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President's Message

by Bob Lever



Great news! The CC&Rs have been approved!!

On October 30, 2008, Judge Barry LaBarbera of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court granted our petition for the Oak Shores Community Association to adopt its new restated CC&Rs.

Thanks to three years of dedicated effort by the CC&Rs Committee, two previous OSCA Boards of Directors, the input from our membership, and the Adams-Kessler law firm, we now have CC&Rs that are current, complete, and in compliance with California state law. I can't stress enough how important new CC&Rs are to our community. Their implementation will give this and future Boards fair and equitable guidelines for our members as well as provide added protection of property values. A copy of the restated CC&Rs will be mailed to each member.

It's pretty clear by now that our country is experiencing serious economic difficulties and, unfortunately, the affects already are being felt by a number of our fellow members: Buying and selling property; poor or no returns on investments; and, job losses. How this situation ultimately will affect our community as a whole is uncertain. We do know that some members are experiencing loan problems and there are more foreclosures than normal. This could have a future impact on anticipated revenues such as dues and assessments. Fortunately, at the present time Oak Shores is in great shape, we have a balanced budget, and our association has no outstanding loans. Pretty incredible considering the times! The Board and Manager will make sure that every projected expenditure in our 2009 operating budget is scrutinized and justified. Any problems or changes in our financial condition will be immediately communicated to you as well as how they are resolved.

I am extremely optimistic about the upcoming year. If we all work together and openly communicate with one another, I feel we can solve virtually any situation. Keep in mind: We always need and welcome participation on our Committees - - -

Finance - Private Marina - Safety - Recreation - Architectural - Fire Department
Janice Gillenwater can always use volunteers for community events.

Your attending Board meetings is also very important (3rd Saturday of the month).

I want to thank the Community for the opportunity to serve on the Board once again - and the Board Members for re-electing me as president. I look forward to working with all of you. Have a great Holiday Season.



General Manager's Report

by Annette Louder

The summer season has come to an end, the year is coming to a close, and the Holiday season and New Year are quickly approaching. It's been a very busy and productive year, with many accomplishments to reflect upon. There have been several exciting improvements to the community this year, with more planned for the future. Our Maintenance Department has been very busy with several projects including completion of the following items:

- ◆ Recently installed new exterior siding on the campground restrooms building. It will be painted in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Speed bumps on Oak Shores Drive, Turkey Cove, and Saddle Way have all been repainted.
- ◆ All of the main roads and several of the side roads have been crack sealed. The remaining side roads will be completed over the next few weeks.
- ◆ All stop lines were repainted.
- ◆ Many of the trees hanging over the main roads have been trimmed. They will be completing additional tree trimming over the next few weeks.
- ◆ Installation of the solar motion detector lights on each of the community docks.
- ◆ New anchors have been installed on the three community docks, which will help maintain stability during busy times and windy weather.

OTHER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We recently had several trees trimmed by an arborist, near the turn across from the campground entrance, due to a near collision caused by a blind spot. This has dramatically improved the line of sight going both directions on this curve.

There are several manholes in the areas of roads that were paved by Ramsey Asphalt in 2007, where the concrete around the lids is cracking and falling apart, primarily on Oak Shores Drive. I am happy to report that we contacted Ramsey Asphalt and received a very positive response. They inspected the manholes and agreed to remove all of the concrete around ten (10) of the manholes and replace it with the appropriate amount of new concrete, at NO COST to the Association. The work is being completed as I write this.

FINANCIAL NEWS

In August, the Board of Directors approved a proposal to have a new Reserve Study completed. *JD Brooks Reserve Studies* was selected to complete a Level I Full Study with site inspection, which included the creation of a new component inventory list. The Reserve Study has been completed and approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors adopted the 2009 Budget at the November 15th Board meeting, which includes the new reserve contribution figures from the Reserve Study. The Budget, along with several disclosures, will be mailed to all members by the end of November.

STAFFING NEWS

I would like to thank the entire staff for a great job during the busy summer season this year! With the addition of outside Security staff filling seasonal patrol positions on weekends this summer, it was a very safe and successful summer season.

