd, 6 PM at Jeff and Vicky Benzing's Hangar. Standard Pot Luck so bring a dish to share. Our speaker will be Bill Behrns, WW II P-38 pilot in the China, Burma, India Theater (CBI).

Mr. Behrns became an ace flying the P-38 against the Japanese in China and a book about his time there has just been published. I am sure he will have signed copies available for purchase. His connection to Pine Mountain Lake goes way back to the beginning of the developments sale in the late 60s. Bill was lead salesman for Boise Cascade when Pine Mountain Lake first went on the market. He knows a lot about the early years of the Pine Mountain Lake development and its airport. He may have even sold you your lot.

Our aviation association gained another newly licensed pilot in the month of January. Janet Gregory earned her wings when she passed her check ride with check pilot Rob Davids out of Calaveras Airport on January 27th. She and her instructor, Larry Jobe, were greeted by an enthusiastic and congratulatory crowd upon their arrival back at E45 (Pine Mountain Lake Airport). Our local pilot group toasted Janet and her accomplishment

with Champagne. Janet is a member of the Pine Mountain Lake flying club which owns the Cessna 172 Janet used to get her training and license. Interested in joining the club? Then check out their web site at <http://www.pmlaeroclub.com>.

Ken Helling's fly-out to Death Valley on Sunday, January 29th for the Death Valley Inn's Sunday brunch was a huge success. 53 pilots and friends showed up for food, fun and camaraderie.

Our April meeting is planned for Saturday, April 7th, Carol Simpson's hangar, 6 PM, also a Pot Luck. The speaker is Einar Enevoldson. His subject will be "Soaring Above the Clouds - Project Perlan - glider record set by Steve Fossett (50,700 ft.)

It's that time of year again when we need to renew our membership. Please help our volunteers by renewing early (due by February 28th); and if you are not already a member of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association, you can join by filling out the application on our web site at <http://www.pmlaa.org>. Applications can also be requested at PMLAA, P. O. Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321. Annual dues are \$20 per person or per family. A check can be made out to PMLAA and sent to the above address.

PML Racquet Club News

BY KEN STEINER

Introduction: Hi. My name is Ken Steiner, and I have been drafted to be the new Scribe for the PML Racquet Club for the foreseeable future. Thanks to Dave Rauch for his great work reporting on Racquet Club activities for the past few years. If we find a good picture of me (doubtful), we will include it in future submissions. I'm a retired actuary with no prior editorial experience, so you will all have to bear with me as I attempt to chronicle important Racquet Club activities. My spouse, Emily, and I have lived at PML full time since April of 2009. We moved here from Washington, D.C. to enjoy the outdoors and meet new friends. Even though Ms. VanVleet (the President of the Racquet Club) has a different last name than I, we are, in fact, legally married. She occasionally permits me to call her "Dear" rather than "Madame President."

Out with the old and in with the new: At the last quarterly meeting of the Club (which coincided with the Club's annual Holiday party), we voted to accept the proposed 2012 slate of officers. The 2011 officers were as follows: Madame President: Emily Van Vleet (sometimes there is a space between "Van" and "Vleet" and other times, depending on her whim, there isn't), Vice-President: Larry Santa-Maria, Secretary: Bev Oakley, Treasurer: Dick and Dotty Davis, Facilities Director: Jerry DeHart, Director at Large: Al Rodriguez.

We thanked the 2011 officers for their hard work and welcomed the 2012 officers for more hard work. Emily, Larry, Bev and Jerry all re-upped and will remain at their 2011 officer

positions. Joe and Madelaine Sousa will be taking over for Dick and Dotty Davis at the Treasurer position (apparently this is a husband and wife two-person job) and Jim Hassay will be replacing Al Rodriguez as Director at Large.

The club owes special thanks to Jerry, who has been facilities director practically forever, and puts up with a lot of grief from members who, while they never complain, are always full of suggestions about the tennis facilities and are never bashful about sharing their suggestions with Jerry (who sometimes answers to Gerry). Thanks also go to Dorothy Broderson and Joy Thompson for organizing the aforementioned Holiday party at The Grill.

2012 Tennis Passes and Racquet Club Membership Fees: As of February 1, all Racquet Club members who plan to play tennis this year should have renewed or purchased their 2012 Tennis pass at the PML Administration building. PML administration employees will be carding players, so be sure to bring your card when you play. 2012 Racquet Club dues of \$10 should also have been remitted to the PML Treasurers at P.O. Box 534, Groveland in order to participate in 2012 Racquet Club events and be listed in the 2012 Racquet Club directory.

Upcoming Club Activities: Mark your calendars for the first quarterly meeting of the Racquet Club which will be Tuesday, March 27 at the Lake Lodge. In the meantime, get out and enjoy this fabulous June-uary weather on the tennis courts! As Vulcan tennis players say, "Live long and perspire."

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MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR



NCAA March Madness at the Lounge



Wine Tasting Lunch Buffet – Mar 17th



Ethnic Dinners

3-10

SATURDAY @ 6PM

**Garrotte Lions Host
St. Patrick's Dinner at
the Community Hall**

\$12 General, \$7 – 12 and under.
Dinner will be Corned Beef and
Cabbage and benefits local charities
and The Lions Eyemobile. One seating
only. For tickets see any Lions member
or contact Kay Graves at 962-6769.

3-13 THRU 31

TUESDAY – SATURDAY

NCAA March Madness

Watch March Madness on the
big flat screens in the 19th Hole
Lounge with your friends. The
19th Hole lounge offers a bar
menu, with all of your game time
favorites.

3-17

SATURDAY @ NOON

**St. Patrick's Day Wine
Tasting & Lunch Buffet at
The Grill – Featuring Irish
Vineyards Wines**

\$19 per person/plus tax. Wines
will be offered for sale at a
discount price during the event.
Reservations required. Call
962-8638 to reserve your spot.

3-23

FRIDAY

**Italian Heritage Dinner and
Guest Speaker - Featuring
Richard Rinaldi at The
Groveland Hotel**

Features Gianelli wines. Call the
Groveland Hotel at 962-4000 for
more information or to reserve
your spot.

3-24

SATURDAY

**Kiwanis Club of Groveland
Mexican Fiesta Dinner**

At the Groveland Community Hall
from 5-7pm. Dinner, beverage and
dessert: \$12 General, \$6 Children
12 & under. Tickets available
from Kiwanis Members, select
businesses or by calling Earl at
534-9548 or Erma at 962-5127

Add Your Event to Our Calendar Page!

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

MARCH

**Friday, March 2nd
Showtime Karaoke**

**Saturday, March 17th
ROCKSLIDE**

**Saturday, March 3rd
DYNAMO**

**Saturday, March 24th
ROBBIE ALLEN & THE
OUTER EDGE**

**Saturday, March 10th
CRYSTAL IMAGE**

**Saturday, March 31st
ESP BAND**

APRIL

**Friday, April 6th
Showtime Karaoke**

**Saturday, April 21st
ROCKSLIDE**

**Saturday, April 7th
DYNAMO**

**Saturday, April 28th
CRYSTAL IMAGE**

**Saturday, April 14th
HIWAY 99 BAND**

COMING IN APRIL

April 8th

**Sunday at The Grill
Easter Buffet**

Seatings at 9am, 11am, and 1pm. Prime
Rib, Ham, Omelet Station assorted
entrees, salads, baked goods, and des-
serts. All for \$29.95, 65+ \$23.95, 6-12
\$15, Under 5 FREE. Call 962-8638 to
reserve your spot.

April 19th

Thursday at 5-7:30pm at the Grill
Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet
Featuring Classic Wines of California.
Dinner buffet includes Coq au Vin,
herb & butter pommes, vegetables,
and green salad. Dessert will be
Chocolate Eclairs. Cost is \$23.00.
Call 962-8638 to reserve your spot.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Aerobics & Sculpting Exercise by Video

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM
Reach your fitness goals! These classes are suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are free. Join us at the Lake Lodge to be led by a variety of videos featuring certified fitness instructors. For more information and scheduling contact Barb at 209/962-6457 or Michelene at 209/962-4467.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM
Groveland Christian Church
Foote Street, Groveland

Blood pressure readings

Blood pressure readings are First and Third Thursdays from 11:00 to noon at The Little House

Book Sale

Every Saturday 10am - 2pm
Downstairs at the Groveland Library
Gently used books at great prices; all proceeds benefit the Groveland Library.

BRIDGE at The Grill

Mondays at 9 AM
All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations.

Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays
All bridge players are welcome. Call Bobbi Vandenberg 209/962-6965 for information.

Chair Dancing

Every Monday at The Little House at 10:00 am

Garrotte Lions Bingo

Come and Enjoy! You could be a winner
1st Thursday of every month
6:30 Early Bird Bingo and 7:00 Regular Bingo

"High Country Line Dancers"

The High Country Line Dancers meet every Tuesday at the Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. through the summer. One dance will be taught from 7-7:30, then open dancing from 7:30-8:30. We encourage newcomers to come and try it out; it's a great and fun way to exercise! For more info, call Sue @ 4155.

Historical Aircraft Display

Every 3rd Saturday (except September - 4th Saturday) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the transient parking at the PML Airport. Contact Ken Helling at 962-7597 if you have questions.

Kiwanis Meetings

Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the Pizza Factory.

Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open
Tue-Thu: 1:00-6:00 pm; Fri-Sat: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
CLOSED Sunday and Monday

Mah-jongg

Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 at The Little House. Newcomers should call ahead to arrange for introduction to the game before 1:00. Call 962-7303.

