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## Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **Christian Fellowship  
Christmas Dinner** **December 10**
- ◆ **Night Lights Parade  
and Open Houses** **December 11**
- ◆ **Community Xmas/Santa  
Party with the Kids** **December 18**
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party** **December 31**
- ◆ **Annual Oak Shores  
Firefighters Ball** **February 12**

## President's Message by Randy Gillenwater



Since the last issue of the Oak Leaves a new Board has been elected. I have been elected to the position of President by the new Board. I would like to thank Jim Money for the two years and Bob Lever for the four years of service to the community as Board Members, both have been past presidents. I would like to welcome Remy Frank and Chuck Lipscomb who were also elected for two-year terms. Bob Sutherland, Sue St. George, Jennifer Divine and Barry Steinhardt will be serving the second year of their terms.

The Finance Committee has just finished the budget for 2011. All of the Members should have received a copy. If you haven't received a copy, please call the office and one will be sent to you. Last year the dues were not increased. This committee recommended a small dues increase of \$2.25 per month for 2011. This is an increase of 1.83% over the two years.

The miniature golf course renovation project is continuing with generous donations from community Members, the Recreation and Beautification Committees and the Logos Store. Working with the Maintenance Department, we hope to have the majority completed by March.

The front gate project, repaving, widening and landscaping of entrance area, is scheduled to begin this Spring with the major work completed before the Memorial Day Holiday. At least that is the plan.

Cement steps leading to the docks in the marina are being added and extended. This project will help with accessing and anchoring the docks. The water levels were at 35% on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the water was at the 130 foot mark on the launch ramp. The water release is currently 60 cubic feet per second, the minimum required fish flow.

There was a community meeting held on October 28<sup>th</sup> with county Supervisor Frank Mechum, the SLO Deputy Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol. The discussion centered on the several break-ins, and thefts from owner's homes, boats and cars. The Sheriffs have caught a subject who has confessed to several of the thefts. The Sheriffs have requested that any member has had any lost items or if you think someone may have tried to enter your property, they would like a call, even if it was as small as finding a screen removed. Call the SLO Sheriff's Office to file a report. Deputy Brent Rechtfertig is assigned to our area will call you back. (805) 781-4550.

I would like to request if there is anyone who would like to join our volunteer Fire Department we are in desperate need of more firefighters. Chris Kirk, the current administrator and volunteer firefighter has resigned as of December 31. Chris and his wife, Stephanie, bought a home in Paso Robles and will be moving there full-time. He has been an active and dedicated leader for our Fire Department and will be greatly missed. His departure leaves us with just 4 volunteers, most of whom work away from Oak Shores.

I would like to thank all the volunteers on all the committees who spend so many hours helping make this community a great place to live and visit. I would also like to thank the entire Oak Shores Staff for all you do. Happy Holidays and I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

## A Message from the Manager

By Dennis Javens



### Community Alerts Program

This year we have seen some unusual activities within the community. We had reports of coyotes attacking deer, mountain lion sightings, vandalism at the golf course, youth's shooting air-soft guns at animals and buildings and several attempted break-ins. Since 80% of the owners do not live here full time, we would like to initiate a community email alerts program, which will allow us to keep owners informed of what is going on in the community. If you're interested in receiving important alerts from our Office, please give us a call or email us with your email address and we will put you on our list. We will also be posting these alerts on the Community Website at [www.oakshores.us](http://www.oakshores.us).

### 2010 in Review

2010 was an outstanding year. Here are some of the highlights:

- ◆ The community docks were damaged in the big storm that hit Oak Shores last October and our Insurance company reimbursed the Association for the cost of the repairs; which were completed in record time.
- ◆ The community playground was completely redone with new play equipment, fencing and grass, creating a nice place for the children of the community to play and for the parents to relax and enjoy themselves.
- ◆ The golf course, a.k.a. "Oak Ridge Park" had all of the golf holes reconditioned and is looking better than ever. More improvements will be done in late 2010 and 2011.
- ◆ Maintenance was able to purchase a heavy duty backhoe and a 1 ton truck that will allow them to work more efficiently and finish projects in record time.
- ◆ New French doors were installed in the clubhouse.
- ◆ The wood flooring in the clubhouse was completely refinished.
- ◆ A new storage building was built on the upper deck of the clubhouse. This allows the chairs, tables and heat lamps to be stored out of sight and in a secure location.
- ◆ The office computers and printer were updated.
- ◆ The Recreation Committee purchased a new drink dispenser for the clubhouse.
- ◆ A new tank less hot water heater has been installed at the Campground
- ◆ The summer of 2010 was very busy. The staff inspected 1,000 watercrafts as they entered the community, for Quagga Mussels, and another 350 owner's boats that never leave the community. Additionally, over 700 guests and renters were processed through the gate from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### 2011 Projects

In 2011, the entrance to the community is going to undergo a major makeover. In 2009 we installed the new entrance gates. In 2011, we will undertake the entrance widening project. This will encompass grinding out the road from Lynch Canyon to the gate house and replacing the road base and asphalt. We will widen the area from the gate house to the entrance gates creating two lanes in each direction. A new kiosk will be installed and will be moved closer to the entrance gates in the middle of the new four lane area. This project will take place in the spring and will be completed by the middle of May. For those of you living in Oak Shores or planning to visit during construction, you can expect some delays and minor inconveniences. Please remember, patience is a virtue.