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Meet Your Neighbors – Sam and Fran McKibbin

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



A very special wedding took place on July 23, 2008. The Bride and Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKibbin, renewed their wedding vows in Boomtown, Nevada with over 100 family and friends witnessing the ceremony and a “great memorable party thrown by their wonderful children”. Fifty years ago on that date, Fran and Sam McKibbin married in Reno and have been “Lucky in Love” ever since. They are each other’s best friend and both agree wholeheartedly they want to go for another 50 years - together. What do they attribute to their successful marriage of 50 Years? Fran says, “Have respect for one another”. Sam added something, but we can’t print it.

Fran met Sam, “a cute, tall, blond guy with a new 56’ Chevy Convertible”, in 1956 in Hollister, California where she was born and raised. She was working as an usherette at the State Theater in Hollister while Sam was working on a construction site there. Fran was born and raised in Hollister and her mom’s family goes back six generations in San Benito County. Sam & Fran married in 1958 and built their first house in Hollister where they raised their four children, Joan, David, Robert and Kathy. They have six grandchildren, Shilo, Angie, D.A., Rebecca, plus Sara and Matt who live in Chicago, and one great-grandchild, Lily.

Sam is the eighth generation of local Bradley family decedents. Sam was born in Monterey but mostly grew up in Bradley. His mom’s family lived in Bradley since the 1800’s. His great-grandfather, Henry Veach, settled in Bradley in the 1800’s and had one of the first private zoos in California at the Seaplane Inn in Bradley. Sam remembers the big fire in the 50’s that burned Bradley down. He attended high school in King City when he reached a crossroad trying to decide if he should become an astronaut, CIA agent or an apprentice carpenter. He says he chose the latter because of the potential for excitement.

Sam is very familiar with the Lake Naci area. He always loved boating, camping and fishing as a family and spent many vacations at the lake. When Sam & Fran lived in Hollister, they went back to Naci every year for 40 years for big family reunions with his siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Sam and Fran and their kids camped at the main campgrounds and enjoyed the lake. After Sam retired in 1996, they decided to purchase their house on Lakeview at Oak Shores.

They are thoroughly enjoying their retirement at Oak Shores with their “adopted Oak Shores family”, and their beautiful black lab, Lucy. Fran says, “more people know Lucy than me”. You might often see Lucy riding with Sam on his white motorscooter. They love everything about Oak Shores, most especially the wonderful people and great friends they’ve made. They describe it as a small town similar to where they were raised. It’s the best of both worlds for them because they have their families close by and really enjoy being with their fun relatives, but then they always look forward to returning to Oak Shores socializing with the people around the community and on the lake. “We have good friends who we can depend on to be there to help each other when needed”. They talk about their next-door neighbors, Mark and Angie Pozzi, with great fondness and describe them as “the greatest couple and neighbors” and have helped each other many times.

They love to travel in their 5th wheel and take off every summer for 3 months to Klamath, Ca. where they meet up with a whole bunch of family members and friends. They are both involved with the Oak Shores community. Both are members of the Fire Auxiliary. Every morning Sam meets his best buddy, Don Krause, at the fire Station where they work out with weights and talk (mostly talk).

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Dan in the Vines
By Dan Del Campo



Although I have lived here at Oak Shores for the last five years, I have been traveling to the wineries in the North County since 1992. Since that time there has been significant growth in the number of wineries. So I have been invited to write about those small unique wineries. Here's the first.

Accidents happen. Lightning strikes. In this case both happened the same day. I had read an announcement about the opening of a new small winery and decided to head out on a Sunday for a taste. During the drive to find this winery, which seemed to be difficult, I came upon a sign displaying the name of a winery I had not heard about. This was the accident. The name was Thunderbolt. This was

the lightning strike. So I discovered the unpretentious wine tasting room. There were a few folks there, but the owners, Aurora and Richard Gumerman, immediately greeted me and asked if I was there to taste. My first impression was that this is the way it used to be when you strolled into a wine tasting room. Friendly, happy to see you, and small and cozy.

Since this was my first visit, I would sip my way down the entire list of wines. But I was not allowed to just taste the wine, I had to sample the proper food pairing that was either prepared or selected by Aurora. This makes the wine tasting experience very satisfying because you learn how the wines might taste with various foods.

Needless to say the wide varieties of wines are excellent with limited production. The reds are very well crafted with their signature Thunder ranking very high. On your next tasting trip, seek out the Thunder and see if lightning strikes for you. Visit their website at www.thunderboltwinery.com. Also, a big thanks to Thunderbolt for contributing a case of Thunder for the Halloween Party. Happy sipping.



