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President's Message

By Jeff Killion



Hello All! Summer is here. Bring your family and friends to enjoy our beautiful lake. School's out so watch for kids playing about the neighborhood, drive safe!

Lake

The lake level at the time of this publication should be about 24% - still enough for fun and play. As a reminder, remember to hydrate as the temperatures increase and be safe on the water. Don't forget your mussel inspection! We want to protect our lake.

Community

Just to let you know Lake San Antonio closes July 1st and won't reopen until we get substantial rainfall.

You may have noticed that there is activity at the front gate area. As approaching the front gate, please take time to enjoy the new landscaping (plants and trees). "Slow down and smell the roses." Thank you to the volunteers and staff for making this happen.

Also, take notice of all the weed abatement progress and thanks to all the homeowners and staff that made it happen.

Upcoming Events

Don't miss out on the 4th of July pancake breakfast at 8:30am-10am on Saturday, July 4th. A few words on firework safety: With the drought and dry conditions we have, there is zero tolerance for any kind of fireworks. Please make sure your guests get the message. Sparklers also pose a fire risk and are considered fireworks.

In closing, have a wonderful and safe summer. Stop and say hi to your neighbors.

Best regards,
Jeff



Manager's Report

By Dennis Javens



Summer is here and the lake does still have water. We anticipate that our main ramp will be usable for most of the summer and then we will move to the auxiliary ramp for the rest of the year. We invite all of you to come up to the lake this summer and take advantage of the quiet year, because we are overdue to have a rainy year next year. The community is in great shape and all the amenities are waiting to be used.

I do have two very serious items I would like to bring to all the homeowners attention: Protecting your lake from destructive mussels, and getting your home prepared and protected from a forest fire.

Mussel Inspection Program

In 2010 your staff began learning about the seriousness of what would happen if zebra mussels invaded the lake. That year Oak Shores became the first community on the lake to start inspecting all watercrafts prior to launching. With the help of three volunteers and the entire Oak Shores staff we have developed a very sound inspection program to prevent watercrafts from using our ramps that could infect the lake. While our program seems to work, we now find ourselves needing more help stopping this invasive species from infecting the lake. We need each and every resident's help in keeping the lake safe.

Over the Memorial Weekend, we had 50 plus boats attempt to launch without the proper mussel inspection paperwork. Many owners told us that their watercrafts never leave the community. This might be true, but we (and the county) have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to watercrafts being launched from our ramps. Most of the boats that attempted to launch had old expired paperwork and required my staff and volunteers to do the update.

What would have happened if these watercrafts would have launched with expired or no paperwork? If they were caught by the Rangers or Fish and Wildlife on the lake they would have received a \$2,000.00 fine. We as the Association could also fine them \$500 for launching without being inspected for a total of \$2,500.00.

Most importantly, we have been told that if Fish and Wildlife find too many watercrafts on the lake without proper inspections and paperwork that come from Oak Shores, that they (Fish and Wildlife) could legally shut down our launch ramp. I am sure that none of us want that to happen.

What can you do to protect your lake and your property values?

- ♦ Insure that your boat has the proper paperwork updated even if you leave it in the community.
- ♦ If you leave the community, make sure your boat gets inspected.
- ♦ Educate your family members, guests and renters on how serious we are about inspecting all watercrafts that come into Oak Shores. Tell them about the fines (\$2,500.00) and that we have the right to refuse someone from launching if we suspect that they may have been in an infected lake.
- ♦ VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE STAFF
- ♦ REMEMBER YOUR WATERCRAFT MUST BE: **CLEAN, DRAINED & DRY**

Fire Prevention

I am sure you all know that the Oak Shores Community is classified as being in a high fire area of the state. If you go to the Cal Fire website, www.fire.ca.gov, you will see what parts of the state are in the red colored area. Many of you have experienced issues with getting or keeping your fire insurance and for those of you who have not experienced this problem, you may in the future.

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Meet Your Neighbor, Bob Dietz

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



Bob Dietz is a fairly new homeowner in Oak Shores and because of his active involvement in the community, it might seem that he's lived here longer than two years. He lives here full time with his companion dog, Samantha, who loves riding in Bob's Polaris down to the West Ramp to chase squirrels. His parents built the house he's currently living at in 1976 and were part-time residents. His dad loved being at Oak Shores during his retirement; his mom wanted a small house, "no cleaning, no cooking, no phone!" After his parents passed away, his sister took over the house. While she enjoyed coming up to Oak Shores, after her husband died she just didn't get the chance to come up much. She called Bob, who at the time was living back east, and asked him if he wanted to buy the house. He looked out the window, saw that the temperature was 10 degrees, and told his sister, "Yes!" He had been divorced for many years and wanted to return to California.

