# PINE MOUNTAIN MAY 2015 LAKE MOUNTAIN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

Happy Mother's Day

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# **President's Corner**

BY JERRY DICKSON • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

Well, the summer season has arrived once again. There are a lot of good things to look forward to at PML and Groveland. At the top of my list is ice cream at the Marina Lakeside Café. Can't beat that on a warm summer day. We can expect to see many more people in our community. Some of them will be walking our streets, so please slow down and give them some room. They can be almost as unpredictable as the deer. We can expect traffic in Groveland and the tourists taking pictures of the Iron Door. It's all right to chuckle a little bit but let them have their fun in our tiny burg.

We have built a new boat launch and retrieval ramp at the Marina next to the existing ramp but off to the south into the deeper water by the slips. The ramp is steeper and shorter which may require more skill when being used, but I'm sure our lake users will be able to handle it. This cost us some unbudgeted operational funds so the management team and Board will be looking at additional cost-saving ideas over the remainder of 2015.

The Board approved the Groveland Trail Heads plan to design additional biking and hiking trails in Unit 16 up behind the Campgrounds. Don't expect those trails to be available this year but maybe by next year we may be able to do some biking and hiking away from the roads in the PML's version of wilderness. The Board also approved our participation in a Triathlon scheduled for June 6. The triathlon is being sponsored by the Groveland Area Partnership (grovelandgearsandgrooves.com). The plan is to swim from the Marina to Lake Lodge, run to the Stables by way of Cresthaven, and bike out to the Rim-of-the-World and back to the Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland. We are putting in rules to limit the number of cars at each of the PML sites as parking is limited. Traffic will be affected but we feel the duration of the impact will be relatively short and the advertising of our town and Association could be very great. If you are interested look at the web site and sign up. It should be great fun for those of you who are in shape.

The Equestrian Center is out there waiting for you to decide to sign up for trail ride. They would love to see you. The pool is open and water is cold as it always is this time of year. Do your part and put some of your body heat into the water while doing your aerobic exercises every morning. The Tennis and Pickleball clubs would love to see you as well.

Your assessments support a lot of outdoor activities and I suggest that you take advantage of your investment at PML and go out and use them.



Jerry Dickson, PMLA President



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# **General Manager's Message** BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, GENERAL MANAGER

### COMMUNITY DROUGHT FORUM

In recent drought-related news, Governor Jerry Brown has directed mandatory water restrictions for the entire State. In response, Tuolumne County held a Community Drought Forum at the Groveland Community Hall on April 14th. Representatives from several local agencies were available to present information on the drought situation, answer questions and get input from the community. It appeared that the main premise of the forum was to brief citizens on the enormity of the situation. PMLA was well represented by our staff and they brought back a lot of information and this was reported at the April Board meeting.

Operationally, PMLA is on target to meet the standards as required by the State and we have already started converting landscape and turf over to droughtresistant plants, materials and hardscape. We have also included water-saving fixtures in our new refurbishments of the facilities. We will continue to disseminate information on resources and educational material to our members and do our part as a community to conserve.

Recently there was a water main line break in town. GCSD did not receive a report of the break for over two hours. As a result, tens of thousands of gallons were lost. We believe that those who saw the break assumed that someone else would call it in

If you see a water line break or water flow that looks wasteful or unusual, please report it to the Groveland Community Services District right away. Even if it is a break on private property, they will be

able to respond and contact the owner. The GCSD contact number is (209) 962-7161 or (800) 341-2161. We encourage all members to do their part to conserve and there is a lot of useful information on the PML and GCSD websites.

### MARINA BOAT LAUNCH RAMP

As I reported in previous articles, the Marina Boat Launch Ramp became unusable due to the drought and the low water level. To ensure that our members and staff have a way to launch boats, the Board approved the installation of a secondary ramp at the Marina. The new ramp is located to the right of the boat launch area just past the Dock "B". We are making adjustments to accommodate our membership as needed and look forward to another successful season. For more information feel free to call the Marina Store at (209) 962-8631.

### **CAL FIRE GRANT**

In an effort to take advantage of available funding opportunities from our State and Federal governments, our staff has been researching and applying for grants. I am pleased to report that our Maintenance Manager, Tom Moffitt has been successful in acquiring a Cal Fire grant in excess of \$244,000. PML will see a large portion of this grant and it will be shared appropriately within the Groveland area to accomplish fire-abatement work. The agreement with the State was executed last week and we are ready to proceed. We will be working with several local agencies and manage this grant to perform work to create a fire break along the perimeter of

our community.

Grant writing is complicated and time-consuming work and I would like to thank Mr. Moffitt for his efforts and congratulate him on bringing this muchneeded funding to our community.

### SWIMMING POOL RESTROOM SHOWER PROJECT

The Swimming Pool Restroom Shower refurbishment project remains on schedule and within budget and is nearly complete. We plan to be finished before opening day on May 9th.

### **GOLF PRO SHOP LOCKER-ROOM** PROJECT

The golf shop men's and ladies locker rooms refurbishment project also remains on schedule and within budget. They are finishing up the sheetrock and painting and have begun the tile work. We anticipate completion before Memorial Weekend.

### SHOOTING RANGE SOUND **MITIGATION WALL**

The Shooting Range Sound Wall project is progressing. Engineering, design, site development have been completed and we are almost finished with the permit process. We are waiting for the County to finalize their review. Once we receive our permit, we will procure bids and come back to the Board with the next phase.

Until next month, Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day!

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Fri 7/3	Independence Day
Mon 9/7	Labor Day
Wed 11/11	Veterans Day
Thurs 11/26	Thanksgiving
Fri 11/27 Da	y After Thanksgiving
Thurs 12/24	Christmas Eve
Fri 12/25	Christmas Day
Thurs 12/31	New Year's Eve
Fri 01/01/16	New Year's Day

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

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

### May 16, 2015

June 20, 2015

July 18, 2015

August 15, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION

September 12, 2015 (2ND SAT-DUE TO 49ER FESTIVAL)

October 24, 2015 BUDGET MEETING (4TH SATURDAY-BEGINS AT 8 AM)

November 7, 2015 (NEW DATE-1ST SATURDAY)

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### PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For The Three Months Ended March 29, 2015

																_		
	Revenues							Expenses										
	Members'									(Ca	ost)/Income						Budget	
OPERATION OF	Assessments		User	Sales, Net of	Miscellaneous		Total		Total		Before	Depr	eciation	(NI	ET COST)		NET COST)	Variance
AMENITIES	Net of Discou	nt	Fees	Cost of Sales	Income	F	Revenues		Expenses	s Depreciation		Ex	pense	P	NCOME	L	INCOME	Bud - Act
Golf Course	S -	)- 5	191,442	\$ 6,594		s	198,036	5	319,899	s	(121,863)			s	(121,863)	\$	(175,413)	53,550
Restaurant & Bar		)	1,910	171,852			173,762		286,426		(112,664)			s	(112,664)		(131,543)	18,879
Marina		)	12,039				12,039		29,776		(17,737)			\$	(17,737)		31,571	(49,308)
Snack Shack		)		6,403			6,403		11,279		(4,876)			s	(4,876)		(7,938)	3,062
Stables		)	11,807		275		12,082		38,006		(25,924)			s	(25,924)		(28,966)	3,042
Recreation		)	12,400				12,400		11,165		1,235			\$	1,235		(13,941)	15,176
Roads & Facilities Maintenance		)-	1,830		60		1,890		379,266		(377,376)			\$	(377,376)		(406,530)	29,154
PROPERTY OWNER																		
SERVICES																		
Safety	1 -	).	18,357		303		18,660		222,984		(204,324)				(204,324)		(222,065)	17,741
Administration		)	34,938		98		35,036		333,423		(298,387)				(298,387)		(358,276)	59,889
ASSESSMENTS																		
Assessments	1,204,79	)			18,776		1,223,566		16,635		1,206,931		193,109		1,013,822		990,690	23,132
Totals	\$ 1,204,79	) \$	284,723	\$ 184,849	\$ 19,512	\$	1,693,874	5	1,648,859	s	45,015	S	193,109	S	(148,094)	\$	(322,411)	174,317

### Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is (\$130,000).

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 EXPENDITUR	ES 3 Months	Ended Mar	ch 29, 2015
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2015 Beginning Fund Balances	1,846,157	\$ 119,654	1,965,811
Interest Income	502		502
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	89		89
Assessments Earned	460,548 (1)	36,762 (2)	497,310
Other Income/Expense			-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course	(1,633)	(1,664)	(3,297
Country Club	(31,548)	(5,926)	(37,474
Bar			-
Marina	(53,629)	(13,910)	(67,539
Snack Shack	(1,634)		(1,634
Swim Center			
Stables	(16,622)	(2,695)	(19,317
Recreation	(14,732)		(14,732
Roads & Facilities Maintenance			-
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety			
Administration	(3,138)	(121,372)	(124,510)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(237,541)		(237,541)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment	(000 477)		1000 011
additions and reserve expenses	(360,477)	(145,567)	(506,044
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,946,819	\$ 10,849	\$ 1,957,668

### Notes to the Financial Statements

(1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2015 is \$1,842,195

(2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2015 is \$147,050

# **PMLA Money Matters**

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Never Say Never Again. Besides being the title of the 1983 James Bond movie starring Sean Connery it is also the theme of this month's article. A couple of months ago I promised to never mention the effect of mergers on the annual assessment ever again. After analyzing the true impact of mergers over the years I felt that I had no choice but to revisit the topic again.

The graph, at right, presents the financial impact of mergers in a way that may be startling to most property owners. By way of a brief explanation the data reflected in this graph shows the year by year impact of mergers on the total dollars collected through assessments. The calculation simply involved taking the accumulated number of assessable lots lost due to mergers since 1970 and multiplying it by the per lot assessment for that particular year. In other words through 2002 we had lost to 544 lots to merger. Multiplying that times the assessment rate for 2003 we know that, in theory, the total "lost" assessment dollars for that year is \$522K.

As you can see the impact of mergers each year continues to grow as both number of mergers increases and the amount of the annual assessment goes up. Remember that each point on the graph represents the assessment dollars "lost" due to the cumulative affect of the mergers over the years. By the end of 2014 we have lost 771 lots to merger since 1970. The impact on the 2015 assessment is a staggering \$1,572,840. While I realize that all of this is conjecture based on the assumption that things would not have



changed if we treated mergers differently, it does illustrate a very important point. Mergers have changed the economic dynamics of PMLA and the assessment each and every property owner pays.

One final note before you review the graph. Note at the bottom of the graph is a statement indicating that the total revenue "lost" due to mergers is almost \$16M. Anyone who says that mergers don't have a big impact on what every property owner pays in their annual assessment should be encouraged to review this graph and judge for themselves. Take a look at the chart and really let this huge impact sink it. It really is pretty incredible. Hopefully this discussion sheds a little bit different light on this very controversial subject.

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 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 helpful and at least a bit informative.

### On the Lake DO DOCTORS READ OBITUARIES?

BY MIKE HORVATH, LIMNOLOGIST/LAKE MANAGER

When I was growing up, our family doctor knew everything about our family without having to rely on the newspaper. In today's sometimes impersonal healthcare environment, I wonder if doctors read obituaries to see if any of the hoards of patients assigned to them, have passed away. And then I wonder if they think to themselves, "I told so and so that they should stop eating this or smoking that or to get more exercise. If only they would have listened!" Well, I don't want to be the lake "doctor" that wakes up to find our Lake declining prematurely.

And although it is inevitable that the health of our Lake will decline as it ages, there are things that we can do to slow that decline. Our boat inspection program is a fine example of avoiding unnecessary infections of alien weeds. Just look at the water hyacinth problem in the Delta to see how bad it could be. Our goose control program is another good example. The egg addling program and Bruce's efforts with the "goosinator" are also good for the Lake and the health of the beaches. The harmful effects of sedimentation were partially mitigated by the dredge project, but just like cholesterol, sediment will continue to accumulate if we don't change the diet. Every time I see a barren lot or one that has been cleared with Roundup®, I just cringe.

As for smoking... well, the drought would have to get a lot worse before I would worry about that. However, I still see the occasional ash pile along the shoreline where someone decided to dispose of burn piles in the Lake. One even had painted and treated timber in it! I'll tell you flat out, this is an unhealthy practice. It is BAD FOOD for the Lake.

But what about exercise? Our Lake usually gets a healthy dose of exercise in the form of fast flowing inflows from the tributaries. That hasn't happened for two years now. And I am pretty sure that I'm seeing some effects from that (besides the lower water level). I took an algae sample in March and for the first time ever; I think I am seeing blue-green algae in the sample. I will be taking another sample today and have both of them sent to a professional algae lab to get a second opinion (if our health plan covers that).

So, just a reminder; you are what you eat. Don't feed the Lake bad snacks.

Until next time; Enjoy the Lake. SPLASH!!!

# PML Safety Report

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Guest Passes Issued	965	2,529
Vendor Passes Issued	99	395
Temporary Resident Passes Is	sued 173	414
Vehicles Admitted	9,086	24,115
Vehicles Refused Entry	175	482
Phone Calls Received	4,065	9,905
Residential Alarm	12	27
Animal - Loose	19	46
Animal - Impounded	5	11
Animal - Dead/Injured	12	67
Animal - Disturbance	4	28
Public Assist	49	72
Welfare Check	4	8
Transport	6	7
Traffic Hazard	3	6
Traffic Control	1	1
Gate - Tamper	0	2
Gate - Follow Through	5	7
Gate - Malfunction	13	39
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	2	5
Control Burn Reported	114	265
Smoke Complaint	5	10
Residential Disturbance	2	3
Amenity Burglary	0	0
Residential Burglary	0	1
Grand Theft	0	0
Petty Theft	1	1
Trespassing	1	2
Vandalism	0	0
Property Damage - PML	0	1
Property Damage - Reside	ent 1	2
PML Reg Violations Reside	ent 1	5
PML Reg Violations Guest	1	7
Vehicle - Citation Issued	0	2
Vehicle - Accident PML	0	2
Patrolling Unit	403	1,330
Amenity Security Check	2,492	7,336
Resident Security Check	362	636
Monitoring Tennis Courts	14	44
Weapon Violation	1	3
Fixed Post	0	1
Courtesy Notice Issued	6	14
All Fees Collected	\$9,507.62	\$21,328.08

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS RECEIVED - 3

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### SHOOTING RANGE

My wife and I look forward to using the range more with the improvements now underway.

Interest in firearms has increased significantly in the past four to five years. Some reasons are budget related but public interest is up many fold.

Reasons to name a few are:

Reduced law enforcement, and a ALETTER TO THOSE WHO WILL growing feeling that we are responsible for our own self defense. Our rural area with long response times.

Nearly every state has changed theirs laws to allow either concealed carry or in many cases open carry.

This has required formal training classes for this and in the past they were typically held once a month. Now demand has increased to three classes per month.

Like any other sport or activity practice is the key. Our range is vital to the growing numbers of gun owners for proficiency and safety. Our classes are well attended in particular the women's class.

A couple of facts about gun ownership:

By the most conservative estimate there are more guns than people in Pine Mtn Lake.

On our recent Black Friday shopping day there were 145,000 gun applications filed in one day.

The FBI background check system did 58,000 checks per day last year.

Gun ownership is here to stay and we

should provide a safe area for practice and training. While it is legal sending people off to the hills to practice makes no sense when we have a great supervised range of our own.

Richard Collier Groveland, CA

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### DONATE TO A NON PROFIT **ORGANIZATION DURING 2015**

This donor is donating to a non profit called the SRMC Cancer Patient Support Fund. My intension is to donate to an organization that I have had a personal experience with and that returns funds received to the people who need it. An example is I couldn't return to my home because I couldn't get up and down my stairs and be able to come to Sonora for my weeks of radiation treatment. They helped provide a place for me to stay during my treatment, so if you are interested in donating to an organization that puts its money to local use I highly recommend the SRMC Cancer Patient Support Fund. If you would like to donate to support this fund your check can be sent to SRMC Cancer Patient Support Fund, 1000 Greenley RD., Sonora, CA, 95370 and for more information call Susan at 209-536-3717.

Thomas Carman Groveland, CA

### PMLA AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PROGRAM

Taking the time to write a check for your monthly assessment payment can be time consuming and costly. You can avoid his burden and eliminate the potential for late payment charges by enrolling in PMLA's Auto Payment Program. By completing the form, which can be found at www. PineMountainLake.com under the Resources/Forms, and returning it to the Administration Office, you can have your monthly assessment automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card. This means you never have to remember to write a check and mail it each month. The peace of mind that comes with knowing your payment will always be made on time is easy to attain. We can also arrange to have any other regular payment you make to the Association (such as golf membership, horse boarding fees, etc.) paid in the same way.

For more information on this simple, effective and time saving plan please contact us at (209) 962-8600.

### 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, mailing address, PML unit/lot number, and day/evening telephone numbers by a property owner in good standing. LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 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, THE PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE NEWS, NOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

### ACCESS TO THE GRILL

We have owned our home in PML for 10 yrs, seen a lot of changes and a lot of improvement of the dining room. Our only complaint is getting to it. I know there is a ramp but that is a long walk if you have walking problems, and the stairs are steep and difficult to use. We think an elevator would be an asset or a place you can drive to near that level to drop off. All the \$ spent on that range could be put to better use to an area that has a lot of seniors. Thank you.

Linda Conrad Roseville, Ca

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### PML News Editor 19228 Pine Mountain Drive Groveland CA 95321

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**TO SAY?** 

Let your voice be heard with a letter to the editor.

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# **2015 PMLA Board of Directors Election CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!**

Pine Mountain Lake Association is seeking candidates for two (2) positions on its Board of Directors. These open seats are for three-year terms. These are voluntary positions.

Board application information is available at the PMLA Administration Office. Applications and nominations must be received no later than 4:30 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015.

Serving on the Board requires a commitment to attend monthly Board Meetings, Executive Sessions and other interim meetings, as required, and to review materials diligently prior to taking Board action.

According to CAI (Community Associations Institute), characteristics of good Board members include being fair and impartial, detail-oriented, dependable, flexible, people-oriented, a team player, punctual and able to weigh the overall good for the majority of owners against the rights, freedom and the good of the individual.

If you are interested in becoming an active participant who makes decisions for the Pine Mountain Lake Association membership and you are willing to devote your time for this purpose, we encourage you to submit an application and nomination materials for candidacy to the Pine Mountain Lake Association Administration Office by 4:30 PM, Friday, May 15, 2015.

### **PML News Advertising**

The Association offers each candidate one-half page (info and text to be supplied by the candidate) in the June, July, and August issues of the PML News in addition to a 450-word resume. Candidates may utilize the advertisement in any manner they choose, i.e., written statements, charts, pictures, letters of endorsement, etc. in accordance with the PML News policy.

The cost of the space in the PML News is \$200 per qualified candidate to be paid at the time the Petition of Candidacy is filed. Ads must be submitted to the PML News by the 10th of the month for publication the following month (May 10 deadline for June edition, June 10 deadline for July edition; July 10 deadline for August edition). For ad/article submission, please follow the PML News SUBMISSION GUIDELINES.

Candidates may also purchase a maximum of an additional half page of PML News space per edition (June, July, and August) at regular advertising prices.

For more information, please contact Debra Durai, Administrative Assistant, at 209-962-8627 or debra@pinemountainlake.com.