Good Neighbor Alert

There is a cattle ranch located between Oak Shores 2 and the Bee Rock community. The owner of this ranch attended our last Board Meeting to report that persons have been entering his property from Oak Shores, causing damage to his property and cattle. Gate locks have been cut, gates have been left open allowing cattle to leave the property, and cattle have been spooked. Our neighbor reports these trespassers have entered on dirt motorbikes, on mountain bikes and on foot as hikers. Our neighbors are concerned about the vandalism and the liability if someone were to be hurt on their property. Please help our neighbor and the Sheriff identify and stop these individuals. Report any information to the OSCA office. We want to be good neighbors.

* **OSCA Christmas Party!!!** *
* **Santa will be there.** *
* **Saturday** *
* **December 20, 2008** *
* **5pm at the Clubhouse** *
* **Italian Style Potluck** *
* **Bring Your Favorite Main Dish** *
* **Side Dish or Dessert to Share** *
* **Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Cider Provided** *
* **Drinks for Purchase at the Bar** *
* **RSVP for Adults and Children** *
* **to the OSCA Office 472-2233** *



“RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD”

By Cathy Anding Wolfe

Winter time and the Christmas Season is in full swing around Oak Shores, and there is so much to do to keep active. No matter how much time you might be limited to when you come up to your homes, there's always time to explore or "play tourist". Even if you wait until after the holidays, there is much happening around the SLO county area. So come on, enjoy your Oak Shores home even more this season. I thought a few of the activities in and around, would entice even the most diehard lake person. After-all, they're all "right in our own backyard"...

Annual Lighted Boat Parade - Morro Bay

Local Boats decorated with lights for the holiday season and cruise the harbor for your enjoyment after dark. Live Music and Shopping all day!

Date: **December 6, 2008**
Time: 6:30 - 8:30PM
Location: **Marinas in Morro Bay**
Event City: Morro Bay
Parking: Free on Street
Phone: 800-231-0592
Admission: Free

A Vine Street Victorian Holiday showcase in Paso Robles

14 Blocks of Victorian Homes decorated for the holidays, with storytellers, Scrooge, Santa, the Grinch, carolers, dancers, music, **hot cider & cocoa**, trolley rides (no cars, no dogs allowed). It is all FREE. A MUST SEE !! For over 20 years this has become one of the spectacular California Holiday Experiences that both young and old talk about all year long. Don't miss it!!

Date: **December 13, 2008**
Time: 6 - 9 PM
Location: Vine Street
Vine Street, between 8th & 21st
Event City: **Paso Robles**
Parking: Free on nearby street
Phone: 805-238-4103
Admission: Free

Annual Outdoor Ice Skating—Atascadero

Join the fun as you **Ice Skate outdoors** in the beautiful "Sunken Gardens" in front of the historic downtown City Administration Building. Charge includes actual skates and skating for about 1 hour. (No discount if you have your own skates.) Tickets thru Vallitix or at site.

Date: **December 19, 2008 - January 4, 2009**
Time: 10:30 AM - 9 PM
Location: **Sunken Gardens off El Camino Real**
Event Address: El Camino Real, Downtown
Event City: **Atascadero**
Parking: Free on Street
Phone: 805-545-0101

Annual Polar Bear Dip — Cayucos

Bring in the New Year by running into the ocean! (Some in costume). For the brave / insane and the people that love to watch. Certificate for each of the hundreds!! of people brave enough to participate. Even if you just intend to watch, wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel - you just may decide to join in. (No wetsuits allowed - that's cheating.) This is the 28th Annual Carlin Soule Memorial Polar Bear Dip. Festivities begin at 10 AM, all run into the ocean as a mass group at noon. (Most leave as a mass group at 12:01, if not sooner.)

