



# OAK LEAVES

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## President's Message

by Randy Gillenwater



First, I would like to announce that at the April meeting, our General Manager Annette Louder gave us her resignation. She has decided to relocate to Southern California to be closer to her and her husband's families.

We have been very busy reviewing over 40 applications and recently interviewed the top few candidates for this position. During this period the board has appointed Stephanie Dayton as Interim Manager until the General Manager's position is filled. Stephanie is doing a great job and her efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Recently we held a second interview with candidate Dennis Javens, he has accepted the position and will report to work sometime in July, giving him time to leave his current position in Irvine, California. He will be relocating to his new home in Atascadero with his wife. We look forward to having Dennis as our General Manager, please stop by the office and introduce yourself when you have the chance.

In May, I was appointed Board President. Bob Lever has been very busy and needed to be away for a few months. The board also appointed Jim Money to take the position as Vice President. Don Reader has decided to leave the board since his business needs him and requires a lot more of his time in Salinas. We currently are hoping to have filled Don's position by the time you receive this newsletter. I have until September to serve on this Board, my term of four years will have been completed and I can not run again due to term limits. I would hope and encourage you to be involved for your community and please consider running for the board if you are interested. There will be 4 openings on the Board this year and elections will be held in September.

The lake has been continuously dropping. As of June 17 the lake was at 30% with the elevation at 738 feet, the water was at the 90 foot mark on the main ramp. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency reported release schedule has the lake level on July 1 at 736 feet of elevation and as of August 1 at 725 feet of elevation. Our main ramp will have to be closed at the 728 foot elevation. Based on this report we will have to close the main ramp about the third week of July. So, if you plan on using the lake, now is the time. We do have a single wide auxiliary ramp that can be used for a short period of time. The last time we had to use this ramp was in 1994.

The attorney representing Oak Shores in the suit filed by Watts/Burlison has advised the Board that he will attend the August Board meeting. He will address the members present at this meeting and answer any questions that each of you might have.

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## *Welcome New Owners*

William and Margaret Dear - Lands End

Leland Lutz - Deer Trail Court

Howard and Andrea Neftin - Smith Point Road

Terry & Julia Rubbo - Captains Walk

Charles & Kathleen Seymour - Circle Oak Drive

Michael & Patricia Shields - Captains Walk

Gregory & Kathryn Socia - Deer Trail Court



## ***Interim General Manager's Report***

By Stephanie Dayton



I would like to begin by wishing everyone a fantastic second ½ of 2009!

As Randy expressed in his *President's Report*, we are in the midst of a huge transitional period. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Board, the entire Staff, and the whole Community for the outpour of support through this transitional time.

As hectic as it has been, the overall operations of Oak Shores have been running very smoothly, and things seem to be really looking up for Oak Shores.

The Maintenance Department has completed the abatement of the weeds from all of the common areas; and by the time you read this, the weed abatement deadline for all private lots to be cut will have come and passed. The Maintenance Department will have cut the lots that were not cut; and unfortunately, those owners that did not abate their weeds will have been fined and charged to have their lots cut by the Maintenance crew.

Aside from their daily tasks, the Maintenance crew has been working to clean up and beautify the gate entrance area, the golf course, the maintenance yard, and the clubhouse and marina areas. The Maintenance crew has been working closely with the Beautification Committee to ensure that the goals of the Committee are being implemented.

Long-time resident of Oak Shores, Aaron Dick, has been hired to assist Mike, Dale, and J.J in Maintenance, in Guy "Duke" Snow's absence. We are confident that he will be a great asset to the Department. Please welcome him if you see him working throughout the Community.

The Code Enforcement and Gate Staff have entered into their busiest time of the year. We made it through the Memorial weekend and it is all downhill from here.

Five Cities Security Inc. has been contracted to assist Code Enforcement on the weekends throughout the Summer. The gate is now open 24/7 during the Summer to help monitor the people coming into the Community. The Gate Staff is now the key contact for Code Enforcement. Please always contact the gate if you feel unsafe, or have even the smallest of Code Enforcement issues, and the Gate Staff will promptly contact Code Enforcement.

