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President's Report



Hello Fellow Oaks Shores Members,

As some of you might have noticed, I have started this President's Message with a different heading. To be clearer to the point, this message is for Oak Shores' Members, (although everyone is welcome to read this).

Being that this is my third year on the Board, I can clearly see that our community has been neglected for many years. Our roads are in disrepair, the governing documents are out of compliance, land use "situations" have surfaced, and costs have increased as a result of our neglect. For some Members, you may not have noticed or just don't care. Nothing is going to get better unless the problems are dealt with, now. We all

have choices; sell and leave your problems to the next owner; put your head into the sand and say to yourself that it doesn't exist; be a part of the "rumor mill" and fight the positive rebuilding of Oak Shores; or be a participant and move forward to bring Oak Shores back to where it belongs.

Recently, an election was held for the special assessment to rebuild our roads. Some of you might be aware that a campaign was mounted not to have the assessment and not repair the roads. Fortunately the majority of us listened to the facts, and the vote came in overwhelmingly positive to tackle our first hurdle and get our roads up to par. The naysayers were defeated. This vote says something great about our community!

Our problems aren't over yet, but the majority of the balance can be fixed within the next few months. If we work together, the costs to complete them are minimal, (our current operating budget will fund them). More in-house work will be required and, of course, your positive vote to move forward.

A new set of CC&Rs will be mailed to you shortly. Please read them as they are very easy to understand. If you have questions, by all means ask the Board and get the correct answers. Then vote by the deadline to move forward.

With Members of the community and the Board, positive steps are being taken to keep costs to a minimum. The Budget Committee meets year round, instead of a few months before the annual budget. The Committee has even gone so far as to visit the trash company that we deal with to bring down the Association's charges. Projects have been built in the community by your Members donating their time and labor. Additional projects are being discussed to be done in the same manner. Every budgeted line item has been continually scrutinized.

Your current Board has worked very hard in addressing land use issues with our surrounding neighbors. I can say to you that Oak Shores has taken the lead role in securing our successful existence into the future with our neighbors working with us. Oak Shores, with your support, will remain "The Premier Community" to be part of.

Oak Shores has been very lucky this term to have Board members that have been willing to go above and beyond what is required and stop the bleeding that has gone on far too long. Instead of listening to the naysayers, ask one of your elected Board Members for the facts. We are all committed to giving you the truth. For this Community to move forward, we must all be on the same page. That doesn't mean that we must all agree on every issue, because healthy debate is essential to reach the best conclusions. Maybe one day the rumors will stop and the self-serving agendas of those certain few will go by the wayside. I hope we can all be here when that day comes.

Until we converse again, I applaud the majority of Oak Shores for their tremendous support in getting back to where we belong; "The Premier Community of Lake Nacimiento".

Your Pres, Barry



Manager's Report

By Marsha Wilson for Bandy Smith



Bandy has had a tough time this month with family emergencies and was unable to write an article. We couldn't let the Oak Leaves go out without something from management and the office, so I got "volunteered" to pinch-hit for Bandy. I'm happy to do so.

The Holiday Season brought a renewed community spirit for Oak Shores. Stephanie Dayton, staff, and the many members of the Recreation Committee organized a Christmas Potluck, held on December 16. Santa Claus and a really cute elf even showed up for the 20 or so children that were in attendance. Sam McKibbin, I mean Santa, was wonderful as

was his helper, Phyllis the Elf. To top off the evening, my daughter, Andrea, put together a video of pictures of community members, past and present, and set them to music. There were approximately 75-80 folks in attendance. The New Year's Eve party was just as enjoyable, with approximately 100-135 members in attendance. Adult beverages flowed freely and there was an abundance of hors d'oevres that again was potluck style. It was really nice to see how the members came together to enjoy the Season and ring in the New Year! Thanks to Connie and Gerry Main, Janice and Randy Gillenwater, Jim and Sandy Rice, Jim and Sue Money, Marion LaFave, Phyllis "Elf" McKibben, Sam "Santa" McKibbin, Fran McKibben, Randy and Nancy Feltman, Stephanie Dayton, Andrea Etchison and anyone else that helped make two community events a great success. Hopefully more of this type of thing will take place in the coming year. These events are a great community morale booster.