Bob was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. Due to his Dad's job with Edison, his family moved a lot. They lived in Big Creek in the Sierra Mountains until he was 6 years old, then they moved to Boulder City, Nevada, then to Redondo Beach, then to Oxnard for 5 years. After high school he joined the army and served in Vietnam from 1967-68. After his discharge from the army, he attended the University of Oregon and then UCSB where he obtained his teaching credential. He was a teacher and assistant principal in Encinitas, Calif. for 18 years. At that time his wife, Jean, and their two daughters, decided to move back to Scranton, PA where Bob was offered a position as principal at an elementary school and worked there for 20 years. After he retired, he continued to work at a local college for 5 years supervising student teachers. His daughter, Katie, 29 yrs., old lives in Orlando, Florida and works as a structural engineer; and Beth, 27 yrs., lives in Scranton, PA and works as a counselor for drug rehab in prisons.

Bob has many hobbies. He was a big tennis player in his local township and played with Michael Chang who won the French Open when he was 16 yrs. old. He enjoyed mountain bike riding but mostly loved taking long road biking trips with friends. Among his many adventures, he did a 900-mile round trip from Eureka to Portland. When he lived back east he participated in big races, Tour of New York starting at the World Trade Center through all the boroughs of the city, 50 miles; took rides to historical sites, West Point; did the race from Rosarito to Ensenada, Mexico, 45 miles.

A hobby Bob is passionate about is collecting art work. Once when visiting his sister here, he was at the Paso Library and saw a painting by a local artist, Dottie Hawthorne. He loved the painting and started going to local galleries all over the area, in Pennsylvania and his other travels. He met a phenomenal artist, Margo Shorieli, and bought a couple of her paintings. He currently has 60 paintings in his small house and is unable to buy any more because, "there's no place to put them". Recently Bob generously displayed some of his paintings at the First Oak Shores Art Show and Wine Pairing Event at the Clubhouse. It was a huge success which he credits Rusty Lipscomb and Sean Davis with for helping to make it an elegant and memorable Oak Shores event. Many people were asking about having more similar events.

Bob is very active in volunteer work. At Oak Shores he's on the Men's Fire Department Auxiliary; Recreation Committee, helps with Logos. He is also active with the Oak Shores Fellowship Church; helps Jim Marshall with mussel inspections at the marina; and generally offers help whenever he sees an opportunity. He also volunteers in Paso at the Second Baptist Church on Riverside Rd. helping to feed and clothe the homeless.

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All winemakers are excited to announce the awards they have received for their wine. Gold, silver, bronze at the various wine competitions. Not many winemakers can say they have won an Oscar. Ok not for the wine, but for editing. In many respects, editing can be compared to wine making. Editing is part of the process of creating the story, connecting the complexity of making a visual and sensual product. Winemaking involves the editing of the vines, splicing the varietals into a blended wine. There is editing the label and the time lines for barrel aging. After all this the winemaker hopes it does not end up on the cutting room floor.

My recent discovery is Mystic Hills Winery owned by Joel and Judy Cox. Yes, Joel Cox has an Oscar and is principle film editor for Clint Eastwood and was the editor for American Sniper and other films. Both are a passion and

the wines have won numerous awards. On a recent Sunday I had the pleasure of a private tasting at their property in Ranchita Canyon. Sitting with Judy at the dining room table tasting "room", I tasted and chatted about the wines and the future for the label. Currently there are four offerings. These are very limited production wines with only 400 cases annually. Now if Oscars were awarded for wine, three of them would be nominated.

These wines have been in the making since 2004 when Joel and Judy bought the property and then very soon after planted the vines Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The intent was to produce Bordeaux style wines. Just as in film editing, you have to have a vision. Joel and his winemaker, Keith Roberts, continue to format the scene for their wines. This means there will always be a sequel.

Cabernet Sauvignon 2011: With clear rich color, the nose reflects scents of strong dark berry fruit. When you focus in on the nose you discover the complexity expected from a handcrafted cabernet. The taste delivers a bing cherry smoky flavor. Add in, or should I say splice, spiciness espresso hints on the palate. This cab has a seamless transition. At \$19 per bottle, there is no decision to be made. I rank this cabernet at 8.9 corks out of 10. The only question is, can you get some.