## ADMINISTRATION

# **BOARD ACTION(S) VOTING RECORD**

February 21, 2015 Board Meeting – Agenda Items		Board Members*				COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD		MG	WA	DC	BS		COSTS
approve the agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve the consent agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve Groveland Trailheads Proposal for trails in Unit 16?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Proceed with MOU/PlansBring back to BOD	
approve Pickleball Club Proposal for Tennis Court #5?	0	0	0	0	0	Item tabled until April 18, 2015 BOD Meeting	
approve alternate boat launch ramp expenditure?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Up to \$35,000-alternate ramp at Marina	\$35,00
approve the PML Employee Compensation Study?	Y         Y         Y         Y         Y         Committee charter approved for data gathering only No funds to be expended without Board approval.		Committee charter approved for data gathering only. No funds to be expended without Board approval.				
approve the formation/charter Marina Ad-Hoc Committee?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
appoint members/chairman to Marina Ad-Hoc Committee?	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve draft amendment to Reso 06.01-Election?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
appoint chairman of Budget & Finance Committee?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
appoint members to Waterfowl Management Committee?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve members Home business Permits?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
affirm Covenants Committee fines?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
grant fee waiver request to Super Seniors Golf Group?	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Y		
grant donation request to Tenaya Parent Club?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Gold Level	\$100
					 Tote	APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$(
				Toto	al APPR	OVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$100
						Total <u>APPROVED</u> expenditures this meeting	\$35,000
/=Absent   A = Abstained   AIF = All In Favor   o = No Vote							
* JD=Jerry Dickson   MG=Mike Gustafson	WA=Wayn	e Augs	burge	r   DC	C=Dan	a Chavarria   BS=Brian Sweeney	
MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED				NC	DTE: DI	raft – not a final Board-approved document	

# TIME LINE FOR 2015 PMLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS **ELECTION**

### **MAY 15** NOMINATIONS CLOSED

June 19 **Record** Date

July 6 **Ballots Mailed** 

August 14 Deadline for Return of Ballots (4:30 p.m.)

August 15 **Annual Member Meeting/Directors Election** 

# Marina – 2015 Season

BY JO ANNE BACCI, MARINA MANAGER

Hello Everyone! FIRST QUESTION on everyone's mind is can boats be put in the water?

ANSWER, Yes! We will be putting boats in the water. We have a new Boat Launch Ramp so come by and take a look.

SECOND QUESTION is will we have enough water for the summer!

That's a good one. Like last year we will take it day by day. These last few rains have helped & we are thankful for them.

Opening day is May 1st for the Marina Store and we are looking forward to tons of fun. With the water levels being so low we have lots of beach area. So get your swim suits, blankets, chairs etc. and head for the Marina for fun and relaxation. Movies on the beach was such a great hit last year that we plan on having them on Friday nights and some Saturdays nights so make sure to join us. We also have 6 additional Stand Up Paddle Boards which gives us 12. 8 new



Pedal boats and 9 new kayaks. We also plan to have new items in the Store so come on down and shop. Please check your activities guide for all the things happening this summer and also visit our website at www. pinemountainlake.com.

Our Lakeside Café opens on May 9th and we are looking to have an even better season this year with new items on the menu. We will also be having breakfast on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Bring all your friends and relax while having a great meal at the Marina.

Looking forward to having a wonderful summer.

# FIREWOOD – FIREWOOD – FIREWOOD

### Firewood Cutting Is Here PML SLASH and COMPOST SITE

OAK and CEDAR Requires a \$20 PML Wood Cutting Permit

Wood Cutting Permits Available at the Maintenance Facility

PINE and FIR Available for free CUT & HAUL

For more information please contact Susan at (209) 962-8612 between the hours of 7 am to 2:30 pm, M-F.

# ALL PMLA HOMEOWNERS EMAIL OPT-IN PROGRAM

The Association is pleased to offer a money saving program available to all PMLA property owners. This program allows you to receive many of the documents we are required to provide to you via email. This option is important because:

**Cost Savings** – The Association is spared the expense of printing and mailing many documents to those property owners who sign up.

**Environmental Savings** – Less paper means less trash and reduced damage to the environment both in the disposal and production of paper and envelopes.

**Reduced Clutter** – By receiving documents via email there is less paper for you to deal

with. All documents can be saved on your computer and viewed at your discretion. **Timely Receipt** – Documents sent electronically are received in minutes as opposed to the days it takes for regular mail to arrive.

If these sound like good reasons to you, please sign up for the Document Email Program today using the attached form. Simply return the completed form to the Administration office at your convenience.

If you have any questions on this program please feel free to give us a call (962-8600) and we will be happy to explain the details and the advantages.

Please read the Terms & Conditions for the email opt-in program on the website, www.pinemountainlake.com under the Resources/Forms > Opt-In Email Program.

Mail form below to:

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YES, I want to enroll in PMLA's email statement and document service. I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions set forth above as a condition for participation in this service.

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	Signature:	

# GOT YOUR PIN?

Since PML is a private gated community, we want to offer our property owners a secure way to call in guests. When you become a member of PML you are assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to utilize either when calling in a guest pass or using the Gate Access Internet program. This PIN identifies you to staff without you having to be present. This is a confidential number and should **not be shared**. When you call the Main Gate to authorize a guest or vendor access into PML, you will be asked for your PIN. The staff will look up the number in the computer and use it to confirm your identity before entering the guest information. You must have this number to utilize the Gate Access Internet program as well. If you do not know your PIN or have any questions, please contact the Administration Office at:







Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. and we will gladly supply this information to you.

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# Guest & Renters Handbook is Available Online!

You can now view or print the Guest and Renters Handbook from the PML Website.

Go to our website at: *www.PineMountainLake.com* and click on Governance then Community Standards. Then click on Guest and Renters Handbook at the bottom of the page. This handbook has valuable information for Guests and Renters in Pine Mountain Lake.

# NOTICE

Main Gate personnel are available to issue gate cards on Saturday & Sunday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please call in advance to schedule an appointment at

209-962-8615

# From the Fringe

BY MIKE COOK, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Spring is here and we are ready for another great season of golf at Pine Mountain Lake. The golf course is in great shape thanks to Alan, Robbie and the rest of the maintenance staff. By the time you read this we should be putting the finishing touches on our Men's and Ladies Locker Room Remodel. We still have a few lockers available in the new locker rooms for Property Owners to rent. If you are interested in renting a locker contact the Golf Shop for more information. As of May 4th our first tee time of the day will be 7:30 am. As always Property Owners can reserve a tee time up to 14 days in advance by calling the Golf Shop at 962-8620.

### **Upcoming Events**

May 2; Men's Club – Razzle Dazzle Thursdays – Ladies 9 and 18 Hole Play Day Wednesdays – Men's 9 Hole Play Day May 8; Southern Valley Seniors May 13; Men's Club – Point Par May 17; Men's Club – Mixed Partners May 19; Super Seniors May 28; Ladies 9 Hole Group – Invitational May 30; ROOFBB Annual Fundraiser Tournament

### Lockers for Sale

PMLA is selling the metal lockers that were replaced as a part of the locker room remodel. They come in a bank of 3, 4 or 5 lockers attached together. If you are interested in purchasing a bank of lockers call the Golf Shop at 962-8620.

### **Junior Clinics**

We will again be having our Junior Golf Clinics this year. The clinics are for youngsters 17 years of age and younger. The clinics will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this year. We will be offering 3 sessions: July 9, 10 & 11; July 23, 24 & 25 & August 6, 7 & 8. Call the Golf Shop 962-8620 for more information or to sign up.

### **Rules Quiz**

On hole #17, a player played his second shot from on the putting surface. He hit the putt too hard and as it passed by the hole, a dog ran across the green and tried to pick up the ball but instead of picking it up the dog deflected the ball and it went in the hole. What is the ruling?

A) The ball is holed for a birdie.

- B) The ball must be placed at the spot where the dog touched it.
- C) The stroke is cancelled and the ball must be replaced at its original position and the shot must be replayed.
- D) The player has the option of choosing to count the stroke or replaying it.

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The Drought Realities

BY TOM MOFFITT, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

We are now in the fourth year of a serious drought throughout California, and the impacts on Pine Mountain Lake are real and visible. The lake level is low, vegetation is suffering, the rainy season has come and gone, and the long hot summer will be longer than usual. The Governor and the media are just now proliferating an awareness campaign, legislating laws and regulations, taking drastic actions to conserve water, and stylizing the message to ease the impacts to come.

Pine Mountain Lake Association has not taken the wait and see approach, but rather has been working on decreasing water uses wherever possible. The PMLA Maintenance Department has initiated water use reduction methods when and wherever possible. There exists a difficult parity between providing a usable amenity while restricting the available water. The conservation of a valuable resources, such as water, is absolutely necessary in all the applications.

Our water resources are available in several forms – clean piped potable water, rain water runoff, storm water runoff, non-potable water, greywater, reclaimed water, spring water, and well water. All of these available water resources are utilized and properly administered. Not to belabor the situation, be of a relaxed mind that all amenities have clean clear water for drinking, washing, toilets, food preparation, ice makers, and for all of the amenity uses where potable water is required.

Practical retrofits have been applied in many of our amenities - restricted water flow faucets, selfclosing valves and faucets, dual flush toilets, auto flush toilets have been converted to low water use manual toilets, and in many seasonal amenities the water faucets have been shut off. Blowers have replaced water hoses for clearing courts and decks. These applications have become the new norm at PML, and will probably become common practice throughout California. These proactive applications and retrofits will also keep our amenities open and usable throughout the seasons.

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Grounds and landscaping will be the foremost casualty of the implemented water conservation methods. Potable water and piped water will not be used for irrigation of our grounds and landscaping. Yes, vegetation will suffer, the landscape will change, and measures will be taken to allow as much of our many plants and trees to endure the drought. Several landscaped areas have been converted to decorative hardscapes, and the landscapes are populated with drought tolerant plants and trees. Many of the planted grounds are irrigated using lake and pond water, yet is not a reason to be liberal with water when irrigating. The grass lawns are the largest consumers of lake irrigation water, measures are being taken to reduce the hardship for these areas and still conserve water.

Innovative projects for PMLA are the construction and implementation of alternative water supplies for the irrigation systems. Storage tanks are being placed to capture rainwater and greywater for irrigation of plants and trees. A renewed towable water tank will be transported to areas for spot irrigation, using non potable water, scavenged from other areas. Water will not be wasted, and water conservation methods will not be ignored.

Let us all hope for the best, yet plan for the worst?

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Shades of Green BY ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Towards the end of March we sliced the fairways and followed that up with an application of Hydretain. Hydretain is a product that is designed to allow the plant to use more of the moisture in the soil than it normally can. Hydretain is available in the granular form for homeowners. Just type in Hydretain if you are interested to research for your home landscapes.

Prior to aerating the greens we will be vertical cutting the fairways and following that up with applications of a pre-emergence and an insecticide to prevent insect damage to the turf.

During April we completed the remodeling of both restrooms on the course. The remodeling of the locker rooms and the golf course restrooms were long overdue and we appreciate your patience and understanding as these improvements are being completed.

I have tried to stay away from discussing the current water situation as it seems like it is always a topic. It just won't disappear and we must address it in an aggressive manner. Our irrigation plans for 2015 include a 50% reduction of water consumption. This 50% follows a 20% reduction, so you can see that are playing conditions will change from past years. The labor hours spent mowing will be reallocated to hand watering or spot watering to keep areas playable, while conserving the water. We will also perform a variety of projects such as slicing or aeration to get the water into the root zone when conditions allow. As of early April we have not used any lake water for irrigation. We are going to get rain today [April 7th] that will reduce the need for irrigation and extend the need to use any lake water further into April.

Please remember to drive that golf cart at 90 degrees when in the fairways. Staying on the cart paths more often will also have a positive effect on the playing conditions as well.

Come on out and enjoy the beauty that the course has to offer.

Be extra good to mom on Mother's day and all other days too!

# ADMINISTRATION PML Equestrian Center

BY JEANNA SANTALUCIA, EQUESTRIAN CENTER MANAGER

THANK YOU!!! To all of the PML members and family who emailed, or came out to the Equestrian Center and rode with us when our phone lines were down! We greatly appreciate your tenacity and sticking by us! We will be ramping up all of our horse programs beginning next month, with more horses available!

May is the time to check the website and sign up for the new programs: Little Wrangler, Jr. Wrangler, Working Student and lessons!! Preregistration will enable me to know how many camps / students / horses will be needed for the summer. You will still be able to sign kids up during the season, but preregistration is a valuable asset to my planning and yours!

Camp activities will vary from day-to-day and month-to-month. Some days, we'll be having riding lessons in the arena, some on the trails; Mondays and Thursdays may offer horse painting (on live horses!) and Tuesdays / Thursdays, may be making horse shoe photo frames for pictures of your kids mounted on their own day camp horse! Cost: PML members \$35 per day per child; Non-members \$40 per day per child.

**June 20th** – "Movie, Wine and Appetizer Night", come enjoy appetizers off the grill, a little wine, the cool grass, and fun flick "Chef", starring Jon Favreau, John Leguizamo, Dustin Hoffman and Scarlett Johansson! Price: \$15

**June 27th** – "Back Country Adventure Days", PML Equestrian Center together with



the Back Country Horsemen, Mid Valley Unit, and various fishing, river rafting, hiking and bicycling groups of Tuolumne County, will offer activities for young and old, including Dutch Oven cooking and lessons, Leave No Trace education, a packing demo; Y\*Explore's, John P. DeGrazio, discussing hiking in Yosemite, and booths featuring back country adventure business groups. Come out and find out the many ways to enjoy our parks and forests! Price is FREE!

August 1 & 2 – World Class Horsemanship Clinic with Jeff Sanders, teaching his California Bridle Horse, Vaquero horsemanship techniques for all riding disciplines and Santa Maria Style Barbecue. Riders: \$375, Auditors \$25 per day or \$40 for both! Dinner Tickets \$15 and must have reservations.

For more information or reservations contact Jeanna Santalucia, 209-962-8667 or email: *stables@pinemountainlake.com*.

### Stop, Dog Stop! BY NATALIE TRUJILIO, DIRECTOR

In homage to the literary masterpiece Go, Dog Go (which is required reading when you have a toddler) I present this article, with limited commentary, on the nuisance barking dog problem. It seems as if every area within Pine Mountain Lake has at one time or another been infiltrated by an irritating barking dog. This issue causes more than just mere annoyance and headaches, because it is such a grating distraction from the beautiful, tranquil area in which we live and nothing fuels animosity between neighbors like a barking dog. The Department of Safety's main role in terms of such a plight is to resolve such nuisances that fall within our jurisdiction as agents of the Association.

Granted, dogs are going to bark. It is part of their nature; to bark at passerbys, to bark at squirrels, to bark when they feel bored or to bark when they become defensive. One of the biggest issues we encounter when it comes to nuisance barking is training or lack thereof. It never fails to amaze us when dog owners survive listening to their precious Fido bark incessantly for hours on end. Are they immune or can they truly not hear it? The flip side of this coin are the owners that leave their dogs unsupervised for long stretches of time. Dogs really should not be left to their own devices day and night. A personal recommendation of mine would be to kennel your dog while you are away from your home. We kennel our dogs and it has worked wonders (not that they were nuisance dogs per se, but they are beagles and they get into everything). They are calm and relaxed when we depart from home and sleep the day away until our return. Training your dog to respond to simple obedience commands, such as sit, stay, quiet, etc. and making sure they get plenty of exercise will also help them to be a better behaved pet.

Pine Mountain Lake members that are being negatively impacted by a barking dog have several options that may assist in rectifying the ongoing problem. A member can contact the Main Gate and request a Safety Officer's presence in the area of the barking dog. Pursuant to Tuolumne County Ordinance 6.04.365 we are required to record the dog barking for thirty minutes at a time. If the continuous barking does occur we will attempt to locate the owner of the offending pet and

# **Community Standards**

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, DIRECTOR

### Fire Safety 101

Here we go again...the start of a new fire season with the added emphasis of an ongoing drought. There is no better time than the present to be excellent stewards of our part of the forest. If you have visited the PMLA website you will see a lot of information about how to clean your Lot for the fire season. All of that material can be boiled down into the following abbreviated form: • **Cut the weeds on the entire Lot** – down to dirt in the 30 foot defensive space around structures.

Maximum 3" over 30 feet from structures. Get rid of the dead stuff – all fallen needles and leaves that have accumulated in the 30 foot defensive space around structures must be raked up and removed to the compost area. Of course, this includes the buildup of needles and leaves on the roof and gutters. It has been proven that a warm spark from a fire miles away can destroy a house by landing in a gutter full of dry needles and/or leaves.

In addition, remove any trees and brush that have died over the dry winter months. This includes any branches on live trees that have died. The current drought has caused a lot of limbs to die. Trim these limbs off the tree. This requirement would apply to your entire Lot.

- Thin out the live stuff fuel reduction is an on-going project. This means we should always by looking for trees and brush that are growing too close to each other and removing the excess to improve the health of the remaining vegetation. As the drought continues we will continue to see active bugs willing to attack the weak trees. Trees are weakened when we have not been good stewards and allowed too many trees to grow too close together. This condition will invite bugs and run the risk of having high value mature trees infected.
- Limb up the trees if you haven't done this over the winter months it's too late for this year. Don't do any limbing during the dry summer months. Limbing causes sap to flow

leave them a Courtesy Notice of Violation. This allows the owner an opportunity to correct the problem with their yapping pet. It also allows the Association to begin enforcement proceedings if compliance does not occur. It is quite possible that the owner may be away and not aware that their precious Max is waging an all-out assault on the neighbor's eardrums.

Members can also contact Tuolumne County Animal Control at (209) 694-2730 to report a nuisance animal and to request their support. TCAC can assist you in filing a formal complaint against the dog's owner if initial contact does not produce favorable results and/or the owner still refuses to comply. They may also ask you to provide specific details about the dog, dates and times of the offenses and the owner's name and address. A Department of Safety Officer from the tree which can attract sap loving bugs. Save this project for the winter months when the sap doesn't flow as freely. However, as stated above, remove any dead limbs.

There you have it...the condensed version of a good fire safety formula. If the above is accomplished on your Lot, you won't be hearing from us around July 1, which just happens to be the deadline to be fire safety compliant.

On a related topic, we get a lot of questions regarding fire pits in PMLA. There is a link on the website under the fire safety tab but the following is a recap of our fire pit requirements:

During the fire season, June 1 to November 15 no outdoor burning is allowed. The exceptions are a fire that is propane driven or charcoal briquettes for cooking purposes. For example, BBQ's and propane type fire pits are acceptable.

From November 16 to May 31 (a prescribed burn season) all outdoor non-propane fire pits must follow the PMLA burning requirements:

- 1 Owner must obtain a PMLA Burn Permit. (at certain times of the year CalFire may require a CalFire burn permit as well.)
- 2 Fire cannot be any larger than 4' in diameter
- **3** Provide clearance around the pit that is ten (10) feet in diameter by removing all material that will burn, down to bare mineral soil
- 4 Have a water source on hand such as a charged garden hose or a minimum of a five (5) gallon backpack, pump type water extinguisher.
- **5** Responsible adult needs to be in attendance at all times
- 6 NEVER burn on windy days.
- 7 On the day you want to burn in your fire pit you must call the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615 to find out if it is a burn day according to the Tuolumne County Air Quality Board.

unfortunately cannot act as an intermediary between the complainant and TCAC. Tuolumne County Animal Control prefers that the private citizen initiate the complaint against the neighbor and their annoying furry companion. Any concerns or confrontations you may experience with an aggressive dog however, should immediately be reported to TCAC.

A member can always appeal to their neighbor for relief; contact them in person, by phone, or leave them a nicely worded note. The last, and probably most unappealing option, is that the affected party can do nothing, although this is not a recommended course of action. Please feel free to contact us at (209) 962-8615, day or night, weekend or weekday, and we would be happy to assist you with any nuisance dog problem.



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# May at The Grill

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



Memorial Day weekend is the official start of our summer season. This is a very busy weekend so if you plan on dining at the Grill please call in advance for reservations. We will be

starting our summer hours in May. We will be open for lunch Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. We serve breakfast on Saturday from 8 am until 11 am and Sunday's 8 am to 12:30 pm. Dinner service will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 5 pm to 9 pm and Friday and Saturday 5 pm to 9:30 pm.

We are hosting a couple of events this month. We will be hosting a Tequila Tasting lunch on Saturday May 2. If you are a tequila lover this is an event you don't want to miss. We also have our Mother's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday May 10 and we are closed for dinner on Mother's Day because these brunches are such a large production.