We have hired four seasonal Code Enforcement and Gate Attendants to assist for the Summer; I would like to welcome to the Community, Jeff Armbruster, Deborah Fitzpatrick, Louis Estrada, and Liz Lawrence. The hard work and dedication of the entire Code Enforcement and Gate Staff is greatly valued.

At the beginning of June, our office billed all property owners for the second half 2009 assessments. If you have chosen to pay with one of the Payment plans that the Association offers, you will find, along with that mailing, we sent a *Payment Agreement* which we are now requiring be filled out and returned to our office. This is an effort to ensure timely payments from owners on payment agreements and to inform owners of the repercussions if their payment is not received by the office in a timely manner.

The Association too is feeling the results of the bad economy; nevertheless, I can assure you that we are doing everything that we can to control expenses and protect the Community.

I wish you all a safe and fun-filled Summer season!

## Meet Your Neighbors – Alex and Cindy Ferrel

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



When you enter Oak Shores, have you noticed the newly-painted gate kiosk and office, or did you happen to recently attend our Memorial Day Golf Tournament and see the winner's plaques? If you have, our Oak Shores part-time resident and full-time painter, Alex Ferrel, sponsored the plaques and generously donated his time and the paint to help out the Beautification Committee with the gatehouse project. These are only a few of the many Oak Shores events that Alex has offered his help with over the years. Last year he volunteered to paint the pool shade cover and green pillars on the clubhouse. He loves Oak Shores!

Alex started coming up to Oak Shores in the 70's while in high school to visit friends from Santa Maria, Linn and Marjorie Lutz and their daughter, Ann. He'd get up early to help them build the foundation for their house, and they'd take him out water skiing in the afternoon. Throughout the years, he became familiar with some of the surrounding communities of the lake. He won a bid at an auction for a one-week vacation house at Running Deer, and also visited friends at Heritage Ranch. Alex and his wife, Cindy, decided that Oak Shores would be the best place for their family. They purchased a lot on Crow's Nest Loop in 2002; then bought their house on Captain's Walk in 2005. Alex and Cindy worked as a team to make this happen and consider it a great accomplishment.

Cindy and Alex met at a birthday party in 1979, started dating the following year and have been married for 24 years. They have two children. Their son, Trevor, 22 years old, works as a painter; their daughter, Stacia, who is 19 years old, attends Hancock Community College in Santa Maria. They also have a papion dog, Angel. They live full time in Orcutt, just outside of Santa Maria, where they have been very involved with their children's activities and their community. The entire family was involved in the Los Amigos 4H Club and Righetti FFA up until the kids turned 19 years old. Alex was the hog leader; Cindy the porcelain doll leader and also Girl Scouts Leader; Trevor and Stacia raised hogs and rabbits. Alex is a member of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge where he is the editor of the newsletter, and Cindy the co-editor.

Now let's talk some baseball. Alex has been umpiring high school and semi-pro baseball games and tournaments for 30 years. He umpires Adult Slow Pitch in Paso Robles once a month, and 3-4 nights a week umpires Little League and Babe Ruth games and tournaments. He's also involved with Righetta High School sports in Orcutt. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year Alex has coordinated the Santa Maria Elks Little League Championship games for 10-12 year olds. When it comes to sponsorship, he understands what it means to ask the community for donations and what it means to give back to the community. Alex enjoys spending his time and energy on these activities and gives a lot of credit to Cindy for her support and understanding of his many commitments in community activities. They are a Great Team! Alex has gained wisdom about people through his umpiring and reflects on things he has learned about himself and others. He's learned to be tolerant. "Don't interrupt someone when they are chewing you out." He enjoys observing, listening and learning from other's conversations and interactions. He learned that when dealing with people in a negative situation that a negative approach does not work; therefore, "The only time a negative and negative work is in Math".

Alex graduated from a Painters Apprenticeship program in 1986 where he learned the techniques of the trade, established his life-long values and started to build his exemplary reputation, not only as an excellent painter, but a family man and community leader. He says, "I created my own destiny".

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## Dan in the Vines

By Dan Del Campo



Many of us will never set foot in Tuscany to experience the countryside much less the world renowned wines that come from this region in Italy. Fortunately, Segundo Blasti immigrated to the USA and of all places, Rancho Cucamonga. This area was once one of the largest grape growing regions in California. No more.