Meals-on-Wheels

In this area, contact Joi for information and/or eligibility requirements. Sierra Senior Providers, Inc. Meals-on-Wheels, Sonora Senior Center, 533-2622

Senior Lunches

Senior lunches are provided Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 noon at the Little House on Merrell Rd. Call 962-1050 before 8 am for reservations.

Sierra Club Hike of the Week

Thursdays at 9 AM
Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a bag lunch, jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is followed by lunch under the shade of the trees. Call Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

Sierra Professional Artists

Meetings the second Friday of the month at the Yosemite Vista Estates Club House in Groveland - 10:00 am. Contact Jean & Bill Hammond 209-962-6477.

Sonora Senior Center

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Soroptimist Meetings

The Soroptimist International of Groveland meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Hotel Charlotte at 12 noon For information regarding membership, please contact Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

Strength for Life

Every Tuesday and Thursday
at The Little House at 10:30 am

Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Have you seen "Opie" the opportunity quilt? Check around town and you will find it. Tickets are on sale at the banks and at various functions. For \$1.00 you can have a chance to own it. Even better for \$5.00 you will have 6 chances to win. It was designed and completed by Wina's Wild Women. Then quilted by Dee, a super job by everyone.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This month it will be on the 20th. Six o'clock under the Library. If you are looking for a great group of ladies who are enjoying their hobby this is the place. Lots of encouragement, caring, and learning are in store for you. Besides all this, cookies too.

Its never too early to start working on your quilts for the 2013 Stroll. If

you need ideas for the Civil War quilt display in the Community Center, check Timeless Calico website. Lyndy has lots of choices of patterns, and reproduction fabrics. She is so knowledgeable. Next time you are in Sonora drop by and say hello.

Block #2 in the series of pioneer blocks is, Rocky Mountain Puzzle. The discovery of gold in 1858 brought explorers to the rockies, a rugged mountain range that extends over 3,000 miles. Between 1840 and 1870, a quarter of a million Americans crossed those mountains.

The theme of migration is evident in the triangle pieces of the block, often used to represent birds, mountains, waves, or directional movement. Pretty cool.

The Block party for March will be on Thursday the 22nd, at Deana's. Also the IMVO project is going full blast. If you would like to help with either of these little quilt projects contact me at 962-4950.

An interesting tip for you, and I know that it works. If you get a fruit stain on fabric you don't have to worry just pour boiling water thru the fabric and the stain will disappear.

Check out this terrific Quilting To Canada website with our friend Linda Ballard, travel/KWT.com. Also a fun travel site StitchinHeavenTravel.com. Enjoy and maybe make some plans.

Remember that quilters are sew very special.

See you on the 20th under the library at 6 p.m.



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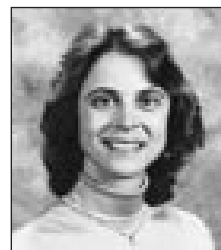
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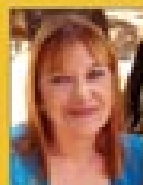
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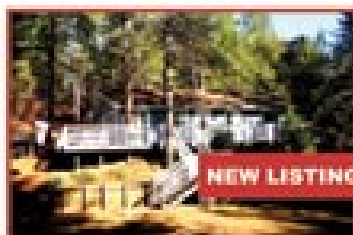
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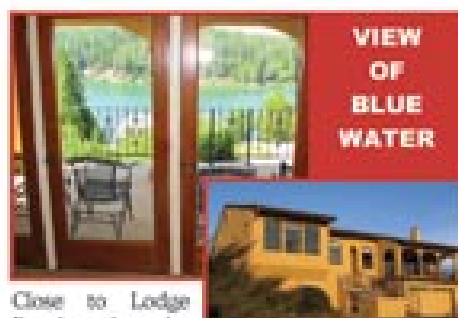
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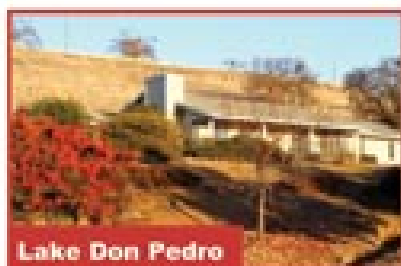
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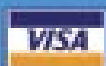
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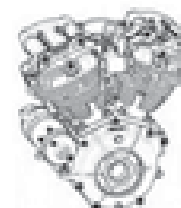
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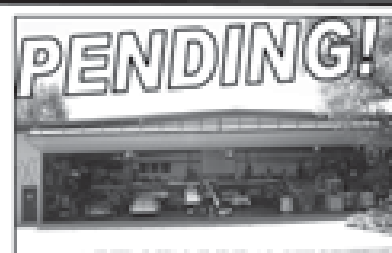
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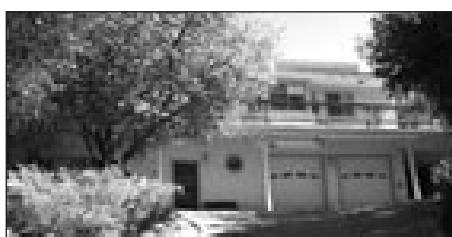
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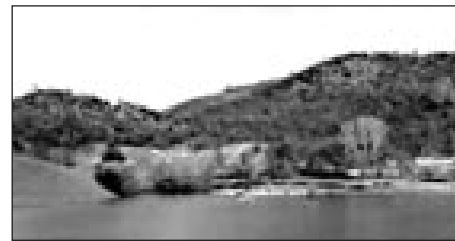
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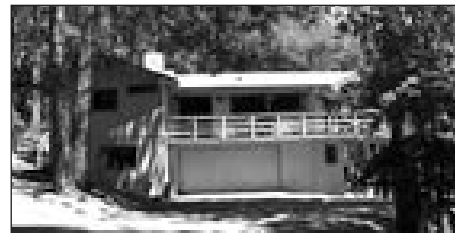
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Save the Dates for Heritage Dinners, Easter, and Concerts at The Groveland Hotel

BY JONI GERKING

2012 has had an unusual beginning. Spring has been a regular visitor since January and Easter arrives in early April. It seems late after the unexpectedly fair weather. We could still have a surprise winter season, but because I'm writing near the beginning of February, it is difficult to guess. Each year I look forward to the bright colors that come with spring buds, the almost neon color of new oak leaves and the bulbs bursting forth their blooms.

The Groveland Hotel's Courtyard is a lovely place to greet spring blossoms and we look forward to sitting outside to enjoy breakfasts and dinner in the garden. The Cellar Door Restaurant furnishes a full breakfast with eggs cooked to order, your choice of bacon, sausage or ham,

bagels and sweetbreads, fruit, yogurt, cereals, juices and coffee while patio heaters provide radiant warmth. Our breakfasts are available for hotel guests and to the public, served daily from 7:00 to 10:00 AM. Just stop in and choose a table!

Italian Heritage Dinners continue with a featured speaker on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. \$25 per person includes a three course Italian dinner with coffee or tea; taxes and gratuities are additional. These evenings are social events with long time chums and new friends sharing stories, swapping tales and laughter. Not Italian? That's O.K. Come for the stories, dinner and fun! Call 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314 for reservations.

Sunday, April 8th is Easter and the Cellar Door Restaurant is preparing

for the annual spring fête with Easter Dinner from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Celebrate the day with fresh and favorite seasonal fare. Make selections to reflect your appetite for a late brunch or for dinner from our special menu. Find a fresh fruit plate with pastries at your table and add an appetizer, entrée and dessert choice, with a Mimosa for adults for \$38 per person. Children aged 12 and under eat for half price. Do you have a specific time in mind? Make reservations early! Email: guestservices@groveland.com or phone 209-962-4000.

Yosemite Courtyard Cabaret 2012 (YCC) season is approaching with talent, music and fun! The season runs from Memorial Day Weekend through September. This year we have a mix of

returning performers and brand new shows! Joni Morris starts us off with her tribute to Patsy Cline on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, followed by the Beatles tribute in June, the Eagles in July, a return of the celebrated and completely hilarious Perfect Gentlemen in August. Our September concert is still in negotiation, but we'll let you know as soon as we can. In the meantime, watch for our YCC flyers with the complete lineup and details of dates, times and ticket pricing. We are truly excited because every show will be spectacular!

Find the Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door Restaurant at: 18767 Main Street, Groveland, CA 95321. Phone: 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314. Website: www.groveland.com Email: guestservices@groveland.com

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beer Battered Cod

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL OF "TWO LITTLE PIGS BBQ CATERING"

INGREDIENTS

3 quarts Peanut or Canola Oil
1 1/2 cups All-purpose Flour, preferably unbleached
1/2 cup Cornstarch
1/2 tsp Cayenne Pepper
1/2 tsp Paprika
1/8 tsp Black Pepper, freshly ground
Kosher Salt
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 1/2 lbs Cod Fillet, 1 inch thick (or other thick white fish) cut into eight 3-ounce pieces
1 1/2 Cups Beer (12 ounces), cold
Malt Vinegar or Tartar Sauce

DIRECTIONS

Whisk flour, cornstarch, cayenne, paprika, pepper, and 2 teaspoons salt in large mixing bowl; transfer 3/4 cup of mixture to rimmed baking sheet. Add baking powder to bowl and whisk to combine.

