



# OAK LEAVES

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## New Board Members



**Susan Kinderman**



**Jeff Killion**



**Keith Raedy**



**Randy Feltman**



**Shawn Wilson—Champion Wakeboarder**  
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## President's Message by Randy Gillenwater



The summer season is coming to an end. The lake is down 17 feet from the full lake that we enjoyed in June. Our lower parking lot is still 3 feet under water. The lake release levels call for the lake to be 5 feet below our lower parking area at the end of the year, and that is if we receive no rain. So we will, more than likely, have high lake levels again for 2012. The lake is like glass during the week, and the weather has been excellent, what a great place to live.

The annual membership meeting and election of a new Board was Sept 17. We have 4 new Board members for this year. They are Randy Feltman, Susan Kinderman, Jeff Killion and Keith Raedy, welcome to the Board. I would like to thank the outgoing Board members for the many hours of time they have volunteered. They are Sue St. George, Bob Sutherland and Barry Steinhart. Sue and Bob have been on the Board for the past 4 years and Barry has served 3 different terms.

Bids for the asphalt were reviewed and a bid awarded on September 14 at a special Board meeting. This is the next step moving forward on the front gate project. The project calls for replacing and relocating the kiosk, widening the lanes for easier access, new asphalt overlay, lighting, security camera replacement and landscaping. These items will be paid out of our replacement/maintenance Reserve Fund. We are hoping to get the majority of this work completed before winter. We will be placing a slurry coat on the entrance road from the gate to the golf course, along with new paint striping.

The golf course area is in the landscaping phase, sod has been installed along with a BBQ pit like the ones by the Clubhouse and pool area and some benches. There is still more areas of landscaping to be completed.

Having a full lake has brought us new challenges; we all know about the parking. It has also caused some erosion damage in our marina area. This will be on the new Board's agenda as what the best solution is to protect OSCA property from further damage.

The owner of the area we know as the "West Ramp" has asked the Board if OSCA would be interested in purchasing this area, along with the area where the maintenance shop and fire house are located. These areas are NOT owned by OSCA. We do however have a limited use easement for these areas. The Board appointed a committee which is in the process of having these properties surveyed, along with identifying the areas of the easements OSCA has. We will then have the properties appraised and after fact finding, will ask the membership for direction to see if there is interest to proceed.

There was a proposed ruling by Judge Crandall posted on June 24. The Judge's proposed ruling was in favor of OSCA on all of the complaints filed by Watts/Burilson. They were given 15 days to respond to the ruling. They filed an objection to Judge Crandall's ruling, and of this writing the Judge has not responded to the objection.

The next Board Meeting for October has been moved up a week to October 22nd at 10am at the Clubhouse.



## September 2011 Manager's Report

By Dennis Javens



By the time you read this edition of the Oak Leaves, the summer of 2011 will be history. It was quite a summer, with the water level being near the 800 foot mark for most of the summer. The high water created some serious challenges for parking and launching, but we all survived. Our staff was pretty incredible this year, considering some of the situations that they had to deal with. The staff would like to thank all of the owners for their patience in dealing with the ever changing launching and parking situations. We have learned a lot from the high water level and are prepared for the next time.

The staff and I would like to remind you all of the following:

Please make sure that all of your vehicles, including motorcycles, ATV's, and golf carts, have owner's stickers on them. Code Enforcement would be more than happy to come to your home to provide the stickers. Contact the gate staff to schedule an appointment.

After you pull your watercraft out of the water to store it for the winter, please contact the office or gate and we will put a band on the bow of your boat, that will stay connected to your trailer winch, to indicate that the boat has not been launched and never leaves Oak Shores. This will help you avoid having to get a full Mussel inspection, when you decide to launch your watercraft next boating season. Next boating season, you will just need to contact us to renew your Mussel inspection form and remove the band. From that point you will just have to renew your form every 2 weeks.

On Thursday, September 29, 2011 Supervisor Frank Mecham will be holding a meeting at the Oak Shores Clubhouse at 2 pm. These meetings are held on a quarterly basis and offer an opportunity for the residents to ask questions and/or express concerns.

During the month of September, we will be having the inmate crews from Cuesta Camp again working in the community. They will be working near the water company and the West Ramp. While they are in the community, Saddle Way and the West Ramp will be closed. We are also planning on having the inmate crews back in the community in January or February. We will keep you posted.