The Sarzotti's now reside in our "Tuscan" countryside and have gone from farmers to vintners. They grow varieties on ten acres that make up the bulk of their estate wines. My first visit to Sarzotti in Templeton made me a believer in their winery, not to mention that I felt like I had just found long lost family. My most recent visit was the same in their motto, "Savor the passion, drink to life". This is what drives the family to create

their handcrafted wines. Handcrafted can sometimes be an overused word, but not in this case. Jim will be the first to inform you that no one but family touches the wine including the vineyard. They truly are hands on. This is reflected in the quality of the wines and the pride they have when pouring a taste. And taste you must. Production is just at 1,000 cases; which means if you taste, you like, you buy, or you miss out.

High on my list was the 2006 Barrel Reserve Cabernet. This cab was very robust in fruit flavor but had easiness to it that left a smooth linger for drinkability with hearty osso buco or pesto pasta rich in garlic. This is a result of the wine aging in French Oak for 30 months. This is a labor-intensive aging process that creates stability in the wine allowing for some additional aging. The surprise, of course, is, where can you get this level of quality for \$26! Other releases include Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, Late Harvest Merlot, Dolce Amore and Vino Bianco. The Bianco has a mystery, because they lost track of the vineyard origins. No worries, it is crisp and delightful.

The Dolce Amore is a pleasure wine. Dolce Amore means sweet love, and naturally it was made with Zinfandel grapes. This wine is in a style you might find served at a trattoria in Tuscany with cheeses after dinner. It's not a desert wine because that would be an injustice on how it should be enjoyed. One must sit and sip it with cheese-based deserts made from ricotta or mascarpone. Add in friends and family for a setting in any Italian Villa.

For your next wine tasting outing, drive out to the "Family Sarzotti" and have a Tuscan experience right in your own backyard. There will be no strangers when you leave because you become part of the family. Isn't that the way it should be? And finally, Jim says that father Segundo Blasti would be proud.



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Until next time!



### Beautification Committee Update

By John Watkins

Oak Shores residents should be noticing and enjoying an improved appearance around our community. In the spring, at a board meeting, the subject of a beautification committee was brought up in conversation, and that was the beginning of our community "Beautification Committee". This committee's purpose is to observe our community, suggest improvements, develop an idea for approval, secure the funding and implement those ideas that the committee, and board of directors, feel will improve our overall appearance. The Committee is chaired by John Watkins and it's members include: Janice Gillenwater, Rusty and Chuck Lipscomb, Connie and Gerry Main, Nancy and Randy Feltman, Sandy Rice, Shari Sutherland, Diane Taylor and Toni Watkins.

In the few short months since the committee was formed several improvements have been completed, and more are scheduled to take place over the next year. You may have noticed some of the projects that have been completed. The handwritten message board at the front gate has been replaced with a beautiful new display board unit. Using all volunteer help and paint provided by maintenance, the entire gate area has been painted. Our Maintenance Department worked diligently to clean up the trees and pond area; and the gate office has been decorated with outside benches and planters. This is the beginning of a long-term project to improve and remodel the entire front gate entrance. You can see pictures of some of our work on pages 10 and 11.

A contemporary rural color palette has been selected and approved to be used for all of the community buildings and signs and will be introduced as maintenance painting is required. The new palette is now in place on the gate area, and the campground building, as well as many signs around Oak Shores. The new palette will leave Oak Shores with uniform signage and community building colors.

The Memorial Day auction was a big success. Proceeds will provide permanent frames for rotating local art to be displayed within the clubhouse.

As chairperson, I am so pleased and excited to be working with so many talented and hard working volunteers. My sincere thanks goes out to all of the members of our committee, the recreation committee and to our maintenance department for all of their support and help improving the look and life at Oak Shores.

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★ **◀ ◀ NOW OPEN ▶ ▶** ★

★ **LOGOS GIFT SHOP** ★

★ **SUMMER HOURS** ★

★ **Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** ★

★ **Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.** ★

★ **New Items** ★

★ **New Designs** ★

★ **Sale Items** ★

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## The Birds Around Us

By Ginny Becchine



"I saw a man. He danced with his wife. In Chicago, Chicago, my hometown".