In heavy-bottomed Dutch oven, heat 3 quarts oil over medium-high heat to 375 degrees. Meanwhile, thoroughly dry fish with paper towels and dredge each piece in flour mixture on baking sheet; transfer pieces to wire rack, shaking off excess flour. Add 1 1/4 cups beer to flour mixture in mixing bowl and stir until mixture is just combined (batter will be lumpy). Add remaining beer as needed, 1 tablespoon at a time, whisking after each addition, until batter falls from whisk in thin, steady stream and leaves faint trail across surface of batter.

Using tongs, dip 1 piece fish in batter and let excess run off, shaking gently. Place battered fish back onto baking sheet with flour mixture and turn to coat both sides. Repeat with remaining fish, keeping pieces in single layer on baking sheet.

When oil reaches 375 degrees,



increase heat to high and add battered fish to oil with tongs, gently shaking off excess flour. Fry, stirring occasionally, until golden brown; 7 to 8 minutes, or until internal temperature of fish is 145 degrees. Transfer fish to thick paper bag or paper towels to drain.

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From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

In thinking about the subject for this month's article, I looked back at some of the articles I wrote in March over the past couple of years. Especially those comments related to government activity-or inactivity-at the State level.

The budget will certainly be an issue this year as it is every year.

The newest figures from the State Controller pointed out that the State missed its revenue mark for January by \$528M. What it means for Counties is that the State will begin delaying payment for state mandated programs and will require the Counties to dig into their pockets to fund these same programs.

I would anticipate that Realignment, Pension Reform and Redevelopment will take up most of the Governor's and our legislators' time. On the topic or "realignment", it appears that the State will be allotting about twice as much in funding this year as was provided last year.

This, in itself, is good news but it is still unclear as to whether or not it is enough. Our main focus will be to make sure that there is in place some constitutional provision to insure that the State funds the program.

From what I have read, Pension Reform will have to happen in some manner. It's very clear that we cannot continue the course upon which we are headed as we will eventually run out of money.

Although redevelopment is not an

extremely big issue for the County financially, it is for the City of Sonora. When the California Supreme Court upheld the elimination of redevelopment funding by the State it did not make the issue go away. We still need the tools for local economic development and workforce housing.

The Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority has been busy and there is a lot happening. A few high points in this area are:

The Business Alliance has begun its business class series for 2012 including a series on "Facebook for Business". The Small Business Resource Guide, funded by the Sonora Area Foundation will be added to the tools used by clients and counselors to improve business. If you live in the City of Sonora and want to start a business, the City has a program offered through TCEDA. For those "shoe shoppers", Famous Footwear will be opening in the Junction Shopping Center sometime this summer. A Junior Achievement is also sponsored by the TCEDA. Twenty-five students have been selected to participate in the 13 week course. Please take time to check the TCEDA website at www.tceda.net to find out more about this TCEDA.

At the February 7th meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring a ballot measure back to the board to expand the TOT (transient occupancy tax) to include camp grounds, house boats and other lodging. This is not an increase in the present 10% tax

but merely an addition of the types of facilities included under the present tax. It is anticipated that this tax could generate approximately \$300,000.

As you may know, the Governor has chosen to reduce funding to fairs and to eliminate funding entirely for certain state parks. Our Mother Lode Fair and Railtown 1897 are both on this "list". The majority of the new inclusionary TOT tax money will go toward the funding of Railtown 1857 and the Mother Lode Fair for a three year period. Without these 2 operations, the overall economic condition of the County could suffer.

It seems short sighted for the State to consider closure when both facilities and the many events and visitors to each generate revenues that far exceed the costs of running them.

Progress is being made on developing a public transportation route into Yosemite National Park. No matter how you feel about public transportation, we must come to the realization that it is "here to stay". Public transportation along the Highway 120 corridor will benefit business and help the local economy.

I would also like to offer "Kudos" to the Park Services for being very aggressive in getting the Highway 120 Entrance to Yosemite National Park opened so quickly after the recent rock slide. Our businesses and our County greatly appreciate the effort.

Have you seen the news regarding the Amgen Tour? This famous bicycle event is coming to our area for the first time ever. The City of Sonora will be hosting the 4th leg of the Amgen Bicycle Race. This is quite an honor for the City of Sonora and for Tuolumne County. It is expected that this event will bring thousands of visitors to the foothills.

The 4th and final leg of the race starts

in Sonora and ends in Clovis 130 mile s away.

A good place to experience the race is in Sonora, but because the route travels on Highway 49 to Oakhurst, Coulterville will also be a very good viewing point, especially for people in the Don Pedro and Greeley Hill areas. Check out the various events that will take place before, during and after the event. Find the schedule by googling Amgen 2012.

On February 7th, the Board of Supervisors endorsed a certificate of special recognition to the Lake Don Pedro Fire Company for the 30 years of service provided to the community. It was an honor to present this certificate to these fine men and women that volunteer their time to benefit our community, our residents and our County.

On February 11th, I had the pleasure of attending the 30th annual Sweet Heart Ball at the Hacienda in Don Pedro. This was a very special event for many reasons. Held as a benefit to recognize the tireless efforts and contribution made by members of the volunteer fire department to the Lake Don Pedro community, it also provides an opportunity for neighbors to dress up, gather together, and to enjoy good food, good music and friendly conversation. It is a social occasion marked on everyone's calendar. This is a great way to celebrate with your "Sweet Heart on Valentine's Day".

As always, please feel welcome to contact me to discuss matters that are important to you.

You may contact me by calling (209) 533-5521 or email me at: jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us

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BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL

Did you know that the Groveland Library offers DVDs that can be checked out like books – for free! This is a great service for local residents, renters and visitors.

Unfortunately our collection is a little skimpy and rather dated. But there is an answer – you can donate the DVDs you bought over the last

few years and no longer watch. Other members of the community will enjoy them and you'll clear out some space! We can even give you a tax-donation receipt.

Please bring in your DVDs anytime during regular library hours: Tuesday – Thursday from 1:00-6:00pm or Friday – Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Aging – Part 2

BY ETTY GARBER, PhD, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

Well, are you ready to face your truth? Yes, you are getting older and “It’s A Good Thing”. As I mentioned in Aging – Part 1, we are living longer and better than our ancestors. There are more people living until they are one hundred years old and more. That had never been a real consideration for previous generations.

So, why is this happening? First, the obvious is that science and medicine have made great strides in learning more about the human body including the differences between men’s and women’s physical make up and childhood development. Intensive research has developed more and better medical solutions to treat illnesses and disease. Through the miracle of the internet, their findings and recommendations are easily available for anyone owning a computer to access. The Federal Drug Administration has been vigilante in trying to insure safety for the medications that they approve.

Secondly, the focus has moved from curing diseases to preventing them. The emphasis has been to encourage every person to take responsibility for their own health and that of their families. Genetic factors play a role in one’s health history, but there are other factors that may play an even greater role, such as our lifestyle.

Researchers at Northwestern University concluded that strategies to improve lifestyle behaviors may have a major impact in cutting the chances of developing heart disease. Some of these negative habits include excessive alcohol use, unhealthy diet, lack of physical exercise, using

tobacco or illegal drugs, not enough or fitful sleep, ignoring signs and signals the body gives that indicate something is wrong, not having annual checkups that could prevent medical problems like heart attack, high blood pressure, stroke, diabetes, obesity, cancer, emphysema, just to name some of the major diseases.

Mental health is just as important as physical health. The mind and the body are connected and one influences the other. Work stress, the loss of a loved one, family conflict, divorce, domestic violence, anxiety, depression, low self esteem, loss of a job, and financial insecurity, and others, can have a direct and damaging effect on your physical health.

There is no guarantee that we can avoid getting sick, but we can lessen the possibilities if we do the best we can to take control of our health and our lives. We can make the most of our lives by adhering to the following suggestions:

- **Don’t smoke**
- **Eat a healthy diet**
- **Maintain a healthy weight**
- **Get enough sleep**
- **Stick with an exercise program**
- **Develop a positive attitude**
- **Socialize, reach out to friends**
- **Have a checkup once a year**
- **Have fun, smile and laugh a lot**
- **Don’t be afraid to ask for help if you need it.**

Remember it is your life and you only have this one, so make it your priority.

Genealogy Workshop

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

In 2012, the Genealogy Workshops will be covering research in specific countries (such as Germany and Ireland) as well as resources available that are U.S. State specific.

The Calaveras Genealogy Society is sponsoring a Spring Workshop, April 28, at the Calaveras Senior Center from

9:30 to 2:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be professional genealogist Lisa B. Lee. Additional information can be found at <http://calaverasgenealogy.com>. If you would be interested in forming a carpool, please contact Peggy Andrews at pmlandrews@sonnet.com or 962-7264.



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How to Photograph the Moon

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM

Taking a photograph of the moon can be quite easy. All you need is a camera (even the camera on your cell phone will do) and a telescope (or binoculars attached to a tripod). I'll share a very simple technique that can be used to take, what may be for some, your very first astro-photograph. To demonstrate this technique I'm going to use the first astro-photograph that I took in January of 2004.

The very first photograph that I took of the moon was very simple. I held a small digital "point and shoot" camera up to the eyepiece of a telescope and took the photograph. This is a technique that can be used with any bright object in the sky. By "bright object", I mean celestial objects that you can see with your eyes when you look up at the night time sky. This is in contrast to many of the "deep sky" photographs that I normally take with very long exposures. Deep sky objects include any celestial object that is too faint to see when you look through a telescope – like many of the nebula and galaxies that I've written about over the past 4 1/2 years. Astrophotography is used to reveal what the human eye can't see. Today's digital camera sensors have the benefit of acting like a bucket that collects photons (light) - the longer the exposure, the more light (color and details) that's captured and displayed in the photograph. Long exposures from these cameras can capture light far too faint for our unaided eyes to see.