Along with the gate area improvements, we will be doing a slurry on the 2 ½ mile entrance road to the community. While this will not take as long as the gate area, it will create some driving challenges. The golf course is getting several more improvements. We will be planting more plants and trees, adding additional parking, extending the basketball court, building a pergola and installing more seating. I would like to recognize the Recreation and Beautification Committees, and our store, LOGOS, whose contributions to this remodel, not only with their time and talents, but also financially have been essential to the planning and development of this project.

### Time to Winterize

Please plan on making a trip to visit your home to review the drainage from your roof and property to insure that you are not moving dirt and debris from your lot to the street and/or to your neighbors' property. It is important that we as a community follow the Federal and State Clean Water rules. The staff is inspecting all of the lots in the community and noting any situation in which the lot is draining incorrectly. We will be informing owners of the need to correct the situation as soon as it is observed.

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## Meet Your Neighbors – Rusty and Chuck Lipscomb

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



No more “Hurray For Hollywood” for the Lipscombs. After 31 and 33 years of working in the film industry, Rusty and Chuck retired to Oak Shores and are living their dream life.

Chuck moved to Southern California from Akron, Ohio when he was 5 yrs. old. He worked at various jobs, then after High School worked for General Motors for 11 years. After getting caught up in the lay-offs in 1975, Chuck stumbled into the film industry when a friend asked him to go to work with him. His first job was working for “Spelling Goldberg Productions”, as a Set Dresser moving everything that belonged on a set (furniture, small props, etc.). Chuck proceeded to work on several T.V. shows for Aaron Spelling, some of which were “Fantasy Island”, “Starsky and Hutch”, and “Charlie’s Angels”. He learned his work on-the-job and quickly became a Lead Man, responsible for coordination of set preparation, hiring crew and of set dressing equipment and driver needs. During his career as Lead Man, he worked on 28 feature films, over 70 T.V. series, and 30 commercials and movies including “Heat”, “Dead Poets Society” and “Pearl Harbor”. This wasn’t always the glamorous job that most of us would envision. There was no such thing as a typical workday. At times he worked from 2:00 a.m. until the filming ended. He traveled all over the States and out of the country, sometimes away up to 6 months at a time, leaving his wife, Rusty, at home with 4 teenagers, a dog and 2 cats.

Rusty fully understood the demands and stresses of working in the film industry. She also worked in the film industry as a Set Decorator. Rusty was born in East L.A., then made the big move to West L.A. She attended USC and UCLA majoring in Art. When her sons were born, she realized her love of children and eventually planned a career in early childhood education. She enrolled in a Master’s Degree Program at the Center for Early Education in L.A. However, while attending school, she worked as a waitress and met a film producer/director who needed sketches to raise money for a film. This director told her if she could do the sketches without being paid, he would give her a job on the film. He kept his word, and in January of 1977, Rusty got her first job as a Set Decorator on the movie, “Kingdom of Spiders”, starring William Shatner. She had so much fun with this job that she knew immediately she wanted to make this her career, even though the pay was low and work hours unlimited. She attended classes at UCLA’s Extension Interior Design program to learn more about period design. Things got better in late 1978 when she got into the IATSE, the Union for TV, film and live theatre workers, which meant better pay and benefits. She worked as a set dresser and then lead person for many TV series including “Houston Nights”, “Hart To Hart” and “Mike Hammer”, and Movies of the Week and feature films.

IN 1979, only 8 months after getting into the Union, Rusty accepted a Union call for work requested by a guy named Chuck Lipscomb who was working on “The Gong Show” movie. He asked for a big strong man to help move heavy furniture. In walked Rusty. Not what Chuck was expecting, but it turned out great. They married in December of 1980 and merged their young families - Rusty’s two sons, Jason and Rodney; and Chuck’s two daughters, Tammy and Charlene. They now have 3 grandchildren – Luke 16 yrs. living in Iowa; Zack, 17 yrs. and J.C., 5 yrs. living in Palm Desert.

After 12 years of union work, watching and learning from two well-established and talented Set Decorators, Rusty fulfilled her dream when she got her first job as Set Decorator for the Movie of the Week, “Mike Hammer in Las Vegas” and then on to the T.V. sitcom, “Designing Women” for 4 years. Rusty has  
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since been nominated 7 times for an Emmy as Set Decorator. In 2000 she won the Emmy for the short-lived sitcom, "Love and Money". She also received Emmy nominations for the HBO series "Six Feet Under" in 4 consecutive years; for the HBO series "True Blood"; and for the CBS series "Shark". She loves the detail of character sets and "the fantasy of making something out of nothing". She has worked long hard hours, made some sacrifices along the way, but thoroughly enjoyed her career and doesn't regret for one day the choices she made. **(Special Note:** Rusty just got a call from her professional association, SDSA, informing her that they have selected Rusty to receive a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her body of work. They will present the award at the Annual Luncheon next March. Rusty says, "I am overwhelmed. It is the best of all compliments to be acknowledged in this way by your peers".)