Chicago isn't my hometown, and you will have to read the entire article to find out the significance of that song. Actually, I'm from New Jersey so I didn't see a *Callipepla Californica* until I moved to California. I was a Respiratory Therapy student doing a clinical rotation at Stanford Hospital, and as I was leaving the hospital grounds, I saw them running across the road. Today, I



doubt you could find these birds anywhere in Silicon Valley. I find it especially sad because this is our state bird; but habitat destruction and feral cats have caused their population to decline.

I'm talking about the cute and plump California Quail. Adult males are rich gray and brown, with a black face outlined with bold white stripes. Females are a plainer brown and lack the distinctive facial markings. Both sexes have a cute teardrop-shaped topknot of feathers projecting forward from their forehead. The male's topknot is longer and more elegant, but it must drive him crazy as it bobs up and down right before his eyes.

When alarmed, quail prefer to run. They only fly as a last resort. Quails have short very broad wings that are built for fast takeoffs, dodging quickly between obstructions and short flights. Startled quail take off with an explosive start. They stay low to the ground and disappear into the brush. Don't expect to see quail flying high overhead.



California Quail are mainly seedeaters. During the nonbreeding season, California Quail form coveys (groups) of about 30 to 70 individuals. At the start of breeding season, the covey breaks up and pair bonds form. Females build their well-hidden nests on the ground under a bush or a brush pile and lay about 12 to 16 eggs. After 22-23 days the chicks hatch out. The chicks are covered in brownish down, have good vision, can walk, follow their parents, and peck at the ground immediately after hatching.



Baby birds come in two varieties, precocial or altricial. Precocial refers to species in which the young are relatively mature and mobile from the moment of birth or hatching. Quail young are precocial, as are chickens, many species of ducks and geese. Altricial young are hatched with eyes close and little or no downy feathers. They are incapable of leaving the nest and are fed by the parents (ex. - finches, bluebirds, robins, jays, etc.) Other examples of altricial young are eagles and hummingbirds. Can you imagine the size of naked baby hummingbird? Well they are almost microscopic. I have held and fed baby hummingbirds, what a joy. Here is the post test. Are baby humans precocial or altricial?

The main call of the California Quail consists of three syllables and sounds like the bird is saying Chi-ca-go. The call is usually given when an individual is separated from its group or mate, as well as while a covey is on the move or preparing to move. The call lasts about 1 second and can be given 10 times or more in succession. Listen, you will hear it all over Oak Shores.





### Recreation Committee Update

By Janice Gillenwater



I am very happy to tell you that the Memorial Day BBQ, Auction and Golf Tournament was a great success. A big thank you to the many, many volunteers that continuously help me to make this events happen and to be successful. Thank you to our barbequers, the bartenders and servers, set up and clean up crews. You all were fantastic. Music and dancing was enjoyed by all and thank you to Ronnie Appoldt and his band members from "Ruckus". This Memorial Day event brought in a profit of \$ 827.00 after all expenses were paid..

Thank you to Mary Jo and Dan Del Campo for organizing the golf tournament that was enjoyed by all ages. They had the idea to raise money to re-carpet the greens by having Members sponsor a hole. Those members will have a plaque placed at the hole that recognizes your sponsorship. Please call Mary Jo if you are interested at 630-5686

Once again a group of us teamed up to help Cindy Peyton volunteer at the Wildflower Triathlon aid station located close to Lynch Canyon. A big round of applause to our very own Shari Sutherland who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in her age group (30-39?) and set a course record! Her husband Bob Sutherland rode in the bike event and beat his time from last year. Dan DelCampo also competed with his son, who is a professional triathlon athlete. Dan and his son finished with excellent times. Way to go Shari, Bob, and Dan, we are proud of all of you!



Every Tuesday we get together at the pool for social from 6-8pm and Thursdays you can join us for Pontoon Boat Nights—Escape to Gilligan’s Island! We want to enjoy the lake as long as we can.

Please enjoy the next two pages of photos and see all the items your funds have enabled us to purchase to improve and enhance Oak Shores and for all of us to enjoy. You all are to be thanked for attending our events and contributing so generously to improve our wonderful community.