January was busy in the office. We mailed out Special Assessment Ballots and information, billed for the first half of the annual dues, sent out the draft of the revised CC&Rs and By-Laws. By the time you receive the newsletter, you should also have received the CC&Rs and Bylaws. There will be a Town Meeting on March 17, 2007 immediately following the Board of Directors meeting to discuss the new documents.

There were many questions regarding the Special Assessment. The staff, Bandy and Treasurer, Randy Gillenwater, were able to answer most questions. We were quite pleased that over 550 members responded to the Special Assessment Election with 78% of the membership voting in favor of the Assessment. As of this writing, approximately \$216,000 in Special Assessment funds have been received and transferred to the Reserve Account for use of repairing and maintaining our roads.

The first week of February we sent out Letters of Interest to several paving contractors, and to date we have received responses from six contractors that wish to bid on our road project. They are Ferravanti Paving, Ramsey Asphalt, Union Asphalt, Viborg Construction, Ajay Excavating and Granite Construction. Bandy and I will be meeting with the contractors the week of February 19 for the purpose of on-site inspections and providing bid packets to each of the contractors that expressed interest in bidding. Sealed bids will be opened sometime in late March with the project hopefully to be completed by mid-May. Members will be notified when their street will be scheduled for work.

The maintenance crew has been refurbishing the mini golf course and performing their normal routine duties. We are down one maintenance employee (Duke) due to a serious illness. No word on when he will return. The retaining wall and sidewalk next to the pool is complete and looks great. Thank you to Mark Taylor, Jon Taylor, Gerry Main, Jerry Cain, Don Krause, Jim Cordle, Dexter Daniels and Ronnie Appoldt for the fine work they did on the project. Forgive me if I missed anyone. (Continued on Page 6)



Meet Your Neighbors - Lynne and Chuck Kincannon

by Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



Most of you reading this have stopped by or been a regular at Al's Marine either to eat a famous "Al's Burger", get gas or pick up some grocery items. Lynne Kincannon manned the store, sold groceries, gas and served burgers and sandwiches to customers while Chuck, her husband of 51 years, was out in the field doing marketing - or at a car show – or involved with one of his many interests.

Lynne and Chuck Kincannon are full-time residents of Oak Shores since 1991 who have owned and operated Al's Marine for the past

ten years. They bought Al's in November of 1996 and sadly closed the place on December 31, 2006. The owner of the 5.7 acre property that housed a boat yard, gas pumps, general store and deli, passed away leaving the property to his heirs who want to sell it.

All the services at Al's will be missed. However, now that the store is closed, Lynne and Chuck think the biggest loss will be the gas pumps. Currently, the closest alternative public gas is at Heritage Ranch. The Kincannon's wanted the closure of Al's Marine announced in the Oak Leaves to help get the word out to people who might otherwise not know.

When Lynne and Chuck retired and moved full time to Oak Shores from the San Fernando Valley, they decided to buy Al's Marine. They looked forward to the challenge of doing something new. They watched the place grow, met a lot of people and made many friends. They have fond memories of the local people they met as well as the visitors from all over.

The Kincannons were happy to help their customers avoid the long trip to town to buy gas and groceries. They worked hard to keep their prices fair. Since the high cost to deliver supplies raised their prices, Lynne and Chuck would go into town every Tuesday to load up their pickup truck with groceries and supplies for the store.

Lynne had the idea to set up the kitchen and start making burgers and sandwiches to feed some of the local workers who were "on the go" and looking for a quick lunch. Lynne told us that some people would ride their motorcycles in from Paso just to get an Al's Burger. When they first started out, they made about eight burgers in one week and the volume had since grown to about 30-40 a day.

Lynne had fun with the store. After working at Von's in the San Fernando Valley for 34 years and dealing with people in a rush with no time to be friendly, Lynne said she really enjoyed talking with people who were mostly enjoying themselves and happy to be there. Lynne said, "They may have problems, but they are up here to relax and fluff their feathers".

The Kincannon's recognized and appreciated Al's as a place where people could sit outside for as long as they wanted at rustic picnic tables on a beautiful sunny day, eating burgers and enjoying the quiet and beauty of the surrounding mountains, talking with friends and neighbors or meeting new people. With the store closed, they will miss the people and the regulars from Bryson, Bee Rock, Oak Shores, and the surrounding area. They enjoyed getting involved with the local community and helped sponsor many local events. They enjoyed barbecuing for events such as the Bass Club Tournaments, Round-Ups, Wildflower Triathlon, and doing spaghetti dinners for local school scholarship funds.