I've written several articles about the detailed process of taking long exposure time astro-photography in previous newsletters. Most photographs

that you may take have exposure times that are measured in fractions of a second, the long exposure astro-photography photographs that I take are measured in minutes or even hours. I take many separate photographs with exposure times as short as 15 seconds and as long as 30 minutes. Then, all the individual photographs are aligned and digitally "stacked" one on top of another to create the final image. It is this long exposure alignment and stacking technique that creates an image with the level of detail visible in the photographs that have been printed in this newsletter. Depending on how faint the object is that I'm photographing, the total exposure time of the images that I stack have been over 12 hours. In this case, I will take photographs over several evenings to create the final image. Processing all the individual images to create the final image typically takes 60 to 80 hours.

Most of the challenges that exist when taking long exposures of deep sky objects don't exist when taking a short exposure photograph of a bright object. What you see in the eyepiece of a telescope (or binoculars) will be captured by the camera – almost exactly as it appears to your eye when you look through the telescope. One of the most obvious bright objects in the night time sky is the moon, which was the subject of my very first astro-photograph. The "hold the camera up to the telescope eyepiece and take a photograph" technique that I'm describing in this article doesn't require any expensive telescope equipment, nor does it require the several hours

of precisely aligning a telescope to track the sky for long exposures. Long exposures require precise tracking of the telescope because tracking errors quickly elongate stars in a photograph, and then they look oblong or like streaks. The "hold the camera up to the telescope eyepiece and take a photograph" technique doesn't have the challenge

that comes with trying to focus your camera on an object that you can't see, because your camera should be able to focus on almost any object in the telescope eyepiece that is bright enough for your eyes to see. Lastly you don't need any special computer software to process the photograph, like how I align and stack the many individual photographs to create the final image of a deep sky object.

Try using this technique yourself if you own a telescope and a camera. If you plan to use binoculars, attach them to a tripod to reduce the amount of shaking when you hold the camera up to the eyepiece. Even if you don't own a telescope, many digital cameras have an optical zoom that can take a nice photograph of the moon. You'll have to take your camera out of its "automatic" mode to get the best photographs and you should use a tripod. Use a shutter speed that is faster or an



aperture that is smaller (under-expose) then the camera recommends when you take a photograph of the moon, else the picture will just look like a bright white (over-exposed) object. I usually take many photographs with different exposure times and then just keep the ones that I like best. Printed with this article is the first astro-photograph that I took with a telescope. This photograph of the moon appears almost exactly as how it appeared to my eye when I viewed it through the telescope, and reveals the many details of the cratered lunar surface.

Newspaper print, like the PML Newsletter, doesn't have nearly the resolution or color range to show all the fine details in this image. Please visit my on-line astrophotography gallery at www.GrovelandAstro.com to view a higher resolution version of many of my astrophotography images.

Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

In January we had our volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Installation of Officers at The Grill. I left out a very important person in the February article. Sorry Judi Wilkinson, I didn't mean to leave you out. You did a great job as the installing officer. You have been our Treasurer for a number of years plus working your days, being a big part of our organization. Judi and husband Bob will soon be leaving our area to "follow their dream", traveling and seeing this wonderful Country of ours. As a token of our appreciation,

Judi was presented with a travel book crafted by Dar Brown using 'must see' destinations suggested by fellow H. H. volunteers. Judi, you and Bob will be greatly missed. We all wish you safe and happy travels.

Sales, Sales and more Sales. Our Sale Flag has been out letting everyone know to come in and check out what is on sale. Our sales start on Monday and go all week. Watch for the sale sign with the bag attached, that means we are having a bag sale. What a deal, for \$7.00 you can get a lot of clothing in a bag.

Did you see the article written by our Store Manager, Patti Beaulieu in last month's paper? She gave a good accounting of what Helping Hands does with our Store and Barn profit. With a few exceptions, the money stays in our Community. Sometime this year we will be celebrating our 30th year in business. We have come a long way from the beginning when our founders used a muffin tin as a cash register.

Each month you will see Students of the Month, one from Tenaya Elementary and one from Tioga

High School. We acknowledge these deserving students with a certificate for a Pizza. Congratulations to all you winners.

Welcome to new volunteer Betty Springer. Betty will be working in the sorting room. We are happy to have you with us. Happy to have Murray Hiatt back. Murray formerly worked at the Barn, but will be working in the Store's sorting room. It is with much sadness to say goodbye to Norma Anderson. Norma and husband Bill will be moving to Texas to be closer to family. We wish you happiness and health in Texas.

See you at the Store or Barn.

Meet The Groveland Librarians

ETTY GARBER, FOGL

Most of you know how lucky we are to have our beautiful library in Groveland. For those of you have not had the opportunity, we invite you come and visit.

Beside the large array of books, videos, magazines and newspapers for all ages, the décor is beautiful and friendly. Locally made colorful quilts adorn the walls providing a homey and cheerful atmosphere. The children's section displays provide an inviting area for the little folks to browse and sit at chairs and tables made to fit them.

Most important are the wonderful librarians who alternate to provide information and assistance for all library visitors.

The head librarian, Michalene Martin retired to Groveland after working in tech support for GTE for 30 years. She started as a volunteer and has been employed at the library for the past seven years. Michalene and her husband Bill have six children, sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Michalene stated, "I love the area, and this is the best job I've ever had."

Phyllis Gschwend also started as a volunteer at the Groveland Library and was hired six years ago as a librarian. Phyllis previously worked at Crown Zellerbach Paper Company for ten years. She and her husband are golfers and discovered the most desirable golf course was in Groveland 24 years ago. Phyllis and Felix have five sons. "I absolutely love working here; meeting and helping the people makes it very interesting," says Phyllis. In addition to being an avid reader, Phyllis has computer skills that are most helpful to the people who use the computers and Wi-Fi connection at the library.

Maddie Sousa has come to Groveland from a long way. She was born in KrewKern, England. Her mother was a war bride and moved to the United States with her American husband in 1948. Maddie received her degree in Library Science from San Jose State. She worked for twenty- five years at the John Steinbeck Library. She and husband Joe have lived in Groveland for fifteen years and she has been employed at the Groveland Library for fourteen years. "Of all the places I have lived, and there have been many, Groveland is my favorite; it is the right fit for me." Maddie and Joe, her



Gary Weinstein helps Patti Morganelli hang her art work downstairs at the library.
Photo by: Nadine Pedron

high school sweetheart, have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

As you can see we have a multitude of talent and a gracious, caring staff. Plus, we have an added bonus. Downstairs is a book collector's dream. The Book Nook is not only a gently used book store where books, videos, CDs and DVDs can be purchased for prices that range from twenty-five cents to five dollars, but it's also an art gallery and a place to meet and greet friends over coffee, tea and homemade goodies. The Book Nook is open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Our current exhibit is by local artist Patti Morganelli, featuring striking acrylic paintings of local landscapes.

You can also drop off books you have finished with and would like to pass on to others. Of course, we also have raffles and special book sales. The next big book sale will be Saturday, April 7th. Overflowing themed baskets (Italian Feast, Chocolate Heaven, and Mexican Fiesta) will be raffled off that day. The money received from the book sales helps keep our library open five days a week and support our devoted librarians.

We are indeed lucky to have such a great place in our community to learn, share and enjoy. We also invite you to join FOGL, Friends of the Groveland Library. We would love to have you. Dues are just \$20/family. Pick up a membership form at the library or send your contact information and check to FOGL, PO Box 43, Groveland.

Come on in; we'll be happy to see you.

Just How Safe is Hunting

BY JOHN KIEFER

I have been avid outdoors type most of my life and got started in the shooting sports at a very young age. Starting with archery in my pre-teens shooting bales of hay in moms back yard. A bit later I picked up shooting clays with high school friends at a local range and my first hunting experience was with my younger brother Tom. Through an archery shop, we went squirrel hunting with about 15 others.

Later, another brother Dan, joined us and just about every weekend the three of us would go around to different archery ranges practicing, competing and ribbing each other the whole day through.

We even joined a hunting ranch for awhile and met some of the neatest people from just about everywhere it seemed, all with the same passion for the shooting sports and the outdoors. The only injury anyone got was from exhaustion from the days hunt, climbing hills, walking trails or the hurt pride because the "one that got away" was this big... and that story was usually told around the camp fire everyone shared at the end of the day laughing and reminiscing, eager to do it all again the next morning.

Today, I'm an archery instructor and working on my Hunter Education certification. I donate time to the California Deer Assoc and the Women & Kids day events where shooting archery and rifles can be taught in a safe and controlled environment.

In a recent Press release from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc (NSSF) relating injuries to sports activities, their findings may be very different than what you might think.

Hunting is Safer than Golf and most other activities. You can visit NSSF.org to view their report but here are some of the findings:

Hunting Versus other Activities:

- A person is 11 times more likely to be injured playing volleyball than hunting.
- A person is 25 times more likely to be injured cheerleading or bicycle riding than hunting.
- A person is 34 times more likely to be injured playing soccer or skateboarding than hunting.
- A person is 105 times more likely to be injured playing tackle football than hunting.