#### Next Event

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
CLUBHOUSE FROM 8:30 - 10AM.**

**PANCAKES, EGGS BACON AND FRUIT,  
COFFEE OR OJ**

**5.00 PER PERSON**

**MIMOSAS AND BLOODY MARY'S WILL  
BE AVAILABLE FOR \$3.00**

#### SAVE THE DATE!! SAVE THE DATE!!

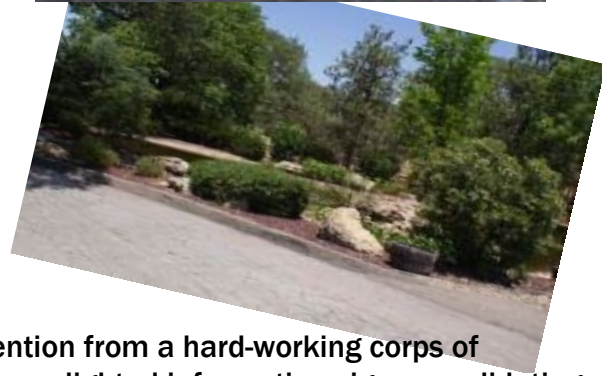
**Labor Day BBQ  
Sunday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Clubhouse 4pm**

**Watch for more details to  
follow in August**



## Let's Take a Trip to Oak Shores and See What Our Community has to Offer That's New and Improved...

Thanks to the leadership of Janice Gillenwater, Chair of the Recreation Committee, John Watkins, Chair of the Beautification Committee, everyone's support of our fundraisers, and all the great volunteers and staff, Oak Shores is looking better and better. Here are some of the highlights of recent improvement projects and purchases that save OSCA dollars and enhance our wonderful community.



The entrance is getting much-needed attention from a hard-working corps of volunteers and OSCA Maintenance staff—new lighted information sign consolidating several old billboards, major landscape cleanup; new paint for the fences, gate office, and kiosk; pond clean-up, repair & landscape. More to come to improve the look and function of our Oak Shores Entrance.



The Campground has received major landscape cleanup. The restroom has been remodeled inside and outside with new siding, tile work and paint using our new Board Approved coordinated color scheme.



The Pool got new umbrellas, all new chairs, chaises, and small tables. The Rec Committee is still searching for new large tables to replace the current old plastic tables. New turf was added to the surrounding landscape. This is in addition to the work done last year to construct the pool shade cover and add new furniture there.



The Clubhouse has received much-needed improvements through the cost savings efforts of volunteers. The outside upper deck got a new tongue and groove pine ceiling, new fans and the Rec Committee purchased new tables and table holders for our special events. The Rec Committee also purchased a new ice machine outside by LOGOS and salvaged the old machine with a new storage compartment for the clubhouse kitchen. The kitchen got a remodel with a new center island, new wall cabinets and a new vinyl floor to dramatically improve both the function and look of the kitchen.



The Maintenance Staff did a great job at the Playground with a new retaining wall, new fencing, and new softer ground cover.



The Miniature Golf Course got a major landscape clean-up and trim, and the courses holes were repaired and spruced up. Thanks to the successful Memorial Day fundraiser, more improvements are ahead.

## Silent Auction & Bake Sale a Great Success

By Rusty Lipscomb

The Memorial Day BBQ was a perfect time for our Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Our thanks to Janice Gillenwater and the Recreation Committee for letting us piggyback your event. Thanks to the generosity and talent of our community members and very special business friends, we raised **\$2,484.00**, which includes \$250.00 from the bake sale. I would like to thank Toni and John Watkins and Chuck Lipscomb for all their help and encouragement throughout this event, from planning, to set up, working the auction, clean up and so much more. Thank you Georgia Cordle and Diane Taylor for a great job at the bake sale table. Many thanks to Sandy Rice; Nancy and Terry Buterbaugh; Alice England; Marion Lafave; Sue Money; Fran and Sam McKibbin; Sydney Cain; Janice Gillenwater; Cheryl Qualls; Tanya Freeman; Heather Lauderdale; Tamara Horton; Cindy Marshall; Barbara Alena; Georgia Cordle; Dan Wheeler; Pam Boone; Sue St.George; Chris Kirk; Ivan Wheeler; Rick Olsen; Phyllis McKibben; Tony Watkins; John Watkins; The Bee Rock Store; Renu-U Skin Care Salon; Anderson-Page Hair Salon; and Logos for their donations. I would also like to thank Angela Pozzi, Maryruth Hunsberger, Shari Sutherland, Nancy Feltman, Diane Taylor, Ruth Hale, Marion LeFave, Patti Franke, Dorothy Dehart, Georgia Cordle and Christy Esparza for their delicious baked goods enjoyed by so many of us!