Date: **January 1, 2009**
Time: 10 AM PM - 12:05 PM
Location: **Cayucos Pier**
Event Address: Downtown Cayucos
Parking: Free on Street
Phone: 805-995-1200
Admission: Free

Annual "Esprit du Vin" Wine Celebration

Wine festival to celebrate the "Spirit of Wine" at eleven award-winning wineries on Highway 46, East of Paso Robles. Each participating winery holds related events. Includes **Bianchi, Chumeia, Clautiere, Eberle, Martin & Weyrich, Meridian, Robert Hall and Sylvester Wineries. Prizes.**

Date: **January 17, 2009 - January 19, 2009**
Time: 10 - 5 PM
Location: Most on Highway 46 East
Event City: Paso Robles
Parking: Free at wineries
Phone: 805-239-1616
Admission: TBD -

Eagle Watch Tour - Paso Robles Area

Saturdays & some Sundays, go out on a 56-foot tour boat on Lake San Antonio. The lake supports about 40 golden and bald eagles. Bring a lunch and enjoy some great bird watching. Space limited - Reservations required. Operate rain or shine.

Date: **January 3, 2009 - February 28, 2009**
Time: 11 AM - 2 PM
Location: Lake San Antonio
Event Address: Star Route 2620
Event City: Bradley / Paso Robles
Phone: 888-588-CAMP
Admission: \$12

The Birds Around Us

By Ginny Bechine



I was looking out the window of my new home in Oak Shores, and suddenly something swooped down and landed in a nearby tree. It was at eye level, and I became extremely excited being so close to a beautiful *Buteo lineatus*. OK, I had to look that up myself. *Buteo* (genus) refers to a broad-winged, robust bodied, soaring hawk. In Europe, you would call them buzzards; however, the term buzzard is not used in North America. Don't confuse hawks (buzzards) with vultures. Locally, we have only one vulture, the Turkey Vulture, and lots of hawks.



The hawk I saw is a medium sized hawk that can be up to 24 inches tall with a 44 inch wingspan and weigh up to 1.5 pounds. The males and females look exactly alike, except the female is larger. In the birds of prey (hawks, falcons, eagles, owls), the female is approximately 1/3 larger than the male. I am still trying to find out why it happens in the birds of prey.

I could tell my hawk was an adult by its feathering. It had a brownish head, a dark brown back, and reddish under parts streaked with dark brown. The tail was quite long and marked with narrow white bars. Its wings were striped black and white and its shoulder was red. It is this reddish shoulder that gives the bird its common name, the Red-shoulder Hawk.

The diet of Red-shouldered hawks consists primarily of small mammals; the largest of these being rabbits and squirrels. Just a "heads-up" - if you use poison to kill a squirrel or other rodent, it can end up killing a hawk. There have been many, many documented cases of hawks and owls dying because they ate a poisoned rodent. Bait poison has also killed pets. I recently spoke to two vets about this. I asked them if they ever had a case when a dog or cat was poisoned and both emphatically said yes. The vet who works with me at Foothill College said she sees this way too often.

I can't wait until I move to Oaks Shores permanently so I can spend time bird watching and look for my Red-shoulder Hawk. Any other bird watchers out there?

(Sam & Fran McKibbin Continued from Page 6) Sam is very much involved with community volunteer projects and is always willing to help. Sam as "Santa" is well loved at the annual Christmas Party. Sam also enjoys woodworking and carpentry using the skills that he acquired as a carpenter. Fran volunteers in the community with Recreation Committee activities and our Logos Store. People in the community who know them love their great sense of humor and enjoy being around them.

When at home they have plenty of interests. Fran enjoys antiques, painting, reading, gardening, camping and hanging out with Sam and Lucy. She enjoys traveling and has recently been to London and Ireland. Sam keeps himself busy with his second love, "The African Queen", (others call it "A Friggin Queen") an old fishing boat he bought from the Fire Department. He is renovating it so he can take it to the Lake Naci Pontoon Party cruises. Only problem is, Sam says they would have to be towed home because The African Queen still has a few glitches. Sam is also well-known and a popular party guest due to his Wild Custom Margarita Drink Machine. You have to see it (and hear it) to believe it. Gas powered and looks like the front end of a Harley Motorcycle.

Sam and Fran are living the good life and never a day goes by without them getting off to a good start by drinking their 3 cups of coffee while snuggling in bed taking the time to talk before the day starts.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OAK SHORES GALA

Wednesday, December 31, 2008, 8PM -12:30AM

Cost \$20.00 per person Adults 18 & older

Oak Shores Clubhouse

Hors d'oeuvres - Social - Dancing, Live Music by "Ruckus"
Bar opens at 7:30

Please show your community support by purchasing your drinks at the party!