In the past we have tried to feature local wines and local wines will continue to be a large part of our wine list. However, the

more popular wines recently are red blend wines. They used to fall into our "other red wine" category which feature wines from lessor known grape varieties. But with their increasing popularity, I have now put them in their own section of the wine list and all are offered by the glass. The most popular has been Black Ink. This month's featured wine is Cryptic Red. A blend from Sonoma County.

### The 19th Hole Lounge

Here is our live music schedule for May. We have live music every Saturday night from 8pm until midnight. The lounge is open 7 days a week from 10 am. Saturday and Sundays we open at 8am.

Friday May 1 – Karaoke Saturday May 2 – Tiffany Lorraine Saturday May 9 – Kool Shifters Saturday May 16 – 3rd Star West Saturday May 23- Rockslide Saturday May 23- ESP Band

Your questions and suggestions are always welcome, contact me at *clubmgr@ pinemountainlake.com* 

### Call The Grill, 209-962-8638 to make reservations.



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### Resolution #06.01 Adopted: May 20, 2006 Amended: May 19, 2007 Amended: April 20, 2013 Amended: April 18, 2015

# Amended Resolution #06.01 Adopting Election Procedures

In accordance with Pine Mountain Lake Associations' CC&R's, Article III, Section 7 (c), Adoption and Amendment of Rules, the Board of Directors has approved this final amendment to Resolution #06.01, Adopting Election Procedures.

The purpose of the amendment is to reflect January 1, 2014 changes in the California's Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act (specifically Civil Code sections regarding the rules pertaining to the conduct of elections of directors and other election rules). The effect of this amendment impacts candidates for director elections. The main effect and change is updating the Civil Code sections numbering throughout the document, and the procedures for candidate campaign mailings.

This proposed amendment was published in the April 2015 Edition of the PML News for member review and comment. This final amendment was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors at a duly noticed meeting on April 18, 2015, at the PML Lake Lodge.



### RESOLUTION ADOPTING ELECTION PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, California Civil Code section 5105 now regulates the conduct of elections of the board of directors of common interest owner associations and mandates the use of a secret ballot voting process, as described in accompanying election procedures; and

WHEREAS, California Civil Code section 5105's election procedures control to the extent that the election procedures in any other Pine Mountain Lake Association governing documents or rules are in conflict with those statutory procedures; and

WHEREAS, Civil Code Section 5105(5) requires the use of either one or three inspectors of election to receive and tabulate ballots and to perform other functions related to the election that are enumerated in the Election Procedures that are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is extremely important for elections of the Pine Mountain Lake Association to be free of any question regarding the fairness and impartiality of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Association's Bylaws authorize the conduct of director elections through the use of a mailed ballot voting process as described in California Corporations Code section 7513, which process can be modified to accommodate the secret ballot voting process mandated by Civil Code section 5115;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association establish and implement the election and secret ballot voting procedures that are attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the General Manager of the Association be, and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to take such further actions as they deem necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes and effect of these resolutions and to further have the authority to modify these procedures solely to conform to any subsequently enacted emergency legislation that directly affects the content or protocols of the attached election procedures as such procedures will apply to the Pine Mountain Lake election of directors.

DATED: April 18, 2015

By:

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Wayne Augsburger, Board Secretary

### EXHIBIT "A" PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ELECTION PROCEDURES

Effective January 1, 2014, amendments to California's Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act (specifically Civil Code section 5105) require that common interest development property owner associations, such as the Pine Mountain Lake Association ("PMLA"), adopt rules regarding the conduct of elections of directors (as well as other specified votes conducted by an owners' association). Those election rules must comply with a number of specific requirements that are set forth in the new statute.

The procedures that follow were drafted to reflect those new statutory requirements and it is these procedures that will be used by the Pine Mountain Lake Association in the election of directors unless certain provisions of these procedures must be modified or amended to reflect subsequently enacted State legislation:

1. Equal Access to PMLA Media. In accordance with PMLA Board Resolution 06.01, as amended and updated, the following guidelines remain in effect regarding the use of PMLA Media:

- (a) <u>Campaign Signs</u>. Campaign signs must comply with current Association rules and State law. California Civil Code section 4710 allows for the posting/ display of non-commercial signs, posters, flags, or banners on or in an owner's separate interest. Posting or display of any signage in the Common Area or Common Facilities is prohibited. Signs, posters, flags, or banners may be made of paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic, or fabric but may not be made of lights, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or any other similar building, landscaping, or decorative component, or include the painting of architectural surfaces. Signs may be displayed from the yard, window, door, balcony, or outside wall of the separate interest but may not be attached to trees or fences. Signs and posters may not be more than nine (9) square feet in size. Flags or banners may not be more than fifteen (15) square feet in size. Campaign Signs for the election of Directors shall be removed within 5 days after the election. There is a limit of three (3) signs, posters, flags, or banners (or combination thereof) allowed for display per Lot.
- (b) <u>PMLA Advertising</u>. The Association offers each candidate one-half page for a campaign statement in the June, July, and August issues of the PML News (text to be supplied by the candidate and printed in each issue) in addition to a 450-word resume. Candidates may utilize the advertisement in any manner they choose, i.e., written statements, charts, pictures, letters of endorsement, etc., in accordance with PML News Editorial Policy. The cost of the space in the PML News is \$200.00 per qualified candidate, to be paid at the time the petition of candidacy is filed with the Association. By state law, the Association may not edit or redact any content from these communications, but may include a statement specifying that the candidate or member, rather than the Association, is responsible for the content of the statement.

Candidates and other members advocating a point of view may also purchase a maximum of an additional one-half page of PML News space per edition (June, July, and August editions) at regular advertising prices.

- (c) <u>Mailing Agreement</u>. Candidates who want to mail "Campaign Information" to members can deliver their letters to the Association in sealed envelopes with postage already applied. The Association will then apply mailing labels for all members in good standing to the envelopes and place them in the US mail. The cost of this service is \$100 to be paid at the time the labels are ordered. The Member and author(s) of the information mailed are completely and solely responsible for the contents of the information and will be required to defend and indemnify PMLA and its directors and employees from claims arising out of the distribution of the information.
  - The information shall be mailed within five (5) business days of its receipt or receipt of the required fee. In any event, PMLA shall not be required to distribute the information for at least twenty-four (24) hours after receipt absent a health or safety emergency.
  - PMLA will not "censor" or edit the contents of the Information. It urges all members to communicate in a respectful and productive manner and without personal attacks on any individual or group.

(d) Other PMLA Media Access. It is not the policy of PMLA to provide other means of candidate access to Association media, newsletters, or internet websites during a campaign. In the event that the statements or actions of an incumbent director who is also a candidate for re-election to the Board, are reported in any PMLA media solely in the context of that director's performance of his or her duties, those reports or statements shall not constitute provision by PMLA of access to its media for campaign purposes. Should this PMLA policy change in the future, the new Civil Code election rules provide that equal access to any permitted media shall be provided to all nominees and members advocating a point of view (whether or not endorsed by the Board of Directors). An association cannot edit or redact any content from any candidate communications, but the Association can include a statement specifying that the nominee or member authoring the communication, and not the Association, is responsible for the content of the content of the content of the communication. In accordance with Civil Code section 5135, no Association funds shall be used for campaign purposes, except to the extent necessary for the Association to comply with the duties imposed upon it by law.

2. Equal Access to Association Meeting Areas for Nominees and for Members Advocating a Particular Point of View. The Association shall provide equal access to the Common Area meeting facilities at Pine Mountain Lake during a campaign, at no cost, to all candidates, including those who are not incumbents, and to all members advocating a point of view, including those not endorsed by the Board, for purposes reasonably related to the election. This requirement, which is imposed by statute, shall not be interpreted as obligating the Association to provide access to such meeting spaces at times when the space is normally and customarily utilized for other Association or community purposes. In other words, the Association retains its authority and responsibility to ensure that the Common Facilities are managed, operated, and accessed for the common benefit and enjoyment of all PMLA members.

3. <u>Minimum Qualifications for Candidacy</u>. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, in order to be eligible to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors, the candidate must be a Member of the Association who is in good standing (meaning that the proposed candidate is not delinquent in the payment of Association assessment obligations and is not otherwise subject to a suspension of membership privileges as the result of disciplinary action initiated by the Association).

4. Nominations for Election to the Board of Directors; Self-Nomination. In addition to the nomination procedures specified in Section 7.04 of the Association Bylaws, by State law, the Association must now permit any member to "self-nominate" himself or herself for election to the Board of Directors. Any Member desiring to nominate himself or herself as a candidate for election to the Board must: (i) satisfy the good standing requirements for candidacy applicable to other candidates at the time the person's candidacy is proposed and thereafter; (ii) present written notice to the Board of Directors of the person's desire to self-nominate on or before the deadline of the nominating committee for the presentation of its list of candidates to the Board of Directors. Section 7.04 requires that candidates for election must submit a petition signed by at least two percent (2%) of the members in order to demonstrate support for the candidacy. In the event that a person self-nominates himself or herself without presenting a petition signed by at least two percent (2%) of the members, that candidate's name may appear on the ballot under a heading, which states: "Self-Nominated Candidates with No Supporting Petition". Candidate's names shall be listed on the ballot alphabetically by last name.

5. Voting Eligibility. Each Member of the Association in good standing is entitled to cast one vote for each lot that the Member owns. In order to be eligible to vote the Member must be in good standing, with all assessment obligations current and the Member cannot be subject to any other suspension of voting rights privileges as a result of disciplinary action duly imposed by the Association. Because membership-voting rights are appurtenant to the ownership of particular Lots, if a Member is delinquent in the payment of assessments as to any particular Lot owned, that Member can be denied voting rights as to the Lot where the assessment obligations are delinquent.

6. Proxy Voting. The secret ballot voting requirements of Civil Code section 5105 do not prohibit the use of proxy voting, However it is the policy and practice of the Association to conduct its elections by use of written ballot voting in accordance with Corporations Code section 7513 and that form of balloting contemplates that each Member will receive a ballot by mail or personal deliver and shall therefore have the right to cast the ballot personally. In corporate law, proxy voting contemplates a situation in which an agent of an absent member (i.e., the proxy holder) presents evidence of authority to act on behalf of the absent member (in the form of a written proxy) at the meeting that the issuer of the proxy was unable to attend. In the context of PMLA elections, the annual membership meeting is the forum for the announcement of the results of the election conducted by use of mailed (written ballot) voting, but the election does not actually take place at the meeting. For that reason, the Civil Code rules relating to proxy voting in the election of directors do not apply to the election of directors pursuant to the written ballot election process utilized by PMLA.

7. Duration of the Voting Process. The secret ballot voting procedures of Civil Code section 5115 (a) specify that ballots for the election of the Board of Directors must be sent to all eligible Members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the deadline that is established for the tender of ballots. In the election of the Board of Directors, written ballots must be received by the Inspector of Election, no later than the 4:30 P.M. the day before the scheduled Annual Meeting of the Members and Directors Election. Due to the requirement that the Association utilize a double envelope ballot system in the election of directors, any ballots that are sent to the Inspector of Elections by facsimile transmission or email cannot be counted.

8. Use of Secret Ballots and Ballot Completion Requirements. In accordance with Civil Code section 5115, ballots used in the election of directors shall be secret ballots, which shall not identify the voter by name, address or lot number. The secret ballots, together with two pre-addressed envelopes with instructions on how to return ballots shall be mailed by first-class mail or delivered by the Association to every Member of the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for voting. The unsigned ballot shall be inserted into an envelope (the "Ballot Envelope") that is sealed and this sealed Ballot Envelope shall then be inserted into a second envelope (the "Address Envelope") that is sealed. In the upper left hand corner of the Address Envelope, a space or lines shall be presented where the voter can print and sign his or her name, address, and Lot number. The Address Envelope shall be addressed to the inspector or inspectors of election who shall tally the votes. The Address Envelope (containing the ballot and the Ballot Envelope) may be mailed or delivered by hand to the location specified by the inspector of election for the return of ballots and the Member may request a receipt for delivery of the ballot.

9. Determination of Election Results/Succession to Office. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes, up to the number of vacancies to be filled in the election, shall be elected as directors, and shall take office immediately following their election. In the event there is a tie vote between those candidates who receive the lowest number of votes necessary to qualify the candidate for election, the tie shall be broken by random drawing.

10. Supervision of Election Process; Appointment of Inspector(s) of Election. In order to insure secrecy of ballots and fairness in the conduct of director elections, the Board of Directors shall select an independent third party or parties to serve as the inspector(s) of election. Civil Code section 5110(a) specifies that the number of inspectors of election shall be one or three. The duly appointed inspector of elections shall have the full powers of an inspector of elections appointed by the Board pursuant to Corporations Code section 7614 and shall perform his duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of his ability, and as expeditiously as is practical. Any report made by the inspector of election is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the report. The sealed ballots at all times shall be in the custody of the inspector of election or at a location designated by the inspector or inspectors until after the tabulation of the vote, at which time custody of the ballots shall be transferred to the Association.

Without limiting the foregoing, the inspector election shall do all of the following:

- (i) Determine the number of memberships entitled to vote and the voting power of each.
- (ii) Determine the authenticity, validity, and effect of proxies, if any.
- (iii) Receive ballots. Sealed ballots shall at all times be in the custody of the inspector or inspectors of election or at a location designated by the inspector or inspectors until after the tabulation of the vote, at which time custody of the ballots shall be transferred to the Association.
- (iv) Hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising out of or in connection with the right to vote.
- (v) Count and tabulate all votes.
- (vi) Determine when the polls close.
- (vii) Determine the result of the election.
- (viii) Perform any acts as may be proper to the conduct of the election with fairness to all Members and in accordance with the Association Rules pertaining to the conduct of elections and section 5110(c)(8) of the Civil Code.

11. <u>Requirements for the Counting and Tabulation of Ballots</u>. The designated inspector of election must count and tabulate the votes in public at a properly noticed open meeting of the Board of Directors or the Members. Any candidate or other Member of the Association may witness the counting and tabulation of the votes. No person, including a Member of the Association or an employee of the Association's management company, if any, shall open or otherwise review any ballot prior to the time and place at which the ballots are counted and tabulated. In the event that tabulation of the ballots cannot be concluded prior to the designated time for adjournment of the annual membership meeting, the meeting shall be continued for such time as is required to complete the tabulation of ballots and Members shall be entitled to remain in attendance at the continued meeting to observe the tabulation.

12. <u>Announcement of the Results of the Election</u>. The results of the election shall be promptly reported to the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board and shall be available for review by Members of the Association. Within fifteen (15) days of the election, the Board shall publicize the results of the election in a communication directed to all Members.

13. <u>Retention of Ballots</u>. After tabulation, election ballots shall be stored by the Association in a secure place for no less than one year after the date of the election. In the event of a recount or other challenge to the election process, the Association shall, upon written request, make the ballots available for inspection and review by Association Members or their authorized representatives. Any recount shall be conducted in a manner that shall preserve the confidentiality of the vote.

# **Pickleball**

BY KAREN SEALS



Last July, I was invited by a friend to come and experience the sport of pickleball. I have to admit that at first I was very

skeptical, but when my friend told me that there were over 20 participants taking part on a daily basis and the group was growing every day, I thought, what do I have to lose?

I entered the PML Pickleball court and gave it a try. I immediately saw the tremendous potential that this sport would offer all my friends, who were looking to become more physically active but were looking for a fun easy workout.

By playing pickleball on a smaller court compared to that of a tennis court, the relative intensity of the sport is reduced. Utilizing a lighter ball that moves at slower speeds also reduces the intensity of the sport compared with most other racquet sports. For adults, who have limitations to their exercise capacity, playing doubles can further reduce the impact and intensity of this sport.

Since my experience 8 months ago, I have recommended pickleball to a number of my friends and those that have taken my advice have had wonderful experiences playing the sport and they have meet many new friends.

I am very excited to share with you the current research findings about pickleball and health.

### On a more physical level, Pickleball can give you a great mind-body workout. Researchers are learning that regular physical activity in general can help keep your body, including your brain, healthy as you age. Exercise increases the level of brain chemicals that encourage nerve cells to grow. Pickleball games that requires you to remember scores and right-left movement sequences boosts brain power by improving memory skills. Playing pickleball can create new brain cells!!!

There has been some promising research in this area, according to Dylan Chipperfield and spokesperson for the Canadian Council on Exercise, a 2013 study published in the Canadian Journal of Medicine found that pickleball at least twice a week made people less likely to develop dementia and increase short term memory.

Pickleball is great for helping people of all ages and physical abilities get and stay in shape. A 150-pound adult can burn about 150 calories doing 30 minutes of pickleball.

### **Benefits Abound**

- · Like other moderate, low-impact, weight bearing activities, such as brisk walking, cycling or aerobics, pickleball can help:
- · Strengthen bones and muscles without hurting your joints
- Tone your entire body
- Improve your posture and balance, which

### can prevent falls

- Increase your stamina and flexibility
- Reduce stress and tension
- Build confidence
- Provide opportunities to meet people, and ward off illnesses like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, osteoporosis, and depression

So if you're tired of the treadmill and looking for a fun way to stay fit and healthy, it might be time to put on your court shoes and come hit up some pickleballs.

### We are now playing Pickle ball 7 days a week on courts 5 & 6

- Mon. Wed, Fri 9-11 Member play
- Tue, Thurs 5-7 PM open play come on out and learn the game
- Sat- Sun 9-11 member play, 11-1 come on out & game play

Please remember to bring your annual or daily pass to play

Pickleball facts are from an Article by Dylan Chipperfield. Dylan has been working with adult exercise programs over the last nine years across Western Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree and has been certified by the Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology and the American College of Sports Medicine!

# **Quilters'** Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Seven weeks to go...QUILT STROLL here we come. Hustle and bustle, lots of last minute preparations, bindings, filling out of forms, embellishing, and "stuff". A big thank you goes out to Judy Tobia, the chairman, and her capable committee. Lots of changes, all good. Quilt forms need to be in to Lynn Sigafoose by the 20th of this month.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY JUNE 13TH. Stroll begins at 9 a.m. See how beautiful Groveland will be decorated with all the quilts hanging everywhere. Come on and bring a friend or two.

The Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. May 19th under the library at 6 p.m. Thursday afternoon is the community outreach part of the guild, the Block Party, from 1 - 3 p.m. @ Deanas garage. We make little quilts for CNVC. Audrey Munoz is spearheading a special project, "Dress A Girl", and Jean Cox is helping to provide pillow cases for Tuolumne Trails and their guests. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects you can call me @ 962-4950, or Audrey @962-7430, or Jean @ 962-0272. You do not need to be a guild member to help with these projects. As a guild we do many things with love for our community.

May 2nd and 3rd Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County presents SPRINGTIME IN THE PINES QUILT SHOW. ... .10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Country Store, Vendors, live music, and much more. Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley.

See you on the 19th under the library at 6 p.m.

# **Bunny Butts Everywhere!!**

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CO-CHAIR

As only appropriate for April Fool's Day, adorable "bunny butt" decorations created by Dawn Silva adorned the tables as the Pine Mountain Lake Ladies Club members celebrated "Spring is in the air" and the approach of Easter with a delicious buffet lunch and a fashion show featuring the fashions of Sharon Malone's of Sonora. Each attendee enjoyed a personal chicken pot pie aside a green salad that were both excellent and then the dessert of cookies... oh, my...decadent! The models showed

how the same piece of clothing in sizes from petite to mature could be taken from casual to evening elegant with the effective use of shawls, jackets and jewelry. After the show, the ladies were given an opportunity to purchase the fashions from the show and were promised a discount on in-store purchases until April 11 for all event attendees. One lucky lady at each table won the "bunny butt" decoration to take home. Huge kudos to event chair Conni Buckner for another wonderful show.

The next event for the PML Ladies Club will be our perennial favorite event, the May Tea honoring our Past Presidents, chaired this year by Shirley Brasesco and Linelle Marshall, so we know it will be a very special event. The event is open to all Ladies Club members so if you are not a member but would like to join, please contact Membership Chair, Barbara Coldren. Happy Spring all!!