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We asked Lynne and Chuck what they will do now. Lynne is adjusting to the transition and hasn't had much free time while still dealing with paperwork and trying to get rid of a lot of food and supplies from the store. She would like to take a computer class and plans to attend some of the car shows with Chuck.

Chuck has many hobbies and interests. He builds custom cars, trucks and trailers. He did sheet metal work for 37 years. Many of his projects are at their house and around the Oak Shores Community. Chuck will also have the opportunity to be more active in car shows and as safety inspector for NSRA (National Street Rod Association).

Chuck and Lynne are a very creative and talented couple. In 1981, they designed and built the house they currently live in at Oak Shores. They won a Solar Energy award for energy proofing their house. Chuck proudly talks about Lynne picking out the knotty pine wood that covers all the walls and ceilings in their house. She personally inspected, sanded, stained and varnished each piece. Lynne also designed and made unique stained glass windows. They have a lot of pride in their beautiful home.

Lynne and Chuck met at a gas station where Chuck worked in the San Fernando Valley. They have two sons, Mark, who is a policeman and Scott, who worked at Al's Marine as a boat mechanic. Scott is married to Kim and they have two children, Alexis and Erica.

In the 1990's, Lynne and Chuck were very active with the Oak Shores Community. Lynne served on

the Board of Directors for one term. One of the things she said she learned as a Board Member was that people care about Oak Shores even though they might not attend the meetings. She also served Beautification Committee, the Campgrounds Committee, and Fire Department Auxiliary. Chuck served on the Fire Department as a Firefighter for five years and also participated in the Melodrama Club. They have a lot of admiration and respect for the firefighters. They were both active on the Recreation Committee and remember the fun of helping with fundraiser BBQ's or just lending their talents where needed.

We hope with all the changes in their lives that the Kincannon's will consider sharing their experience and talents to help out the Oak Shores Community again. We are glad to have them as our neighbors.

Thank You From The Kincannon's

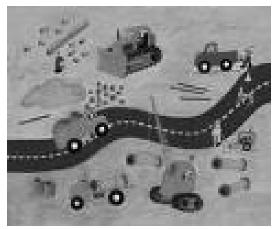
We would like to thank everyone for their support of Al's Marine Service, whether it be to purchase ice, gas, groceries, get a boat repaired or have an Al's Burger, cold beer and just chit-chat. We really appreciated it and will miss seeing you all. We have met many people and made many friends we might otherwise not have met. We lost our lease and so we had to close Al's Marine as of December 31, 2006. We are sorry about this in many ways and hope to see you around Oak Shores.

Thanks for everything, Scott, Alexis, Chuck, Lynne, Layla and "Mo" too!



Roads Special Assessment Update

By Randy Gillenwater, Board Treasurer



Placing a Special Assessment of \$1,602 before the Membership was a difficult but necessary task. The Board, the Budget Committee, and I, as your Treasurer, were very pleased with the large voter turnout for the election and that 78% of the Membership (430 of 551 members) voted to support the Special Assessment to fix the Roads and get our financial house in order. Now that the election is over, we are working hard to follow through on the road work that was spelled out in the election material and Oak Leaves Newsletter.

The bills were sent out expeditiously after the election, funds are being collected and payment plans are being arranged for others, as offered. As we proceed, I want to assure the

Membership, as Treasurer, that the funds collected will be closely monitored to insure they are spent specifically for the Road Projects as promised.

Letters of Interest were sent out to contractors the first week of February and bid packets to those who requested them. We asked to have the work completed by the first week in May. We are planning on opening and awarding the bid by the end of March. It is our hope to have the work completed before the busy time of summer. Members will be informed as soon as possible when the work will start, especially when your street will be done. When the roads are completed, we will all benefit by strengthening our property values and increased pride of our community.

The Budget Committee and Board are committed to properly funding the reserve account every year to avoid future special assessments short of a natural disaster or unknown emergency. We are off to a good start because the proper amount of funds for our Reserve Account were budgeted from dues for 2007.