We are in the final phase of planning the major construction project at the main entrance to the community. We will be doing a lot of asphalt work and are building a new Kiosk. It appears that the project will begin in October. We will post the schedule on the website and bulletin boards around the community.

Reverse 911 is now available in the County of San Luis Obispo. For more information, please go to [www.slosheriff.org](http://www.slosheriff.org), and at the bottom of the page you will see a banner that says Reverse 911. Click on the banner and register your phone numbers. This is a great emergency service that will alert you if there are Amber Alerts or major catastrophes in the area.

Over the last several months we have seen a lot of improvement to many of the homes in the community. If you are planning on making improvements to your home, please remember to contact Debbie in the office for the proper paperwork prior to making your improvements, and please remember to clean up your lot every 7 days.

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## Shawn Wilson - Oak Shores Resident and Champion Wake Boarder

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



"Dreams Do Come True". After telling his life's dream of being a Champion Wakeboarder and an added bonus of a blessed life, Shawn Wilson believes his dreams have come true. Shawn spent his growing up years moving back and forth between Oak Shores and Orange County, but for the most part living at Oak Shores with his Grandma, Lynda Patrick, helping her out with her business. He liked being surrounded by his entire family and long-time Oak Shores friends.

At age 9, Shawn started water skiing with his Uncle, Fred Escalera. The water skiing bug hit him! From ages 12-19 yrs. he slalom skied with the Lake Naci Far West Ski Club. At age 14, he won the 1992 Class 1 Slalom Championship. At the time, slalom was his passion although he wakeboarded, barefooted, and just about everything else fun on the water. After a frustrating performance at an A.W.S.A. (American Water Ski Assoc.) tournament, Fred encouraged Shawn to start competing in wakeboarding tournaments. Under Fred's direction and support, Shawn competed all over California. When Shawn was 17, he won 1<sup>st</sup>

place at a Championship Wakeboarding Tournament making a great impression and getting noticed by sponsors and advertisers. From 1997 through 2010, he competed in the Canyon Lake Wakeboard Club Series and the INT League, similar to the Little League of wakeboarding. In 2003 he won the Men's Championship and was featured in the local paper, "The Orange County Register".

Doors started opening up for Shawn. When he decided to move back to Oak Shores, which always felt like home to him, he felt "happy as a lark" and at age 19 met his wife, Lori. They have two daughters, Reese 3 ½ yrs. and newborn Raylee born on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. As a teenager he was also involved with the Explorer program with our Volunteer Fire Dept. where he met Tim Bean. He now works for Tim at the Water Plant and is focused on his career. He has accomplished obtaining his Grade 2 Water Treatment and Grade 2 Water Distribution Certifications.

A lot of good things started happening with Shawn's wakeboarding career. It was in his blood. He continued wakeboarding and many opportunities started coming his way, and he was ready for them. He teamed up with Fred giving free lessons to the local kids introducing them to the sport of Wakeboarding. Word of mouth increased their clientele, so they started giving private lessons. Their business, Oak Paradise Wakeboarding Instruction, provides lessons for multi-skill levels from beginning 4-year olds or any age beginner to advanced level of learning advanced techniques. They became sponsored by Hyperlite Wakeboard MFG and VS Marine. Shawn says, "They welcomed us with open arms and were very gracious". Soon after, Shawn accomplished a lifelong goal when Hyperlite officially placed him on their Nor Cal (Northern California) Team; then things were definitely looking up.

Shawn says he is "driven to learn", staying focused and positive. He has gone through a lot of struggles with work and family and has learned to do his best every day. He says, "I owe a lot to Fred and Kathy Escalera, my parents, Matt and Leslie Taylor, my many Oak Shores friends, especially Brent and Remy Frank, and his sponsors for their support". At this point in his life he feels that he is exceeding at everything he's wanted to achieve. Shawn is happy, proud, determined and feels blessed and grateful for his beautiful family, to be surrounded by his entire family, amazing friends and being able to live in this wonderful place on the lake living his dream. "It doesn't get much better than this"!

Thank you, Shawn, for your inspiration and being a role model for our Oak Shores youth.

If anyone is interested in Wakeboarding Lessons, you can contact Shawn at Oak Paradise Wakeboarding 805-472-WAKE or e-mail [wakestar@gmail.com](mailto:wakestar@gmail.com).

Also check out his video on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/dXFB3T505z8>

As long as there's water, they'll be giving lessons!