### **PML Organized Groups & Clubs**

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining! (All numbers are 209 area code unless noted otherwise)

Aviation Association Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Computer Users Group Frank Perry	962-0728
<b>Exercise</b> Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake Mike Gustafson	962-6336
Garden Club Lonnie Roman	962-6001
Guardians of PML Gus Allegri	962-6915
Ladies Club Maddie Sousa	962-5708
Ladies Golf Club Yvonne Mattocks	962-4165
Men's Golf Club Dick Faux	962-4617
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club Bob Oakley	962-4799
Monday Bridge Club Bill Parker	962-5957
Needle Crafts Lee Isbell	962-5727
<b>Pickleball</b> Karen Seals	962-6657
<b>Pine Needlers Quilt Guild</b> Wina Helm	962-6534
PMLakers RV Club Miles (Ned) Nuddleman 925	5-371-2287
PML Niners Stacie Brown	962-5129
<b>PML Shooting Club</b> Dick Collier	770-5022
PML Waterski & Wakeboa Dean Floyd (408)	ard 378-7725
<b>Racquet Club</b> Joe Sousa Tom Hernandez	962-5708 962-4704
<b>Residents Club</b> Dick Faux	962-4617
ROOFBB Ivonne Deckard	962-1904
Sierra Professional Artists Heinie Hartwig (209)	-
Southern Valley Srs. Golf Jim Sample	<b>Group</b> 962-4747
Sunday Couples Golf Alma Frawley	962-5578
Windjammers Sailing Club Bob Haliwell	962-4137

### **RECREATION & CLUBS** 20 PML Shooting Club & Range News BY CAROL SIMPSON

We are please to welcome several new members to the Shooting Club. The shooting sports are growing in California and nationwide. Our Sheriff supports the keeping and bearing of arms and wants us - law abiding citizens - to be able to defend ourselves. From the beginning we shooters have been good neighbors by following strict safety rules at the range and ensuring that the sounds of our shooting are well below the levels of other recreational sounds at PML. Sound level ratings by non-shooter PML members came in at an average of "barely audible" across seven PML locations, as reported to the Board in January 2014. Nearly all the shots heard reports to PML Admin turned out to come from locations other than PML. In 2014 we learned there was one area of PML where the average sound levels were one listening level higher, "audible", than in the rest of PML, so we undertook another study and tested a sound fence design to attenuate the sounds levels in that area. Our listening data showed that the sound fence would bring the sounds in that area down to an average across all locations of "barely audible", so the Board voted to spend \$22K to build the sound fence. This \$22K was not additional to the original range budget. It had no impact on the 2014, nor the 2015 budget. Instead, the Board made use of previously allocated funds for the range which were not used in 2012 due to the economical expenditures by PML Maintenance back then. We all need to be patient while the sound wall goes through the design, planning, and construction phases. In the interim, PML shooters are complying with a temporary restriction enacted by the Board to limit the times when most guns may be shot.

News we listed the 2015 schedule for CCW courses at our range. These are all taught by Bill Tidwell, Certified Firearms Instructor and CCW Instructor for Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. Contact him directly for information and to register for a class: Call Bill Tidwell at (209) 878-3056 or e-mail him at bill@ train2besafe.com.

We invite all PML Residents to check out the range. Access is via the Compost Area. You must purchase either a day pass for \$10 or an annual pass for \$120 from PMLA in order to shoot. Visitors must pick up a visitor pass (free) from Main Gate before going to the range. Our range is the envy of shooters from other locales, set far away from the road and residences, in the woods with covered shooting benches, safe shooting lanes 25, 50, and 100 yards, and our Club range safety officers (RSOs) to ensure safe operations.

All PML property owners may use the range. See the PMLA website link http:// www.pinemountainlake.com/Shooting-Range-430522-21389.htm for range rules, fees, and operations times. Shooting Club members get a discount on day and annual range fees paid to PMLA. Annual Club dues are \$20 for a family membership. See the Club website www.pmlsc.com for information on joining the Shooting Club, serving as an RSO, and to download the California Handgun Safety Certificate Study Guide and other useful documents. With over 200 members so far, we hope to see more PML Residents join. The Club staffs the range with trained range safety officers (RSOs). Whether you are an experienced shooter, want to get back into shooting, or are just learning, we welcome you and offer camaraderie and a

In the February issue of the PML safe place to shoot.

# **Garden Club Clippings**

BY JOYCE SMITH

It's Sunday April 5th (Easter Sunday). So far a beautiful day, a tad cool with the breeze blowing. If you can think back, the weather forecast for today is for possible rain, and snow in higher elevations. That will be wonderful if it happens, so we wait. We had a call from our daughter in Clayton and they had a good rain there, so maybe it's on the way.

Anyway, enough about the weather and on to our Garden Club meeting on Monday April 13th. Our speaker was our own member Linda Glenn. Linda is what I would call an expert on growing, harvesting and preserving herbs. She told

us how to make compound butter with her herbs along with samples of some served on crackers and breads. We all need to learn new and different ways to add interest to our foods. Plus she supplied recipes. Thank you Linda for a very interesting program. How many garden club meetings have such 'tasty' programs?

Have you made reservations for the Garden Tour yet? It's June 8th, right around the corner, Member ticket \$20.00, Guests \$25.00.

Give Barbara a call at 962-5168 for reservations and information.

See you at the Lake Lodge and on the Tour.

# **Men's Golf Club**

BY WAYNE DOTY

to summer. Mother Nature has skipped winter for the most part and jumped directly into spring. The clocks have already sprung forward an hour and the shotgun starts have passed us by. The club house renovations are nearing completion and the 2015 tournament schedule is well underway. Father Time seems to be picking up his pace a bit these days!

This month we have results of two tournaments to report. The March Sweeps and The Ice breaker. Congratulations to the winners and to all who competed ... thank you for your participated.

### THE MARCH SWEEPS RESULTS Flight 1

- 1 54 (\$50/ea) Gus Allegri, Brian Sweeney, Derrol Beaulieu, Tom Connelly
- 2 56 (\$35/ea) David Nilan, Bill Wrighton, Jeff Papendorf, Thomas H Borup
- **3** 57 (\$27.50/ea) Sylvan Braa, Dick Faux, Norm Peebles, Neil Brown
- 4 59 Allen Craig, Wayne Handley, Michael Thoben, John Graham
- 5 60 Dennis Scott, Dave Berthold, Doug Wall, Rudolph Rich
- 6 60 Dave Gibson, Wayne Doty, Jeff Sera, Chris Ligonis
- 7 60 Ralph Jimenez, Jerry Dickson, Richard Mattocks, Dan Shuey

### Flight 2

- 1 56 (\$50/ea) Eddie Wright, Richard Martinez, Bill Johnson, Jerry Weese
- 2 59 (\$35/ea) Steven Vahey, Jeffery Mondloch, Jack Leetham, Stephen Aker
- **3** 60 (\$27.50/ea) Dan O'Connor, Stephan Margossian, John Baker, **Bob Ells**
- 4 60 Tony Murphy, Charles Stoll, Doug Ludolph, John Thomas
- 5 61 Wayne Augsburger, Pat Hennigan, Glen Fiance, Vince McNamara
- 6 61 Robert Stock, Milt Foster, John Petkewich, David Penning

Our year seems to be on a fast track 7 - 62 Larry Hunt, Bill Walker, Robert Haiges, Joe Vautier

### Closest to Hole \$25/ea

- #3 Dick Faux 10'5"
- #14 Jerry Weese 4'2"
- #7 Bill Johnson 18'
- #17 Dennis Scott 10'3"

### THE ICE BREAKER RESULTS Gold

- 1 59 (\$75/ea) Dennis Scott, Doug Wall
- 2 60 (\$60/ea) Vince Mcnamara, Pat Hennigan
- 3 61 (\$50/ea) Spiro Pettas, Edvard Eshagh
- 4 63 (\$40/ea)Jeff Sera, Al Saisi
- 5 63 (\$35/ea) Randy Henderson, Gene McDowell
- 6 64 John Wilkins, Anthony Barrera
- 7 64 Will Hoppner, Mike Butera
- **8** 65 Dana Solomon, Dave Nilan
- 9 Jay Warshauer, Dan Shuey
- 10 65 Jerry Dickson, Michael Guess
- 11 66 Rudy Rich, Paul Purifoy
- 12 66 Rich Graham, Rick Higgs
- 13 67 Terry Butterfield, Dave Butterfield
- 14 70 Frank Brisben, Neil Brown
- 15 73 Chris Aissa, Joe Ward

### Purple/Green

- 1 56 (\$75/ea) Paul Pieretti, Larry Fuller
- 2 57 (\$60/ea) Dennis Perry Sr, Joe Vautier
- 3 58 (\$45/ea) John Baker, LeRoy Gregory
- 4 58 (\$35/ea) John Thomas, Bob Ells
- 5 59 Dennis Perry Jr, Dave Penning
- 6 60 Dan O'Connor, Larry Hunt
- 7 61 Norm Peebles, Dick Faux
- 8 62 Charlie Stoll, Jim Soderberg
- 9 63 Dick Mattocks, Bob Stock
- 10 65 Tom Borup, Tim Fortier
- 11 69 Steve Engstrom, Steve Aker

### **CLOSEST TO THE PIN:**

- #3 Dave Butterfield \$25.00
- #7 Michael Guess \$25.00
- #14 Dave Butterfield \$25.00
- #17 Jerry Dickson \$25.00



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# PML Men's 9 Hole Golf Club

BY STEVE ENGSTROM

As I write this, we are expecting some rain on this Easter Sunday afternoon. I hope we aren't disappointed. While the golf course is in good shape now, I think the summer will certainly take a toll on it. This month we had the first "Beat the Pro" event of the season in conjunction with Low Net. I am extremely sorry to say that no one beat Mike Cook. While this may sound astounding, realize Mike also played from the Purple/Gold combos. Maybe we should have given him a minus handicap! But, being the gentleman Mike is, he rewarded each player with a PML golf ball.

The answer to last month's teaser, which was "Who was the first golfer from Great Britain to win the Masters?" is Sandy Lyle, a Scot who won it in 1988. This month's teaser is "Who was the first amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open"? Our winners for March were:

### 3/4 Red, White, Blue

First: John Cress, Paul Pieretti, Walt Bales and Steve Vahey

### 3/11 RAINED OUT

### 3/18 Beat the Pro / Low Net

No One Beat the Pro! Low Net:

Tie First: Jack Leetham and Malcolm Brown Tie Third: Jim Van Gerpen, Jerry Patrick, John Olsen and Steve Engstrom

### 3/25 4 Man 1 Best Ball

**Tie First**: Steve Aker, Fred Mecum, Walt Bales Paul Pieretti and Malcolm Brown, John Cress, Steve Vahey and Steve Engstrom

If you are new or returning to golf and don't want to play 18 holes, you are invited to join the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club.

- Play every Wednesday.
- A variety of games & formats.
- We will maintain your nine-hole handicap.
- Walk or ride, it is still "a walk in the park."
- Annual Championship Tournament
- Membership is \$25 per year and applications are available at *http:// pmlm9h.webs.com*

# **PML Ladies Golf Club**

BY SARA HANCOCK

We were able to get in all of our March play days due to the beautiful weather we are having. We had our General Meeting on March 3rd. Invitations for our Invitational were passed out by Co-Captain Marcee Cress. The committee is working hard to present us with another great Invitational. Please get your invitations in as soon as possible.

We are continuing with our "Babes Through the Decades" monthly play. Alma Frawley is in charge of keeping us up to date. Her report is as follows: Spring seems to have sprung and the Babes are chirping and playing. We are already into the fourth play day (April 14) with the FABULOUS team in the lead. And one of the Excitable Babes received a ball for being the oldest player in the recent Oakdale Open Day. May not hit as far as she used to, but she's still swinging.

### March 5th Two Best Balls

1st Place...130...Jodie Awai, Lisa Brown-Jimenez, Kitty Edgerton, Paula Vautier Birdies: Priscilla Park #7.

### March 12th Everyone's Irish (Point Par with double points on #17)

**1st Place**...83...Kay O'Bettencourt, Eleanor O'Ellis-O'Murphy, Alice O'Stoll and Mona O'Tompkins

2nd Place...76...Jodie O'Awai, Lynne O'Dust,

Sara O'Hancock, Yvonne O'Mattocks **3rd Place**...75...Thelma O'Faux, Priscilla

O'Park, Sue O'Perry, Marjorie O'Rich. **Birdies**: Kitty O'Edgerton #6 and Alice

O'Stoll #6.

### March 19th Cha, Cha, Cha

**1st Place**...125...Lynne Dust, Eleanor Ellis-Murphy, Alma Frawley and Alice Stoll

2nd Place...127...Thelma Faux, Clarice Ligonis, Sue Perry and Blind Draw

**3rd Place**...129...Jodie Awai, Marcee Cress, Sandy DeRodeff and Joyce Smith. **Birdies**: Alice Stoll #17.

### March 26th One Best Ball on Odd and Two Best Balls on Even

1st Place...87...Kay Bettencourt, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Mona Tompkins
2nd Place...89...Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park and Linda Wall

3rd Place...92...Marcee Cress, Susan Dwyer, Corky Graham and Kathie Wood.Birdies: Helena McMillan #11.

Coming up on May 7, 12 and 14 is our Handicap Tournament. The signup sheet is posted in the Pro Shop. Let's all participate! Also, Eclectic begins on May 7th. That signup sheet is also in the Pro Shop. Lots of fun golf ahead of us as we head into spring.

# **PML Lady Niners**

BY SHARON KENYON

ACE OF ACES FOR MARCH was Nancy Brewster with a 33.

MARCH 5 "PUTTS DAY" with 16

- players. It was a beautiful warm sunny day
- for some excellent putting. 1st Place: Faye Buckley 16 Putts
- **2nd Place:** Sarah Zimmerman 17 Putts
- **3rd Place Tie**: J. Reynolds, P. VanGerpen 18 Putts each
- 4th Place Tie: M.Alexander, M.Houser,L. Marshall, Anne Toner 19 Putts eachPars: #7, #9 Pat VanGerpen
- **Chip-In**: #4 Pat VanGerpen for 0 Putts. Excellent play!
- **Low Net:** Pat VanGerpen with 32.

MARCH 12 WE PLAYED "CRY BABY" with 16 golfers. Six best holes – 1/2 HC

1st Place: Dotty Davis Net 32

- 2nd Place: Carrie Carter Net 23.5
- **3rd Place Tie**: Mary Houser; P.VanGerpen Net 24
- **4th Place**: Judy Michaelis Net 24.5
- **5th Place Tie**: Kathy Egan, Bev Oakley, Sarah Zimmerman Net 25
- **Pars**: #10 Carrie Carter; #11 Kathy Egan; #13 Pat VenGerpen; #14 Sarah Zimmerman; #17 Dotty Davis & Nancy Whitefield
- Chip-In: #11 Kathy Egan for a par. Great hole Kathy!

Low Net: Mary Houser with 36.

MARCH 19 "IRISH GREENS" with

- 14 players. Green tees, putts only.1st Place Team: P. VanGerpen, G. Dielman, N. Whitefield, S. Zimmerman 32 Putts
- **2nd Place Team**: M. Alexander, J. Michaelis, W. Patterson, Trudy Reid 33

### Putts (tie breaker)

- Pars: #6 Geralyn Dielman; #8 Wanda Patterson & Faye Buckley; #9 Dotty Davis & Trudy Reid
- **Chip-In**: #8 Wanda Patterson & Faye Buckley for their par. How exciting!

### MARCH 26 WE PLAYED "ONE BEST BALL/ONE BEST PUTT" with 19 players.

- **1st Place Team**: F. Buckley, T. Reid, N. Whitefield, W. Patterson Best Ball = 27/ Best Putts = 14; Score = 41
- **2nd Place Team**: C. Carter, L. Marshall, P. Nelson, J. Reynolds Best Ball = 31/ Best Putts = 13; Score = 44 (tie breaker)
- **3rd Place Team**: M. Alexander, N. Brewster, G. Dielman, S. Zimmerman Best Ball = 28/Best Putts = 16; Score = 44
- Pars: #10 Carrie Carter; #14 Marilyn Bolar, N. Brewster, Marsha Martinez Birdies: #14 Linelle Marshall
- Low Net: Nancy Brewster with 33; congratulations on your 1st PAR!

On April 1 several of the Niners took advantage of WNHGA Rules Seminar at Oakdale Golf & CC: Stacie Brown, WNHGA President; Anne Toner, Nancy Brewster, June Moore, Carrie Carter, Dotty Davis, Pat VanGerpen, Nancy Whitefield and Marilyn Alexander. Kathy Egan attended the Rules Seminar at Stonebrae in Hayward.

Most of the gals played the course afterwards, finding a few "tricky" holes, but reporting that they had a great time! The rest of us are looking forward to some rules coaching as we play at home this summer.



BY KEN STEINER

Another report from the courts from the Racquet Club Scribe.

### Presidents and New Board Start The New Year on a High Note

The club's new Presidents, Tom Hernandez and Joe Sousa assumed the helm of leadership of the PML Racquet Club this year. They are joined on the Board of Directors by Past President Rick Gratian, Vice President Dennis Hoagland, Secretary Joanne DeHart, Treasurer Maddie Sousa, Director Larry Santa Maria and Facilities Coordinator Jerry DeHart. Feel free to contact any Board member about joining the Racquet Club or to discuss Racquet Club business.

### Saturday Drop-in Tennis Program

Every Saturday, weather permitting, the club organizes doubles matches on a drop-in basis. Stop by courts 3 and 4 at 9:00 a.m. if you are interested in playing or just chatting and enjoy some goodies to eat brought by volunteers. For more information call Rick Gratian at 499-1001 or Jerry DeHart at 962-7429.

### **Tuesday Tennis**

Every Tuesday we generally use all four courts at the Tennis Center for doubles play. Rick Gratian usually arrange the matches. If you are interested in playing on a Tuesday, please let Rick know in advance.

### **First Quarterly Meeting**

The 1st quarterly meeting of the Racquet Club was a potluck dinner and was held at the Lake Lodge on March 24. More than half of the elected members of the Board were unable to make this meeting as a result of being on vacation, but Tom Hernandez did a fine job leading the meeting with the help of the DeHarts. There was discussion of the availability of practice ball machines, court maintenance issues, the growth of Pickleball and how the two organizations can work together to our mutual benefit.

### Cinco de Mayo Tournament

Weather permitting, the first tournament



The (mostly) happy participants at last year'sDavis Cup event.

of 2015 will be the Cinco de Mayo tournament on Saturday, May 2. Yes, Cinco de Mayo will be three days early this year for Racquet club members and friends. As in the past, we are planning on having several divisions, but this is primarily a social event where we first run around, attempt to hit some balls and get a little bit of exercise before diving into healthy Mexican food and drink. This year, there will be a \$10 charge for club members who play and eat and a \$5 charge for members and friends who want to skip the exercise part and who just want to socialize, eat and drink.

### Next Board Meeting and Tuesday Barbecue Socials

The next board meeting will be held on June 23rd at the Tennis Center and Tuesday Barbecue Socials will commence on Tuesday, July 7 through September 22nd. You do not have to be a Racquet Club member to attend the Barbecue Socials. Come on out and meet the friendly tennis players in your community.

If you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, the dues are \$10 per person per year. That fee will enable you to participate in club events and will get your name published in the Racquet Club Roster. Contact Presidents Tom Hernandez and Joe Sousa or any other Board Member for information. More information about The Racquet Club can be obtained by visiting our website is at *www.pmltennis. webs.com*. Bob Oakley is our website manager and we thank him for his time and support.





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### Vehicle use:

- 1. Exceeding the posted speed limit
- 2. Driving in a reckless manner
- 3. Following another through an access gate or allowing others to follow you through
- 4. Parking on street (road shoulders OK)

### Personal Conduct:

- 1. Allowing loud music
- 2. Uttering abusive language or conduct that would be offensive to a reasonable person
- 3. Using the property Owner's gate card or clicker

### Work Related Conduct

- 1. Starting work before 7am or continuing after 7pm
- 2. Allowing dogs at construction sites
- 3. Performing work on Sunday
- 4. Cutting down a tree in excess of 5" without PMLA approval
- 5. Trespassing on neighboring property
- 6. Using neighbors water or electricity without written permission
- 7. Leaving construction signs longer than 5 days after work has been completed
- 8. Nailing signs to trees
- 9. Storing building materials on street or easement 10. Beginning exterior construction without
- PML Association approval Any Questions...call Dennis Pipal, Community
- Standards Director @ (209) 962-1240



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# PAINT DISCOUNT PROGRAM

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Although this program was initiated through the Sonora store, it will be honored at any Kelly-Moore Paint Company store.