EMMY Award Year 2000

Show business was changing in a way that "became stressful and not fun anymore", so Chuck retired in 2007 and Rusty in 2008. They had a house at Oak Shores as part-timers. They discovered Oak Shores when their son had been visiting and told them that, "they had to go see Lake Nacimiento". Chuck's dream was to live on a lake. In August, 1998, they towed their boat up and camped at the Main Campgrounds, noticing Oak Shores their first day on the lake. In September, Chuck contacted Oak Shores Realty to show them around Oak Shores. They found the right house, and closed escrow in January of 1999. Within 3 years they knew that, "This was where they wanted to grow old together". They love the natural beauty and wildlife and the quality of life compared to the mad-rush of L.A. They love having time to spend quality time with each other, their beloved cat, Lulu, and their many new friends. The first friend Rusty made was her neighbor, Sandy Rice. Rusty said, "if it wasn't for meeting such a nice person, I might not have made the commitment to live here".

Rusty and Chuck share their experience, knowledge and passion by their active participation on the Oak Shores Beautification Committee and as volunteers for many of our community projects. In this way Rusty continues her passion of "making something out of nothing". It started when she saw the bare walls at the clubhouse. She took the initiative to start the very successful Clubhouse Photo Gallery displaying local pictures from the community. The first gallery was in 2009. The photos change out every few months with a new theme. It's fun to view these beautiful photos, and it has inspired more people to share their own pictures of family, pets, local wildlife and our beautiful surroundings. In order to raise funds for the Photo Gallery, Rusty came up with the idea for a Silent Auction. With the help of her neighbors, Toni and John Watkins, Sandy Rice and her husband Chuck, the first one was a huge success. Rusty was amazed at the generosity of the community. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silent Auction will be held Memorial Day Weekend 2011. Rusty also volunteered to help Terry Buterbaugh fix up the structures at the Miniature Golf Course, spending a lot of time repairing, detailing and painting them, along with the help of many of her friends. We are so glad she is now Oak Shores "Set Decorator".

Chuck has been the person who takes it upon himself to be the "behind the scenes" workhorse and is always there to help with any project. He also wanted to be more involved with the community and has recently been elected as an OSCA Board Member. He's looking forward to working with the other Board Members and volunteers to manage our budget during these difficult times and at the same time come up with creative ways to continue to improve the community.

We are appreciative to and thankful for The Lipscomb's dedicated involvement and sharing their expertise, time and energy to help make Oak Shores an even more beautiful place to live.



## Safety Committee News

By Ginny Becchine

Code Enforcement is on site to enforce Oak Shores Rules and Regulations. On weekends during the summer we do hire an outside security company to patrol our community but our Code Enforcement is not Security.

This is why it is extremely important for us to report all crimes and any suspicious activity directly to the Sherriff and to Code Enforcement. The Sherriff at our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting urged us to call their office so that, at the very least, there is a report is on file. It is also very important to report everything to Code Enforcement, who can work directly with the Sheriff's Department. These written reports are useful if later someone is arrested and links can be made between past events. Please protect your community by reporting all crimes and suspicious activity.

Call **911** for all emergencies such as a crime in progress or you feel you or someone else is in danger. Remember to tell them you live at Oak Shores in San Luis Obispo County so you are not routed to Monterey County.

For non-emergencies, call the Sheriff's Department at 434-4290 and call Code Enforcement. Examples of non-emergencies: you come home and your window is broken, no one is in the house, but you think your house was broken into; your door lock has been jimmed; something on your property was damaged or disappeared; a *suspicious* character was seen hanging around your block.

Suspicion means the act or an instance of suspecting something wrong without proof or on slight evidence. Suspicious by definition means causing one to have the idea or impression that something or someone is of questionable, dishonest, or dangerous character or condition.

After calling 911 or the Sheriff's Department also call Code Enforcement.

Finally, always file an Incident Report at the OSCA office. This will ensure that our Manager and the Code Enforcement staff are aware of all problems that occur at Oak Shores and that written documentation exists.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE OAK SHORES GALA



**Thursday December 31, 2010 8PM -12:30AM**  
**Cost \$25.00 per person - Adults 18 & older - Oak Shores Clubhouse**

**Hors d'oeuvres - Social - Dancing - Live Music by "Red Dog Raiders"**  
**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 Attire**  
**Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening.**  
**Reservations requested but not required by Dec.29th**  
**Janice 472-9404 or Shari 472-2855**  
**\*Please No Outside Alcohol \*Smoking in Designated Area**

## Dan in the Vines—Bear Cave Cellars

By Dan Del Campo



What does Perry Mason and **Bear Cave Cellars** have in common? Lawyers and wine! Perry Mason aka Raymond Burr was a founder for Raymond Burr Winery in Sonoma. Barry Kinnman and wife, Marilyn Curry, are lawyers here in Paso and own Bear Cave Cellars on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Their law firm focuses on business law and employment issues, and the winery focuses on wines that are less complex but enjoyable to drink now or even over that LLC contract that has been prepared by the firm!