Sequel 2011: This blend is elegant and silky with notes of ripe strawberry and cherry, enveloped in a touch of spice. Hints of vanilla and toast integrate with the fruit, and profound tannins that add body with character. This texture, married with the buttery warmth from the oak and tannins, create a distinguished wine with a long lasting finish. The interesting part of this wine is the smooth character from each of the varietals. This is where editing comes into play. Making the scene work.

I score this one at 9.0 corks and at \$30 per bottle, the price for admission is on target.

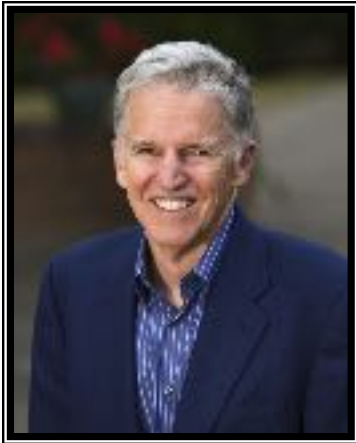
Finally without any credits rolling, my scene stealer in the bunch.

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Firewise Committee Update

By Joe Howard



Sunday of Memorial Day weekend was a fine day to be in Oak Shores! The weather was perfect, there was water for skiing, boarding and boating, the pool provided a nice venue for relaxing and splashing and the talented “chefs” at the club house Bar-B-Que pit produced perfectly cooked Tri-tip for those in attendance at the Firewise Bar-B-Que. The fund-raising event provided a great opportunity to meet some people new to the community as well as to enjoy time with some who have lived at Oak Shores for decades. Many of you perused the tables containing written materials about fire prevention as well as children's fire awareness activity books and trinkets. Fireman Tim and several other fire engineers lead demonstrations in the proper use of fire extinguishers. In addition, the presence of



Engine 34 reminded us all of the importance of fire prevention in our community, and it provided a great backdrop for photos of the kids!

A common question at the Bar-B-Que was “What is a Firewise Community”? The answer is found in the recognition that the best chance to minimize the loss due to fire starts with the individuals in a community doing their part to reduce the fire risks within their control and being aware of what to do if a fire becomes a reality. The Firewise Program is co-sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, United States Department of Interior and the National Association of State Foresters. Ultimately, the purpose of the Firewise Committee is to help raise awareness of the need for fire prevention and to help Fire professionals eliminate or reduce fire risks in our community.



To continue to maintain our status as a Firewise Community, certain criteria need to be fulfilled. To help meet that goal water back-packs have been purchased on behalf of the Firewise Committee which can be borrowed by residents and the helpers whom they hire when weed-whacking is being done. (Weed-whacking can generate sparks which can start a grass fire, and the water carried in the specially-designed back-packs can quickly douse it should that occur.)

The Firewise Bar-B-Que event was indeed a community effort. Thanks to all of you who attended and supported us. We especially want to thank all of the volunteers who baked, cooked, served, sold tickets, set-up and cleaned-up. We couldn't have done it without your help!!





Entrance Landscape & Lighting Project Update

by Randy Feltman

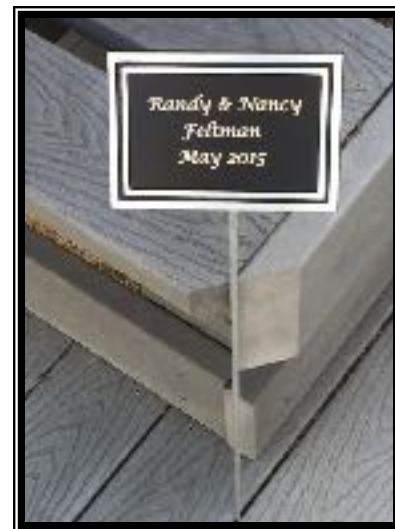
The 16 Chinese Pistachio trees were delivered along with an array of about 150 plants on Wednesday, May 13th and the work party of staff and wonderful volunteers pitched in to plant the trees and plants that Friday. Additional trees intended for the area between the kiosk and the gate didn't arrive yet but will be arriving in June. See the pictures of the new trees just planted and an example of a mature Chinese Pistachio tree. We now have 16 of them lining both sides of the entrance from Lynch Canyon Rd to the Patrol building. In a few years they will provide a spectacular first impression of Oak Shores.