Some of the Safest Activities:

Chances of being hurt per 100	
Camping	0.01%
Billiards-Pool	0.02%
Hunting with Firearms	0.05%
Bowling	0.06%
Running-Jogging	0.08%
Archery-Target	0.09%
Golf	0.16%

Topping the chart for injury:

Chances of being hurt per 100	
Football-Tackle.	5.27%
Basketball	1.96%
Skateboarding	1.70%
Soccer	1.68%
Wrestling	1.47%
Bicycle Riding	1.33%
Softball	1.11%

Whether you enjoy Archery, target shooting, plinking or lawn darts, take the family and bring your friends. Share the experience of being outdoors. It's not only one of the safest things to do but it's also a healthy and a great way to create bonds and friendship with others and share the excitement of the shooting sports.

So the next time someone says "lets hit the grid iron" or "go play some ball" remember, that hunting and shooting might just be the safer thing to do.

Kiwanis Club Mexican Fiesta Dinner

BY ERMA HOLCOMB

Kiwanis Club of Groveland announces our popular annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner on March 24 at the Groveland Community Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to this Community Service fund-raising event. Dinner prices include a beverage and dessert: \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 12 and

under. Ticket sales for some Great Prizes from local nerchants will be available from Kiwanis members and the following businesses: The Pizza Factory, Chamber of Commerce office, Charoltotte Hotel, Yosemite Bank, and Rabobank. For more information - contact Earl Wright at 534-9548, or Erma Holcomb, 962-5127.

Yosemite Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

BY JAMES NAGLE, VP, YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

On January 26, 2012, the prestigious Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce Hwy 120 Visitors Center took place. More than 42 guests from Tuolumne County, US Forest Service, Yosemite National Park, Jamestown and Groveland attended the occasion, applauded, and cheered as Yosemite National Parks Superintendent Don Neubacher cut the ribbon.

Prior to the ribbon cutting some of the many dignitaries in attendance spoke to the crowd. John Gray, Tuolumne County District 4 Supervisor, Nancy Sikes,

Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau and Rick Whybra President of the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce spoke on the partnerships that have been created with the Rangers from YNP and the importance of the new location in regards to the Yosemite bound tourists.

Don Neubacher spoke about the importance of the new Visitors



Photo Courtesy Digipix Photography, Rudy Manzo.

Center location, the tourist friendly atmosphere at the center that has been created and commented on the great step forward by the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce. Other dignitaries in attendance were Mike Laird, Tuolumne County Deputy CRA Director, Craig Pedro, Tuolumne County Administrator, Maggie Dowd, Groveland District Ranger, R5/Stanslaus N.F, Jim O'Neil, Director

on the Jamestown Promotion Club and Miguel Maldonado, Vice President of the Yosemite Gateway Partners. Also in attendance were some of the Yosemite National Park Rangers that staff the Visitors Center, Daniel Strong and Jennifer Morris.

Very special thanks to Kristy Brower and Laurie Nagle for the decorations and preparation of the center for the ceremony, and the coffee and pastries that were provided by Nick Coffin from Mountain Sage Coffee/Cafe.

The Visitors Center is open daily from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday and starting in May of 2012 the Rangers will be back staffing the center from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If you have not seen or enjoyed your NEW Visitors Center, stop by and look at your facility.

Congratulations to YCC and its leadership for this addition and terrific asset to the Groveland Community and all of Highway 120.

Let There Be Music!

PINE CONE SINGERS REHEARSE FOR MAY CONCERTS

BY LINELE MARSHALL

Pine Cone Singers have started rehearsing for our next concerts scheduled for May 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2012. Yes, you'll have an extra opportunity to hear the concert, as the Pine Cone Performers board recently approved adding another performance on Thursday, May 17th. In addition to this new date, the Saturday night performance has been changed to an afternoon matinee in order to accommodate audience members who prefer to attend daytime concerts. This will give you two chances to attend an afternoon concert on the weekend.

Rehearsals began on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, and are held each Tuesday from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, in the Groveland Community Hall. We have over 40 enthusiastic singers who are working hard to bring to the community a great concert in May. Music Director Dennis Brown has chosen a fabulous array of musical arrangements for the chorus. Due to the great response from audiences at the December performances, choral selections will include many numbers that will make use of the musical talents of local musicians Gordon Giedt, Lawrence Drummond, Fred Faiella and Allen Cordle. Familiar tunes like "Nice and Easy" and "Embraceable You", among others, will bring smiles and feelings of nostalgia for the Big Band era, while a selection of American and folk songs like "Deep River", "Home On the Range" and "Danny Boy" will take you back to days of yore. The chorus will channel the spirits of Marilyn Monroe and Ethel Merman in Broadway and Hollywood hits "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and "Let Me Entertain You." The audience will be dancing in their seats listening to rhythmic arrangements of "Fly Me To the Moon" and an African-inspired "VoiceDance III"! Be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on a wonderful show!

For more information, contact board president, Gloria Marler, 209-962-5005.

Rotary Speech Contest

BY RUDY MANZO

The Rotary Speech Contest this year was held at the PML Grill on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012. The topic "Embracing Humanity" was presented to the Tioga High School students in early December by Venus Colombini, Speech Contest Chairman. She explained in detail what would be required of the participating student. She was impressed with the students response to participating and even more so with the way their teacher Ms. Judy Hawkins encouraged the students in preparing their speeches.

The day to present their speeches finally arrived and each of the students walked to the podium and their topic covering Embracing



I am also attaching a picture of the winners. In the picture from Left to Right are: President, Barry Scales, Anthony Hattan, David Pennington, Beau Casazza and Past President, Rudy Manzo

Humanity. Working though the nervousness was the hardest part of the day for the presenters. Each

student had their own take on the subject matter and the speeches were very well delivered. The judges had their complex scoring sheets which awarded points for presentation, topic, and timing of the delivery. Each student had a maximum of 5 minutes and 30 seconds to deliver their speech. Everyone of the speeches fell within the time requirements. The judging was close, but in the end, Anthony Hatton took 1st place, David Pennington 2nd place and Beau Casazza placed 3rd.

The Groveland Rotary Club was impressed with this years contestants and we commend them for their efforts in preparing their speeches.

The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) members are back to their energetic, planning mode. The organizing of several major projects is coming together.

The Family Wellness Faire. A date to save ... April 10, 2012. This is a project to benefit the Groveland community.

Notices were sent to exhibitors to save the date of April 10, 2012. The registration paperwork is sent to the exhibitors asking for their confirmation of attendance. The return of favorite exhibitors is something we all anticipate, but we also hope to have some new offerings this year. Of course, there will be more information in the paper next month.

As we reported last month, we will defer the Chinese Auction until next year. This will give us time to prepare for a really nice event this summer. After getting encouraging feedback from our Surf's Up summer event last year, and seeing how much fun multiple generations of families had who attended, SIG decided to now host an annual "Summerfest." So save JULY 21, 2012. This will be a terrific time to invite the family, enjoy a picnic at the stables and SIG will cook and clean up the mess!!

We hope you took note of SIG's Healthy Heart banner over downtown Groveland during the month of February. We should all know the signs of a heart attack – there is no time to dash off and Google when someone is developing the signs of a heart attack. President Jeanne Brunk distributed a list of symptoms that she downloaded from Dr. Oz's website. Learn these signs and have everyone around you informed.

We did wear red to the meeting and the ladies took the occasion to have a group photo – Go Red for Women. Why "—for Women"? We all see TV shows with men having a heart attack. However, women often



The Soroptimist Go Red for Women.

present quite different symptoms. That's why we ask you to get the latest information available.

We had a local woman who described her experience during a recent heart attack. Thankfully she came through the ordeal and was willing to enlighten us at our February meeting.

We also had a speaker who gave us a review of the goals of the Older Adult Outreach & Engagement Program. We want all folks up here to have a connection with somebody in time of need. If you need to get to medical appointments, if you can volunteer to drive, or if you can check on people to make sure there isn't a needy situation, we would love you to attend the free luncheon at the Community Hall on March 14, 2012. Reservations are necessary. Flyers will be posted, but more information is available at 209-532-7632.

For the women who are on the cusp of checking out Soroptimists and being a part of the service to this lovely community, please call and join us for one of our luncheon meetings and meet all of wonderful members (your neighbors). We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Hotel Charlotte.

Let your 2012 resolutions include checking out SIG, and possibly joining us in the good works planned in the future to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of women and girls in our community and throughout the world. If YOU have an interest in helping your community and having a really great time, call Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

Big Oak Flat History and Wells Fargo Building

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH PUBLIC PROGRAM

BY MARC FOSSUM



The Wells Fargo building, pictured above, in Big Oak Flat will be one of the subjects explored by Marc Fossum on March 17th.

Did you know that Big Oak Flat once had over 5,000 residents, was incorporated and was considered for County Seat? What happened?

This, and many other little known facts will be shared at the March public program by the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society (STCHS). The program will feature a slide show of the history of Big Oak Flat and an update of the restoration project of the Wells

Fargo Building. The speaker will be Marc Fossum, chairman of the Wells Fargo Building restoration project. The program is open to the public. Admission is free, however, donations are welcomed.

The program will be held on March 17th, 2012 at the Groveland Community Hall, starting at 7:00pm. The program is expected to last about an hour. Questions and audience input are welcomed.

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Luke Salazar is Tenaya Student of the Month

Luke Salazar is Tenaya's *Student of the Month*, and is in Mrs. Beaudreau's 6th grade classroom. Luke is a hard-working student that has set high goals for himself. He is always willing to tutor others when needed. I appreciate that Luke takes his academics seriously. Luke Salazar is the son of Mark and Julie Salazar of Moccasin.