Water-Soda 1.00 Beer—Wine 2.00—Mixed Drinks 3.00

Dressy— Semi Formal – Black and White

(Dust off your suit jackets, ties are optional)

Please come out and celebrate in style.

Reservations requested but not required by Dec.28th

Janice 472-9404 or Shari 472-2855

Outside Alcohol Prohibited – Smoking in Designated Area

(Managers Report Continued from Page 3) I am very pleased to announce the addition of our newest employee to the Code Enforcement Department, Vince Mack. Vince is a great addition to the team who brings enthusiasm and new ideas to Oak Shores. He was hired to fill the patrol position that became vacant when Jim Vander Dussen resigned. Jim relocated to Southern California and will be missed by all of us.

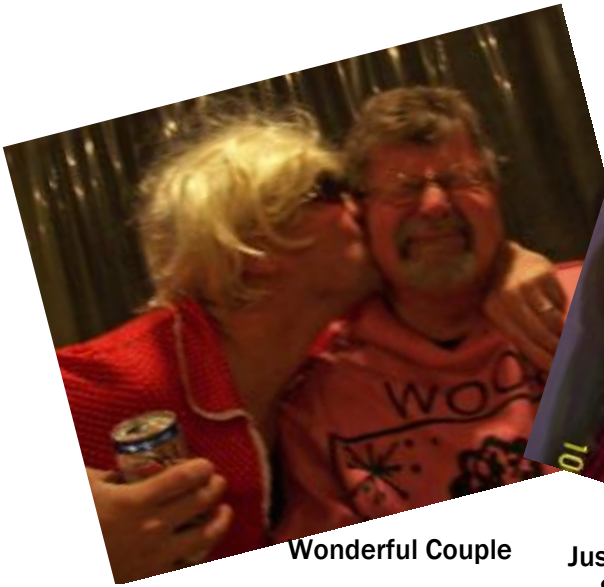
It has recently been decided that the Association needs to have a *full time* Supervisor for the Maintenance Department. Therefore, as some of you already know, I have begun the recruitment process for a new, full-time Maintenance Supervisor. Most of you know Dale Dehart, our current part-time Maintenance Supervisor. Dale has done a great job serving the community for several years and understands the Association's need for a full-time Supervisor. His contributions to the Association over the years have been significant and very much appreciated. I have expressed our great desire to have Dale continue his employment with the Association once the position is filled. Thankfully, he has agreed to continue his employment with Oak Shores on a part-time basis.

As a reminder the office will be closed on the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays. The gate will be staffed 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and will be closed on Christmas Day and open New Year's Day from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

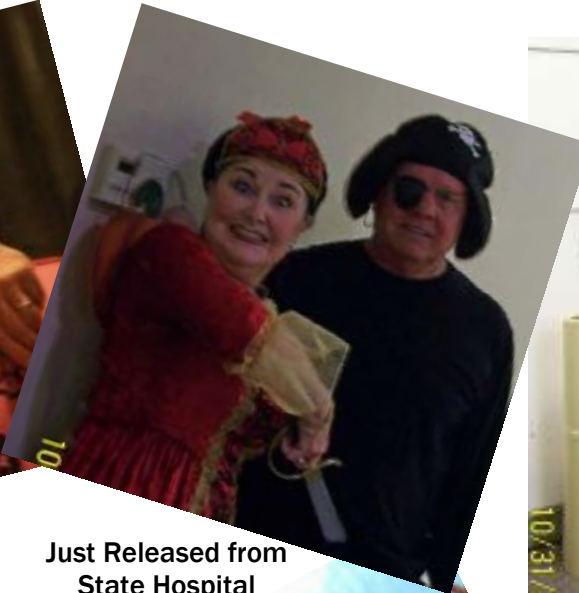
During this very special and joyous time of year, it's important to be thankful for our blessings and appreciate the love of our family and friends. May all of you be blessed with a Merry Christmas and very happy and safe New Year! I look forward to seeing all of you next season!!!



Halloween Party How Did these Characters get through the Gate?