Mature Chinese Pistachio

Next steps will include planting more trees, sealing the pond and linking the two ponds together to form a new water feature, completing the drip irrigation system and installing the low voltage lighting for each tree and the water feature.

We currently have 25 sponsors for the new trees. They will all be contacted shortly to collect the \$200 and get the inscription language that will go on the dedication plaque. If anyone else is interested in sponsoring a tree call Debbie at the office and put your name on the list. We will attempt to accommodate everyone we can within the limit of the landscape plan developed by our landscape designer Mark McMullen.



Sample Inscription Plaque

I want to thank Mark for his expertise and hard work on this project as well as the many volunteers who are providing the labor along with Chris Marcotte and his Maintenance Staff. And a special thanks also to the tree sponsors that are enabling the project costs to be fully paid for.

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Tight Lines!

by Rich Lingor



Late spring fishing has fulfilled its promise of multiple catches with angling efforts rewarded with satisfaction. Targeting shallow zones has constantly yielded favorable results.

As summer crashes through spring's gentle grasp, seasonally managed dropping water levels introduce another layer of challenge to anglers as their quarry is forced to abandon the dwindling shoreline cover. Shoreline edges that spawning game fish had made their springtime home become just

an occasional game fish destination when prowling for an easy meal. Spring's departure does not necessarily signal the end of the shallow fishing success. All of our local reservoirs have threadfin shad. These minnows are the primary forage base for bass, catfish, striped bass, and crappie. Bluegill and red ear sunfish make some use of this important food source as well. Shad tend to spawn in the shallow edges. They show up when the water temperature reaches about 68 degrees. They seem to move to the banks when the moon is close to full and stick around for a few days. Hungry game fish follow the shad to the shallows and take advantage of the confining restrictions of the shoreline edges to trap the forage. The shad spawn can prolong the shallow water opportunity for clever anglers presenting lures that mimic shad. Shad tend to abandon the shoreline as the sun's rays chase the morning shadows. Dropping summertime water levels and loss of cover leave little reason for big fish to remain shallow when their food supply migrates back to open water. Fish, capitalizing on the early morning feed wagon, give anglers their best summertime opportunity. Early morning angling can be more comfortable as well when midday air temperatures begin to bake your skin. Another good reason to hit the water early is the water skiers and personal watercraft enthusiasts turn the calm, peaceful surface rough, lumpy, and noisy.

So set your wake up alarm button for greeting dawn at your favorite spot on the water and make the cast that deserves a bite.

Fish have been biting well at all of our local lakes. Every day on the water has been special with each trip a little better than the last. Bass had been providing the bulk of the action. Catfish and striped bass are starting to join the party and showing signs of building enthusiasm. Bass, white bass, catfish, and crappie have put smiles on a lot of faces.



Recreation Committee News and Update

by Janice Gillenwater

The annual Easter Egg hunt and the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby were both a success. The kids had a great time at both.

Coming Events

- ◆ Summer's Here—Tuesday's at the pool 6pm
- ◆ Join us—Thursday pontoon boat night 6pm
- ◆ Movie nights will be starting soon - movies at dusk under the stars at the clubhouse
- ◆ 4th of July pancake breakfast 8:30-10am
- ◆ 4th of July Dance, Music by Dave Rea and Highway Starr 6-? Open bar
- ◆ Labor Day Event - Luau Theme—Music by Leon Auburt
- ◆ New Years Eve Party Thursday December 31st.
- ◆ Bunco is monthly at the Clubhouse and soon we will be starting up movie nights again held at the Clubhouse on our huge 100 inch screen .
- ◆ Our Tuesday evening pool nights will also be starting up soon as well as pontoon boat Thursdays. Just bring a dish to share and your own beverages.

If you have ideas or would like to join us or become a volunteer, please call me anytime 472-9404.

Dan in the Vines—Mystic Hills Winery—(Continued from Page 5)

Unforgiven 2011: And yes the name is from the movie and was edited by Joel Cox. Aromas of cherries and espresso accentuate fruity and earthy nuances. Velvety tannins surround a silky texture with hints of leather and minerality. Ruby fruit-filled nose and distinct notes of plum lead to a lingering finish. Subtle traces of vanilla and mocha enhance the flavors of dark fruit and spice. The acidity and tannin structure promise a very long life. I score Unforgiven at 9.5 corks. At \$30 per bottle this is a matinee price for a level of quality that is hard frame.