Mikayla Kaufhardt

David Pennington is Tioga Student of the Month

Our Tioga *Student of the Month* for March is senior David Pennington. David is a very quiet, unassuming individual whose polite and kind attitude has won him many friends on campus. Behind this quiet facade is a very creative and artistic young man whose keen wit makes him a delight to be around. In addition to his academic course work David has been involved in the school's Fire Science Program. When he graduates, David plans to join the U.S. Army and use that experience to get a college degree. His long term objective is to become a pilot. David's mom is Sarah Pennington of Groveland, and his very proud grandparents are Otis and Lin Fender also of Groveland.



David Pennington

Tenaya Elementary School Photo Contest

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS HONORED AT FEBRUARY AWARDS CEREMONY

BY BONNIE BELISLE, STCHS PHOTO CONTEST COORDINATOR

Thanks to all who were there to support our young photographers at the Awards Ceremony held on Feb. 7th at Tenaya Elementary School

The 2011 Tenaya Elementary School Photo Contest ended in late January 2012 when ballots were counted. The 14 student participants anxiously awaited the results with an audience of their fellow classmates from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade classes, their teachers, families and members from our community.

This contest would not have been possible if it were not for our sponsors, STCHS (Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society) and the Groveland Rotary Club who donated funds for expenses and prize money. And, a special thanks to our local merchants for additional prizes for the top three awards: Denise Anker of the Priest Station Café and Earl Wright of the Pizza Factory restaurant gift certificates -- and Rob & Regina Hirsch of Mountain Sage for fabulous 5x7 matted photos by Rob. Thanks also went to our photo team: Steve & Kathy Ryan, Bonnie & Warren Belisle, Miguel Maldonado and Rich Hathaway, Museum Exhibit Coordinator, who created the Photo Display in the museum.

Contest Results:

All 14 students received a Certificate of Participation as well as a photo key chain with a mini version of their photograph and certificate inserted within a plastic case.

1st Place: Gabriella Timmins, 8th Grade – \$35 – “*Light Dancers*”

2nd Place: DJ Thompson, 6th Grade – \$25 – “*Green Oasis*”

3rd Place: Madison Fong, 6th Grade – \$15 – “*Between Seasons*”

Honorable Mentions:

(Name – Grade – Photo Title)

Ryan Ahrens – 8th – “*Baby Huey*”

Savannah Boling – 8th – “*The Perfect House*”

Breeanna Bryant – 7th – “*Mono Lake Tufas*”

Natasha Garcia – 6th – “*Reflections*”

Winter Lipsett – 7th – “*Red Rose*”

Aileen Martinez – 6th – “*Tortas to Go*”

Ada Pollock – 6th – “*Underwater*”

Cecilia Ramirez – 7th – “*Love Stings*”



The Tenaya Elementary School Photo Contest Winners.

Michael Rhodes – 6th – “*Sunset Over the Lake*”

Summer Ruiz – 7th – “*Beautiful Flowers*”

Curtis Zwinge – 7th – “*Tenaya Lake*”

We want to thank all 14 students for a job well done and for sharing their photos with our community in the Museum Exhibit. Our Museum

visitors have thoroughly enjoyed your photos. If any of you have not yet seen the exhibit, the display of photos will remain up for another month or two, so don't delay! Students: We are already looking forward to this Fall's Photo Contest so keep a sharp eye open for what makes an interesting photo – remember the composition rules of thirds (1/3 – 2/3) and lighting.

Homecoming at Tioga High School

BY RYAN DUTTON, TIOGA HIGH TEACHER/STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR

On Thursday, February 9th, Tioga High School hosted its annual Homecoming basketball game and activities. This year's festivities were a great success thanks to a lot of hard work from the students and staff. The students were given some time during the week to meet as a class



Tioga High School students enjoying some fun and games during the Homecoming festivities.

and design their "shopping cart" floats. School dress-up days were included in the spirit activities bringing very creative costumes such as "Twin Day" and "Disney Day". Thanks to Mar-Val Market for allowing us to borrow 4 carts that the students could design and decorate. The floats turned out great, with the winning class points going to the freshmen class. The students participated in a school rally late Thursday morning. The student council put the rally together, setting up games for their classmates such as: Blindfolded Egg Smash, Baby Bottle Soda Chug, Float Show-Off, and the finale in which Senior Jon Hilton was

able to smash the pinata to the delight of his senior classmates. The pinata was a homemade Mountain Oaks Eagles mascot, whom the TWolves were hosting for Homecoming. Thursday evening in between the two basketball games, we crowned our Homecoming King and Queen. This year's winners were Anthony "Moose" Hatton, and Delicia Olivera. The student council did an amazing job of setting up the gymnasium for a great turnout of fans and parents. We also would like to thank the Tioga High Cheerleading squad for putting on a number of awesome performances throughout the evening.

Check out your Groveland Library

*Tuesday – Thursday 1:00-6:00 pm and
Friday – Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm*

Visit the Library:

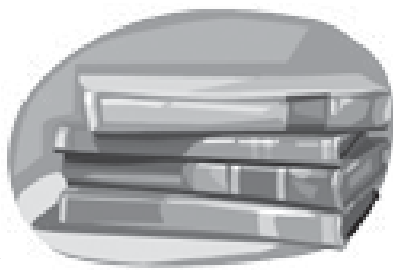
- Great selection of books, magazines, newspapers, videos, DVDs, CDs
- Computers, copy machine, free Wi-Fi

Special Events:

- **Children's Story Time**
every Friday at 10:30 am

BookNook – Book Sale

10:00 am – 2:00 pm every Saturday



Winter/Spring Movies on the Hill Schedule

BY CHRISTINA WILKINSON

The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce proudly announces 2012 *Movies on the Hill*. All movies are on FRIDAYS at the Groveland Community Center with two movies featured each night. Doors open at 4:50 and the first movie starts at 5:30. The second movie starts at 8pm. All tickets are \$3 each per film. For more information and up-to-date descriptions for each movie, visit: MoviesontheHill.Blogspot.com

MARCH 9

5:30 **BIG**

Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins, and Robert Loggia (1988) PG

8:00 **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**

Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn, and Marty Feldman (1974) PG

MARCH 30

5:30 **SPACE CHIMPS** (Animated)

Andy Samberg, Stanley Tucci, and Jeff Daniels (2008) G

8:00 **BUTCH CASSIDY & THE SUNDANCE KID**

Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Katharine Ross (1969) PG

APRIL 6

5:30 **MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**

Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino, and Angela Lansbury (2011) PG

8:00 **THE PRINCESS BRIDE**

Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, and Robin Wright (1987) PG

APRIL 27

5:30 **ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS** (Animated)

Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary (2009) PG

8:00 **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BATTLE OF THE SMITHSONIAN**

Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, and Amy Adams (2009) PG

MAY 18

5:30 **FERNGULLY: THE LAST RAINFOREST** (Animated)

Samantha Mathis, Christian Slater, and Robin Williams (1992) G

8:00 **BRIDE WARS**

Kate Hudson, Anne Hathaway and Candice Bergen (2009) PG

Please check for the suitability of each film for you and your family. Websites such as www.imdb.com are recommended. Schedule is subject to change without notice.

Truant School-Bell Returns to Schoolhouse

BY MARC FOSSUM

Dateline: Groveland California

Local residents and travelers alike have long observed that there has been a noticeable absence of a school-bell in the bell tower of our beloved old school house, currently occupied by the Groveland office of Yosemite Bank. For 30 years, maybe more as no one seems to really know, the bell has been absent from the school.

This 30+year case of truancy has finally come to an end. Yosemite Bank manager, Marc Fossum, has been tracking down the truant bell for nearly ten years. Through the help of a local sleuth, specializing in procurement of antiquities, the bell was discovered hiding in an old barn along Big Creek Shaft Road. The bell had clearly been in hiding for a very long time, as evidenced by a bad case

of rust and dust.

Joe Moore, alumni of the school (class of 1959), and a past ringer of the bell himself, was kind enough to unleash the fury of his sand blaster on the rusty bell. In short order we had a bell as clean and orderly as the day it first reported to school. To avoid another case of rust besetting our bell, it has been dressed in a gleaming coat of gold (paint).

We expect the bell to be back in its bell tower by the time you read this. Perhaps you have already heard our bell ringing-in its return to its old home. Those within earshot can hear of the bell at 9 am nearly every morning of the school week.

We welcome the bell's return to prominence and once again enjoy its unique music echoing through our mountains.

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We will be talking about how you can benefit from these at this month's Healthy Living Class which will meet at The Little House on Thursday afternoon, March 8th, at 1:00. Come and find out more about how YOU can make a difference for yourself, those you care about, the earth and... The Little House!

Tuolumne Trails Busy with New Winter Groups

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Winter is no longer a quiet time at Camp Tuolumne Trails. Sure summer is busier, but as all the buildings are heated, there are many school, church and special needs groups that prefer the winter season. Often a visit to Yosemite is included in their schedule. Usually the campers look forward to playing in the snow. This year, not so much!

In December, we hosted holiday parties for the WATCH group of developmentally disabled adults from Sonora and the Central Valley, and for the Recreational Sports Club of Stockton and their developmentally disabled members. Special thanks to Otis Fenker for bringing a special Santa to the party.

In January, two church regional youth retreats returned for their fourth annual visit. The Church of Christ brings junior high students and the Christian Church of Northern California brings teenage groups. They missed the snow, but did some serious hiking along with their retreat activities.

In keeping with our mission to provide a special and safe place for people with special needs, Tuolumne Trails has expanded its activities to provide programs for returning veterans with war-related injuries and their families. We have begun

hosting programs this winter with two organizations. One provides service dogs to disabled veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. At Tuolumne Trails, they learn how to work with their dogs and discover how the dogs can help them handle their new lives.