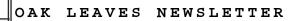
We have many committees involved in our community donating many hours of volunteer work, each moving forward in a positive and responsible manner. I would like to express my appreciation for the strong support and confidence of the Membership. We will use the Website, www.oakshores.us and the Oak Leaves Newsletter to keep you updated on the progress.

General Manager's Report (Continued from Page 3)

Code Enforcement continues to patrol the community to be on the alert for any problems. We have experienced some break-ins and vandalism throughout the community. The recent patrol log, with more details, is posted on the website. Code Enforcement continues to investigate these incidences. Please report any suspicious activity to Code Enforcement and, if necessary, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department.

And lastly, as a reminder, weed abatement season will be upon us before we know it. If we don't get much more rain than we have had, maybe weeds won't be as bad as last year. The Oak Leaves, Web-site and the Office have the 2007 list of the weed cutters (see Page 10).

Chuckle for the day....."Drink more Coffee. Do stupid things faster and with more energy!"





Getting To Know Your Staff - Dale DeHart

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



This man I married can do everything." This is a direct quote about Dale DeHart, our Oak Shores Maintenance Supervisor, from an unbiased source – his wife of 55 years, Dorothy.

It's difficult getting information out of a guy who is quiet about himself.

Dale DeHart is such a guy, and we just touched the surface on all the things

Dale knows about maintenance work.

After Dale and Dorothy moved to Oak Shores permanently, Dale was recruited by the General Manager to work security patrol for two summers in 1991-92. After he was recruited again, this time to help out in the

Maintenance Department as an independent worker, he decided he might as well work full time. He worked from 1993-98, took two years off, then was asked to come back to help repair and maintain the weed whips. In 2004, he was named Maintenance Supervisor at the same time Bandy Smith was named General Manager. Dale reports to Bandy and has a reputation for being a "bucket of information".

Dale says his expertise is mechanics and electrical. He supervises three maintenance workers: Duke, J.J., and Steve. Some of Dale's responsibilities are to supervise the maintenance and repairing of roads; make sure boat slips stay in place; pick up all trash; weed wack all green belts with labor crews; maintain campground and gate area (Duke); maintain clubhouse inside and out (Steve); maintain pool and miniature golf course (J.J.). Dale and his crew maintain all equipment and repairs of maintenance vehicles, and they just put new Marina log booms in place. Dale completely re-wired the Gatehouse and modified all telephone lines at the Gatehouse, Maintenance Yard, Clubhouse and Firehouse.

In addition to his work, Dale currently serves as a volunteer on the ARC Committee and Security Committee. He has also participated in a workgroup seeking solutions to the trash problems and served on what used to be the Oak Shores Beautification Committee. He serves on the Fire Department Auxiliary and on a weekly basis maintains the Fire and Rescue Boat which is moored at the Oak Shores dock during the summer.

Dale was born and raised in Ogden, Utah and makes yearly summer visits to Utah for family reunions. He joined the Marine Corp in 1948 at the age of 17 and was stationed in California. He remembers he served in the Marines for exactly 3 years, 11 months and 22 days. He worked in Motor Transport hauling troops at snow training camps in Idyllwild, Big Bear and Bridgeport, California. After he was discharged, he worked for GTE Telephone Company in Santa Monica doing repair and maintenance on phone equipment. He worked as an instructor for 20 years training employees on the installation, repair and maintenance of data machines and teletypes. He also taught First Aid and Defensive Driving. After 34 years with GTE, he retired in May of 1986.

Dale and Dorothy first met in Santa Monica and this past October celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have six children - John, Ed, Ken, Rick, Lisa, Rob and nine grandchildren, Mike, Monica, Jessica, Matt, Julia, Chelsey, Timmy, and Carly. They recently had their first great-grandchild, Matthew, born on Dale's birthday, February 17th.

Dale was proudly involved with each of his sons as a Boy Scouts Leader for 23 years. He would take 15 to 20 scouts camping every month. Every year they took a canoe trip on the Colorado River, and every Thanksgiving they did a bicycle trip either from Los Angeles to San Diego (Continued on Page 10)



2006 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone that made the 2006 Oak Shores New Year's Eve Party a huge success. The Party was attended by 137 people and included dancing and socializing with lots of wonderful food. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all for the great potluck food brought to share.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped put this together for our community including: Bob and Sheri Sutherland, Gerry and Connie Main, Jim and Sue Money, Randy and Nancy Feltman, Jerry Cain, Ivan and Debbie Wheeler, Sam McKibbin, Brian White and Linda Wesson, George Pistoresi, Randy Gillenwater, Enrique and Mirta Mauro and their granddaughters, Phyllis McKibben, Mary Jo Del Campo, Marion LaFave and her entire family! A special thank you goes to Jim Lovato for the wonderful music provided.