Visit Mystic Hills Winery at <http://www.mystichillsvineyard.com>

Oak Shores Flag Design Contest

by Randy Feltman

Oak Shores is a special place and our Members are justifiably proud of our beautiful lakeside community. In that spirit a suggestion was made that Oak Shores have a flag. If we had one we could fly it at the entrance and the clubhouse and residents who wanted one could fly it at their home. What would it look like? That question led to a suggestion for a design contest for residents with some artistic ability or interest to develop a proposed design. If you're interested or know some resident (adult, teen or child) who might be interested encourage them to prepare a design and submit it to the office. We will collect all the designs and have the Board Members and attendees at the Annual Community Meeting in September select the best one. The winner will get one of the first custom flags with their design for their home or location of their choice. You could be the designer of the Oak Shores flag!



2015 Oak Shores Kids Fishing Derby

2015 Winners

Juniors

Biggest Bass – Addy Mellow – 1.69
Biggest White Bass – Lukas Rea – 2.10
Biggest Crappie – Gage Conrad – 1.30
Biggest Catfish – Brooke Smith – 2.73
Biggest Carp – Brooke Smith – 4.64

Seniors

Biggest Bass – Jack Hinkle – 1.30
Biggest White Bass – Jack Hinkle – 2.60
Biggest Crappie –
Biggest Catfish – Brie Howenstine – 2.20
Biggest Carp –

Juniors – Total Weight – Bass

1st Drake Taylor – 6.90
2nd Elle Taylor – 6.51
3rd Addy Mellow – 5.90

Seniors – Total Weight – Bass

1st Jack Hinkle – 2.31
2nd Logan Thon – .93
3rd

Juniors – Total Weight – White Bass

1st Brooke Smith – 7.99
2nd Emily Rea – 5.27
3rd Lukas Rea – 3.58

Seniors – Total Weight – White Bass

1st Jack Hinkle – 9.72
2nd Logan Thon – 4.87
3rd Rebecca Dulitz – 1.03

Juniors – Total Weight – Crappie

1st Gage Conrad – 1.31
2nd McKenna Howenstine – 1.30
3rd

Seniors – Total Weight – Crappie

1st
2nd
3rd

Total Catfish – Junior & Senior

1st Brooke Smith – 2.73
2nd Brie Howenstine – 2.20
3rd Rebecca Dulitz – 1.37

Bluegill

1st Trent Ingwersen – .71





Easter Egg Hunt



MEMORIAL DAY BBQ Benefits FIRE WISE



BAKE SALE

How
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<u>HOMES</u>			<u>LOTS</u>		
Address	Bd/Ba	Price	Address	Sq. Ft	Price
2574 Shoreline	2/3	\$199,000	8103 Boat Hook	11543sf	\$24,000
8116 Cove Ln	3/2	\$249,000	2677 Pine Ridge	8537sf	\$49,000
2178 Ridge Rider	3/2	\$255,000	2533 Shoreline	9322sf	\$50,000
2321 Ridge Rider	2/2	\$269,000	2705 Lookout Loop	5706sf	\$62,500
2343 Lakeview	3/2	\$279,000	2517 Captains Walk	4782sf	\$69,000
2363 Rough Rd.	3/2	\$289,000	2450 Stern Deck	5660sf	\$69,000
2462 Captains Walk	3/2	\$299,000	2768 Oak Shores Dr	5153sf	\$69,900
2430 Stern Deck	2/2	\$319,000	8679 Landlubber	5950sf	\$75,000
2359 Lakeview	2/2	\$317,000	2631 Crows Nest	5001sf	\$75,000
2529 Captains Walk	2/2	\$319,999	8813 Circle Oak	8800sf	\$79,000
2297 Ridge Rider	3/2	\$369,500	8769 Deer Trail	12937sf	\$79,000
2614 Crows Nest	4/4	\$369,900	2700 Turkey Cove	6800sf	\$85,000
2772 Oak Shores	3/3	\$374,900	8811 Deer Trail Ct	12798sf	\$99,000
2708 Turkey Cove	2/3	\$389,000	2851 Lands End	6041sf	\$100,000
8101 Boat Hook	4/2	\$399,000	2879 Saddle Way	12110sf	\$110,000
8813 Deer Trail Ct	3/3	\$399,000	2645 Pine Ridge	7600sf	\$130,000
2647 Oak Shores	3/2	\$399,000	8820 Deer Trail	15999sf	\$155,000
2860 Spike Ct	3/3	\$419,000	2676 Pine Ridge Rd	11979sf	\$199,900
2641 Pine Ridge	4/2	\$499,000			
8208 Bass Pt	3/2	\$499,000			
8791 Circle Oak	3/4	\$499,000			
8274 Anchor Way	3/3	\$545,000			
3125 E. Beach	3/3	\$679,000			
8209 Bass Pt	5/3	\$719,000			
2676 Pine Ridge Rd	4/3	\$725,000			
8132 Smith Pt.	3/3	\$799,000			
2581 Shoreline	5/4	\$869,000			