## **Oak Shores Short-term Rentals**

by Randy Feltman

After more than five years and a million dollars in court costs, the Watts/Burilson Lawsuit has recently been decided in the San Luis Obispo Superior Court strongly in favor of the Oak Shores Homeowners Association. Judge Crandall's complete proposed decision is available on our [www.oakshores.us](http://www.oakshores.us) website. The attorneys submitted their response to the proposed decision in July, and we are awaiting the final decision from the Judge any day now. Homeowners would benefit by reading the entire decision. A key element in the court case was the authority of the Board of Directors to establish limits, rules and fees for short-term rentals, meaning any rental less than 30 days. Long-term rentals of more than 30 days were not an issue in the court case.

This article seeks to provide members with important information made clear in the court case and decision regarding short-term rentals. Failure to comply with requirements will place the owner in legal jeopardy. First, any owner that rents their home at Oak Shores for less than 30 days must have a business license from the County of San Luis Obispo unless they contract with a property management company to administer the rental for them. Second, the County also requires each owner or their representative property management company to complete a rental form for each rental contract specifying certain information including the gross rental charge. The owner or the representative property management company must pay the County of San Luis Obispo a "Transient Occupancy Tax" (TOT) of 9% of the gross rent for each rental less than 30 days. An owner can utilize any property management company, however, there are two on-site at Oak Shores who specialize in this service, Oak Shores Rentals, 472-2412 and Dragon Lake Rentals, 472-2506.

The Oak Shores Homeowners Association requires each owner who chooses to rent their home on a short-term basis to secure a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) annually and pay a current fee of \$325 to cover added expenses generated by short-term rentals. The Court decision supports this fee as appropriate and reasonable. In fact, expert testimony indicated that current data could support an annual fee increase if the Board decided to implement such an increase.

The Oak Shores Homeowners Association strongly recommends owners who choose to rent on a short-term basis utilize a professional property management service. As part of their service, they assist owners and ensure they are in compliance with all the requirements of the County and Homeowners Association. Importantly, they also communicate verbally and in writing to the renters about the use of amenities such as the pool and courtesy slips as well as rules for driving, parking, the use of the lake, etc. Without this level of communication, the staff are forced into the role of property managers assisting renters who are unfamiliar with Oak Shores and unaware of key rules and information at Oak Shores.

Oak Shores is a small and tight-knit residential community. It is common knowledge that some owners have rented their home without meeting the requirements of the County or Homeowners Association. Some have suggested their renters are "guests" to avoid these requirements. The court made it very clear that these are illegal practices and place the owner in serious legal jeopardy. If you choose to rent on a short-term basis, don't place yourself at risk of major fines from the County and Association. Do it right - get the business license and pay the fees or hire a property management company to do it for you. Also, make sure your renters understand that Oak Shores is a residential community, not a commercial resort and that they know the rules.

If you have questions or need more information about short-term rentals, please contact the Oak Shores Association office.





## HOW TO MAKE A PAN SAUCE

By Cindy Peyton



Before I took a few cooking classes, pan sauces terrified me. I was envious of my friend who could toss a few ingredients into a pan and in a matter of a few minutes pour a rich sauce over her seared steak. So when we got to the Sauces section of my cooking class, I took notes.

The lecture began with the explanation that the base of a pan sauce is called the fond, or brown bits, clinging to the bottom of the skillet after sautéing or searing meat, poultry or fish. Once the food is removed from the skillet, aromatics such as minced shallots can be sautéed; then in a process called deglazing, liquid such as wine, is added and the fond is scraped up. The liquid is then simmered and reduced to concentrate the flavors. Easy, right? A little nervously, I moved off toward the stove

with steak in hand repeating the steps to myself: sauté, deglaze, reduce. Although it wasn't quite as simple as 1,2,3; it was as easy as 1,2,3,4,5,6. Here are my notes:

**Step 1.** Choose a traditional skillet. A nonstick skillet will not develop fond to the same degree that a traditional skillet will, and since the fond is where the flavor begins, a nonstick skillet will make a less flavorful sauce. Also, make sure the skillet will hold your food comfortably. If it is overcrowded, the food will steam instead of sear and not create much fond. After searing the meat, poultry or fish, transfer it to a plate and tent it loosely with aluminum foil to keep it warm. Pour off all but two teaspoons of the fat just enough to cook the aromatics.