I am very proud to say that the event raised \$1,500.00 for the Recreation Committee after all expenses were paid. In addition, the 50/50 raffle of \$175.00 was won by Jim Lovato's date, Nancy, who generously donated it to the Recreation Committee.

The Recreation Committee would also like to thank OSCA staff, Stephanie and Marsha and her daughter Andrea, who put together the wonderful video of Oak Shores and our Members throughout the years.

Once again, thank you to all of the volunteers that made this a success.

Janice Gillenwater
New Year's Eve Party Chairman

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Oak Shores' New CC&Rs Are Ready For **Membership Approval**

Bob Lever Board Liaison/Chair of the CC&Rs Committee

You should have or shortly will receive your copy of the new proposed CC&Rs that were approved at the January 20th Board meeting. The proposed CC&Rs are current with California law, easy to understand, and will help our Home Owners' Association deal with the needs of the Community. Please take time to review them. Immediately after the March 17th Board meeting, a special meeting will be held to discuss them. Ballots then will be mailed to Members for a vote of approval. Adoption of the CC&Rs requires a "yes" vote from 67% of the entire Oak Shores Membership. For this election, a non-response or an abstaining vote is considered a "no" vote. Everyone's vote is critical.

The new CC&Rs will help provide the information needed to assist our Board of Directors in meeting its fiduciary responsibilities, dealing with the Associations rules and regulations, and maintaining the Association's common areas.

Another reason our community needs to have upto-date CC&Rs is when Members wish to sell or refinance their property. More and more, lenders are requesting a copy of the CC&Rs, the operating budget and the current status of the Reserve Account. This is to ensure the Community is financially healthy so the potential buyer/borrower is protected from pending or unanticipated expenses.

The word is out that Oak Shores is a place in which to invest when purchasing a full-time residence or a vacation home. Having current, well-written CC&Rs will help secure this investment.

Please take the time to review the new CC&Rs, attend the special CC&Rs meeting, and most importantly, vote for their approval.

Oak Shores Gift Store Getting a Facelift

Please stop in and visit. We're a little messy but we are open as volunteers work to create a new look for our Gift Store. We are located by the barbecue at the clubhouse.

Hours: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY from 10am to 12pm. Recreation Committee members are happy to meet you at the store at other times. Just call ahead for a time that works for you.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW OWNERS

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John West	805-472-2045

Dale and Dorthy DeHart (Continued from Page 7)



Dale's Christmas Visit with Santa

or from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles. Three of their five sons, plus their grandson Mike, reached the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Dale was given the Award of Merit, the highest award for service to the Boy Scouts from the Southwest District. He received the Silver Beaver from the Council, which is the highest award given to adult leaders. Dorothy received the Bleeding Heart from the District for supporting Dale's service in scouting.

Dale and his family use to camp at the Main Marina and knew about Oak Shores from riding by on their boat. They bought their Oak Shores lot in 1981. In 1990 they moved permanently to Oak Shores and stayed at their son Ken's house on Ridge Rider until they finished building their house where they currently live. They did most of the work on their house themselves. Dale and their son, Rick, put up their large

rock fireplace. Their son, Ken, helped with all the painting. When it was time to put the shingles on the roof, all their children came to help. Dorothy stained the entire knotty pine paneling plus all the doors. They moved into their home with a beautiful view of the lake in 1992.

Dorothy retired in 1989 after working as a medical receptionist for six cardiologists in Santa Monica. That's when the fun began. They traveled around the country in their motor home for six months. They have enjoyed camping all their married life. Dorothy was active at Oak Shores serving on the Fire Department Auxiliary, and she also worked at the Gate in the early 1990's for five years. Her interests are reading, sitting on their deck looking at the lake and enjoying the peace and quiet. She loves gardening and has over 50 beautiful house plants.

Dale loves to travel in his motor home, and they have seen most of the Western states. They are planning road trips this summer to Utah for their annual family reunion and would like to tour Washington. In their spare time, they like to go boating on their pontoon and do some fishing. Dale puts his pole in the water and trolls. Dorothy likes to float around in the coves on her raft.