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Failure to obtain approval could result in the stoppage of work or even fines, and nobody wants that to happen. Inspections are made every Tuesday and reviewed by the Committee every other Thursday, so we can accommodate our members. Please contact ECC before you begin any type of construction at

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### CUSTOM BUILT CHARMING RETREAT \$259,000

20808 MC KINLEY WAY, UNIT 10 LOT 56 3bd/2ba approx. 1683sf .45 ac. Perfect fulltime or get away home on quiet street across from Big Creek trail enabling you to enjoy outdoor adventure near your own front yard. This property has Ig natural landscaped lot w/long driveway up to a charm-



ing design custom hm featuring a covered front porch, high wd bm clngs adorning a cozy lv rm w/tile floor & free standing wd burning f.p. & high peak window bringing in natural light. Kitchen has an open dining area with built-in shelving & nook, tile flooring, gas cook stove, dbl sinks, high wood ceilings. The upstairs features a quaint library loft, full bath and Irg bdrm, open closet & adt'l bonus rm or closest strg. http://www.tourfactory.com/1334999

### INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS & PRIVATE W/VIEWS \$445,000

20596 QUAIL RIDGE LN. U3/L148 3586sf Stone ext. w/5Bd (4+ add'l slona) 3.5Ba, 2 car (fits 21' boat), Lg decks & lake views - fireworks front row seating. .27ac, priv. setting. Open Lv Rm w/wd burn f.p. & blt-in ent. ctr, Lg MB on sep. lvl w/lg deck & views, jetted tub, sep



shwr, dbl sinks, Ig walk-ins, cath. clngs, Ig kit. w/brkfst bar, gas stove, walk-in pantry, sep dining w/views, 2 h<sub>2</sub>o heaters, lg dwnstrs fam/game rm w/wet bar & huge deck. Lg under house space. http://www.tourfactory.com/1270271

### BEAUTIFUL HOME W/LARGE GREAT ROOM \$259,000

19601 Cottonwood St, U6 L31 2168 sf 3bd/2ba 2 car. Single IvI living w/a huge great rm w/hard wd flr & open bm clngs, gas fp. The mstr bd & ba is roomy, gas fp, bamboo style flr, 2 closets, dual sinks, sep garden tub & shwr, picturesque views. 2 guest bed, formal dining rm or



bonus rm w/tile floor, wine cellar or hobby rm on ground lvl. Backyard private patio, Central Heat/AC, finished gar w/built in cabnts & 10x8 Tuff Shed included. New wtr htr & dishwasher, on septic. http://www.tourfactory.com/1062451

### BEAUTIFUL VIEW AND LARGE LOT \$180,000

19781 COTTONWOOD ST. U6 **L81** 1838 sf 3Bd/2½ ba, 2 car on septic w/LvRm & Fam Rm, beautiful natural landscape lot backs up to trees & creek in PML. Long flat driveway away from street, serene surroundings. Main Lvl living, grt rm



w/open kitch, brkfst bar & garden window. Wood burning free standing f.p. Tile entry, sep laundry rm w/lg pantry stor. Lrg Mbdr walk-in closet and French door to back deck. http://www.tourfactory.com/1248347

CHAFFEE CIR UI L99 .25 acre BEAUTIFUL BUILDABLE LOT YOU MUST SEE!! Close to golf course, Dunn Ct. Beach, pickle ball court, Main Marina. Asking \$20,000 for the lot.

MUELLER DR. U2 L332 .25 acre. A great buy-build your own custom home, conveniently located lot in beautiful PML. Very nice natural landscape all around sloped just slightly above the main roadway. Undeveloped with water and electricity available. \$9,000

12053 BRECKENRIDGE RD U13 L45 .32 ac Beautiful lot situated on tree lined Breckenridge Rd. in Pine Mountain Lake. Build a home in the forest on this lot with the wonderful natural tree neighborhood setting. Asking price \$10,000.

### YOU'LL LOVE IT! PRIVACY W/GREAT VIEW \$270,000

12084 ALCAN CT., UNIT 8 LOT 175 3bd/2ba appx. 1734 sf .81 ac. Privacy you want in a cabin home is right here! Great Grt Rm! Rustic looking cabin home nestled on a private drive, double merged lot w/a fabulous back deck & superb view. Grand grt rm w/open beam dng & high wdws



& convenient auto open & close blinds. Open kitc. area boasts long butcher block cooktop islnd, Ig pantry, wet bar, wd cbntry, pull out drawers, tile cntrs. The mstr bdrm has Ig open closet & built-in shelves in both closet & bath & back deck window sliding door. A free standing wd stove adorns the open LvRm area along with built-in shelving. Indoor Indry, Ig 2 car gar & Ig under house storage, on septic. http://www.tourfactory.com/1335002

### STUNNING LAKE FRONT CUSTOM CABIN \$849,000

12435 CASSARETTO CT. U1/L462 Aprx 4000sf, 4bd 2.5 ba plus ex slpg areas - awesome for lg families & spec events. Dramatic grand entry w/balcony & staircase hand pealed log rail & 60ft tall knotty pine clngs & wdws. Huge mstr ste w/lake view & f.p., Lg walk-in clst + xtra lg bonus



closet & patio/deck access. All rms lg/spacious. Custom kitch., cstm lighting, LvRm river rock f.p., Ig finished 2 car gar. w/xtra pkg, wine cellar, Ig dwnstrs back entry bonus rm, indoor shop, 3 lg decks, boat dock. http://www.tourfactory.com/1170123

### PERFECT VACATION CABIN RETREAT! \$289.000

12900 GREEN VALLEY CIR U.3 1410 2206 sf includes 2 bonus rms. .28 acres 4bd/3ba 4-5 sleeping rms can be bdrm & fam rm or game rms. Newly Remodeled perfect combo of indoor/outdoor lifestyle w/ample deck space. Features stainless appls, granite cntrs, glass kit. cabnts, lg



pntry, 3 remodeled ba, new back deck & Ig frt deck new mtl rail, lots of outdoor lighting, new metal staircase bannister, wood&tile floors, newer bright windows, recessed lighting, spacious lot front and back. *http://www.tourfactory.com/1312806* 

### SECLUDED & SPACIOUS BEAUTIFUL HOME \$449,000

20063 Pine Mtn Dr. U13 L263 .86 acres, 3036sf main flr 1 story lvl living + upper & lwr lvls for guests w/6 slpng rms in all! Main IvI Mstr, 2 bd upper, 1 bd + 2 rms (w/o clsts) on lwr lvl making 6 potential bdrms. 31/2 ba, Lvrm w/flr to clng brick wd burn f.p., open to kit., dining area. Entry &



guest Ba on main lvl, upper lvl loft w/wet bar & tall wdws. Fam/game rm w/wd burn stove, deck on lwr Ivl., 2 car lg tall gar w/wk bnch, cbnts & sink. Dual HVAC, whole house vac, storage. Furnishings avail/negotiable. http://www.tourfactory.com/1281210

### SUPER SPACIOUS TOWNHOME \$125,000

12699 JUNIPERO SERRA #3 Approx 1516 sf w/2 Mstr Bdr + additional Full Bath. Spacious Townhome w/Golf and Tennis, Swimming pool and Country Club steps away from your front door in beautiful PML, near Yosemite. Enjoy the lake & PML amenities full-time, part-time or have as



investment rental just a short drive from busy Bay Area. La open kitch/sep dining, la living rm w/stove wood burn f.p., 2 MBdr + full guest bath, 3 decks, Central H/AC, Tri Level. http://www.tourfactorv.com/1248349





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Val Bruce Owner/Broker Assoc. BREH00578336

4 Bd, 2x1/2 Bth, 2 Car Oversized Garage, Approx 2581 sf, Ap-

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\$295,000

MLS# 20150106





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Owner/REALTOR®

Gorgeous

**Country** Estate

13245 Clements Rd 12-128

\$550,000

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Marc Fossum Owner/REALTOR® BRE#01956242

**Quiet Back** 

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Home

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3Bd/3Bth, Approx 1,600 SqFt, includes Approx 500 Sf Bonus Rm. Inside Laundry, 600 SqFt Deck, Paved Circular Driveway, Lots of Parking, Cabin Look on Main Level and 2 Yr old Modern Addition Down Stairs. Exquisitely Maintained Inside & Out. Most Furniture Included.



resthaven 4 - 510\$229,000

3 Bd/3 Bths, Approx 1,968 sf, 0.60 Merged Lot, 2 Car Garage, Brfst Bar, Open Beamed Ceilings, split level, Shop & lots of extra storage area for boat or other toys. Heat pump for heating & Cooling. MLS#20121545



3 Bed/3Bath, 2 Car Finished Garage, Approx 2134 SF, Approx 0.44 Acre, Central Air/Heat, RV Parking, Great Room, Breakfast Bar, Master Bed/Bath on Entry Level, Inside Laundry, Bonus Room w/Fire Place, Central Vacuum. Most Furniture, Kitchen Items & Bedding Included w/Acceptable Offer.





**Beautiful Home** w/Acreage 21214 Jimmersal Ln 12-104 \$375,000 MLS#20150031

4 Bd/2 &1/2 Bth, 2 Car Garage Plus 36x36 Shop, Approx. 2198 SqFt on 1.29 Acre. Great Rm w/Heat Stove, Kitchen Island, Pantry, Gourmet Style Range, Master Walk-in Closet, Vanity, Separate Shower, Central Air, Central Propane Heat, Zoned for Horses, RV Elec & Sewage Hook-ups

3Bed/2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Central Air, Central

Propane Heat, Approx 2,152 SF, Aprox 0.75 Acre,



For Your Golf **Course Dream** Home! 2630 Mt Jefferson 5 - 109\$49,000 MLS#20140895

Beautiful Lot w/Views of 11, 12 &13 Fairways. This Super Price may allow you to build a new Home to your liking, rather than buying an existing Home. Ck out cost per SqFt for nicer Golf Course Homes Sold or Listed to confirm this. We can help you do this!



4 Bed/3Bath, 2 Car Finished Garage, Appr 2748 SqFt, 0.44 Acre, 2 levels, Bonus Rm, Den, Heat Pump, Cathedral Ceilings, Skylights, Dining & Bar Area, Marble Countertops, Master w/Walk-in Closet, Deck & Covered Porch. Includes some Furniture. Short Sale MLS#20130181

Spacious Home! **Beautiful Views** 20245 Pleasant View 1 - 216\$229,000 \$209,000





MLS# 20150647 2 Bed/1 1/2 Baths, plus Loft, Free standing propane Fireplace, Approx 1372 SqFt. Come Pick your own carpet, flooring and window coverings & make it your own! New Deck, Easy Access/private setting. Close to Lake Lodge Beach, Fisherman's Cove & Tennis/Pickleball



20910 Elderberry Way 11-13





Log Cabin! 20098 Pine Mountain 13-279 \$649,000 MLS#20160638

Custom Designed & Quality Built 3 Bed/3 Bath + Large Bonus Rm, w/full Bath, Mini Kitchen & can be used as an In-laws Otrs, Game Rm or Extra Sleeping. The Home is Approx 2440 SqFt, on 0.30 Acre Located at Big Creek & adjacent Hiking Trails. Gourmet Kitchen, Breakfast Bar, Pantry, Wine Refrigerator, Great Rm, Laundry Rm, High Ceilings, Central Air, Central Propane Heat, Master Bedrm w/walk-In closet, Combo Shower/Steam Rm. Upper & Lower Decks.



4 Bed/31/2 Baths, Great Rm, Family Rm, Den & Loft, Large Kitchen w/Breakfast Bar &Pantry, Crown Molding, 2 Fire Places. Level Entrance, Extensively Remodeled 3206 sf, has 158 ft of Shoreline with a Lakeside Gazebo. Dock area is a very gentle down slope w/ Electric & Water Outlets. A Wine Cellar provides appropriate Cooling Temps. So Much More! See our Web Site @ www.pmlr.com 20914 Big Foot Ct 4-77 \$1,150,000 MLS# 20141134 Co-Listed w/Barry Scales



**Beautiful** Home 12642 Cresthaven 4-555 \$399,000

MLS#20150505

3 Bed/2 Bath, 2 Car Attached Garage, Approx 2584 SqFt, 0.31 Acre, Central Air, Central Propane Heat, Spacious Kitchen, Breakfast Bar, Grantie Counter Tops, Formal Dining, Great Rm w/Fire Place, Master Bdrm w/ Walk-in Closet, Dual Lav, Separate Shower, Large Bonus Rm, Use as Family Rm, Extra Sleeping or Game Room. Close to Lake Lodge & Beach. Wide Down Sloped Driveway. Enjoy all the Amenities PML has to offer! Appliances included and Furniture Negotiable.



### 20659 Longview - 3-267 Sparkling Clean-Like New

This is a Premium 3 Bed/2 Bath Single Mfg Home. 2 Car Garage, Approx 1389 SF, Central Air, Central Propane Heat, Open Beam Ceiling, Great Room, Master Bath, Inside Laundry. Close to Lake Lodge, Fisherman's Cove & Tennis Courts.

\$179,500 MLS# 20141455 Co-Listed with Barry Scales

Great

.ocation!!

12597

Cresthaven

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\$194,000



Near private Lake & Beach Area. Furnished, Charming 2 level cabin style home. 3 Bed/2 Bath. Renovated in 2006 & 2007: New decking & stairs, retaining wall, roof, insulation, driveway, sliding doors & windows. Interior paint, carpet & HVAC! Vaulted ceilings, tile countertops, wet bar, stone fireplace, large paved parking area for parking & RV. Drive to the back for level entrance to the front door. Nicely treed and has a Serene setting.



12073 Breckenridge - 13-39 Wonderful Views - Backs to Greenbelt

Beautiful 3 Bd/3 Bth 2343 SqFt Home. Approx 0.53 acre, Central Air, Central Propane Heat, Spacious Great Rm, Large Gourmet Kitchen, Island Breakfast Bar, Pantry, Propane Fireplace, Master Suite w/walk-in closet, Walk-in tiled shower. Large Bonus Rm used as 3rd Bedrm w/full bath, sitting Area & Game Rm. Oversized 2 Car Finished Garage, inside laundry, RV Parking. Proudly Offered at \$339,000. MLS#20150619

Co-Listed w/ Barry Scales MLS# 20141050



Delightful Single Level 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, 1496 SqFt, Finished 2-Car Garage, 2 yr old 30 yr Comp Roof. Composite front Stairs & Railings. Recently painted inside & out; Spacious Kitchen w/Island & Breakfast Bar, Open Great Room, Central Propane Heat & Central Air. Inside Laundry Room w/deep Utility Sink & Built-in Cabinets. His & Her Closets in Master Bedrm & much more! Furniture and Appliances Included. MLS# 20141050

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### 19631 Cottonwood St - 6-38 GREAT VACATION HOME!

It's a Cutie! Hexagon Style, 3 Bed 2 Bath, and Den. Finished Loft Accessible by Ladder, a Great Kids Hide-away. Upgrades: Windows, Evap AC & Water Heater. FS Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings, Skylights, Ceiling Fan, Inside Laundry, Open Kitchen, Dining, and Living Room. Refrigerator



12505 Pine Brook 4-460 Beautiful Inside & Out

3 Bedrm/3 Bth, Approx 1872 Sf; + Bonus Rm on Main Level is used as 4th Bedrm -2ndMaster. Minutes from the Lake Lodge Beach. This 0.69+ Acre sewered Lot is adorned w/a variety of trees creating a framework for privacy & serenity. Open floor plan boasts a high cathedral ceiling, stone fire place w/a Fisher insert & Built-in Book Case. 1st Master Bedrm private suite upstairs w/an alcove entry. Many Upgrades!! \$315,000 MLS# 20142112

Ranch	LAND FOR SALE!
Style Home 13360 lifton Way 12-156 5449,000	2.3 Acre - \$75,000 Whites Gulch
	4/128 - S110,000 Lake Front with Beautiful View!!
	5-4 - \$8,000 Great Buildable Lot
	5-5 - \$ 8,000 Also a Great Build
1.09 Acres, ck. Great ar, Inside vaporator v in Master juipped for area & 1/2 ate allow- . A Must	6-231 - \$12,500 Nice Distant View
	6/183 - \$35,000 1/2 Acre+ Easy Build
	8/71 - \$15,000 Beautiful Lot - Good Location
	8/137 - \$5,000 Butler Way
	12/101 - \$125,000 1.09 Acre Beautiful Level Lot near Air-port & Stables



4 Bd/2 1/2 Bth, Approx 2000sf & 1.09 A 2 Car Attached Garage, Cov'd Deck. Gre Rm, Kitchen Island & Breakfast Bar, Insi Laundry, Central Propane Heat, Evaporat Cooler, Walk-in Closet & Dual Lav in M Suite, Plus a 2500sf Shop Fully Equipped Auto Restoration w/heated Office area & bath, Storage Barn. On premises gate allo ing direct access to the horse trails. A Mu See!! Listed by Barry Scales MLS# 20141581



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big chalet on a double lot with an in-ground

swimming pool. Work is needed to make this

property fulfill its potential but it appears to have

'good bones'. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lower level

work area. Lots of parking. Near Dunn Beach

5-71 Mt. Jefferson\$175,000



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NEW features an "easy living" floor plan. Modern kitchen with walk in pan-

try, granite counters, vaulted ceilings, masterful views from the open living and dining areas, hardwood floors, tall ceilings & archways on two levels. So much to see and appreciate! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, bonus room, oversized garage with work space. 8-146 Hillhurst \$459,900

FRENCH COUNTRY FURNISHED in excellent





And champagne to celebrate. Professionally decorated with exquisite, barely used EVERYTHING including linens and pool table. Built in 2006 with a 3 acre parcel to the south & 1000 acres of wildlife preserve to the West: you can enjoy the privacy in the outdoor hot tub. 4 bdrm, 3.5 baths, 2738 sq ft. 9 ft ceilings with crown moulding, all granite counters, 2 granite fireplaces, perfect master suite-jetted tub, office area, walk-in closet. Duette pleated shades, upscale 12" fiber cement siding, Huge stamped concrete parking area. 3 car garage. on .85 acre. 12-255 Hillcroft \$525,000







**DESIGNED FOR EASY LIVING Inside n** 



out "restful relaxation". Great room dining area opens onto a south facing deck that provides a glimpse of the lake Gather round in the sitting area or at the kitchen breakfast bar for friendly conversation. Two car garage and additional level parking in front. 3-111 Nob Hill \$225,000

### REINVENTED RETREAT Tastefully up-dated and



perfect as a vacation home or full-time residence, this tidy 2 level cabin sits on a secluded half acre lot away from busy streets. Wood & beam ceilings ac-

NEW cent the main living area. Tiled flooring, granite counter-tops, wood burning stove for cool evenings and a bonus room with wet bar downstairs. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1440 sq ft, 4-231 Point View \$187,900

# **Spring's New Listings**

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home story offers you the opportunity for home wnership at an affordable With price. over 1500 Sq Ft of finished

living area and on a large .38 lot sitting back from the road, there is so much potential. 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths plus a large bonus room. Covered deck and a detached double carport. 7-11 \$154,900

HUGE COVERED DECK with forest views from



hilltop this 1923 sq ft built in 1996. Spacious and lightfiled vaulted room great with rich natucal tones of slate fireplace

hearth. 3 bedroom, den, 2.5 bath. Double front door opens to slate rock entry floor. Pleated shade window coverings, pet door to garage, garage door opener with coded entry. Finished garage is 22 ft wide by 28 ft deep for possible boat parking. Chair lift on stairway, ramp from garage for handicap accessi-4-440 Cresthaven \$238,000 bility.



insert, heat pump, dual pane windows, custom tile entry, kitchen with laminate floors & big breakfast bar, 1 level, site-built, on septic. Walk to high school. Needs work on deck and roof so sold AS IS at a great price



the two car garage. Fenced vegetable garden,

on a quiet cul-de-sac close to pro shop and grill. SC-310 Fountain Ct \$315,000



\$115,000, 7-6 Ferretti Rd



court yard all of this





large covered patio entertaining Kitchen has a large



burning

and 1 level house, near Big Creek hik ing trail, next to 1.3 ac parcel. Huge storage area under 13-194 \$189,000

EYE CATCHING COTTAGE The personality of



and decorative niches. The entire upper level offers a master suite with a loft sitting area. Separate guest bedrooms are located on the lower levels. Sit outside and enjoy mountain views to the south and east. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage. 8-253 Valenta Way \$3,49,000

with granite count-



ers, just 1 step from flat parking to deck









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taste & ALL in-

cluded! 3 bdrm, 2

bath, built in 1999,

1260 sf, 500 sf deck

with hot tub, sun-

setter retractable

awning, light G

Built in 2007. this fine cus tom home boasts of upgrades throughout.