**Step 2.** Sauté the aromatics (about four tablespoons) which might be garlic, onion or shallots, and cook them until they soften slightly, usually for no more than a couple of minutes. Adjust the heat if necessary to keep the food from scorching.

**Step 3.** Add the liquid (about 1 ¼ cups), usually wine, broth or juice, to the skillet. It will sizzle and steam on contact. Use a wooden spoon or spatula to scrape up the fond on the bottom of the skillet. If using canned broth, choose a low sodium variety since reducing the liquid could result in overwhelming saltiness. Also, avoid "cooking wines" which have considerable amounts of salt and are generally unappealing in flavor.

**Step 4.** Reduce. Simmer the liquid until it's reduced to ½ cup. If you're not sure what that looks like, pour the liquid into a measuring cup.

**Step 5.** Pour any released juice from the resting food back into the skillet. If the sauce thins, allow it to simmer for an additional minute to restore its proper consistency.

**Step 6.** Whisk 2-3 tablespoons of cut up butter into the sauce, one piece at a time. The reduction will be slightly thickened and greatly enriched. You can also whisk in other flavorings such as mustard, lemon juice or capers or delicate herbs like parsley or tarragon at this time. The final step is to taste and correct the seasoning with salt and pepper.

That's all there is to a basic pan sauce. You can get creative with the measurements I've given you or follow a recipe that looks interesting. Here are two of my favorites from *Cooks Illustrated*.

### **Red Wine & Balsamic Sauce with Rosemary (for beef and pork)**

4 T minced shallot

1 T balsamic vinegar

½ cup red wine

¾ cup low sodium chicken broth

1 t minced fresh rosemary

3 T cold unsalted butter, cut into 3 pieces

Salt & pepper to taste

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## Daninthevines

By Dan Del Campo



Top Gun over the vineyards! There are many ways to protect the grapes from aerial attacks from scavengers. At Parrish they have their own air force that deploys a Falcon Fighter, not the F-16 Falcon, but the Falcon bird of prey. The falcon is a ferocious predator that attacks the starlings at 90 mph. The starlings select the best grapes to eat. The falcons protect the vines playing a role in the wine making process. This is far more exciting than placing green netting over the vines.

The Parrish Family Vineyards has a long history on the central coast. In 1927, G. Earl Henderson, David Parrish's grandfather, had a total of 540 acres planted in Atascadero. Grandpa Henderson also had 50,000 vine cuttings that came from the Paderewski ranch. E.G. Lewis, the founder of Atascadero, also had persuaded Grandpa Henderson to expand his vineyard empire as a part of the Colony model city plan. All of this will lead to a wine 80 years in the making.

David Parrish's journey to the present is just as pivotal. In the 70's, David was involved with the early development of the California Kiwi industry. He helped develop a trellis system. In 78' & 79', David started developing trellises for the commercial wine industry. They were tested at UC Davis and word spread. Soon Mondavi, Sterling, and Berringer hired David to trellis their vineyards. They wanted world-class wines and realized that these trellises would play a role. Now keep in mind that David was in his 20's, so he quit teaching and went into the trellis industry.

Now with his ranch vineyard in Creston, his attention this last decade has turned to producing wine. Of course he is using his own trellis system. I had the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with David to discuss his history and taste the wines.

Under the label P.O. Box 1 they make Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, GSM, and Petite Syrah. These are the value price point wines. They all have great character and varietal flavor that will please your palate. But I want to focus on the Parrish label wine. Currently there is a 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon that incorporates two clones from the vineyard. These are hand selected to produce a Cab of exceptional note. You will experience hints of coca, dense currant fruit of blackberry and cherry. The nose has an earthen and spice aroma. The Cab is very smooth to the taste and easy tannins. On my scale of 12 corks, I give this Cab 10 corks. The next release is called Silken. This is a blend of 60% Cab and 40% Syrah. The Syrah comes from the Bien Nacido Vineyards highly noted for their quality grapes. The Syrah adds a balance to the Cab thus creating that silky feel to the taste. While the Cab has a high berry intensity, the Syrah calms the fruit bringing out the smooth delicate flavors of vanilla, cherry, and even some hints of blueberry. This blend is a perfect compliment with roasted pork or lamb. The Silken won a Gold Medal at the Orange County Fair. On my scale of 12 corks, I give this one 9 corks.