Wonderful Couple



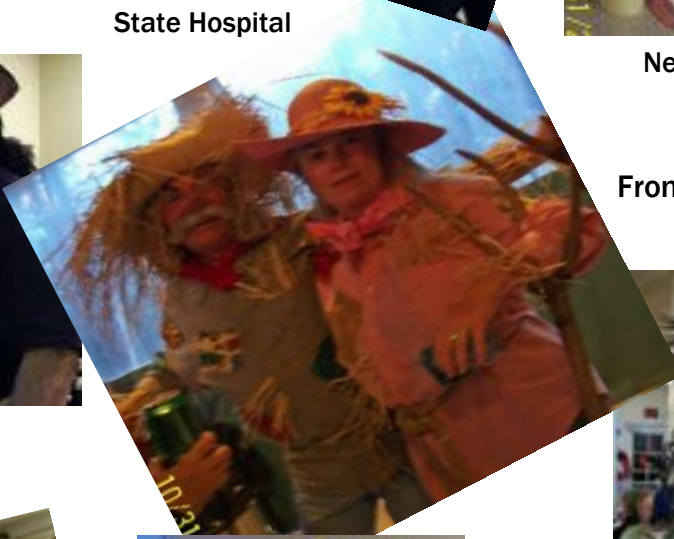
Just Released from
State Hospital



New OSCA Security Staff



Strange Looking Pirates



From the Land of OZ



Bad Hair Day



Queen Bee, a Cow and
I don't know what?



Sam & Fran on their
Wedding Day



Mammogram Man and His Assistant



Labor Day Custom Jeep Show, Parade, & MORE A Good Time Was Had by All



Hundreds of Bud Lite Cans
Don Krause
Dick Frederiksen



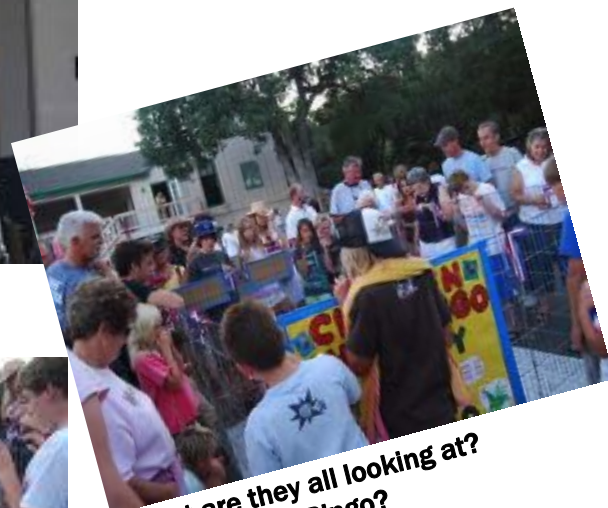
The Corona Mobile



**Even Keith from Bee Rock Store
joined the fun!**



GREAT BBQ



**What are they all looking at?
Chicken Shot Bingo?**



**Special Entertainment by
Danny Horn**



Please POOP on MY number!!



Oak Shores 32nd Annual Firefighters Appreciation Dinner and Dance

Come and Show your Support and Appreciation to our Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday February 7th 2009
Oak Shores Clubhouse
Bar Opens 5pm
Formal Dinner Served 6pm
Music & Dancing 7-11pm Dressy Casual – Semi Formal
Tickets \$25.00 per person
Auction Pin & 50/50 Raffle – proceeds go to our Fire Dept
You must RSVP on your choice of Entrée by Feb. 2nd

Menu

Winter Salad with Pears, Gorgonzola, Caramelized Walnuts and Vinaigrette
Assorted Artisan Breads

Choice of Entrée:

Herb Crusted Stuffed Pork Roast with Chunky Applesauce

Or

Chicken Marsala with Mushroom Cream Sauce

Served with Roasted Leek and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

And

String Beans with Shallots

Dessert:

Mocha Cinnamon Cake

Back by Popular Demand: Chefs Cindy Peyton and Karen Oliver
Please RSVP by Feb 2nd Janice 472-9404 or Connie 472-9630

2009 San Miguel Trash Service Notice

by Linda Kardashian

The State of California required cities and counties to divert 50% of the waste stream out of the landfills by 2000. The county of San Luis Obispo met the requirement. By meeting this requirement they avoided a \$10,000.00 a day fine. The standards have increased and now all Community Service Districts and private communities like Oak Shores must begin participating in the recycling program. Therefore, San Miguel Garbage Co. has proposed to start automated trash can service including recycling in July 2009.