Open design



**Emmett Brennan** 

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**Elaine Stallings** 

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# 30 COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY EVENTS CALENDAR



Tequila Tasting and Lunch Buffet May 2

SATURDAY - THE GRILL @ PML

**TEQUILA TASTING AND** 

LUNCH BUFFET

From 1 - 3PM. Come out and try

some of really great Tequila and enjoy

a wonderful lunch buffet in the Grill at

Pine Mountain Lake, \$19 per person

plus tax. Must be 21 or older to

attend. Call for reservations at 209-



PML Flea Market at the Stables May 9

SATURDAY - TENNIS COURTS 3&4

**CINCO DE MAYO TENNIS** 

TOURNAMENT

We run around, attempt to hit some

balls & get a little bit of exercise before

diving into healthy Mexican food &

drink. \$10 charge for club members

who play and eat and a \$5 charge for

members and friends who want to skip

the exercise part and who just want to



WEDNESDAY - GCSD PROPERTY

FIRST WEDNESDAY

**BIRD WALK** 

More than 200 acres of oak, pine and

willow habitat with 3 water storage

ponds. Meet in the GCSD parking

lot at 8AM. Bring binoculars and a

birding field guide if you have one. Rain

will cancel the trip. The walk will last

about two-three hours. If you have any

questions, call Jeanne at 962-7598.



Annual ROOFBB Golf Tournament May 30



### PML FLEA MARKET

Time to clean out your garage or declutter your home. Come to the PML Flea Market from 7am – 2pm. Spaces are first come first served on the day of the event. Bring your own tables, tarps, blankets, etc. Space fee is \$7 per space. Tioga High will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser during the event.

# 5-9

962-8638.

SATURDAY - DOWN TO EARTH

### SPRING FESTIVAL

From 9am – 3pm. New plants and gifts just in time for Mother's Day. Vendors, Food, Drinks. Interested vendors please contact the nursery at 209-962-7407. Down to Earth Nursery is located at 13050 Boitano Road just off Ferretti Rd.

# 5-10 SUNDAY - THE GRILL @ PMI

socialize, eat and drink.

### MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Seatings at 9am, 11am, 1pm. Carving station with all your holiday favorite entrées, salads, and desserts. \$35 for Adults, \$29 for guests 65 or better, \$15 for kids 6-12, FREE for kids 5 & under Call for reservations 209-962-8638.



### TENAYA ELEM. 1ST ANNUAL WALKATHON

This fundraiser will help our school purchase supplies, playground equipment and support educational enrichment programs. But wait there's more! We are going to have a variety of activities for all ages, food and music. Walkathon Chairperson Kathy Follmer at 962-7496.



ATURDAY - PML GOLF COURSE

### ROOFBB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual tournament begins at 11am with registration and a 1pm Shot Gun start. There will be door prizes, raffles, and auctions. For more information contact Lisa Brown-Jimenez at 962-0894 or Janey Marshall at 527-7806, or Kathy Mondloch at 962-0221.

# ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

Friday, May 1 KARAOKE

Saturday, May 2 TIFFANY LORRAINE

Saturday, May 9 KOOL SHIFTERS Saturday, May 16 **3RD STAR WEST** 

Saturday, May 23 ROCKSLIDE

Saturday, May 30 ESP BAND

# SAVE THE DATE

### Saturday, June 6 GEARS & GROOVES TRIATHLON

Registration begins at 6am at Mary Laveroni Park & Triathlon begins at 8:30am. Swim Pine Mountain Lake, Run to the Stables, and Bike to Rim of the World and back to Groveland. Go to GrovelandGearsandGrooves. com for more info.

### Sunday, June 7 WHERE THE HELL IS GROVELAND? CAR SHOW

From 8am to 3pm in Mary Laveroni Park. Come see Classics, Street Rods, Customs, Muscle Cars. Free Admission. \$10 advanced / \$15 day of to show your car. Raffles, music, food, drinks. Go to *GrovelandCarShow. com* for more info.

# **Helping Hands Happenings**

Mark your calendar, beginning on May 19th, we will change our closing time to 4:00 P.M. until fall. This means you will need to get your donations to us before 3:30. I have been asked to remind people we will not be taking VHS Tapes. We have an over abundance of them. We will let you know if this changes. We also DO NOT accept any records, 8 track tapes, magazines, skis or ski boots.

We had a change of season work day on Monday April 6th. Out went bunnies and all Easter things plus winter clothes. (We always have some light jackets and sweat tops for our tourist friends who forget to bring something for cool evenings.) We are now ready and working to get out spring and summer items as fast as we can.

We had our General Meeting, Set Up for clothing giveaway and Lunch on Thursday April 9th. The Giveaway on April 10 and 11 at the Community Hall went well. All items in give away are free. Thanks to all who participated.

Have you been to the Barn lately? You gotta come see what has been done there. Our head barn person David Ferraro has been rearranging and making things look more pleasing. Thanks David, it really does look much better.

We celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 12-18. To all Volunteers out there, where ever you work or what ever you do, take pride in knowing, we do make a difference and we are appreciated. See you at the Store or Barn.

### Sierra Club Program WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 BY JOHN KINNEAR

Roger Putnam will speak to the geology of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley. His talk will cover the current research regarding the formation of the rock El Capitan is made of and how that rock is continually eroding to produce its iconic shape. The talk will also cover how this research is accomplished: using modern remote sensing technology coupled with extreme rock climbing.

Roger teaches geology at Columbia College and Merced College and is an active research geologist in Yosemite Valley. He has many publications on the geology of the Valley, the most famous of which is the geologic map of El Capitan. This is the first geologic map of a 1 km tall granite cliff and was featured in National Geographic. He is also a top bigwall climber in Yosemite, with 25 ascents of El Capitan, the fastest of which took him just under 6 hours.

Please join us for Roger's presentation Boardroom at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora. Wednesday, May 27 at 7PM in the TUD Refreshments will be served.



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# Friends Of The Groveland Library

BY NADINE PEDRON

### TUOLUMNE **COUNTY LIBRARY TRIVIA BEE**

FOGL's 2015 Trivia Bee Team, The Uplanders, took the runner up place just one point behind the winning team. Many thanks to our brilliant team members: Judy Hewett, Maggie Jacobson and Christine Peters. Also the Groveland cheering section won the Applause Meter Award!

library literacy program.

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT THE **BOOK NOOK**

Stop by the Book Nook (downstairs at the library) any Saturday (10 - 2) to enjoy the dramatic photography of talented Tracy Barbutes, a Groveland resident. Her scenes of Yosemite provide a fresh, creative and awesome perspective to our much photographed park. A particularly



Trivia Bee Team: Maggie Jacobson, Christine Peters, Judy Hewett

striking photo, entitled "Full Moon Rising Over Yosemite" has recently been accepted in a juried competition. Her photographs are for sale as well as note cards of the images. Tracy's photographs and writing have been featured throughout the world in print, on the web and in photo stock agencies. Tracy moved to Groveland after having lived in Alaska,

This annual event raises funds for the where she traveled the Iditarod Trail as a member of the Serum Run expedition and with the official Iditarod sled dog race photographer. Images may also be viewed at TracyBarbutesPhotography.com.

> FOGL meetings are held every 4th Tuesday, downstairs at the library, from 2:00 to 3:00. We welcome visitors. For more details about our group please contact President Harriet Codeglia (962-6270) or email: hcodeglia@gmail.com.

# **YOSEMITE HWY 120 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Now is the Time to Be A Member!

BY: CORY SWANK, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

The Yosemite Hwy 120 Chamber of Commerce is focused on encouraging and stimulating economic vitality for the Northern Yosemite Gateway but we need YOU to be a part of it. Now you may be asking yourself, what is the chamber and why should I join?

The Chamber is a key member of the Highway 120 corridor, promoting goodwill and cooperative relationships between all members of the community. The best way to see these relationships in action is by visiting a Networking Night. Networking Nights are held every fourth Thursday of the month and are a great way to keep your finger on the pulse of what is happening in our county, communities, and business corridor. If you are already a member we also make it easy to host a networking night; guaranteeing you and your business receive excellent local exposure.

The Chamber is here to help establish new economic ventures, enhance current businesses, and to partner with other community groups, all while staying true to the corridors unique historical past. From events like the recent Rush Creek groundbreaking, to the installation of Groveland's streetlights, the Chamber is actively involved in making the corridor a better place to live, work and play.

The Chamber works on your behalf to improve your bottom line. Whether it is the Marketing efforts of our Wildfires to Wildflowers, the Highway 120 Adventure program, our monthly bulletin, or our online member directory, the Chamber wants to help you grow your business.

To summarize, The Chamber is THE PLACE to be for businesses and now is THE TIME for YOU to get involved!

The Yosemite Hwy 120 Chamber of Commerce membership coverage area is from Yosemite Junction to the Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite National Park. For more information on Membership please see our web site www.Groveland.org, contact the office at 209 962-0429, or visit us in downtown Groveland, California.

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# From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Recently I was asked the question "Why can't Tuolumne County do a better job of maintaining our roads?" The simple answer is always "there's just not enough money" but this question deserves a better and more detailed answer.

In 2007, the County implemented a Pavement Management Program (PMP) by using StreetSaver software to create a data base that provides for monitoring pavement conditions for all County maintained roads. This software identifies an overall condition of each individual road by rating segments, which collectively rates the pavement condition of the entire road network.

Pavement management programs are based on the concept of funding a cost-effective combination of maintenance treatment to apply at any given time to provide the desired level of services. A PMP is a decision support tool used to make the best cost-effective choices concerning the maintenance and rehabilitation of our roads. Along with the PMP, County staff will perform inspections to input the information into the program. The County has 600 miles of paved roads and about 25 miles of gravel roads.

Each year County staff prepares a report that is presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to assist the Board in making sound decisions in spending available funds.

It is estimated that an overall replacement value of the 600 miles of roads without any improvements (such as curbs and gutters) is \$153 Million. A very large asset that is costly to maintain. Our recent study determined that in a perfect world the County would have to spend about \$36 Million a year for the next ten (10) years to restore all roads to good or excellent condition.

This paints a pretty bleak picture, but, Tuolumne County is not alone. Every county is in the same boat. The big question is why?

Governor Brown emphasized in his address on the 2015 State Budget that an increase in the amount of money to be set aside for road maintenance must be increased. It has been determined that statewide there is about \$60 Billion in un-funded road maintenance needs. This includes the \$153 Million that is needed by Tuolumne County.

As I write, a funding plan has not yet been established. With a known surplus this year, just the opposite is happening. In 2002, 69% of voters understood the problem when passing Prop.42. It promised taxes and fees paid by drivers would be distributed to counties to help with road maintenance. Since then, many of those funds have been diverted to plug gaps in the general fund. In my opinion, now is the time that those funds should go to the Counties where it can be spent more efficiently. With the anticipated surplus it is time to get what had been promised.

Let our representatives know how you feel. In keeping with noteworthy subjects, discussed widely in other papers and journals, I would be remiss if I did not address water and the drought.

At the April 7, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board adopted a Water Action Plan. As most know, the delivery of water has not been the responsibility of the County. However, the Tuolumne County BOS recognize that water is critical to the County's future and that it is essential to create consensus around a plan for the development of our water resources that will support a growing and thriving County. No one agency has the absolute authority to create and implement such a plan itself. The Board does feel a responsibility to present a process for doing so with the support of its community partners. Following are excerpts from the plan that the plan is built around:

1. Recognizing the role that the County of Tuolumne and the City of Sonora General Plan play in establishing the versions for growth and development throughout the County which thereby provides the basis to determine water needs in our community.

2. Recognizes the authority and responsibility of local water agencies to develop and maintain the infrastructures required to meet water needs without their respective jurisdictions. It also recognizes the important role other governmental agencies (e.g. United States Forest Service, local tribes, etc.) can play in the planning and development of water resources.

3. Calls for the compilation of each jurisdiction water project list aimed at meeting future needs into a "Comprehensive Water Resources Plan" covering all of Tuolumne County along with a system for regularly reviewing and updating.

In completing this Comprehensive Plan this Board hopes to create a document that all stakeholders can support and one that will complement and prove helpful to other ongoing effects to plan, fund and implement projects such as those of the local Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Joint Powers Authority. This is obviously going to be an important task. The future of the economic strengths of our County depends on the availability of water.

As your representative I am committed

to the development of this plan but more at the Youth Center from 9 am to 11 am importantly committed to put the plan in motion once it is completed.

If you need assistance please remember that office hours in Groveland are held

on the 2nd Monday of the month. Lake Don Pedro by appointment. Phone me by calling 533-5521 or email me at jgray@ co.tuolumne.ca.us.

# The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Our mission: "Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

To you it might have been April fool's day. To Soroptimist International of Groveland, it was our gift to the residents of the Groveland area - the annual Family Wellness Faire. This event is the product of many hours of work. The following is the acknowledgment of so much help (unfortunately it is not a complete list, but an attempt to thank the supporters of this event).

Organization and Infrastructure: SIG members, SIG past members, Rotary members, S-Club members

Sponsors: Firefall Coffee Roasting, MarVal Market, Rabobank, Sonora Regional Medical, PML Aviation Club, Tuolumne County Public Health, Dr. Renwick MD

Exhibitors: All the exhibitors

We do so wish you all a healthy life.

### **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Join us as we celebrate several young ladies who are scholarship award-winners. It is always a joy to mark the winners' completion of high school and venturing into the next stage of their lives. We invite family and friends as well as you wellwishers to the celebration. If you want to join us:

Date: May 20, 2015 Time: Noon Where: The PML Grill **Cost**: \$20.00 Contact: Flo Jansen, 209-962-5310

Amigos de Guatemala is under new leadership. Each year it was always a treat to learn about the progress at the village school and to learn about the progress of the students. Over the years we have been given informative updates by Jan and Bob Hatmaker. They know the student and family of all the students. This year Jean Herscede will provide the updates, while Bob and Jan spend more time with their new home and with the grandkids. We look forward to Jean's visit in early June.

New officers will be installed June 16, 2015. Save the date and plan to join us at the luncheon.

You went to the Family Wellness Faire and now you want to start getting involved in the community. Now that you have experienced the Wellness Faire, you can see how important SIG is to the Groveland community. Join us at a meeting, meet members and consider becoming a member.

### **CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SIG MEETINGS!!**

Our evening session is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00PM at the THE LITTLE HOUSE.

The daytime group meets on the 3rd Tuesday, at noon at THE LITTLE HOUSE studio (the building just beyond the House). Members are invited to attend both meetings. We would invite you to call Liz Mattingly at 962-7648. We want you to become an active member of this community.

# Memorial Day at Oak Grove Cemetery

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

May 25th at 10:00 A.M. the Oak Grove Cemetery District will have a short Memorial Day observance ceremony. The flag will be lowered to half-staff, taps will be played and a few words spoken by Rolland Elliot. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M.

Please join us on this day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of our country.

Flags will be placed at the graves of our known Veterans on Friday, May 22. If you would like to help, please contact Peggy Andrews at 962-7264 or pmlandrews@ sonnet.com

### SOUTHERN TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY **Museum Happenings** BY CARRIE CARTER

STCHS would like to welcome our three newest docents, the mother and daughter team of Paula and Alex Bianchi, and Bliss Sawyer. We invite you to come into the Museum and let them share with you some of their enthusiasm for our rich and colorful history. We are always looking for people to join the Museum team to provide enjoyment, education and enlightenment for our visitors.

The photo in last month's column was of a 'T' shaped Big Oak Flat home located on the north side of Highway 120, between the Claim Jumper gas station and Scofield Street. On October 4, 2014 it was hit by a truck and damaged beyond repair. Sadly, it was torn down in February 2015. The historic home had been remodeled and enlarged over the years but the real story of the house is about the Harper brothers, two hardworking and capable carpenters who built it in the 1920s.

Their father, Charles Lukens Harper was a refined and well-educated Philadelphian who came to the gold fields of Tuolumne County by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Arriving in Big Oak Flat in 1854 at the age of 31, he was shocked by the raucous lifestyle of the community but made up his mind to settle in and make a living

mining and working as a carpenter.

He met Ellen McLaughlin, a maid in the Kenny Hotel in Big Oak Flat and they married. In 1872 son Charles, Jr. (Charlie) was born and then in 1874, Edwin (Ed) was born. A sister Emma was later born in 1889.

Over the years, Charles made a good living constructing large barns for several Deer Flat ranches. He also built the Moccasin Creek Ferretti house and the covered bridge. Operating out of two carpenter shops in Big Oak Flat, his reputation as a fine builder grew.

His sons Charlie and Ed soon followed in his footsteps, making their living at carpentry and gold mining, as well. For a period of time, the brothers left to mine gold in Tonopah, Nevada but later returned to the Big Oak Flat area. They owned several mines including the Grizzly and Eureka Quartz mines in Grizzly Gulch, the canyon below Priest Station. The mines produced beautiful specimens of a lacey type of gold leaf which were displayed in Sonora and Sacramento.

In 1912 Ed Harper was appointed superintendent of road construction for the new Priest Grade. Charlie Harper was selected to negotiate for rights of way, since the proposed route passed through a number of mining and homestead claims. Carlo De Ferrari explained, "Plans called for a bridge across the sharp inside curve at Fern Dale, but (Ed) Harper installed a stone culvert and built up the lower end of the turn so that a five-horse team could pass with ease," thus saving a significant amount of labor and cash.

After completion of the new grade the brothers built a small parking structure on stilts over the steep canyon for their Model T truck. They would drive, park, and then hike a narrow trail leading down the hill to their mine tunnel.

Mining never got in the way of their construction business and Charlie and Ed were credited with many new projects in the community as well as many remodels. Although the two brothers never married, they had active social lives as members of the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Big Oak Flat and the Mt. Jefferson Masonic Lodge in Groveland. The Harper family is interred in the Oak Grove (Divide) Cemetery in Big Oak Flat.

Don't forget to visit us on Facebook!



### **COMMUNITY** 33 **OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL** Cemetery Walk BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Saturday, May 23, Memorial Day Weekend, STCHS' History Resource Center will conduct a Cemetery Walk at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Big Oak Flat.

Our Lady has served the citizens of the Big Oak Flat/Groveland area since it's dedication in 1860 by Archbishop Joseph J, Alemany.

Members of prominent and well-known families who settled Tuolumne County "south of the river" are laid to rest in the historic cemetery. Come hear the stories that make these early settlers come alive.

The walk will be held Saturday, May 23rd, Memorial Day Weekend at 10 A. M. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Catholic Cemetery Rd. off Hwy 120.

Please bring water and wear comfortable shoes and hat. The walk may last up to two hours.

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BUILDING?

If you can identify this month's historic photo from the STCHS archive you will receive a 20% discount on any single item from the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum gift shop (one gift per family).