We are now able to set up a continuing photo gallery at the clubhouse, and I hope to have it in the works in late July. I will need to start collecting photos from our community members to exhibit in our first photo show. Photos of everything in and around our area are welcome, and I will do the printing. I can use disk or emailed photos. Those of you, who contribute photos to the Oak Leaves, please consider letting us display your photos as well, and photo enthusiasts are encouraged to submit photos also. Our plan is to change the photos 3 times a year eventually collecting enough images to theme our exhibits. We can do wildlife, birds, sunsets, the lake, community events, kids on the lake, and more. I need your participation to make this a successful project to be enjoyed by everyone visiting our clubhouse. You can contact me at [lilrust@earthlink.net](mailto:lilrust@earthlink.net), or 472-2717. Again, a heartfelt thanks to everyone.

### Quarterly Big Shot Photo Contest

The BEST SHOT  
will receive a Logos Gift Certificate,  
be featured in the OAK LEAVES...

PLUS,  
the Best of the Year  
will be the Front Cover Picture of the  
2010 Oak Shores Phone Book!

You may submit more than one photo  
Judging by an outside  
Professional Photographer  
Submit Photos By August 1, 2009 to CathyAt-  
TheLake@msn.com  
...BE A BIG SHOT...  
Capture the people, wild animals,  
lake and natural beauty  
it's a WIN/WIN for everyone!!

jazzercise.  
it shows

*Now at Oak Shores*

*Classes Wednesday and*

*Friday at 9:15am*

*Any questions*

*Please Call Tanya*

*Freeman at 227-4101*



**Recycling Begins—New Trash Cans To Arrive Soon**  
by Linda Kardashian—San Miguel Garbage Company Owner

The State of California required cities and counties to divert 50% of the waste stream out of the landfills by 2000. The standards have been expanded and increased, and now all Community Service Districts and private communities like Oak Shores must begin participating in an approved recycling program. Therefore, San Miguel Garbage Company will initiate a new automated trash can service about August 1st at Oak Shores including recycling. Each customer will receive:

- One 64-gallon trash receptacle (provided by SMG)
- One 64-gallon recycling receptacle (provided by SMG)

The current monthly rate is \$21.50 for four 35-gallon cans provided by customer. Any old cans a customer no longer wants can be removed and recycled at no additional cost. The new rate will be \$23.25 for these two 64-gal trash and recycling receptacles. The trash rates are approved by the County, and in most other areas of San Luis Obispo County they exceed \$40 per month. OSCA has a reduced rate because it is recognized as a recreational community with many part-time residents, and OSCA does all the trash billing.

In addition, San Miguel Garbage will continue to provide 7 three-yard trash bins year-round for residents excess trash. They are located at the Maintenance Yard (they are at capacity every week at no additional cost to Oak Shores).

The County Public Health Department requires that all residents utilize the garbage service to avoid illegal dumping and protect the public health. The only exception is for homeowners who take their trash to a local landfill themselves and submit a weekly dump ticket as evidence of compliance.

**Oak Shores Community Association**  
**Office Hours**

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**Summer Gate Hours**

Memorial Day to Labor Day    24 hours  
Gate Phone                        805-472-2230

**Oak Shores Christian Fellowship**  
**A Bible Based**  
**New Testament Church**  
**Non-denominational Weekly Service**  
**8:30a.m. Sunday at the Clubhouse**  
**Pastor Dr. Ed Bedrosian 238-9240**

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.

**GOD BLESS THE OAK SHORES COMMUNITY**



## Season's Eatings

By Chef Cindy Peyton



Juicy berries, sweet corn, flavorful tomatoes. Nothing says summer more than the abundant variety of produce available now. Farmer's markets, roadside stands and, yes, the local supermarkets are brimming with nature's exuberance.