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**OUR DEAR DEER: Part 2****By Ginny Becchine**

In the book *Bambi, A Life in the Woods*, our little hero is a roe deer. An Austrian wrote the book so he used the small, elegant roe deer that is found throughout Europe as his main character. Since Americans are not familiar with the roe deer Disney changed Bambi into a white-tailed deer, and for my article I will change him into the black-tailed subspecies of the mule deer (AKA the Oak Shores Bambi).

Bambi's father was The Great Prince of the Forest and a buck with a full rack sure looks princely. Bucks begin growing antlers in the spring. It's a hormone cycle thing. The antlers grow from the skull at a spot called the pedicle. The velvet supplies the growing bone with blood. The rack is fully developed by late summer. The blood supply to the velvet is shut off, another hormone thing, and the dried velvet is

shed as the animal scrapes its antlers on brush and trees. After the mating season the base of the antlers demineralize, still another hormone thing, and eventually the weight of the antlers break them away from the pedicle.

In early fall you see the first signs of rutting behavior. Adult males show their status by using those antlers in a visual display of imitation or by having head to head antler battles. Dominance is very important to bucks. If challenged by a lesser buck the dominant buck will engage in a bout of sparring with the challenger. The challenger will usually spar for a short time and then disengage. Sparring matches are very common. However, if the bucks are of equal size, the challenge could result in a fight. Fights between equal bucks are rare, but these fights can be brutal and in some cases even fatal.

The best males mate. Bucks mate with multiple females during the rut. Once the rut is complete the male black-tailed deer will have no connection with the fawn that was just created. Females after a gestation period of about 200 days go off by themselves and eventually give birth. Meanwhile the males wander in friendly twosomes or small bands throughout the summer months. Younger does give birth to one fawn. Older does (3-9 years old) who are healthy often have twins.



When born a fawn weighs between 4.5 to 11 pounds. The newborn has to start nursing within the first hour and stand within the first 12 hours. For up to a week fawns spend 90 to 95% of their time bedded. They only stand occasionally to stretch or to change bedding sites. The behavior keeps the new fawn hidden from predators while the doe forages. The doe must eat enough to produce adequate milk to feed her fawn so she spends the day foraging. Fawns rely on their camouflage and stillness to hide them while waiting for their mothers return.



During the early weeks of life, the fawn sees its mother only 4 to 6 times a day for nursing. After the first few days, fawns will begin to follow their mothers for short distances and begin exploring their world. By about 1 week of age, fawns will run when discovered and their agility and speed is amazing. However, during the first 4 to 5 weeks they still remain bedded for most of the day. After a few months the fawn is weaned. Around this time they also lose their baby coat and grow a grayish winter coat. It was during Bambi's first winter, that his mother was shot and killed by a deer hunter, leaving the little fawn mournful and alone.

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**Bob Deltz—Continued from Page 4)**

What Bob loves most about living in Oak Shores are the friendly people and all the activities the Recreation Committee puts on and is very appreciative for all the events the committee does to bring people together. He encourages more people to attend these functions and get to know their neighbors, “they’ll discover a lot of interesting and talented people living in Oak Shores”. He’s full of interesting information in all areas and loves to talk with people to find out about their lives. He also enjoys the lake, and the day of our interview announced that he just that day purchased a new pontoon boat!

Thank you Bob for being so involved and enthusiastic about our wonderful community!

Managers Report (Continued from Page 3)**What can you as a homeowner do to protect your home?**

Educate yourself on how to harden your home against a forest fire.

There are many publications on how to protect your home from fires. The Cal Fire website has many such publications. I strongly suggest that you go to <http://www.readyforwildfire.org> to learn firsthand how to protect your most valuable asset, your home. For those of you who use your home as a vacation home please remember to insure your home is safe prior to leaving the community.