I asked David what is the best wine you hope to make. "Right now it is in the barrel. It is my 2010 Cabernet and won't be released for another 18 months." David took me to his barrel storage and we did a barrel taste. This portends to a Cabernet that is destined to win some major medals. From the barrel the nose was addicting. It was robust with hints of coconut. I felt it had an aphrodisiac attack on my senses. The color was dark ruby and purple. In the glass it even had an eye that stared back. The flavors were bold of fruit and coffee with some tobacco. Tannins were level and consistent. This Cab will be a royal Cab for the Paso region. Too early to rate, but expectations are very high. Parrish wine tasting is downtown Paso on Park St. Go see the Falcon photo while enjoying a taste. [www.parrishfamilyvineyard.com](http://www.parrishfamilyvineyard.com) Also please visit my Facebook page daninthevines for more wine comments.



## Right in Our Own Backyard

By Cathy Anding Wolfe



For 4 years, when I'd come to my weekend getaway home at Oak Shores, I never could understand why anyone, who had the opportunity to live here fulltime, would want to vacation elsewhere. After-all, this is where people come for their vacations! Now, after 20 years of living here fulltime, I do understand. So when my husband, Gaylord, and I have the opportunity to get away for a couple days, we travel in our "5<sup>th</sup> wheel" and go somewhere close enough to be able to go to our office in Paso Robles to work, yet far enough that we feel we are away on vacation, like Morro Bay or San Simeon State Park. That is why we loved our latest trip.

The campground was very nice, easy for parking the rig, lots of shade trees and lots of buffer-zoned space between each campsite. For the RVer, many of the sites have electric hookups and shade covers for the picnic tables, and still room for a couple tents. There are water spickets close by, and all the sites have fire rings for the perfect campfire to sit around and roast marshmallows. There are also playgrounds, clean restrooms and hot showers, and a dump station, since there are no individual sewer hookups. The location of the campground was close to several fun things to do too. Our first morning we took a short hike and found a seasonal stream and saw lots of wildlife. We could have gone on a bike ride, but instead, we showered and got ready for work. We worked for 5 hours and then went back to our campsite to enjoy our mini vacation. Since it was only mid-afternoon and plenty of daylight still ahead, we decided to play 18 holes of golf. We only had to drive 1.5 miles! (Oh, I got a hole-in-one!) Then we traveled another 1.7 miles to walk along a great sandy beach and watch an incredible sunset while we enjoyed a glass of one of Paso's premium wines. Back at the campsite we fired up the BBQ to grill the best sausage—Hawaiian Dragon Lake Sausage (from our Oak Hill Market)!!! Later, the fire was lit, marshmallows were roasted, s'mores (with Reese's peanut butter cups) were made for dessert, and stargazing,( incredible from this location), became the entertainment of the night (because there's no lights to take away the twinkling views). The next morning we went to work early. In the mid-afternoon we returned to our cozy campsite and decided to go for a swim. About 2 miles away from the camp is a great swimming pool complex, with covered patios, lounges to lay in the sun, newer chairs and tables, lawns, some game tables, & BBQ's. We met some really nice folks from all around California who come to this same spot as often as possible for their vacations and mini vacations. We agreed it is a great place. We watched another beautiful sunset, and then drove back to our campsite. We ate another terrific BBQ dinner, lit another fire in the firepit, roasted more marshmallows, ate more s'mores and gazed at more stars. We reminisced about the campouts we enjoyed when we were young, like going "snipe" hunting with a stick and a bag, telling scary ghost stories, shining the flashlight under our chins to make weird faces, and wondering why the giant wild animals would always sniff and scratch only at our tent! The next morning we drove to the office for work. In the late afternoon we went back to our camp, and reluctantly, loaded up our camp stuff, hooked up the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and drove home. That night, we smiled and laughed when thoughts of our quick and easy mini-vacation came to mind.

Yes, young or old, camping out is for making great memories. And, our mini-trip was the perfect memory-making getaway...we had no cell service, no TV, no internet, and no news bulletins...just a couple days to enjoy a special place in a different way!! Try it sometime...Afterall, you don't have to go far—because IT IS RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD—the Oak Shores campground, along with all the other special amenities of our community...!





## Be Responsible for your Wake

By Brent Frank



Everyone from Skiers to Wake Boarders heads out early in the AM to get the best water of the day. It only takes one inexperienced driver and the entire lake is trashed for everyone. The biggest frustration on our lake in the morning is the way people pull their riders. Most of the time it isn't their fault; it's just the lack of knowledge about where their wake is going.