One 64 gallon trash receptacle (provided by SMG)

One 64 gallon recycling receptacle (provided by SMG)

Current price: \$21.50 for four 35 gallon cans provided by customer. All old cans will be removed and recycled at no additional cost

New Rate: \$23.25 (one 64 gal trash receptacle and one 64 gal. recycling receptacle)

All cans are always returned to the house or a minimum of 25 feet from the street. This is a service that no other Garbage Company provides for a cluster community in SLO County. San Miguel Garbage also

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CANS FOR CANINES

There are millions of unwanted, abused and neglected animals in the U.S. today. The lucky ones find their way to shelters and sanctuaries. Please join me in helping our furry friends by saving your aluminum cans. I will match every dollar raised and donate the money to charities that help animals in need. Bag your cans and call me for pick up or leave your bags on my driveway. It's so simple and you'll feel good knowing you're helping to bring hope and loving care to an animal in desperate need.

Cindy Peyton
472-2025
2302 Lakeview Dr.

You can also help by going to www.theanimalrescuesite.com It's free and all you do is click and the sponsors donate food and care to an animal living in a shelter. Keep the address in your favorites or inbox and click daily!

QUARTERLY BIG SHOT PHOTO Contest
Oak Shores in Pictures — Now Two Full Pages -
(Send us YOUR Best Photo of the Lake & Oak Shores FUN & BEAUTY....

The BEST SHOT will receive a Logos Gift Certificate and be featured in the OAK LEAVES
You may submit more than 1 photo
Judging by an outside Professional Photographer
Submit Photos By February 1, 2009 to CathyAtTheLake@msn.com — Subject: Pix 4 Prizes
So go out...BE A BIG SHOT...Capture the people, wild animals, lake and natural beauty
it's a WIN/WIN for everyone!!

CONGRATULATIONS To Hedy Gundrum (Photo on Back Page)

BRIDGE ANYONE?

Bridge players are welcome to join the small group that plays every Thursday from 12:30 to 4:00pm. This is a friendly game of rubber (one table) or party bridge (two or more tables). Occasional players, as well as regulars, of any level of ability are welcome. If you're here during the summer or anytime, come play with the group.

One week's notice would be helpful. Please call Patti at 472-2627.





Season's Eatings

By Chef Cindy Peyton



Welcome to the first edition of Season's Eatings. I hope I can inspire you to embrace the bountiful harvest of each season's offerings available at farmers' markets or road side stands. Why not just buy produce at the supermarket, you ask? Because buying direct from local farmers not only protects the environment and supports local family farms but farmers' markets bring us the greatest variety of the freshest and tastiest food there is (think home grown tomato vs. supermarket tomato). And no wasteful packaging, waxes or gases to prolong shelf life.

But before we delve into the Autumn market, a few tips on how to make the most of your farmers' market visit:

- ◆ **Don't make a list.** Try to plan your dishes around the sweet and creamy shelling beans or sweet peppers that catch your eye.
- ◆ **Walk the market before you buy.** See who's selling what. Vendors are happy to let you taste their produce and can give you recipes and tips and answer questions about growing practices.
- ◆ **Try not to overbuy.** Easier said than done when the vibrant, fresh produce looks like candy. But what good is it to buy tender, nutritious asparagus if it sits in the refrigerator for days and starts to deteriorate.
- ◆ **Shop early.** The choicest produce goes first.
- ◆ **Try something new** or something you didn't think you cared for. I think you'll discover those Brussels sprouts you tried to avoid as a kid are sweet and delicious when they're fresh from the farmers' market (remember the tomatoes?).
- ◆ **And last, bring your own canvas or net bags.** Bring several so you can separate the tender items from the heavier ones.

So, at the Autumn market, look for apples, pears, persimmons, pomegranates, sweet potatoes, broccoli and hard shelled squashes like Butternut and pumpkin. Shelling beans, Brussels sprouts and sweet peppers are also at their peak. Think apple and pear crisps, sweet potato fries and butternut squash lasagnas.

SPOTLIGHT ON BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Buy and store them on their massive stalk in the refrigerator. If buying loose, avoid any with yellow leaves or brown butts. Store loose sprouts in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Cook within 1 or 2 days so they retain their sweetness. Prepare the sprouts by removing from the stalk and blanching for 3 or 4 minutes. Immerse the sprouts in cold water to stop the cooking. Meanwhile, heat a combination of butter and olive oil in a skillet. Halve the sprouts and sauté them, cut side down, until golden brown. I think you'll be surprised.