There is an old adage. Find out what makes you happy and what you are good at. If you're lucky, they are the same thing. For the very few, sometimes there are two things. Barry has been practicing law for a long time but has been practicing making wine since 1991. In both mediums you can practice all you want, but you will never get either perfect. My first encounter with Bear Cave Cellars was a few years ago during a downtown wine event. I was walking down Pine St. and saw a sign for wine tasting at Bear Cave Cellars. I saw no *evidence*, (heh heh), of a tasting room. I asked this man sitting on a chair if he knew where the tasting room was. It was Barry, and he said, "yes it is in my office upstairs" He invited me to come up and taste. That is when I discovered he was a lawyer. I tasted the wines he had to offer while sitting in front of his desk. It was a unique setting and was as if I was in court and asked to approach the bench but was offered a glass of wine.

Now that they have relocated to 840 13th Street, the setting has changed. The wine bar and the law offices are separated. So recently I stopped in to taste the wines once again. Barry put on his winemaking hat and provided a *brief* description of each of the varietals.

The 2006 Syrah has a velvety texture to go along with a lasting taste of fruitiness. Syrah has that unique character that allows one to determine what fruit you taste the most. If you have ever had a lingonberry pie, you can detect certain tartness but rich in flavor. This combination makes it great to serve with turkey and ham during the Holidays. It won a silver medal at the CA State Fair 2009, and how can you go wrong at \$26 a bottle.



If you enjoy Cabernet, then the 2006 Cab, with a blend of 04 & 05 Cab Franc, should not be missed. Cabernets should be judged on their individuality and not by some traditional expectation. At just four years old this Cab can and will age gracefully for another decade. The tannins have calmed, and this allows the flavors to exhibit a ripeness you might expect from Bordeaux. Get a six-pack and drink one a year, but take notes and compare. Another Silver Metal and at \$28 a bottle you will congratulate yourself for a smart buy. There is anticipation of a 2007 Zinfandel to be released in early 2011. So maybe if you *plead your case*, you might get Barry to offer a barrel taste.

For me the *verdict* is in. Guilty of producing two excellent varietals. Stop in for a taste, but don't ask for free legal advice unless you buy cases.

Merry Christmas!!



## Right in Our Own Backyard

By Cathy Anding Wolfe



Heritage Ranch has a Paso Robles zip code, but is not located in or around Paso Robles. Zip codes, started some 50 years ago, are routing-numbers issued by the postal service for mail to be transferred, in order to receive delivery. It is NOT an indication of your community/town/location. Hence, the reason why so many people don't understand that Oak Shores is NOT in Monterey County, and NOT in Bradley. In reality, Lake Nacimiento, and all the developments around the lake, is an UNZIP-CODED area within the County of San Luis Obispo. The Paso Robles and Bradley post offices handle the mail for the lake area. Here are some of the major problems that are occurring because of those facts.

Within the City of Paso Robles, there are TEN street names that are the same as those within the community of Heritage Ranch, (remember, same zip code). When deliveries are scheduled, there is nothing that says on a map that a manufactured home on Partridge in Heritage Ranch is the home to deliver to instead of the manufactured home on Partridge in Paso Robles' Quail Run community. When delivery people are looking for an address on Ridge Rider in Bradley, they will, naturally, go to Bradley, (25 miles North up the Hwy 101 from Paso Robles), only to find NO Ridge Rider anywhere in the general vicinity. Then they have to drive 33 more miles to the correct location at Oak Shores. Here's another (personal) scenario: In paying off a home equity line from Wells Fargo, the Deed of Re-conveyance was recorded in Monterey County! It took 4 ½ months of calls and searching for reasons, only to determine that the original deed was also recorded in Monterey County because the address said "Bradley", despite "San Luis Obispo County" printed on the deed! Insurance premiums are determined by zip codes—Monterey County's insurance rates are much higher than SLO's, including auto, health, and homeowner's insurances! Some residents in Oak Shores couldn't receive (without a battle) satellite dish service with local stations in SLO, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara because "Oh, you're in Monterey County, Bradley". WRONG! The phone company will no longer issue us the San Luis Obispo County PHONEBOOK—Oak Shores has a zip code for Monterey County, and "We can no longer automatically send you the OTHER phonebook" was the answer we've been given! AND, we have to pay extra each month for a listing in our own SLO county phonebook! The newest issue: Our property values have been affected. Why? Due to the economy, Paso Robles' and Bradley's values have declined tremendously because of the many foreclosures. Oak Shores, though, has had only a few, in comparison, yet values have dropped the same percentages. Lake Nacimiento is a continuously growing area that has everything to offer for any age and lifestyle. Recently at the town hall meeting with SLO Sheriffs and the CHP, it was noted that a 911 call out of Oak Shores is routed to Monterey/Salinas and then "re-routed" to San Luis Obispo County, which could possibly be a life or death issue.