### **Drive straight, the length of the lake, preferably in the center of the lake.**

The easiest way to drive a straight line is not by looking forward. The best thing to do is pick an object at each end of your path; this could be any landmark, a tree, a dock, whatever. You want one of your landmarks in front of your bow light and the other in your mirror. If you don't have a mirror, get one.

Watch the line your prop turbulence makes in your mirror to make sure you're drawing a straight line in the water. When you get to the end of your run and it's time to turn around, you want to turn left out of your path at almost 90 degrees for a short time and then turn right in a circle back into your path but now heading the opposite direction. When you do this at each end of your path, it will look kind of like a dog bone. This keeps your wake always hitting the nearest shoreline. You want to avoid sending your wake up the center of the lake; it can travel for miles and screw up everyone's water.

### **Fallen Rider**

When your rider falls it's your job to protect the path. When they fall, stop the boat on your line so your Wake keeps going away from your path. Put your boat in idle and slowly turn around so as to not send rollers down your path. Once you're pointing at your landmark again, go ahead and get back to your rider as fast as you need to. Idle around them again so as to not make rollers. Get them on your line again and drive away. If you 'Power Turn' around every time they fall, you'll destroy your own water.

When you see a driver running a path up the length of the lake, fall in behind him giving him plenty of room, maybe a hundred yards or so. Follow his path; if his rider falls, give them plenty of room and a hand signal that you see their downed rider, then pass them still holding a straight path. If possible, ask them if they mind if you run the same line or if you can take turns running the path. Any driver that you see driving like this will know enough that you're trying to help them have a good day on the water and will work with you. If multiple boats are spaced apart and running the same line down the length of the lake the water will stay nice all day.

### **Crossing the Lake**

Let's say you're heading out for the early morning run from the Oak Shores Marina and you want to start heading towards Las Tablas. Leave the Marina logs at an idle, and cross the lake in a straight line with no wake. Once you get out to the center and pointing towards Tablas you can power up, and your wake will hit the shoreline. If you start your morning by powering up and crossing the lake, you have already started trashing your morning glass with rollers heading both directions down the center of the lake. Be responsible for your wake! Educate others and we will have a great place to ride every morning.

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## **Mission San Antonio Fundraiser**

Mission San Antonio (located at Hunter-Liggett) is having its annual Evening in the Garden on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sample local wines from many outstanding wineries and feast on specially catered gourmet food delights while strolling through the Padre's garden. Presale Discount: \$40.00 per person (available at the Mission) or \$50.00 per person the night of the event. There will also be a Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit the continuing maintenance and restoration of the Padre's Garden and Mission San Antonio.



**We asked some of our resident kids—  
What do you like best about living at Oak Shores?**



**John Fitzpatrick  
Age 17**

**Senior, Paso Robles High School  
"Living in a rural area and meeting all  
the new people around the  
community"**



**David Fitzpatrick  
Age 15**

**Sophomore, Paso Robles High School  
"Being able to go to the lake"**



**Andrew Fitzpatrick  
Age 13**

**7th Grade, Cappy Culver School  
"Being close to the lake and have fun"**



**Hannah Fitzpatrick  
Age 15**

**Sophomore, Paso Robles High School  
"Unlimited lake access & lots of sun.  
Also the quietness of Oak Shores  
compared to the big city"**



**Jacob Marmolejo  
Age 8**

**3rd grade, Cappy Culver  
"Going out on the lake and swimming  
in the pool"**



**Jo Jo Marmolejo  
Age 7**

**2nd Grade, Cappy Culver  
"Fishing with Dad and going to the  
lake"**



**Brendan Farnsworth  
Age 11**

**5th grade, Cappy Culver  
"Swimming and hanging out with friends"**



**Kaitlin Farnsworth  
Age 7**

**2nd Grade, Cappy Culver  
"Going to school and kayaking on the  
lake"**



**Isabella Morgan  
Age 7**

**2nd Grade, Cappy Culver  
"Looking at the lake when I'm in the pool"**





**Blythe Escalera**  
Age 17  
Senior, Paso Robles High School  
"The Summer"



**Daniel Landeros**  
Age 7  
2nd Grade, Cappy Culver  
"Fishing"



**Ashley Love**  
Age 6  
Kindergarten, Cappy Culver  
"The Swimming Pool"



**Baylee Love**  
Age 4  
Pre-Kindergarten, Cappy Culver  
"The Pool and the Lake"



**Michael Avery**  
Age 9  
4th grade, Cappy Culver  
"I love that we can walk  
to the lake."



**Nate Avery**  
Age 12  
7th grade, Cappy Culver  
"Living in a Safe  
community and I also love  
the new golf course."