But many of us will still shy away from a platter of steamed or sautéed colorful summer vegetables. Or pass up a bowl of strawberries for a chocolate chip cookie. So I'd like to share two recipes guaranteed to enhance your summer pickings. Pair the aioli with steamed or fresh vegetables and the Greek yogurt with fresh fruit, and you'll put smiles on your friends' and family's faces.

### **GARLIC AIOLI**

- 1 large, very fresh egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, or more to taste
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 2 to 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 or 4 garlic cloves, minced very fine
- Salt and fresh ground white pepper to taste

Set a very clean 1 quart sized stainless steel or glass bowl on the counter. Wrap a wet towel around the base of the bowl to hold it still. Place the egg yolk in the bowl and whisk it vigorously. Add in the mustard, lemon juice, and a small pinch of salt. Whisk again. **SLOWLY** begin to drizzle in the canola oil, drop by drop, while constantly whisking. As an emulsion forms, the oil can be added a little faster. Add the extra virgin olive oil at the end, adding to taste. Add in the minced garlic. Season to taste with salt, white pepper and lemon juice.

### **HONEYED GREEK YOGURT**

- 1 cup full fat Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey

Whisk the Greek yogurt with the honey. Pour into a bowl and set on a platter. Surround the yogurt bowl with strawberries, cherries, figs or stone fruit. Serve toasted pistachios or walnuts on the side.

### **A WORD ABOUT ZUCCHINI**

We steam it, sauté it, bake it and grill it. But unless it's deep fried and served with a side of ranch dressing, I didn't understand the appeal. It was bitter tasting and had an unappealing watery texture. That's because, according to a grower at the farmer's market, my supermarket zucchini was a good two weeks old. So if you avoid the limp slices of zucchini on your plate, buy fresh and taste the mild, sweet flavor of this versatile vegetable.

Recipes courtesy of my favorite cooking instructor, Chef Cory Quigley-Faysa

## **CANS FOR CANINES**

Keep helping our furry friends by bagging your aluminum cans and call me or drop them off on my driveway. I will match every dollar raised and donate the money to charities that help animals in need. 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.

**DON'T FORGET** to click on the [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com) daily. It's **FREE!** All you do is click and the sponsors donate food and care to an animal living in a shelter.



## Three is Not a Crowd

by Brent Frank



Have you ever woke up to a beautiful sunny summer morning, the lake was glass, you had a boat full of gas, but no one to go skiing or wakeboarding with you? So what do we do when these times happen upon us? We call our friends and family and beg them to go out and drive or flag for us.

How to be a Third and get invited again and again.

Many good wake boarders do not own a boat, they count on getting invited out by others who do own boats. They have adopted all the little rules and duties that are important to that boat owner. I'm going to point out a few common chores and duties that are important to all boat owners. If these simple tasks are followed I think you will get invited out to enjoy a nice ski or wakeboard session on a regular basis:

### Things to bring

- ◆ **Boat gas:** Offer to pitch in on gas. If you own a pick up truck, make an attempt to bring boat gas, major brownie points.....
- ◆ **Sunscreen:** Sounds trivial; but if you knew how much sunscreen a boat owner buys, you would be shocked. The stuff is expensive, and a boat full of naked bodies goes through the sunscreen faster than you would imagine.
- ◆ **Board Shorts/Towel:** If you borrow someone's board shorts because you forgot your own, that's fine, no problem. Try not to show up time and time again without board shorts or a towel.
- ◆ **Snacks/drinks:** enough said.
- ◆ **Music:** Most boat owners are happy to play your favorite music while you are boarding.

### Things not to bring

- ◆ **Junk:** A bag or back-pack full of your unnecessary junk. Some guests will pack everything they own related to a day on the lake, just in case....Don't bring more than you will need for a few hours on a boat. Almost nothing!!
- ◆ **Potential Stains:** Soda or anything that stains carpet and vinyl is frowned upon by many boat owners.
- ◆ **A friend:** "Hi guys this is my friend Bud", that is the last thing any boat owner wants to be surprised with. Ask prior to inviting your friend.