So, what is the solution? The solution is: issue LAKE NACIMIENTO ITS OWN ZIP CODE. A very simple idea and solution, yet a very involved process (what else would one expect when dealing with government?) The current communities, the new school, the new shopping center, River View homes, Lakeside Village homes, Oak Shores II, and another 250+ lots being applied for with SLO County in the coming years, proves there are many, many more people than even 5 years ago moving to the lake communities. It only stands to reason to have our area stand on its own as "Lake Nacimiento, CA". (FYI: You can write "Lake Nacimiento, CA" as your town, with either 93446 or 93426.) Still that is not the same as our own zip code designation, because common society practices says a zip code is the location. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZES LAKE NACIMIENTO, CALIFORNIA. My driver's license says that I live in Lk Nacimiento, CA...it does not say Bradley! AND, did you know that the Shoe Department in Sacs Fifth Avenue in New York has its own zip code??? WHY NOT US? Communication has been ongoing for over 5 years with the USPS department heads in Santa Clarita, CA's Regional District & USPS in Washington DC, the County

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## The Art of Brining

By Cindy Peyton



Why are some turkeys dry as sawdust while others are firm, juicy and well seasoned? The answer is brining. Soaking a turkey, or other lean and mildly flavored meat such as chicken and pork, are perfect candidates for brining, which leaves them plump and seasoned. A brine is a solution of salt (and often sugar) and a liquid (usually water) which provides the meat with a plump cushion of seasoned moisture that will sustain it throughout the cooking process. The water translates into moist meat and the salt and sugar translate into seasoned, flavorful meat.

Does brining benefit beef and lamb? No, because these meats are generally cooked to a lower internal temperature. As a consequence, they do not lose as much moisture as poultry or pork, which are generally cooked to a higher internal temperature. Beef and lamb also contain more fat, which helps to keep them more flavorful and moist.

Brining couldn't be easier. In the refrigerator use 1 or 2 gallon zipper lock bags for chicken parts, pork tenderloin and chops. A cooler, chilled with ice packs, can be used for turkeys, pork loin and fresh ham. A basic formula follows:

1 quart cold water

1/4 cup table salt or 1/4 cup plus 2 T Morton kosher salt

1/2 cup sugar

You will need 1 quart per pound of food, not to exceed 2 gallons. Immerse food in brine for 1 hour per pound, but not less than 30 minutes or more than 8 hours. Note: If crispy skin is your goal, allow the brined meat to air dry uncovered overnight in the refrigerator.

If you're not ready to throw your turkey in an ice chest, start with chicken parts in a zip lock bag. I think you'll be surprised at how easy brining can improve texture and flavor in lean meats and poultry.

Eat in season and buy local.

Happy Holidays!

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### Managers Report (Continued from page 3)

#### Community Update

Recently we have experienced some vandalism in the community. On Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> we held a community meeting with members of Law Enforcement and Supervisor Frank Mecham. The goal of the meeting was to encourage residents to report to law enforcement, as well as code enforcement, any unusual activity that is occurring at their home or that is observed in the community. It is also important that you make it as difficult as possible for someone to break into your home.

The staff is working with Cal Fire to develop a fuel modification program for the greenbelt areas of the community. The purpose of this is to develop a long term approach to minimizing the amount of fuel that is available for a fire to consume. What can you as a homeowner do to keep the community safe from fires? If you have trees on your property, please trim your trees' canopies up from the ground 10'; this will assist in reducing fuel for a fire. You can also clean up dead bushes, plants and other foliage, thus removing additional fuel.

Our group tree trimming program brought 12 homeowners to participate on our first attempt to group services for the community. We will be advertising this program throughout the year. Since the Association is planning on reducing fuel for fires, it is also important that property owners do the same in order to protect their homes and their neighbors.

#### Norcast Update.

I am sure all of you are tired of hearing the same story, but Norcast is actually getting much closer to installing hardware. They have held several in-person meetings with AT&T and are working with PG&E on getting power to the proper locations. Sometimes good things just take time to happen.

**HALLOWEEN FUN**



**MORE 2010 CONTEST PICTURES—THIS IS WHAT OAK SHORES IS ABOUT!**



By CURTIS ILLINGWORTH



By KATHY MIGLIORI



By VICKI MARTINEZ



By ZACHARY FRANGOS



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**RUNNER-UP**



By MARCY CLARK



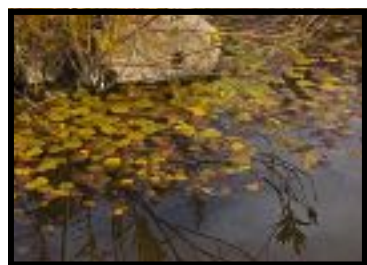
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**RUNNER-UP**