The other group focuses on veterans returning from war with "invisible wounds," including post-traumatic stress syndrome, panic attacks, and depression. Their programs teach the soldiers how to be civilians and how to reintegrate into their families and society. We're proud to be able to help our returning heroes.

Tuolumne Trails is expecting a very busy summer with many returning and several new special needs groups. We have openings for several seasonal positions, including a lifeguard (must be 18 and able to pass the Red Cross certification), an activities coordinator with experience organizing and leading games and events, a part-time maintenance specialist, and several kitchen/housekeeping assistants. Applicants must pass a background check and drug test. Please contact John Infelise, camp director, at 962-7534 for more information.

Upcoming Programs at The Little House

BY LUCI MORRIS TYNDALL

Over 50 people have attended computer classes at The Little House since last August. Several of them have taken two or three classes! One person has come all the way from Tuolumne!! So thanks to the GAINS computers and the dedication of Barbara Broad, more classes will be offered. Here's the schedule:

Word 1—Monday, Mar 5—1:00 p.m.

PowerPoint 1—Thurs, Mar 15—9 am

Excel 2—Monday, March 19—1 pm

Facebook—Thurs, March 29—9 am

Cards, Fliers, Newsletters—Mon, Apr 2— 1 pm

In Word 1 you'll get an introduction to formatting, making a poster, inserting graphics, and more. Learn how easy it is to create nifty documents in Word. The PowerPoint class will focus on how to create a slide show about your special

interest or special event or photographs with stories. Excel 2 will take you further along than the intro class offered in February. The Facebook class will cover how to use Facebook and how to protect yourself from putting too much information out there. In Card, Fliers, Newsletters will deal with creating your own cards, invitations, fliers and newsletters for your club or group.

As in the past, classes will be taught at The Little House using laptop computers donated to GAINS. Most of the classes will be taught by Barbara Broad. All classes are free.

Space is limited to 10 people per class, so sign up early. You can register for the class by sending an e-mail to info@thelittlehouse.org or leaving a message on the answering machine at The Little House. The number is 962-7303. In either case, please provide your name, contact information, and the class you are registering for. Someone will get back to you and confirm that you are registered for the class.

Museum Happenings

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

On March 18th the Yosemite Gateway Museum begins longer hours. The new hours will be 1 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The above hours will continue through October 21st.

Good things are happening at the museum with the new Point of Sale system that replaces the old cash register making it easier to track sales

and inventory. As always we can use more docents for the extended hours. The museum recently welcomed to new docents Sue Petersen and Tim Shanahan.

The museum and STCHS would like to welcome Barbara Klahn, assisting John Hancock with the museum/STCHS website and Bev Oakley, in the museum store.

STCHS Wine Tasting Cruise

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

May 19th is the date set for the 8th Annual STCHS Wine Tasting Cruise. Invitations are available at the Yosemite Gateway Museum and Yosemite Bank. The Cruise is a fundraiser for the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society. Plan to buy your tickets early

this popular event is always a sell out.

If you have any questions, please email Harriet Codeglia at hcodeglia@hotmail.com or call Harriet at 415-561-1852, Nancy Jones at 209-962-5693 or Jane Dees at 209-962-5653.

OBITUARY

RANDALL LAWRENCE POULIN

February 12, 1935 - January 6, 2012

The two words that define the life of Ran Poulin are Honor and Love.

He approached everyone and everything in life with dignity and respect, whether it was those he worked with, played with or lived with, - the kids he coached in Little League, the young Thai men that he trained to work on the oil platforms, on the football field or on the golf course, he was a decent and honorable man.

The great loves of his life were his wife Jody, his two children, Heidi and Matthew, traveling at home and abroad and sports of all kinds. He was not a permissive father, but he was an indulgent one. He built all kinds of enclosure for all kinds of animals, watched endless ball games and swim meets, fixed cars and assorted other things and was always there when someone said "Hey Dad, I need ----??? His family was the light of his life and his marriage of 50 years was faithful and sacred.

He was born on February 12, 1935 to Evelyn and Lawrence Poulin in Yakima, Washington. He went to St. Paul's grade school, graduated from Marquette High School and attended Yakima Valley Junior College for two years. During the summer months, he worked as a Patrol Man and sometimes as a Fire Look Out-- for the U.S. Forest

Service in Packwood, Washington. After moving to Southern California, he started his career with Unocal Corporation -- where he worked for 37 1/2 years before retiring in 1993. That career was interrupted for 2 years, when he was drafted into the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Camp Zama, Japan where he was assigned to the U.S. Army Map Service and the Criminal Investigation Corp.

Returning to Southern California he resumed his career with Unocal. His career ultimately led him and his family to live and work in several places in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Santa Maria, California, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand. Ran retired while in living in Santa Maria and in May of 2002 he and Jody moved to Groveland, California.

His passing has left a void that can never be filled, but his legacy of Honor and Love will last forever.

He is survived by his wife Jody, daughter Heidi Poulin, of San Jose; son & daughter-in-law, Matthew and Melissa Poulin, of Garden Grove; adopted son Kriengdej Kasemsan of Bangkok, Thailand; brothers Patrick Poulin and Bill Poulin of Yakima, Washington; brother Lloyd (Bud) Poulin of Palm Desert and lots of nieces and nephews.

Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER & PASTOR GINGER DUMARS

We are enjoying new visitors and new members in our church. We welcome them and hope they feel ministered to and ready to fulfill their ministries with us if they have no other church commitment. We welcome everyone at 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship Services & have delicious refreshments & fellowship after services. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court – just off Ferretti Road in Groveland.

Having honored Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22 with the marking of the cross with ashes on our foreheads during an Evening Communion Service we have began the 40 days of Lent – excluding Sundays. These 40 days remind us of the sacrifices Jesus made for us and of his time in the wilderness preparing for his ministry on earth. During these 40 days we will have 4 Wed. evening Soup Suppers on March 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 P.M. The Holden Village Evening Prayer Service set to music & including a short Meditation on Scripture begins at 7 P.M.

We look forward to Palm Sunday

on April 1 – with a procession waving palms and then to the Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 8. The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Mountain Lutheran Church at 7 A.M. with Festive Lutheran Worship at 10 A.M. Community Good Friday Services will be held at NOON at Groveland Evangelical Free Church on April 6.

Our Bible Study on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians continues on the first & third Thursdays, March 1 & 15 at 1 P.M. at the church.

Our 2nd Mile Offerings for January were for Disaster Relief in the U.S.A. For February they are for Sierra Foothills Residential Care home rebuilding in Sonora. In March our 2nd Mile Offerings are for "It's My Very Own" Bags of Love Ministry for children in distress being removed from their homes.

If you'd like more information on our activities & ministries, please check our web site at www.mountainlutheranchurch.org

News from The Little House

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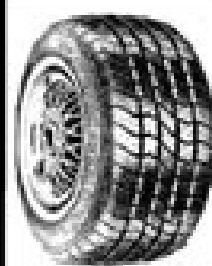
BY SYDNEY AVEY

In a previous life what is now The Little House was an Adult Day program that provided respite for caregivers. Then funding was cut for the Groveland program but services continued to be provided at the old Tuolumne General Hospital in Sonora. Another round of cuts and that program became history also.

While there is nothing to take the place of what we lost up here on the hill a Oak Terraces in the Sonora area is piloting a Day Stay Program. Located

in Soulsbyville, the program provides those with dementia structured activities, a warm meal, medication management and incontinent care for approximately six hours at a cost of \$45, well below what the county charged for the old program.

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Twelve Baptized at GEFC

BY SYDNEY AVEY

Twelve people were baptized at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church in the Sunday morning worship service on January 22. Pastor Ron Cratty explained the ordinance of baptism in a sermon before taking his place at the baptistery (normally hidden from view behind the elevated platform where the service is conducted).

“Baptism is an outward sign of a changed life” Pastor Cratty said. “It is an act of obedience for those who have accepted Christ as their Savior.” He explained that John the Baptist popularized the practice, which is symbolic of rising up from the dead. Baptism is a picture of our new life in Christ, the change Saint Paul spoke of in Ephesians when he told the church ... even though we were dead because of our sins He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (Ephesians 2:5 NLT)

A baptism at GEFC is especially moving because each person chooses a spiritual mentor or special friend to read their written testimony—the story of how and why they decided

to stop putting themselves first and begin a life of serving Jesus Christ. The stories are a varied as the people themselves. Here is a sampling:

While serving in the Air Force, a friend confronted David with the reality of Jesus Christ. “I thought of God as a power of energy,” David wrote. But he prayed with his friend and then asked him if he would feel anything that would assure him that Jesus was now his savior. “It depends on what you feel in your heart,” his friend told him. As David drifted off to sleep in a cold tent in a sub-zero temperature he was overcome by feeling of warmth and he knew in his heart there was a God.

Teenage Savannah became a Christian when she was six years old. Now she says her world would be upside down without God. Knowing that God will never put her in a situation that she can’t handle or leave her despite what’s going on in her life gives her confidence.

Johanna was raised Catholic in the Netherlands and lived by the

words of John 3:16. “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever should receive Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” However, the trauma of life caused her to doubt the goodness of God. Her pastor counseled her to trust her personal relationship with God over what she had been told she was supposed to do. Since then, she has felt the Lord’s spirit enable her to deal with life’s difficulties.