### Things to do

- ◆ **Be punctual:** If you arrive late you are either going to be left behind or joining a boat full of irritated people.
- ◆ **Help out:** Learn the habits of the boat owners. From leaving the slip, to pulling your rider, to returning to the slip and wiping down the boat, you can earn big brownie points for being helpful. Remember who rides at what rope length and change it for them as they prepare for their session. Grab their board for them as they climb back in the boat after a session.
- ◆ **Clean up:** Offer to assist in what ever needs to be done at the end of the day. Help carry equipment back to the truck, wipe the boat down, etc.
- ◆ **Have fun:** Nothing is more pleasing than a guest who has a really good time.

Being a third can be a lot of fun for both the boat owner and the third. The opportunity to be a third more often can be decided based on your actions on and off the boat. You may develop an entirely new group of friends along the way.

Good luck! Happy Boarding!



## The Fishing Line

By Rick Olson

Hello from the Water,

The last article I wrote, I was at the West Ramp on a rainy day with the water running in. Well, today I am in the same spot with the water running out the dam at a good rate and the lake level at about the same it was 3 months ago. Since that time the fishing has been more difficult than most years.

The fishing has been good if you catch shad, the most abundant bait fish in the lake and use them to catch an array of fish in our lake. A couple of my friends have been getting up at the first light going to the docks and netting the shad, then catching 50 to 100 Bass and other fish in one morning. Artificial lures were catching only a handful of fish at the same time, mostly due to the shad spawn, and the fish were keying in on the shallower water.

The fish are starting to change their feeding cycle to early morning and late afternoon. Top water lures, grubs and plastic worms fished on the main lake points and structure should be good bets.

We held another Kid's Fishing Derby (see pictures). I went down to the docks and helped some children get their rods set up and started thinking that most of these children only fish that one day a year, and what an opportunity for parents to carry the sport into the life's of their children throughout the year and their lifetime.

Fishing has been a wonderful addition or addiction to my life since a very young age. My Dad would take us mostly surf or trout fishing which I always enjoyed; but in the need of money at age 17, I took a job at Lake Sherwood in the Thousand Oaks area. When I saw the size of the bass that came out of there, I had to get more involved to the tune of 5 bass boats, hundreds of rods and reels, endless tackle, lures, a house on a lake and many of the best memories of my life and friends. I still see one of those friends on a regular basis from Lake Sherwood 37 years ago, and we talk on the phone once a week.

I taught my daughter Michelle how to fish when she could first hold on to a rod. She always enjoyed the times on the water. Michelle is 27 now. I remember her friends coming to the lake with us and going out having a great time; many of them had never fished before. Michelle would enjoy showing up the boys with her ability to use her tackle and catch fish. I received a call from her while away at college to ask me some questions about fishing techniques that I had taught her many years ago. She was asked by a young man to go fishing at a park pond, and 8 hours later that same day Michelle was one happy daughter who had just given a young man a butt whoopin in the art of fishing!!

So if you get the chance to teach a child how to fish, you might be surprised what they do with the lesson in many years to come!

## Oak Shores Fishing Derby Winners







### More Fishing Derby Winners



Many of you have seen the green bench by the clubhouse placed in memory of Ron McKibben. This poem was written by Ron and Phyllis McKibben's grand daughter.

#### *Grandpa's Bench By Ki ra Cummings*

*I walk along the soft land  
That takes me back in its beauty  
It stares me straight in the eye  
The bench that was my grandpa's bench*

*Brass handles and wooden planks  
Atop the stand of cement  
Looking over the open waters  
The bench that was my grandpa's bench*

*The fish that jump 'o so gently  
That slice back through the glistening  
lake  
Caught by "The Bear" with its rock  
hard teeth  
The bench that was my grandpa's bench*

*The only way I know he is with me,  
Is when I walk by the soft land  
It takes me back in its beauty  
The beautiful bench left behind*

*Memories are the only thing left  
They attach to my heart in such a way  
Completing the rest of my day  
The bench that was my grandpa's bench*

*Take it all in, for this may be your  
last chance  
To walk along the soft land and see it  
See the glistening deep lake  
And the bench that was my grandpa's  
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