By VICKI WHEELER

**RUNNER-UP**



By MARCY CLARK

**LAST 2 RUNNER-UPS and  
4TH QUARTER WINNERS  
ON BACK PAGE**



By KATHY MIGLIORI



By KATHY MIGLIORO

**ADDITIONAL PHOTO CONTEST 2010 SUBMISSIONS**



By DIANE TAYLOR



By DAN DELCAMPO



By KATHY MIGLIORI



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By DIANE TAYLOR



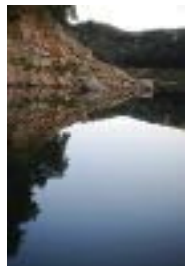
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By JUDY DIVINE



By URSULA DAVIS



By CATHY A. WOLFE

## Western Grebe

By Ginny Becchine



I had seen these elegant birds on the water and now that I had my own boat I wanted to get a closer look at them. But, I am a new boat owner so most of my attention is on driving and those darn birds dive when they see you coming. But, I was able to identify them as Western Grebes (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*). Grebes are “surface divers” as opposed to the plunge diving of the Brown Pelicans. They swim peering into the water in search of prey and then dive in after it. They can stay under for as much as 40 seconds.

I needed a close look at the grebes so I could see if a Clark’s Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*) was lurking among the Westerns. These two species are incredible similar and for many years they were thought to be a single species. It was finally decided that they were two distinct species when scientific studies

showed that there is no interbreeding. Both species nest at the north end of Lake San Antonio. Although there are hundreds of pairs of each type nesting next to each other, there are no mixed sets.

How do they tell each other apart? It isn’t easy. Both species of grebe have long necks and long, thin bills. They both have red eyes and some say their head and neck look like a Cobra. They are black above and white below, with a clear color division. Both weigh about 3 pounds and are 22-29 inches in length. I think only birders like me and the birds themselves care about the difference between the Western Grebe and the Clark’s Grebe. If you want to tell them apart look at their bills; Clark’s bill is orange and slightly upturned while the Western’s is yellowish-green and straight. You can also check the eyes. Clark’s eye is surrounded by white plumage and Western is surrounded by black.

These grebes are best known for their elaborate and energetic courtship rituals. The rituals are among the most complex and dramatic ceremonies known in birds. And, the rituals of these two species are vertically identical, except for the number of notes, one or two, in the Advertising call. And that is it, the subtle difference in plumage and the slight difference in mating call. Wow!

One ritual, the Rushing Ceremony, begins with a vigorous display of synchronized head bobbing, then side by side the pair starts swimming. They then lunge forward with the body completely out of water and wings lifted. With heads held high they run side-by-side across the water for 50 yards or more and then, still in perfect synchrony, they dive beneath the water. I am quite sure many of you have seen this display on a National Geographic or Animal Planet show.



After the courtship ritual both the male and female build a floating nest out of plant material and mud. The females lay 3-4 eggs and both the male and female incubate the eggs. Once hatched, the young leave the nest immediately riding on their parent’s backs. And, I am sure you have seen a picture of this.

Interesting tid-bits. Grebes’ legs sit far back on their bodies; this and their lobed toes make them excellent swimmers and divers. The ankle and toe joints are very flexible, allowing them to both paddle and steer at the same time. But, don’t expect to ever see them walking around Oak Shores. This rear set placement of their legs makes it difficult to walk and they often fall. Their legs also make take off from land virtually impossible. Due to their wing shape, long and thin, they need a long take-off run across the surface of the water to become airborne. The long takeoff requirement is a severe handicap for grebes when they are forced down on small water areas or, worse yet, on land.

OK, what do you call a group of grebes? Answer in my next article.



## Beautification Committee

By John Watkins

The Beautification Committee recently provided the staff and Board with scale blueprints for the roadway and kiosk placement for entrance gate area. The plans give the Board a uniform plan to work from as the phases of the gate improvement project proceeds. The Committee is also working on the landscaping and lighting recommendations to accompany those plans. The landscaping plan will act as a guide for placement and purchasing of the landscaping greenery and ground cover. The lighting plans will offer placement and lighting fixture recommendations to give the gate and surrounding area a well lit feel without the harsh glare of open fixtures. The Committee is also an active participant with staff and other Members to provide design ideas and labor for Phase Two of the golf course/park renovation.

Last and certainly not least, the Committee is putting the final details on its recommendations for improving the mailboxes. The challenge is to update and visually improve the mailbox facilities, to eliminate abandoned boxes, and replace the new uniform boxes in chronological order. There are 620 homes in Oak Shores and 29 mailbox structures at seven locations supporting 419 boxes. Many are not active and in bad shape. Our plan is for Oak Shores to request any homeowner wishing to have a mailbox to purchase a new uniform style box at a low cost directly from OSCA, which can get a bulk purchase cost. Oak Shores Maintenance staff will repair and refurbish the stations and install the new boxes. Each box will have a uniform address plaque attached; as a new box is needed it can be added in chronological order by moving the plaques and adding an additional box at the end. Our recommendation is that there would be two sizes available. Mike, our Maintenance Supervisor has a plan that will allow the stations to be replaced without disrupting regular mail service. If this plan is accepted it will eliminate the duplicate and many derelict boxes. The Committee has incorporated input from staff and many Members, has sought to minimize costs and maintain a rural and clean look. We hope to have broad community support for this project when it is presented to the Board for approval.