San Miguel Trash (Continued from Page 12)

provides 7 three-yard containers year-round (they are at capacity every week) at no additional cost to Oak Shores. This service will continue at no added cost.

If Oak Shores did not do the billing and if all homes did not participate, the rates would go up significantly due to the fact that the trash trucks would still have to go up and down every street regardless of how many people were signed up. The cost would not be reduced significantly, but the fewer users would have to pay more. The County Public Health Dept. also requires that all residents utilize the garbage service to avoid illegal dumping and protect the public health.



Personal Watercraft History & Safety

By Brent Frank



Technical History

It's not certain when the first personal watercraft (PWC) appeared. The concept is much older than its official definition. The Vincent Motorcycle Company, in 1955, marketed the prop-driven 200cc Amanda Water Scooter. Southern California inventor, Clayton Jacobson, built the first known standup ten years later. Jacobson's aluminum-hulled, rigid-handpole unit morphed into a sit-down craft during his collaboration with snowmobile manufacturer Bombardier. They made the 24-hp, 30-mph Sea-Doo. Its poor handling, poor engine reliability and

susceptibility to corrosion caused Bombardier to kill off the watercraft after the 1970 model year.

When the Bombardier Company pulled out of the market, Jacobson went straight to Kawasaki. By this time his prototype was fiberglass with the patented pivoting handpole and now-famous self-righting abilities. The Kawasaki Jet Ski became the first commercially successful PWC.

Personal Watercraft Safety

Most PWC injuries occur when they collide with other vessels including other PWC or with fixed objects such as docks or tree stumps. PWC are the only recreational boats for which the leading cause of death is not drowning; most fatalities result from blunt trauma. When the cause of death is drowning, most victims are not wearing life jackets.

Many collisions occur due to behavioral factors such as operator inexperience, operator inattention, excess speed or reckless operation. Operators who rent the watercraft seem to be at especially high risk. Operating characteristics of a PWC contribute to these problems. PWC are only maneuverable when the throttle is on or open. Contrary to experience in every other motor vehicle, an obstruction is not avoided by slowing and turning, but by maintaining or increasing speed and turning to avoid the hazard. In addition, as with any watercraft, there is no ability to brake. Stopping is achieved by cutting the throttle and by coasting; no steering is possible when off the throttle.



In addition, wake jumping should not be done within 100 ft of another vessel's stern. PWC must stay at a distance of 200ft from other water skiers or others being towed behind a watercraft.

Be safe and have fun!

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IT'S TIME TO FALL IN LOVE !

By Rick Olson



Fall is a wonderful time on the lake, with less things that seem to bother us during the summer. The crowds are gone along with the heat, boat wakes, and noise and are replaced with migrating birds and ducks, cooler temperatures, smooth quiet water and lots of fat feeding fish !

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. The fish are beginning to feed heavily to fatten up for winter, a time of inactivity as the water cools from the 80's down to the 40's.

Since August the fishing has been pretty darn good...but not everywhere on the lake. Keep searching because there are many areas that hold large numbers of fish. Don't get in the habit of going to your favorite spot because you caught fish there last month. If you don't catch fish fairly quick, move to a new spot, the fish are moving all the time.

As we go through the different seasons, the fish change the primary feeding times. You can catch a fish any time of day, but to catch larger numbers of fish you need to be on the water when they are actively feeding. This August and September if you were not on your spot the first hour of the day you missed the bite. We were catching 20 - 40 fish, after the first hour we only caught a few.

I'm writing this article the end of October, the water temperature in the morning is 64 degrees, in August it was 80 degrees. As winter comes, the water will get in the low 50's - 40's. The fish will feed more in the warmer hours from 9am - 3pm; its already starting to go that way now. As we come into winter, the fish will be slowing down due to being cold blooded. Remember to slow your lure presentation down to a crawl.

Every time you go out, the fish have a secret. Your job is to figure out as much as possible that day. Try different types of areas, lures, times; the more you learn, the more you will catch! Some of the best lures at this time will be plastic worms, jigs and spoons.

Good Luck!

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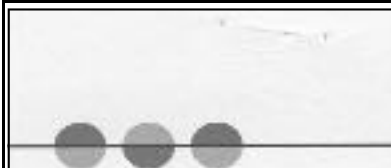
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