Mark fell desperately ill as a young man and cried out to God from a bed of intense pain. He awoke rested, pain free, at peace and fully aware that God was in the room with him. God spoke to him and said, “It is so simple Mark. Just follow Me.” Soon after that Mark regained his health and years later made a conscious decision to live a more Christian life.

Nancy reconnected with her Savior while she was in rehab. Now clean and sober and a light in our community, she and her son were baptized.

These are only half the stories

told on a Sunday morning as we witnessed the testimonies of faith of our neighbors. Everyone has a story. Each circumstance is different but for those who follow Christ the outcome is the same. Perhaps it’s the children who say it best:

“I had done something bad and wanted to be forgiven. I was eight when I decided to love God.” Emma

“Even though I worry sometimes about things like terrorism, I know that God is looking out for me all the time.” Virginia

“When I get ready to go to sleep my grandma and I always pray. She asked me what I wanted to pray for tonight. I told her I wanted to pray and ask Jesus into my heart. I did.” Jackson

We were privileged to witness the simple faith of children and the mature faith of those who have walked with Jesus through many trials. If you have questions about baptism, talk to your spiritual leader. You will be blessed and you will bless others by taking this step of faith.

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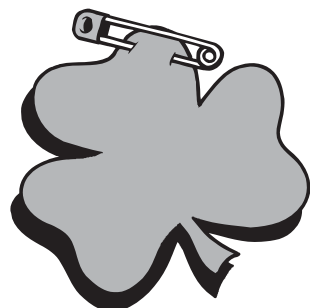
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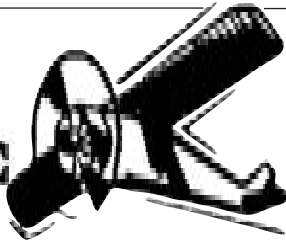
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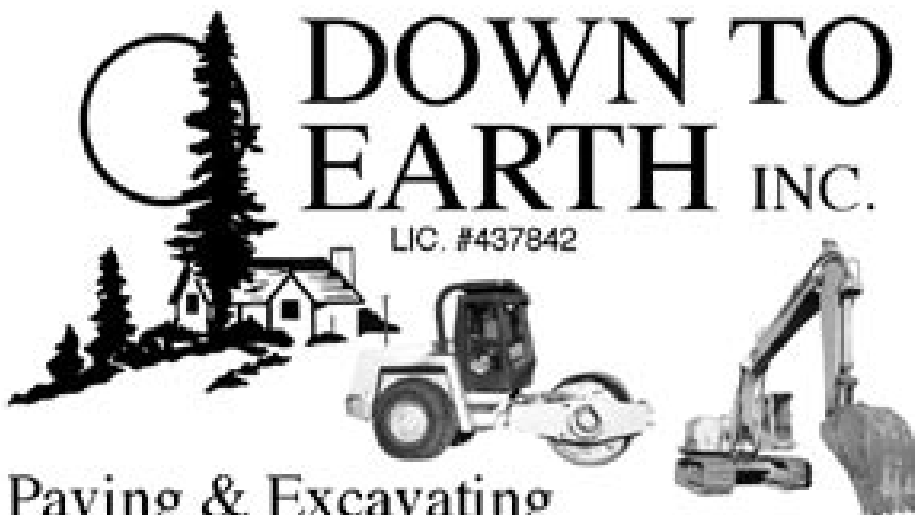
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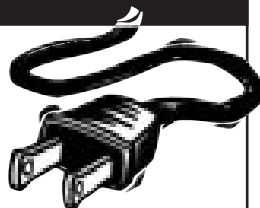
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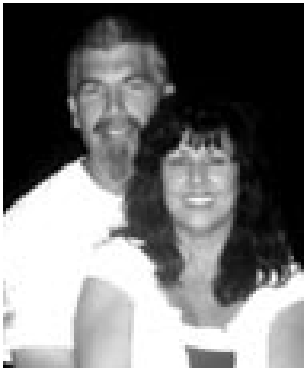
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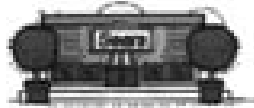
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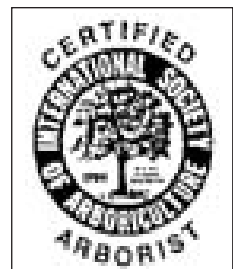
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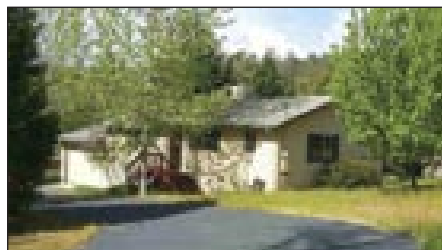
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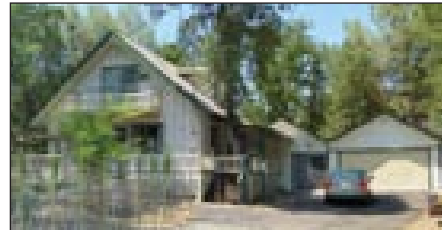
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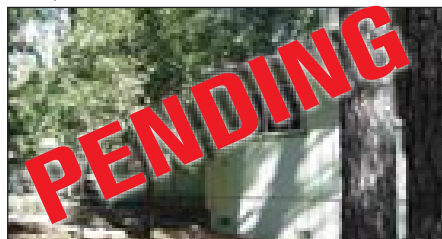
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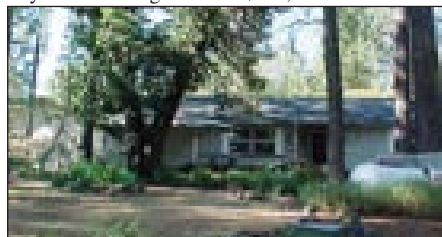
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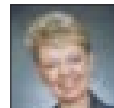
12091 Breckenridge-13/30 WOODED, PRIVATE SETTING. Three-level, 3bd, 2ba, chalet-style home, with wrap-around deck. Unfinished bonus room on lower level. Enjoy all the amenities of this gated community: golf, tennis, boating, fishing and more! Property backs to the green-belt. \$147,999 #20120164



13242 Wells Fargo-2/225 SINGLE-LEVEL LIVING at its best! Very nice mfg home, set back on lot for appreciation of landscaping and creation of seclusion. Entertainment center, main bedroom at the end of the home, away from guests, for privacy. Centrally located to most amenities. \$199,500 #20103359



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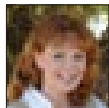
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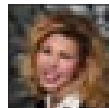
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20879 Big Foot-4/67 GREAT INVESTMENT & LOCATION! Almost always booked on the vacation rental program. Vaulted ceilings, large living room w/ wood-burning stove & modern kitchen. Near the Lake Lodge, beach & tennis courts. Partial lake view from the deck. Short Sale. "As Is". \$165,000 #20103484



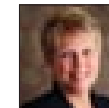
12704 Mueller-5/203 COUNTRY GETAWAY near golf course, pool & Country Club. Covered front porch & roof dormers for charming curb appeal. Natural stone tiles, stainless appliances, kitchen island w/pot rack & bar. Laminate flooring on lower level. Gas fireplace, over-sized jetted tub. 2-car gar. \$235,000 #20120111



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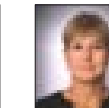
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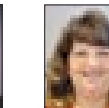
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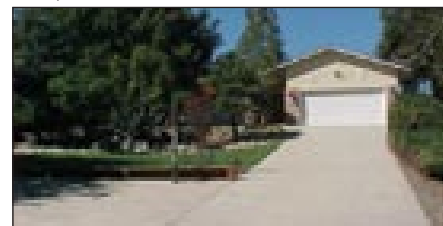
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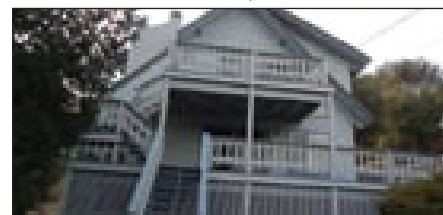
20643 Longview-3/263 PRIVATE SURROUND-INGS. 3bd/2ba, great room...all on 1 level. Over-sized 2-car gar, w/easy access to kitchen. Downstairs bonus room has 2 built-in beds & entertainment ctr, plus free-standing propane fireplace surrounded by river rock. Extra parking, w/easy access. \$220,000 #20120193



20148 Lower Skyridge-15/96 OWNER FINANC-ING on super-clean cabin at the lake, w/private boat dock. Wood-beam ceilings, skylights & great room w/wood-burning stove. Bonus room downstairs, w/new carpeting & paint. Enjoy views of lake from both levels. \$469,000 #20111155



19566 Chaffee-1/89 AT THE 15th FAIRWAY. Remodeled, ranch-style, w/fine detailing thru-out. Flagstone front entry & patio, 3bd/2ba, hardwood floors, dual-pane windows, new fixtures & skylights. Over-sized, finished, 2-car garage has potential for a rec/game room. Mountain views. \$329,500 #20110486



12780 Mt. Jefferson-1/245 NEAR DUNN CT BEACH. All-vinyl ext. siding, concrete shingle roofing. 2 levels w/master, living rm & full bath on each level. X-lrg pantry & plenty of storage, lrg closets & bonus rooms. Garage has storage & work space. Pool table included. \$320,000 #20120117



19759 Pine Mtn Dr-1/470 UPGRADED HOME with guest quarters downstairs. Two-levels, 4bd, 3ba, with 2-car garage. Covered, enclosed deck, work-out room. RV & boat parking area. Very near Pine Mountain Lake Marina and beach area. \$269,950 #20110492



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