In closing I wish to thank all of the Beautification Committee for their support and hard work to improve our community.

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## *Clubhouse Gallery News*

By Rusty Lipscomb

Thanks to your generous support at the Memorial Day BBQ Silent auction, the Beautification Committee can continue to support the Clubhouse Gallery shows.

This past summer, our show, **The Pets of Oak Shores**, was extremely popular and I hope to do it again. If your Fluffy or Rex did not make the gallery, I am storing new images for the next pets show and can accept emails or we can scan, at any time.

The current show is about having **Fun on the Lake**. Again, if you have photos that you want to share that are of this theme, I am storing these images as well.

Each show is up for 3 months and during that time, I hope to receive images that I store in a gallery photos submitted file. I keep the photos until we have a theme that will best showcase the image. Send any photos you like at any time.

Our next show will be, **The Lake and the Locals**. The locals are the animals, birds, fish, insects, reptiles, cows, horses, etc. that live around the lake with us. I hope that you will give this some thought and send some interesting photos that usually don't fit into our general theme of this beautiful area that we live in. This gallery will be up in January, 2011, so there is plenty of time.

Thanks again to all the photo enthusiasts of Oak Shores whose photos have made our clubhouse uniquely our own. Call Rusty at (805) 472-2717, or email [lilrust@earthlink.net](mailto:lilrust@earthlink.net).



### Oak Shores Miniature Golf Course

by Randy Feltman

Phase II of the Miniature Golf Course Improvement Project is about to get under way. Hopefully, many of you have seen the Phase I new and refurbished golf hole structures, carpet, side boards, and cement bases at the golf course holes. The refurbished course got a lot of play this summer, so it was agreed that Phase II of the project would start after the summer activity. It's about to get underway, and all involved are very excited about all the planned improvements. When completed in the coming months, Oak Shores will have a beautiful park setting for Members and their family and guests to enjoy the Miniature Golf Course.

Planned improvements include an expanded and refurbished basketball court and backboards; new concrete stairs from the upper parking lot; a new lower parking lot and entrance along Oak Shores Road; a 12 x 24 Pergola in the center of the Golf Course for shade cover, expanded fencing, new picnic tables, benches, BBQs and trash cans; new grass sod; ground cover and stepping stones, and many new plantings with a new irrigation and drainage system.

All the labor is being accomplished by our skilled and hard working Maintenance Staff with the assistance of a corps of dedicated volunteers. The entire project is funded within our current OSCA Maintenance budget with the additional support of the LOGOS Store and volunteers who are investing their 2010 profits, about \$3,000, to build the Pergola, and the Recreation and Beautification Committees who are investing about \$3,500 from their community fundraisers. Oak Shores is such a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when a community works together to achieve a goal.

<p><b>2011 Big Shot Photo Contest</b></p> <p><b>The BEST SHOT</b>  Each quarter will receive a Logos Gift Certificate, and be featured in the OAK LEAVES... PLUS, the <b>Best of the Year</b> will be the Front Cover Picture of the 2012 Oak Shores Phone Book!</p> <p>You may submit more than one photo  Judging by an outside Professional Photographer  Submit Photos By February 1, 2011 to  CathyAtTheLake@msn.com  ...BE A BIG SHOT...  Capture the people, wild animals, lake and natural beauty  it's a WIN/WIN for everyone!!</p>	<p><i>You are cordially invited to our...</i></p> <p><b>Community Christmas Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Music by</i>  <u><b>Master's Chorale</b></u></p> <p><i>Sponsored by</i>  <b>Oak Shores Christian Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>Friday December 10</b>  <b>6pm at the Clubhouse</b></p> <p><i>Please RSVP to Faye Middleton at</i>  <b>472 2497</b></p>
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# LOGOS GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

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LOGOS will be open for business  
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**Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

All of the LOGOS volunteers are inviting you to come in and do some of your holiday shopping in your "local" store! The holiday hours will be posted on the door, but please feel free to call any of the phone numbers (also on the door) if you would like to browse or shop off-hours.....REALLY!!

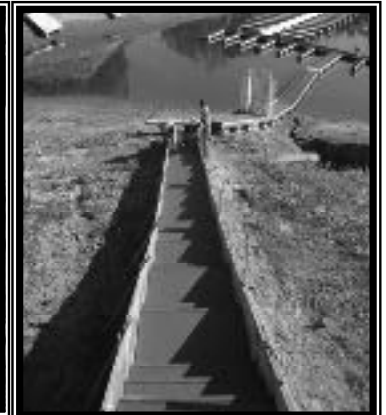
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Come in and get an early start on your holiday shopping...you will like what you see!

Have a wonderful holiday season!!

## Marina Stairs Get Extended

Remember climbing down the Marina slope when the water is down in order to get to the marina boat slips. NO MORE. The Private Marina Committee has paid to have all the current concrete staircases extended all the way to the low water level. Much safer and easier to carry those coolers too. The Project includes the stairs to the private docks as well as the staircase to the general membership docks. Great improvement.