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### COMMUNITY 34



# Cyber Bulling vs. Free Speech by etty garber, phd, licensed marriage and family therapist

Cyber bulling - not just for kids anymore - it's becoming a national pastime for adults. Anyone at any time can become a victim by an anonymous computer user. Vicious accusations, insulting, and offensive language can be spread world- wide with the tap of a finger. Careers may be destroyed, relationships broken and the unthinkable has resulted in tragedy.

In the past, bullying has been associated with kids and teens. Kids who originally reported both bullying and being bullied were the most likely to be diagnosed with panic disorder or depression as young adults and who admitted to considering suicide. According to Dr. Mark Schuster, from Boston Children's Hospital, reported .... "studies call attention to just how serious bullying can be, and it reinforces that it is not just a rite of passage or just growing up. From what we understand it can have serious long term consequences."

Studies have shown that the childhood bully becomes a grown up version of the bully. We have become increasingly aware of news stories reporting incidents of adults who lack the ability to feel empathy, have no understanding of boundaries and have a need to control others and situations are often adult bullies. It is unfortunate when the victim has no way of identifying or verifying the person who is the bully.

Freedom of speech is a challenge with the advancement of new age media. There is a need to establish new policies to distinguish between free speech and bullying behavior.

In 2008 CBSNews reported the case of a teenager whose girlfriend's mother, an adult, set up a fake and cruel profile on MySpace that devastated the teen. Her response was to commit suicide. No charges were filed against the mother. The conclusion was, "The need to be careful to draw the line between harmful harassment and constitutionally protective speech."

Questions arise: Do we place more importance on being politically correct than we do on morally correct? Is it a form of free speech or is it a criminal act?

Legislatively, the bottom line is, "As reprehensible as some online speech may be, the First Amendment protects the bad with the good."

### in the shoulder blade. The joint is held together by a series of ligaments and muscles known at the rotator cuff. In a conventional replacement the ball and socket are replaced or resurfaced and the

rotator cuff muscles continue to work to move the joint. This works well for a joint with arthritis when the muscles are still intact. With the "reverse" replacement the surgeon puts a ball on the shoulder blade where the socket was, and a cup on the end of the arm bone where the ball was. The key point is that now the large deltoid muscle that caps the shoulder will do the work of moving the joint. If the rotator cuff muscles are torn and non-functional the deltoid takes over. The reverse total shoulder works well for patients with large or complete rotator cuff tears, previous shoulder replacements that failed, severe shoulder pain, and complex fractures.

What to expect: Following surgery the patient will be in a sling and not allowed to lift the arm for up to 6 weeks. Before surgery look around your house and put what you will need on low shelves. For 12 weeks you will be told not to reach behind your back, like tucking in your shirt, this is the high-risk position for dislocation.

Physical Therapy: There is a specific protocol to be followed with joint replacement. You will leave the hospital with initial instructions and a home physical therapist will visit you at home. Restrictions include not lifting anything heavier than a coffee cup for 6 weeks, don't push yourself up with the surgical arm and don't reach behind you. At about 4-6 weeks you will start outpatient PT to progress you through the protocol for the next 3 months. The goal of therapy is to restore function, range of motion, and help manage pain (ice will be your friend)



**Healthy Habits** 

FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

BY JULIE TANAKA, PT

while respecting the soft tissue repair that is taking place. You won't get this postsurgical healing time back so make the most of it. Follow the rules. Listen to your therapist and doctor. We work closely with the orthopedic surgeon to progress your program for your special needs. Of course it's best to take good care of our original parts but if they need to be replaced there are options.

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# **PML Action Hero: Larry Jobe**

BY JANET GREGORY

With a unique combination of wit, expertise and determination Larry Jobe has opened the world for travelers: passengers, student-pilots, even tourists. For Larry, opening the world also means unlocking history and making it accessible to future generations.

1941 and "a date that which will live in infamy", not just because of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor but because identical twins, Larry and Jerry were born a few months earlier. Larry's dad joined the Navy as a "90-day wonder" serving as a gunnery officer on a destroyer in the Pacific. The family moved from Arizona to Virginia, finally settling in California's San Fernando Valley.

Larry was working as a journeyman newspaper-pressman when he heard the rumor that a private pilot's license with 200-hours could qualify for an airline position. Larry mortgaged the house and went from zero-hours to Certified Flight Instructor in under a year.

1200-hours+ were required by major airlines so Larry joined a regional commuter airline, flying Twin Otters. At LAX after a flight, a fellow pilot said United Airlines was hiring. Larry checked it out, interviewed and was hired.

If type ratings were leaves on a tree, Larry's tree is large and lush. Larry is rated in almost every Boeing that United flew: 737, 747, 757,767 and 777, he also flew the 727, DC-8 and DC-10.

Larry has many interesting and funny stories to tell from United Airlines. Recalling his FIRST 747 flight, the plane was heavy for landing due to required fuel reserves for the long over water flight to Hawaii. Larry was concerned about getting that heavy 747 stopped on Kona's downhill sloped runway with a 10 knot tailwind. Anticipating this, Larry planned touchdown at the end of the runway, reversed thrust and jumped on the brakes. After clearing the runway, the tower said "gee not many guys make that turn-off" it was the very first turn off from the runway. Larry successfully demonstrated the Boeing-747 short field landing! He never worried about stopping the 747 again.

In life's roulette

wheel, Larry and Nina connected; both worked for United Airlines and were divorced. Nina worked in reservations but was also a pilot so Larry hoped she'd understand a pilot's nomadic life. Traveling means many of life's rites and ceremonies get missed, especially the kids. Larry and Nina share four children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

United Airlines began international flights in the mid-1990s introducing Larry to China. China was not dark and dour as he expected, with gray suits and gray attitudes; the people were warm, welcoming, in a lively and colorful country.

Larry spent a year planning his retirement flight to celebrate departure from United in 2001. Larry and Nina planned every detail, chartering a United 747 for family and friends. The flight plan included a legal "low" pass over Pine Mountain Lake Airport producing a



Larry Jobe

big aluminum shadow over our small airport. Larry's biggest worry was making a bad landing because he knew he would hear about it for the rest of his life! Kissed it on the runway at SFO. WHEW!

Retirement's joy was cut short when United filed bankruptcy the next year; retirement went from well-off to broke overnight. Resourceful and not ones to sit idle in adversity, Larry got

his real estate license and Nina parlayed their love for China into a travel business.

They have conducted 11 tours of China. In 2006 they combined aviation with the China tours. Larry, along with others, founded the Flying Tigers Historical Organization preserving China's history of the Flying Tigers under General Claire Chennault that fought courageously in WWII opening up supply lines from India and Burma. Working with the Chinese government, Larry has helped raise support and money developing a 23-acre museum and park to protect Flying Tiger History. The museum's grand opening was celebrated on this year's China tour.

Larry loves teaching people to fly. Over 60 students have gotten their private pilot licenses (me included). Larry, along with two other United Pilots, started the first Boy Scout Eagle Explore group in Washington DC. The group purchased a Cessna-150 to learn to fly. The boys earned money for the plane and gas; Larry and another pilot provided instruction. Several got their pilots license and at least two became airline pilots.

In the late 1980's Larry was instructing about 20 student at PML, more than half soloed and got their license, and many continued to love aviation, flying regularly. A group of women student-pilots became known as "Larry's Harem" making a very funny movie entitled "Captain Larry Sez". As students, a voice in their head would whisper "Larry Sez the best way to do this maneuver is ..." In conversations with their husbands about aviation or flying procedures, the discussion invariably included "Larry sez ..."

Larry and Nina discovered PML through friends in the late 1970's. They found their perfect piece of property in 1981 with a great view of the runway and taxiway access. Larry sez "no one is ambivalent about PML; you either love it or hate it". They love the mountains, trees, serenity and peacefulness. They don't need the big city, bowling or movies. In 1985 there was only one stoplight in the entire county and Groveland boasted a population of 300! Everyone knew each other. If we wanted to have a party, we just put the word out and everyone stopped by. If Larry headed to the market and Nina wanted him to get something else, she'd call Ken's Market and Ken would relay the request. It's different now, bigger; but they love PML's combination of small town and big family.

There are many more stories to be told! Larry's humor, knowledge and strength of character make him a PML Action Hero.

Your story should be next. Contact janet.gregory@sbcglobal.net or 962-5061.

# Pine Cone Singers Are Ready To Entertain You

BY BOB SWAN

As you read this, it's early May, so the Pine Cone Singers' Spring Concert is right around the corner. The theme is "Let Us Entertain You", and we'd like to do that on any of our four concert dates – Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 PM; Friday, May 15 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 PM; or Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 PM. All these performances will be at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church, 19172 Ferretti Road in Groveland.

This will be our third concert series under the baton of Ron Randall, and he's selected a wide variety of tunes, ranging from peppy arrangements of "Let Me Entertain You" and "Fly Me to the Moon", to "Shenandoah" and "Danny Boy". With some surprises along the way.

We'll have a modern spiritual, "Ain-a That Good News", a selection from Aaron Copland's modern opera "The Tender Land", several tunes from the swing era and Broadway, and a choral arrangement of an Allan Sherman song (for those who don't immediately remember Allan Sherman, think "Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda" -- although that's not the song we're doing). There are also a couple of numbers I can only describe as tone poems, illustrating the beauty of the human voice in chorus.

Interleaved with the choral numbers, we will also have solo or group performances from some of our talented members. Shirley Brasesco and Connie Scott will do "Sisters" from "White Christmas". Charlie Stoll will perform "Old Man Time". Luke Sullivan will sing "My Traveling Star". Ken Steiner will do "Once Upon A Time". Frank Jablonski will offer "This Is All I Ask". Linelle Marshall will perform "Love Walked Right In". And the Usual Suspects Quartet will sing "Hallelujah".

Please do note the dates of the Spring Concerts, May 14-15 at 7:30 PM, and May 16-17 at 2:00 PM. Advance tickets are available at Yosemite Bank, Hotel Charlotte, Dori's Tea Cottage, and Marijke's Hair, or from any Pine Cone Singer. Advance donation is \$10, at the door \$12, and children 12 and under are invited to attend for free.

We're really looking forward to entertaining you. Hope you can make it!

### COMMUNITY 36

# **China Nina**

BY JANET GREGOR

Traveling expands our world of understanding. A Pine Mountain Lake group got to experience the culture, cuisine, environment, history, lifestyle, and scenery of China. Each of us returned with many wonderful stories of our experiences from simple things to the complex and our new awareness of the many similarities and differences.

This amazing tour of China was coordinated through PML's own "China Nina" and Larry Jobe along with Travel Aire Tours. It was their eleventh tour of China. Fifteen people from

Pine Mountain Lake along with thirty-five others from all over the U.S. toured China together from 9 to 19 days.

The grand opening of the Flying Tigers Museum and Park in Guilin occurred at the midpoint of the trip and was a real highlight. Larry and Nina have worked for nine years to establish this park commemorating the heroic efforts of AVG pilots (American Volunteer Group) and later CBI pilots (China-Burma-India) of World War II that opened up supply lines for China. This was an unprecedented show of U.S. government aid to China in their war against Japan. The Museum opening was attended by government officials, military representatives and citizens of both countries. The event received great media coverage and was the headline story in the following day's news.

Modern China was our first and last stop of the tour. We visited the bustling,



cosmopolitan cities of Shanghai and Beijing. High rise buildings and good public transportation keep over 20 million people in each of these cities moving easily between work and home. The scale of dealing with these large population cities like Shanghai and Beijing is impressive when compared to New York and Los Angeles, the two largest cities in the U.S. with relatively small populations of 8 and 4 million respectively.

The tour traveled over 3,800 miles in China via plane, bullet train, bus, boat and on foot! Surprisingly, China is about the same size as the U.S. in landmass. However, China is BIG in population with 1.4 Billion people as compared to America's 320 Million. The Great Wall of China was spectacular and would reach from New York City to L.A. if stretched out end to end.

The recorded history of China dates

back to 2,000 BCE with dynasties shrouded in mystery. We peeked into ancient times visiting the Terracotta Warriors and Horses of the Qin Dynasty (pronounced "Chin") dating from 246-210 BCE. An amazing collection of over 8,000 warriors, 130 chariots and 650 horses have been discovered as part of the emperor's funerary tomb. Most of the warriors are life size, each with unique and individual facial features, clothing and hair styles.

Most of America seems to be "Made in China" today. We didn't visit a modern factory but we did

see some of the talent and craftsmanship handed down through many generations. We saw skilled artists working in silk production, silk weaving, embroidery, jade carving, fresh-water pearl jewelry, painting, cloisonné, woodworking, and more. Countless souvenir shops provided ample shopping opportunities. Many of us came home with an extra suitcase ... or two!

No one lost weight; Chinese food is delicious and never boring. We enjoyed lush buffets and meals shared around a turntable that seemed to have endless delivery of dishes. Many meals were "tuned" for our American palate but we enjoyed many different culinary cuisines: Anhui (braised & stewed), Fujian (light seafood), Hunan (colorful & spicy), Shandong (seafood), Szechuan (spicy), and Cantonese (what's available in most American Chinese restaurants, including Dim Sum). We were happy that some delicacies on display at local markets DID NOT make it to our table, especially the live scorpions.

Our wonderful traveling partners from Pine Mountain Lake and pictured in the photograph are: Barbara Bussler, Johnnie Dickson & her daughter Karen Dickson, Ed & Janet Gregory, Larry & Nina Jobe, Paul & Barbara Klahn, Kathleen Lyons, Dale & Kandy Mueller, Roy & Rachel Phillips, and Gloria Young.

Open your world. Travel. China is a wonderful adventure.

# Tuolumne **County Library Presents Snakes**

BY LYNN MCCORMICK, YOUTH, LITERACY, AND OUTREACH SERVICES

The Tuolumne County Library is pleased to announce the upcoming program Snakes on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 3:30 PM in Sonora Main Library Community Room. Children will learn about a variety of local and other snakes. Dan Harrison, an educator at Jamestown Elementary School, is presenting this event. Harrison states, "I have kept snakes as pets since I was 8 years old and have had a passion for them ever since. Upon moving to the foothills as a teen I developed an interest in rattlesnakes of the area. When I moved to Sonora this interest became a concern that these beneficial animals were being needlessly killed. I vowed then to help by making myself available as a rattlesnake re-locator. In this capacity 90% of what I do is education." This program is open to children of all ages.

For more information please contact the library at 533-5507.

# Master Gardeners Polystyrene Collection

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Tuolumne County Master Gardeners you do not have hazardous waste. will be collecting Number 6, Polystyrene on May 16th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Waste Management Recycling Center Camage Ave. off Tuolumne Road in Sonora.

Collection will be in conjunction with Waste Management Hazardous Waste Collection. Master Gardeners will be collecting on Microtronics Way, the street just passed the main gate into Waste Management. Please look for the signs so that you do not have to wait in the line if

Please bring clean Number 6, Polystyrene, (Styrofoam is a trade name), in a clear or black plastic bags. Please separate food and take-out packaging and shipping packaging.

No peanuts please, they can be recycled at Pak and Copy in the Junction Shopping Center or at the UPS Store next to Safeway.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy Andrews, 962-7264 or email pmlandrews@sonnet.com.

# First Wednesday Bird Walk

BY JEANNE RIDGLEY

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland is led by Jeanne Ridgley. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds. On the April Bird Walk 41 species were seen. Highlights were Bullock's Oriole, Osprey and four species of swallows: Northern

Rough-winged, Violet-green, Barn and Cliff.

Dates for upcoming trips are May 6 and June 3.

Meet the group in the GCSD parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. The walk will last about two-three hours. If you have any questions, call Jeanne at 962-7598.
## **DROUGHT IMPACTS GCSD BUDGET**

On April 1st, Governor Brown enacted Executive Order B-29-15, mandating 25% water conservation compared to 2013, for all municipal water districts with more than 3000 customers, including GCSD.

In 2014, GCSD customers achieved 21% water conservation; however, most savings were achieved by government agencies, such as local schools, fire departments, and GCSD operations.

To reach the 25% mandate, we need to reduce consumption by 4% more than last year's effort. However, this year the District is off to a poor start. In March, water consumption actually exceeded 2013 usage by 6%!

Because of our lack of conservation, we are currently not eligible to apply for grants such as those that funded over \$1 Million in improvements last year (savings hundreds of dollars per customer). Furthermore, when enforcement of the 25% mandate kicks in this month, GCSD may be subject to fines of \$10,000 per day. We cannot over-emphasize the need for residential and commercial customers to use less water!

The drought brings other perils to the operation of the District. Our water supplier, San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC), is raising wholesale rates by 28%.

## **STCHS Transforms Historic** Big Oak Flat Home



The Cobden House, left, in Jan. 2006 (STCHS photo), and, right in April 2015 (STCHS photo)

#### WHAT A TRANSFORMATION!

This distinctive Big Oak Flat home was built about 1900 by Edward Cobden. It has suffered from neglect and disuse in recent decades. In 2007 it was donated to STCHS with the adjacent stone Wells Fargo building and the quest began to restore it to its earlier elegance. After historical studies and county approval, work began in 2014 to restore the original house footprint, remove exterior lead paint, repaint, replace missing doors and windows, re-roof, and general cleanup of the exterior thanks to the support of the STCHS membership. Generous donations of time and money have helped preserve this gem from our hard rock mining era. Special thanks are given to Green Tree Property Services, Buck's Construction, Inc., Reimers Construction, Chapman's Building and Assistance, and Moore Bros. Scavenger Co. for their efforts.

The yellow, wood- frame Folk Victorian style home with Queen Anne architectural features was built for Joseph Raggio by Edward Cobden, who is credited with the construction of several of Groveland's Folk Victorian homes. The house featured heavy turned posts, dentils, and patterned shingles. The Raggio family had mining interests in Big Oak Flat and later occupied the west suite of the Wells Fargo Building, selling choice foodstuffs and liquors, and was the last to do business in the building.

The Gamble-Wells Fargo Building was built between 1848-1852 and is located along Highway 120 in Big Oak Flat. It is a striking and vivid reminder of the glories of Big Oak Flat's more prosperous past and represents one of the finest examples of Gold Rush nativestone commercial architecture to be seen today. With 3,584 square feet, the building has been home to the Wells Fargo Express Office and at various times housed the US Post Office, a general store, a shoe cobbler business, law offices, a butcher shop and even a justice court. Its earliest known owner was the successful merchant, Alexander Gamble.

STCHS has had an engineering analysis performed to determine the scope of work necessary to stabilize and preserve the Gamble Building. The estimated costs are significant and fund raising efforts will rely upon grant funding and donations.

When you drive through Big Oak Flat take a moment to admire the buildings and reflect upon what life in the 1800's would have been like. If you would like to participate in the ongoing preservation/restoration efforts, either in time or treasure, please contact STCHS President Dodie Harte at 209-962-7717.

Purifying water and delivering it to customers consumes lots of electricity. Our rates have recently been raised 10%.

GCSD will keep you informed. Our website, GCSD.org, has helpful information on all aspects of water conservation, including rebates for toilets, shower-heads, and greywater, with more to come soon.

Our local water conservation experts at Mountain Sage Nursery in downtown Groveland have two free hands on clinics (including free concert ticket for participating):

HARVESTING STORMWATER, Saturday, May 2, 10 AM to 3 PM. EASY, NO COST GARDEN SOLUTIONS, Saturday, May 9, 10 AM to 3 PM.

To stay financially sound and compliant with strict state mandates, our customers must make a stronger water conservation effort.

Thank you, GCSD Water Conservation Committee



## Homemade Hot Italian Sausage

BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL

It is really hard to beat a homemade sausage made from fresh ingredients and seasonings. And we are usually trying to be somewhat healthy and eat more poultry. But we found it hard to find a store-bought poultry sausage that meets our fussy tastebud demands. So recently, we have been doing lots of sausage making and refining of such recipes. And we will probably continue to do so more, but for now, we are pretty pleased with this recipe:

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 lbs ground turkey, chicken, or pork 1/3 cup red wine (optional, but we like the

- way it mellows out the sausage)
- 1/4 tsp granulated garlic OR 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp paprika, preferably smoked paprika 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp fennel seed powder, preferably from fennel seed, toasted and then ground
- 1 tsp black pepper, freshly ground

1/2 tsp cayenne pepper (halve this amount for more mild sausage)

1/2 tsp crushed red chili peppers (halve this amount for more mild sausage)

#### DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients and mix well. You may cook a small sample patty to taste and then adjust seasonings on remaining sausage. Refrigerate for a few hours before using. Use and cook as you would any ground sausage.