What Dale likes most about living here are the friendly people who are easy to get along with. Dorothy most enjoys the peace, tranquility, lake and friends.



Right in Our Own Backyard by Cathy Anding-Wolfe

For many of us who have been coming to the lake and Oak Shores, the city of Paso Robles is a stop-off location to buy groceries and supplies before heading "up the hill". To those of us who call Oak Shores "home", Paso Robles is where we "go to town". But for all of us, Paso Robles should be much more than a stop-off town. Paso Robles has been a major tourist attraction for over two hundred years, and is known all over the world...and not for its fabulous wine!

The City of El Paso de Robles, the actual name of the town, means "pass of the oaks". Thousands of years ago, the Indians came to this area and found relief from various ailments. How? By soaking in the therapeutic waters of the natural Hot Springs! Yes, Paso Robles sits on one of the largest hot springs areas in the state! As far back as 1795, Paso Robles has been spoken of and written about as "California's oldest watering place"—the place to go for springs and mud baths. In 1857, the entire land grant of El Paso de Robles consisting of 26,000 acres was purchased by James & Daniel Drew Blackburn, and Lazarus Godehaux for \$8,000. In 1860, the partners divided the estate, and sold an interest to Mr. McCreel, who then sold to Drury James, the brother-in-law of Daniel Blackburn and also the uncle to Jesse James, the outlaw. The town's hot springs were the "hot item" in the creation of the town itself. The public-minded James and Daniel Blackburn donated two blocks to the city for a public park.



In 1864, the first EI Paso de Robles Hotel was constructed on 10th and Spring Street and featured a hot mineral springs bath house. In 1886, after the coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad, work began on laying out a town site with the resort as the nucleus. Two weeks after the first train arrived on October 31, 1886, a three-day celebration was held including a special train from San Francisco bringing prospective buyers, who toured the area and enjoyed the daily barbeques. On November 17th, the "Grand Auction" was held, resulting in the sale of 228 lots. In 1889, the same year that Paso Robles incorporated as a city, construction began on a magnificent new hotel. The hotel required over one million bricks and cost a

princely \$160,000. The new El Paso de Robles Hotel opened for business in 1891. The new hotel offered an improved hot springs plunge bath and 32 individual bathrooms. The 20×40 foot plunge bath was considered one of the finest and most complete of its time in the United States. In 1906, a new hot springs bathhouse was completed at the hotel. Decorated with marble and ceramic tile, it was one of the most elegant in the nation, rivaled only by similar facilities in Europe.

In 1913, the world's most well-known concert pianist and composer came to the hotel: Ignace Paderewski. After three months of treatments at the hotel's mineral hot springs for his arthritis, he resumed his concert tour. He later returned to live at the hotel and bought two beautiful ranches just West of Paso Robles. During the next 30 years, the hotel was visited by other notables: Boxing champion Jack Dempsy, President Theodore Roosevelt, Adela Rogers - St. John, Phoebe Apperson Hearst (the mother of William Randolf Hearst), actors Douglas Fairbanks, Boris Karloff, Bob Hope, and Clark Gable all stayed at the El Paso de Robles Hotel. And when Major League baseball teams used Paso Robles as a spring training home, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago White Sox stayed at the hotel and soaked in the mineral hot springs to sooth tired muscles. Today, the newly remodeled Paso Robles Inn has private hot mineral tubs in several of the rooms for guests to soak away their ailments.

Another location for anyone to enjoy the mineral hot springs is at the River Oaks Hot Springs & Spa, located off Hwy 46E, north of Cuesta College, on Buena Vista. Here Open-air tub rooms overlooking the scenic hills of Paso Robles are available seven days a week. Prices are \$12 per guest per hour and \$6 for children 5-12 years old per hour. As a full service spa, they offer massages, facials, and many other services as well. Go to www.riveroakshotsprings.com for information on how to treat yourself to an incredible experience. There are other locations in the Paso Robles region that also have the hot sulphur springs, such as Franklin Ponds. These are the most popular...and they are all right in our own backyard!!!



It's The Water!