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We want everyone to be aware of our Fellowship's prayer chain and welcome all to contact us with their prayer requests. To activate the prayer chain, first call Pastor Ed, then Faye Middleton at 472-2497. You do not need to be a member of our church to request prayers or become a participating member of the prayer chain. Thanks to Faye Middleton for leading the prayer chain since July 8, 1995.

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2372 Rough Rd.	3 / 3	\$ 375,000	2505 Shoreline Rd.	6880sf	\$ 50,000
8269 Anchor Way	3 / 3	\$ 449,000	2577 Oak Shores Dr.	6700sf	\$ 59,000
8802 Circle Oak	3 / 3	\$ 454,950	2530 Anchor Way	4879sf	\$ 60,000
3122 E. Beach	3 / 2	\$ 489,900	2622 Crows Nest	6500sf	\$ 69,000
2644 Pine Ridge Rd.	4 / 2	\$ 499,900	8779 Deer Trail Ct.	7880sf	\$ 95,000
2852 Lands End	3 / 3	\$ 519,900	8383 Stub End	5140sf	\$ 99,000
2523 Shoreline Rd.	2 / 4	\$ 595,000	2449 Captains Walk	4270sf	\$ 99,000
2647 Pine Ridge	3 / 3	\$ 635,000	8767 Pronghorn	7000sf	\$ 99,500
8227 Bass Point	2 / 2	\$ 649,000	2652 Tree Trap Rd.	5001sf	\$ 115,000
8224 Bass Point	4 / 2	\$ 675,000	8101 Boat Hook Rd.	6500sf	\$ 129,000
2602 Shoreline	4 / 4	\$ 699,000	3120 E. Beach	8494sf	\$ 150,000
8069 Pine Branch	4 / 3	\$ 733,950	8137 Smith Point Rd.	9500sf	\$ 289,000
2731 Lookout Loop	5 / 4	\$ 795,000	2624 Captains Walk	8000sf	\$ 325,000
8732 Bluff Ct.	6 / 6	\$ 844,950			
2719 Lookout Loop	5 / 4	\$ 850,000	Oak Shores Dr.	1.5 ac.	\$ 175,000
2630 Captains Walk	4 / 4	\$ 920,000	Oak Shores Dr.	3.57 ac.	\$ 250,000
2856 Lands End Rd.	4 / 4	\$1,099,000	2685 Lynch Canyon	165.00 ac	\$ 1, 000.000
2575 Shoreline Rd.	4 / 4	\$1,399,000			

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## Recreation Update

By Janice Gillenwater Recreation Committee Chairperson



I want to start off by thanking each one of you for your support of all of our activities throughout the entire year. Each event requires many volunteers and we appreciate the continued support from the community.

The End of Summer Bash Dance and Social and the Halloween Dance was enjoyed by all. The following were a list of the Halloween costume winners:

- ◆ Scariest - Jim Lauderdale
- ◆ Most Original - Ginny Becchine
- ◆ Funniest - Bob and Shari Sutherland
- ◆ Best Couple - Randy and Janice Gillenwater
- ◆ Over all Best Costume - John and Toni Watkins

A big thank you to the Main's and Lipscomb's for the donation of the prizes!!

Upcoming Events- Sat. Dec.11<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Night Light Parade and Open House

Friday Dec.10<sup>th</sup> Oak Shores Christian Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Sat. Dec.18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party with Santa at Clubhouse

Friday Dec.31<sup>st</sup>- New Year's Eve Party

Sat. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2011- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighters Ball

I hope you will all continue to enjoy the many different improvements around the community that the Recreation Committee has helped to fund because of the continued great Member support. If you would like to help in any way, please call me. We appreciate and welcome any ideas and assistance throughout the year. We also have continuous Bunco each month at the clubhouse and Monday Night Football every other week at Don and Leona Young's home. For more information please don't hesitate to call me at 472-9404

I want to wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2011!!

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### Right in Our Backyard

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Supervisors, & Congressmen. The Oak Shores Board has agreed to write a letter of support, and the owner of the new Oak Hills Market has already met with USPS management to show where they would put the post office inside their store. Hundreds of signatures from supporters have been submitted to all of the departments named as well. People have said they will AGAIN go out and get any amount of signatures as needed, required, asked for, etc. to show the support of a zip code for our beautiful location...Lake Nacimiento, CA. What can you do??? Please, support our ongoing efforts to get what we deserve...our own LOCATION Designation. Write, email, or call the USPS in Washington DC, and in Santa Clarita, CA, SLO County Supervisor Frank Meacham, Congressman Kevin McCarthy. Make it clear to them that this effort is backed by thousands of residents and property owners. We are only asking for what is common to others and drastically needed for ourselves. After all, IT IS RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!



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**December Photo Contest Winners  
And Runner-Ups for Year End**

**Blythe Escalera  
“The Pyramid”**

**Tom Hale  
Doorstep Deer**