We make a lot of breakfast (or later day) patties with it, and lately we have mixed it with



veggies (onions, leeks, mushrooms, peppers, cauliflower, and/or asparagus) for a "Paleofriendly" morning hash.

#### Notes:

- 1) This recipe works great with the Foster Farms Ground Turkey that is available at MarVal Market.
- 2) We enjoy this recipe even more when we grind our own chicken sausage. We typically use 1/4 chicken breast and 3/4 chicken thighs. We de-bone the thighs and save the skin of a third of the thighs used (you need some fat in the sausage or it will be too dry). We use a sausage making attachment for our Kitchen Aid Mixer, but another option is to buy a sausage grinder at one of the antique stores in Jamestown or Sonora, they are pretty abundant and cheap.

Questions about this recipe can be directed to Tom and Paula of Two Little Pigs Catering at (209) 962-5838.



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A PML member in Unit 12 sent this image in of a young bear cub checking things out around the house. Bears are curious by nature so make sure to keep your trash and food items secure and away from wildlife. See our Living Safely With Groveland's Wildlife article on page 42.



On April 15 the teachers at Tenaya were able to dedicate a new bench to Ms. Z (Ms. Janet Zeirenberg), Pete (Mr. Pete Steinmetz), and Mrs. Carol Willmon. We would like to thank Pete for the new bench in front of the school office. The bench honors over 100 years of service to Tenaya Elementary School from these outstanding teachers.



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## Mountain Lions, and Coyotes, and Bears, Oh My! LIVING SAFELY WITH GROVELAND'S WILDLIFE

BY DAVID WILKINSON

Editor's Note: With the warmer weather comes contact with more wildlife. Finding several "signs" of a bear on our lot led us to reprint this article from 2008 as a reminder on living with wildlife. It should also be noted that it is important to respect the power of these wild animals without allowing fear to enter into your appreciation of them. Wild animal attacks are extremely rare and are usually perpetrated by sick, injured, or frightened animals. Admire them from a safe distance and remember, the most dangerous animal in the forest is people.

fter, yet again, cleaning up after our resident bear's foray into our trash, I thought it might be a good idea to do some research on the culprit, or culprits, (we have seen at least two different bears in recent weeks) responsible for the mess. Our nightly visitor is a Black Bear, Ursus americanus, and seems to very much enjoy destroying our trash cans in search of the delicacies inside.

#### **ABOUT THE BLACK BEAR**

The American Black Bear is an omnivore, is the smallest of the three species of bear found in North America, and ranges in size from 50 to 80 inches in length and 2.5 to 3.5 feet tall at the shoulder. Male black bears of breeding age usually weigh between 125 and 500 pounds, depending upon age, season, and food supply, very well fed bears can be heavier. Females usually weigh between 90 and 300 pounds and are smaller than the males in stature. The bear's coat is shaggy and can be black, chocolate-brown, cinnamonbrown, or blonde. The Black Bear lives up to 30 years in the wild, though most live only 10 years due to interaction with humans. (90% of all bear deaths past the age of 18 months are attributed to humans.) The bear has an excellent sense of smell, potentially 100 times that of humans, and can locate garbage and carrion from great distances. They are excellent tree climbers due to their short, sharp claws and powerful, muscular legs.

#### MORE BEARS, MORE PEOPLE, MORE **ENCOUNTERS – SIMPLE MATH**

According to Harry Morse, Public Information Officer for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, what we are experiencing when it comes to bear activity, "people all over California are experiencing." The Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that the Black Bear population in California has risen from around 10,000 bears in the 1980's to over 35,000 bears in 2008.

The thing that makes encounters with the Black Bear a little more interesting is the fact that they are much different than other bear species. Black Bears seldom attack humans unless



The American Black Bear. Photo courtesy of Ca. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

they are cornered, feel threatened, or are wounded and they are also much less likely to attack a human than Grizzly Bears and usually run away at the sight of humans. However, with the Black Bear, unlike the Grizzly, "playing dead" when attacked is ineffective. As Harry Morse put it, "play dead with a Black Bear and you will be dead." The reason for this is

that most black bear attacks are "predatory" in nature unlike Grizzly attacks that are most often defensive. If you see a Black Bear stand tall, back away, and speak naturally. This will identify you as a human right away and give the bear the chance to retreat. If a Black Bear approaches you, make yourself appear as large as possible, raise your arms, and yell loudly and back away. If attacked fight back with everything you've got. The best way to be safe from the bear is to make the bear want to get away from you. A good thing to note is that attacks on humans are very rare and, while 15 people have been killed by Black Bears in North America between 2000 and 2008, no fatalities in California have been attributed to the bears in that time.

More common are attacks on pets and small livestock, these numbers are still very low and losses of livestock due to Black Bear attacks are

Black Bears, as well as mountain lions and coyotes, like pet food, they see it as a treat, or dessert. If you have pet feeders, or large leads to confrontations between the pets and

This young bear was photographed rummaging in the author's trash, a trash can that had a lid secured with bungee cords. Bungee cords, as it turns out, make great dental floss for bears.

dog, it is generally because the bear has associated the barking with a human presence, not from fear of the dog. Black Bears do not fear or run from dogs and, while they do not prey on them, they will attack and kill dogs that attempt to defend their territory against the intruder.

considered negligible.

amounts of pet food, in

the areas that your pets

are in this naturally

the wildlife. The sad

part is that the pets

never come out on top.

While some bears may

run from a barking

#### WHAT BRINGS THE BEARS INTO **POPULATED AREAS?**

Other than the obvious, that we are moving into the bear's habitat at increasingly high rates, the problem is man-made. "Problems begin when bears learn to associate an easy food supply with humans and developed areas," said Doug Updike, CDFW statewide bear program coordinator. "Once this happens, bears become habituated or conditioned to go after human food because it's easy. If people don't change their ways, the bear won't either." "One of the biggest challenges we face is teaching people to

keep their garbage away from bears," said Carl Lackey, Nevada Department Of Wildlife's bear program coordinator. "The more people who understand that it is our responsibility to keep the bears wild, the better off bears and humans will be."

Food is often a problem in the majority of public safety incidents involving bears. Access to human food from garbage, overflowing a campground or residential dumpster, to candy bars and sandwiches hidden in a tent or left on a residential deck, are highly attractive to bears. Many people do not realize feeding wildlife provides false food sources, habituates animals to humans and can change animal behavior from foraging for food to trying to take it away from humans.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO LIMIT THE **CHANCES OF ENCOUNTERS?**

First and foremost, remove the temptation. The bears seek out high protein, high fat foods to supplement their diets, and people's garbage tends to fit that bill nicely. Once they find a source of it they will continue to come back again and again for it. It is illegal to feed bears, mountain lions, coyotes, and deer in California. This includes leaving food or garbage out expecting that the animals will eat it. Follow the California plans for wildlife outlined in the Keep Me Wild program. Information on this program can be found at the Fish and Wildlife's website, www.wildlife.ca.gov. The information provided by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, at right, can help you to live in harmony with the wildlife in our area. Most of the precautions are universal and help us live better with all of the wildlife species found in this area.

If all of the measures to keep the bear away fail and the bear seems to have lost fear of people, or shows aggression towards people, immediately call the Department of Fish and Wildlife at 559-243-4005. Or contact the DFW 24-hour dispatch center at (916) 445-0045. If an actual bear attack occurs call 911 immediately.

#### Special thanks to:

Harry Morse - Public Information Officer, California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Keep Me Wild program.

Defenders of Wildlife - www.defenders.org

Dewey, T. and C. Kronk. 2007. "Ursus americanus" (On-line), Animal Diversity Web. http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/ accounts/information/Ursus\_americanus.html.

bobcats, mountain lions, coyote, foxes, different species of wildlife. While this eagles, hawks, geese, wild turkey, squirrels, article does not address all of them, the mice, and on and on, Groveland and the recurring theme of limiting our impact

FOLLOW-UP NOTE: Deer, bears, surrounding areas are home to many

on wildlife can be carried over to most animals. It may be tempting to leave food out to be able to see these beautiful creatures up close or to get better photos,

but remember that wild animals should remain wild and not become accustomed to close interactions with humans. Their lives may just depend upon it.

#### **AMERICAN BLACK BEARS**

#### **BEAR COUNTRY PRECAUTIONS**

- Keep a close watch on children, and teach them what to do if they encounter a bear.
- While hiking, make noise to avoid a surprise encounter with a bear.
- Never keep food in your tent.
- Store food and toiletries in bear-proof containers or in an airtight container in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp by cleaning up and storing food and garbage immediately after meals.
- Use bear-proof garbage cans whenever possible or store your garbage in a secure location with your food.
- Never approach a bear or pick up a bear cub.
- If you encounter a bear, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to appear as large as possible.
- If attacked, fight back.
- If a bear attacks a person, immediately call 911.

Information courtesy CDFW Keep Me Wild program.

#### STASH YOUR FOOD AND TRASH

- Allowing wild animals access to human food and garbage is reckless and deadly.
- Bears and other animals are attracted to anything edible or smelly.
- Store garbage in bear-proof containers, or store garbage in your garage until pick-up
- Keep food indoors or in airtight and odorfree containers
- Put away picnic leftovers; clean BBQ grills
- Keep pet food inside, and bird feeders away
- Pick up fallen tree fruit as soon as possible, or protect fruit trees with electric fencing
- Remove cosmetic fragrances and other attractants, including bird feeders and compost piles
- Install or request bear-proof trash containers When wild animals are allowed to feed on human food and garbage, they lose their natural ways - often resulting in death for the animal. Please respect and protect wild animals. Keep them wild.

#### **MOUNTAIN LIONS / COUGARS**

## LIVING IN MOUNTAIN LION

- Don't feed deer; it is *illegal* in California and it will attract mountain lions.
- · Deer-proof your landscaping by avoiding plants that deer like to eat. For tips, request A Gardener's Guide to Preventing Deer Damage from DFW offices.
- Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions.
- Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Provide sturdy, covered shelters for sheep, goats, and other vulnerable animals.
- lions are most active-dawn, dusk, and at night.
- raccoons, opossums and other potential mountain lion prey.

local Fish and Wildlife warden or wildlife biologist.

#### STAYING SAFE IN MOUNTAIN LION COUNTRY

Mountain lions are quiet, solitary and elusive, and typically avoid people. Mountain lion attacks on humans are extremely rare. However, conflicts are increasing as California's human population expands into mountain lion habitat.

- Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
- Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active-dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Keep a close watch on small children.
- Do not approach a mountain lion.
- If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- If attacked, fight back.

**Northside Pet Connection News** 

BY TOM GRAVE

• If a mountain lion attacks a person, immediately call 911.

> Information courtesy CDFW Keep Me Wild program.

#### COYOTES

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans.

If coyotes are given access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear. They may cause property damage. They might threaten human safety. They might be killed.

Relocating a problem coyote is not an option.

Help prevent deadly conflicts for these beautiful wild animals.

#### COYOTE COUNTRY PRECAUTIONS

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children.
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.
- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife or law enforcement office.

#### STASH YOUR FOOD AND TRASH

- Allowing coyotes access to human food and garbage is reckless and deadly.
- Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food, but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage,
- pet food, and domestic animals. • Put garbage in tightly closed containers
- that cannot be tipped over.
- Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.
- Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.

Information courtesy CDFW Keep Me Wild program.

able to offer 30 vouchers each month for individuals to have their dog or cat spayed or neutered. The voucher entitles you to spay/neuter services at a greatly reduced cost. In some cases, depending on which veterinarian you choose, there is almost no cost at all for the procedure. We are able to offer this level of financial support thanks to the generosity of people in the area who care about the welfare of our pets and who want to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens. You will recall that the NPC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization under state and federal laws, and that all contributions to the organization are taxdeductible according to law.

As you are probably aware, our area of service includes the 5 communities of Coulterville, Greeley Hill, Groveland, Big Oak Flat, and Lake Don Pedro. NPC Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, at 5:00 pm, in the Coulterville Community Hall, located on the corner of Broadway and Cemetery. Why not consider attending our next meeting, on May 4? This would

give you an opportunity to see how we make decisions, especially regarding the expenditure of funds. Indeed, you might have a view about how we can fulfill our by-law's provision that we "labor in the education of a public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward domestic and other animals". We would welcome your participation. Meetings always adjourn promptly at 6:00 pm.

Although we would love to expand participation in our Board meetings, as well as increase NPC's membership base, we have another need, which is urgent. Our excellent Treasurer, Carmel Peterson, plans to retire at the end of her current term, in September, so we are recruiting an individual to replace her. You would have plenty of support in getting started in this office, and you would have the opportunity to work with other people who care deeply about animal welfare, but you would also be working purely as a volunteer! We have no paid staff. If you have questions about the Treasurer position, or any other aspect of NPC, please feel free to call Carmel at 878-3134.

### COMMUNITY

COUNTRY

- Don't allow pets outside when mountain
- Bring pet food inside to avoid attracting

If in doubt about what to do, ask your

Our good news is that we now are

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## Tails Of Adventure

BY SHARON KENYON

"Tails of Adventure" is a collection of animal stories about dogs and cats who found their forever homes through the Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSoTC). The book was authored by Beth DeLuca and Sharon Kenyon as a fund raising effort for HSoTC.

THANK-YOU to all the Groveland businesses, clubs, and individuals for their generous support. Your display and purchase resulted in the sale of 81 books grossing \$785 for HSoTC. Special thanks goes to Rotary Club of Groveland, Mono Way Veterinary, Dori's Tea Cottage, Mtn. Sage Nursery & Coffee Shop, Friends of the Library, Marijke's Hair Salon and PML Ladies Golf Clubs.

These books can still be ordered for \$10 online at: www.hsotc.org ("Shop Online"), or by calling 209-984-5489.

## **Tioga High Garden Project**

BY RYAN DUTTON

Tioga High Landscaping is currently planning and designing a raised bed garden to be shared by the landscape and culinary classes. The Culinary Arts class will have a spot to learn how to plant, care for, and correctly harvest their own food. The members of Landscaping will have an area to plant and care for their own flowers and native plants from seed. The garden will be a fenced in area featuring raised wooden beds and a drip irrigation system that can be set to timers throughout summer months and school breaks. Down the road, our plans are to add a fruit orchard along with a greenhouse! If any of you interested have items that could be donated for use in our garden plan, please feel free to contact Ryan Dutton at Tioga High, 962-4763. We would greatly appreciate items such as: fencing(metal horse/cattle type fencing), lumber for raised beds, landscape barrier, wood chips/mulch, drip irrigation system accessories, drip system timer, plant/ flower/food seeds, fence posts, landscape or base rock for garden design, and fill dirt for the base of our beds. Tioga High thanks you in advance for your generosity and commitment to our great little school on the hill!

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

### **Tioga High School** Student of the Month

curious about the world, eager for new

opportunities even willing to take on the

most dreaded of all experiences - public

speaking. He's participated in several contests

through local service organizations and

Academic Decathlon. He placed first this year

in one competition and is competing at the

county level last week. He's a great addition

to drama class where he brings a well-needed

many newspaper articles will attest - is

track and cross-country running where he

qualified to compete at the state level all

What Brandon is best known for - as

spark and great sense of humor.



Brandon Nelson-Haven

Haven is exceptional in so many ways he's a free thinker with a philosophical and scientific turn of mind, happy to find new ideas and new avenues of understanding. He is self-

confident and

### **Tenaya Elementary** Student of the Month



Sierra Kersey is Tenaya's 7th grade student of the month because she has an excellent work ethic and cheerful attitude. Sierra is an academic leader, and she will gladly take time to help her classmates. She has a terrific sense

Sierra Kersey

of humor, contributing much to our lively, dynamic class discussions. It is a pleasure to have Sierra in class! Sierra's mom is Deborah Davis of Groveland.

four years of high school. He's been League champion and MVP and effortlessly wins local 5k competitions. Hopefully, he will continue to compete in college.

Brando has worked as a professional guide in Yosemite National Park and grown up just outside its gates. He's at home outdoors and is sure to find a profession which will allow him the opportunity to be where loves.

## **Big Oak Flat/Groveland Schools Poetry Anthology**

BY RACHEL PHILLIPS

Poetry gives us a way to sharpen our skills of observation, memory, and imagination. Even some doctors are recognizing the need for poetry to help patients express feelings and to help health-care givers to empathize, thus helping the healing process. Once again poetry is given time and effort by teachers and students of the Big Oak Flat/Groveland Schools. The fourth annual poetry anthology is progressing well. About 150 students have submitted poems to be published. Sponsors for this year are the Groveland Rotary, Garrotte Lions Club, Friends of the Groveland Library, and GAINs as well as Black Oak Casino. The anthology will

be ready for the annual poetry celebration sometime in May. Parents of students may expect an invitation to the celebration, at which time each published poet, artist, and short story writer will be presented an anthology. Students with highest scores in their class will be given special recognition with an opportunity to read their poems to classmates. It is with great appreciation to the efforts of our Big Oak Flat/Groveland School District teachers and administrators that we again may publish the fine work of our local students. A huge thank-you is extended once again to the local organizations that make this opportunity for publication possible.

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## **Tenaya Elementary** Hosts a Walkathon

BY KATHY FOLLMER

Tenaya Elementary parents are hard at work planning our 1st annual Walkathon on May 16, 2015. This fundraiser will help our school purchase supplies, playground equipment and support educational enrichment programs. But wait there's more! We are going to have a variety of activities for all ages, food and music.

Our school is committed to teaching our

children about health and wellness. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to show our students how much fun exercise can be! Would you like to become a sponsor for our school? You can make a difference and call the Walkathon Chairperson Kathy Follmer at 962-7496.

Thank you for supporting our school.

## Tioga Hosts a Summer Volleyball Camp

BY KATHY FOLLMER

The Tioga High School Girls Volleyball Team will be hosting a summer volleyball camp for elementary girls in grades 4th thru 8th. Camp will run M-F, June 8th-12th from 9am to Noon. The cost is only

\$20 and includes a t-shirt and pizza lunch on our last day. For more information, please contact Coach Follmer at 962-7496. Space is limited so sign up early!

## **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

#### **Big Oak Flat Baptist Church**

Wards Ferry Rd., 3 blocks from Hwy. 120, Pastor: Jim Lowe • Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 11 AM & 6 pm

#### Buck Meadows Community Church

Old Hwy. 120 & Buck Meadows 209/962-5789 Pastor: Josephine Ellis Sunday School & Worship 10 am Food Pantry Open each Sun before & after service Potluck 3rd Sunday after service

### Groveland Christian Church

(Non-Denominational) 18829 Foote St., Groveland, 209/962-7654 Pastor / Elder: Jack Woodland, Dennis Smith Sunday Worship 11:00 AM; Bible Study 9:30 AM; AA Tuesday & Thursday 7 PM ● Ladies Bible Study Monday 4:00 PM ● Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 PM Call 962-4950 for directions

#### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

19870 Hwy. 120, Groveland 209/962-5345 Branch President: Joseph Witmer, 209/768-2175 Sun. Sacrament 10 am, Sun. School 11:15 am Sun. Prsthd Mtg. & Women's Relief Soc. Noon

#### Evangelical Free Church of Groveland

19172 Ferretti Rd., 209/962-7131 Senior Pastor: Ron Cratty • Services: Traditional 9:30 am, Contemporary 11 am Mid-week Bible Studies (please call for information)

#### Foothills Community Church

18717 Main St., Groveland Sunday Worship 10:45 am; Christian Ed. Hour (groups for all ages) 9:45 am, Child care provided at all services. Weekly Home Bible Study, call for times

#### **Grace Episcopal Mission**

At Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Hwy. 120, Big Oak Flat Fr. Jim Stout 209/962-1899 or 209/768-0450 Services 2nd & 4th Sundays 4 pm

#### **Groveland Seventh-Day Adventist**

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