By Jim Marshall



The year was 1990; I went down to the clubhouse to ask some questions about Oak Shores, since we had recently purchased a second home here. I met a man there named Sheldon Bean who asked me if he could show me around Oak Shores and give me some history. I ended up spending all day with Sheldon; he was full of interesting information and stories. I found out that he owned the water plant that served the Oak Shores community. We toured the water plant known as Nacimiento Water Company which serves the Oak Shores community to this day.

The history of the water company started with General Resources Development (GRD). They were the original developers of Oak Shores which, at the time, was to be a much larger development. When the problems in the 70's occurred, with high interest rates and inflation, Oak Shores development was scaled down to 851 lots. At one time Oak Shores was to encompass large areas on both sides of the lake which the water company was set up to serve.

Nacimiento Water Company is governed by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and receives an allotment of water from Monterey County of 600 acre feet per year, which is 326 thousand gallons per acre foot. You do the math. The Water Company pays Monterey County for this allotment, and at the present time the average use is around 100 to 150 acre feet per year to serve the Oak Shores Community.

So where does the money go that we pay for our tap water? Besides paying for the actual water, it pays for administrative costs, electricity, chemicals, and operation and maintenance expenses.

In 1994, the California Department of Health Services ordered Nacimiento Water Company to bring the plant up to the more stringent standards of the Surface Water Treatment Rule that had recently been adopted by the State of California. With this improvement and the rebuilding of the water plant, we now have a much higher quality of tap water.

In addition to water for domestic uses, the water company also continuously maintains a back-up water supply of 200 to 800 thousand gallons, depending on the season, to be immediately available for firefighting.

A little data on the current owner of the water company, Tim Bean, the son of Sheldon Bean. He has been actively involved in our community for years lending his time to our Volunteer Fire Department. If you ever become sick or have a fire here in Oak Shores, you'll want Tim Bean to be there. He is an excellent EMT and Firefighter. Tim is always going out of his way to help out when he can, so I hope you'll take time to meet him.

Sometime when you're out driving around Oak Shores, stop by the water plant. It is located by the West Ramp on Saddle Way. Tim Bean or Larry Denny would love to give you a tour and explain how the water company works.

One more thing you'll be glad to know is that the plant continues to be monitored by their staff on a 24-7 basis for our fire safety and to ensure that we receive quality water.

We have a lot to be thankful for here at Oak Shores and, Tim, I think I speak for all of us by expressing a big "thank you" for your dedication to our community.



Pool Amenities Update

by Connie Main

PROGRESS! The retaining wall on the east side of the pool has been completed. We have also decided to add a sidewalk between the road and the retaining wall, since we may be using the road as a launch ramp during high water times. We felt this would add to safety as well as convenience. That project is expected to be completed by the time you read this.

The plans from the architect have been completed for our new pool deck and shade structure. The deck will cover the pool equipment, and the shade will be welcome in the hot weather. The plans will need to be approved by the Recreation Committee and the Architecture Review Committee, then go to SLO County for permits. We expect to start construction in April or as soon as all the required permits are received. Alex Ferrell, an Oak Shores painting contractor, has generously volunteered to provide both labor and materials to paint our structure when it is completed.

The following Oak Shores residents teamed up to build our new retaining wall: Jim Cordle, Don Krause, Ron Appoldt, Brad Walker, Mark Taylor, Jerry Cain, Sam McKibbin, and Gerry Main.

Grass seed and straw was donated by Jim Marshall. The use of a GradeAll loader was donated by Jeff Killion. Dave Homewood and his tractor assisted in digging the footings.

The Recreation Committee will select and purchase new pool furniture in the near future.



Ron "The Bear" McKibben Memorial

12thAnnual Oak Shores Kids' Fishing Derby

Pre-register Friday evening - May 11 - 6:00 to 8:00pm

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Oak Shores Security Committee Update By Diane Taylor, Chair

Some owners feel that security in Oak Shores is not an issue and ask "why are we spending money in this area"? The answer is because Oak Shores has and is changing. It's not the sleepy little secret hideaway it used to be. More people are living here full-time. More visitors are coming through the gate each year and not just during the peak season. Not to mention the number of construction and service workers for Oak Shores and soon for Oak Shores II. Valuables are disappearing or being damaged including items from construction sites, boats and homes. We remember the "old days" when doors were never locked but now ensuring that doors and windows are secured while you are away is prudent. Leaving your garage door open for long periods of time, especially if valuables are visible or entry to the house is available, should be avoided.