Understand what to do if a forest fire is approaching the community

We, as the staff, often get asked what a homeowner does in case a fire is approaching the community.

We can’t help you personally but we can direct you to information that is important for you to know on how to prepare your family and friends for such an event.

Go to http://www.readyforwildfire.org/docs/files/CALFIRE_Set_Brochure.pdf for some great information on being prepared. This information will insure that if something does happen, that you’re prepared. We have two escape routes out of the community if an evacuation is necessary. One is the main road and the second one is a route that takes you through the development and land to the east of the community ending up in the Bee Rock area.

In case of a fire the staff will be working with the fire department and law enforcement to insure a smooth evacuation of the community. Please remember to follow the directions of all parties involved in getting your family out of the community safely.

Join the Fire Wise Committee in Oak Shores

The Association’s Fire Wise Committee is part of the national Fire Wise Community organization, www.firewise.org, which is designed to work with the individual homeowners to educate and inform owners on what they can do to protect their homes and those of the community. I strongly suggest that each and every one of you get involved with this organization. Contact the office for more information.

Our Dear Deer (Continued from Page 13)

Black-tailed deer are sociable only within their own sex. Therefore, upon reaching a mature age, around 16 or 18 months, a young buck leaves the family group where he was raised and sets out to find a male bachelor group. When he arrives in this bachelor group, he must prove himself and establish his status among his peers through sparring. Female offspring stay with the mother.

What should you do if you find a spotted fawn hiding in the bush? Leave it alone as the mother may be nearby and waiting for you to leave the area. Check on the fawn 3-4 hours later and if he is still there he may be orphaned. If a fawn is wandering around alone and crying he may be orphaned. There is no facility in California licensed to rehabilitate injured or ill adult deer, but if you think a fawn is injured or orphaned call Pacific Wildlife Care at 805-543-WILD (9453). Fawns and young deer can be taken in by rehabilitation centers.



Air Ambulance Service

by Lois Lindley—Bryson Hesperia

There has been some confusion regarding the air ambulance service normally called in an emergency for this area. The closest service used to be CalStar from their bases in Salinas or Santa Maria. Now, the Mercy Air base at Fort Hunter Liggett is the closest air ambulance to the Bryson Hesperia and Lockwood areas, (**and Oak Shores**) and therefore the usual service activated by 911. Both CalStar and Mercy Air offer a yearly program to cover only services in their air ambulances (or, in the case of CalStar, also reciprocal partner services). In both cases coverage is mainly in the western states.

CALSTAR still could be the service called should Mercy Air be unavailable. You may request CALSTAR in an emergency, but there is no guarantee that CALSTAR will be the provider that is activated. For transport between hospitals, a patient may always directly request CALSTAR.

Hesperia Hall currently offers a group membership in CalStar at a discount for \$35.00 per year per family. Current members should have received a renewal from CalStar in the mail, and probably also an email notice; renewal checks are to be sent directly to CalStar. If sufficient number of current members renew, the group membership in CALSTAR will continue to be available for Hesperia Hall members. If a group membership is no longer available, individual and family memberships are available. To enroll, if you are not currently a CalStar member, send a completed and signed CalStar Enrollment Form and a check for \$35.00 made out to CalStar Air Ambulance to CALSTAR as instructed on the enrollment form. Group membership applications are available from Lois Lindley, 805-472-9556.

CalStar is a non-profit corporation. The CalStar membership covers air rescue by CalStar and reciprocal programs. If a member already has health insurance covering air ambulance services, this would be a secondary insurance. The plan applies to the use of their helicopter within a 150 mile radius of any CalStar base, and can be inter-hospital or from the field to a hospital, and use of their airplane within a 600 mile radius. Further information about CalStar and CalStar membership is available at the CALSTAR web site, www.calstar.org.

Mercy Air is owned and operated by Air Methods Corporation, a for profit corporation, publicly owned and traded on NASDAQ. Mercy Air does not have a membership plan similar to CALSTAR, but instead directs inquiries to LifeShield Alliance, which now offers a membership plan as OmniAdvantage. That membership covers only service by Air Methods air ambulances to cover costs not covered by your current health insurance policy, for \$49 per year per family or \$39 per year for AAA members. For further information on Mercy Air, see their website at www.airmethods.com/mercyair. From that site you can link to LifeShield Alliance.

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