The Security Committee would like to emphasize for all owners to keep their ears and eyes open and to be vigilant in reporting suspicious activities immediately. Call the Gate. Please leave a message if you do not get an answer. You will get a call back. The Security Committee is also investigating implementing a formal Neighborhood Watch Program. More details to follow in the next issue.

Since the last edition of the Oak Leaves, the Security Committee continues to meet every two weeks. Much progress has been made with a number of our Priority 1 tasks.

Regarding upgrading the camera equipment at the gate, bids from three contractors have been received. The team has put a lot of time into comparing these bids and ensuring that our requirements will be met.

A revised Gate Security Plan has been completed with the assistance of the OSCA Manager and Board Treasurer. The plan outlines starting slow with trained Security Guard coverage on Friday and Saturday nights only during the peak season. The plan also includes contracting with the SLO County Sheriff's Department to provide coverage on these same nights during the three major summer

holidays. The Committee will continue to work with the OSCA Manager and Board Treasurer to identify how funds can be acquired within our budget to accomplish this proposal.

The construction project to trim the gate office roof back to eliminate a hazard for large vehicles has been approved by the OSCA Manager. Funds required are less than \$500 dollars for new lumber posts, brackets and concrete posts. OSCA maintenance staff will complete this work.

Lastly, the suggestion of identifying community volunteers to perform pool monitor duties has changed into identifying a staff member that would not only be responsible for monitoring the pool, but also the launch ramp and community docks during the peak season weekends. The Committee will also seek to identify and secure funding for this assignment.

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Job Announcement General Manager Oak Shores Community Association

Oak Shores Community is seeking a General Manager for their Homeowner's Association.

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Main responsibilities for this position include: managing day-to-day operations; responding/reporting to Board on a regular basis; preparing and presenting all required reports; overseeing special projects; supervising office, maintenance & security staff and, ensuring that all rules, regulations, governing documents are adhered to. Applicants should have experience in all phases of property management with 5 years (minimum) property management experience. Good people management skills, accounting expertise, strong (computer) technical skills are required.

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2727 Turkey Cove Road Lake Nacimiento, CA. 93426

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The Fireman's Ball — It's a Tradition! by Connie Main

The first Firemen's Ball was held on February 12, 1977. That makes this year's affair the 30th Annual Firefighter's Appreciation Dinner/Dance. Every year we take this time to say a huge Thank You to our Volunteer Firefighters. Where would we be without them?

It is also an annual fundraiser for Company 34. This money is used for needed supplies and equipment that are not covered by CDF. In the early 1980's, another tradition was started – The Oak Shores Pin Auction. Last year Cathy Anding bought the pin for \$550. In addition to this money, any profits from the evening are donated to Company 34.

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THE FISHING LINE By Rick Olson

Hello from the Water,



Winter has set in on the lake! The water temperature this January got down as low as 43 degrees and the fish were feeling it. Being a cold-blooded species as cold sets in, they slow down to the point where they hardly feed or move around at all.

This has made for a very slow January. Towards the middle of February the water temperature was 53 degrees. Now in March, the temp is still rising and the fish are starting to show signs of movement and feeding. We have had to slow our lure presentations down to a slow crawl to produce a strike. The key thing, when it gets this cold, is to slow down everything on how fast you move your lure, boats

and even changing spots.

As we are coming out of winter going into spring, the fishing will begin to get better as longer daylight hours will warm up the water quicker. As March, April and May roll around the fish begin and go through their spawning mode which will be some of the best fishing of the year.

By the time you are reading this, the white bass will probably be heading toward all the major creeks with running water like the Narrows, Las Tablas and Dip Creek, etc. The spotted bass will follow to shallower water as the temp goes towards the upper 50's into the 60's.

Even with the chance of very few fish, the lake has been beautiful. Seeing Eagles, hearing turkeys call and all the other wildlife available, it's a wonderful place to be on a warm day with few other boats. So take the time to enjoy it out there, and tune up your tackle and skills because great fishing is just around the corner. **Good Luck!**

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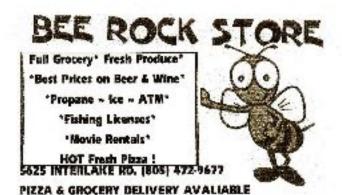
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