**Reese Amber Wilson**  
3 1/2  
S.T.A.R.S. preschool  
"Playing in the water, and  
watching sunsets from our  
deck with my Daddy"



( I think the kids like to party with  
family at the community functions,  
like our Annual Labor Day BBQ,  
Bake Sale & Auction ! )



**Hunter Smith**  
Age 13  
Freshman, Paso Robles High School  
"All of it"



Volunteers laid sod at our NEW  
golfcourse. A drinking fountain,  
benches to sit on, BBQ, and tables  
under the new Pergola have also  
been added recently.

## ***The Runway Model***

*By Ginny Becchine*



According to the British Association of Model Agents a female model should be about 5 foot 9 inches tall. The famous Cindy Crawford was exactly 5 foot 9 and like most models had long legs. *Ardea Herodias* at 4 foot tall, is a bit short of desirable, but they do have *very long legs and are elegant enough to be runway models*. *Ardea herodias*, the Great Blue Heron, is the tallest of the 6 North American Herons, and it is also the most abundant and widespread. Though 5 of the 6 species of North American herons can be found in San Luis Obispo County, I have only seen two feeding at Lake Nacimiento. In addition to the Great Blue Heron, I have seen the Danny DeVito of the herons. *Butorides virescens*, the Green Heron, at 18 inches tall is the shortest heron and is definitely not runway

material.

Next time you see a Great Blue Heron, take a good look at those long legs. It looks like their knees are bending the wrong way. It is not the knee that you are seeing, it is their ankle. The knee joint is close to the body and gets lost in the feathers. The Great Blue heron has a 6-foot wingspan. In flight what you see are huge slow beating wings, a long neck sticking out one end and long legs sticking out the other. The bird folds its neck into an "S" shape when flying, but the legs are held straight back. They have special neck vertebrae, which allow them to retract and bend the neck in an s-shape. When hunting, this bone structure enables the bird's neck to curl up like a spring to attack prey.



The wings and body of the Great Blue are slate-gray. The long elegant neck is brownish-buff with black and white down the front. A black "eye brow" runs above each eye, and the crown of the head and face are white. There are black patches on each shoulder and some splotches of chestnut color as well. The long legs are brown, or sometimes greenish and the upper leg is covered in chestnut colored feathers, about where the knee is located. Its bill is long, thick and yellow in color. About the only thing not long on a Great Blue Heron is its tail, which is very short.

During breeding season the black eyebrow extends well beyond the head and the bird's shaggy neck and back plumes. In the nineteenth century, herons were hunted for these plumes. The beautiful feathers were popular decorations for women's hats. Some heron species were severely depleted by hunting. Thankfully, hunting was outlawed in the early twentieth century.



The heron will stand still in the water or near the water's edge looking for dinner. It might stir the water with its foot or flick its wings to disturb or startle prey. Prey flushing actions such as this 'Foot Stirring' and 'Wing-flicking' can also be used when it walks slowing and deliberately stalking its prey. They hunt predominantly by day, but if there is enough light they will forage at night. Studies suggest that cloudy weather is the ideal situation for hunting fish. This heron is very adaptable. In addition to the main course, which is fish, it will eat a wide variety of prey including amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, small mammals, and even other birds.

The Great Blue Heron usually hunts alone, but it breeds in colonies. Colonies range in size from a few nests to a few hundred. Males choose a nest site where they will either build a new nest or restore an old

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## Recreation Activities and Update

By Janice Gillenwater



I want to thank everyone that attended the Labor Day BBQ and also all the wonderful volunteers that helped in any way. Jack Baker for again supplying the firewood; Jim Money, Mark Taylor, Mark Pozzi and Jess for barbequing all the meat; Angela Pozzi and Rio Farms for supplying the salad; Grace Borzini at Oak Shores Realty for her sponsorship. Many volunteers that worked so hard, and also Grandma Faye's granddaughter's husband, Dave Rea, for supplying our entertainment for the BBQ as he was the great surprise for all of us that night!! We all appreciated his talent of playing his guitar and singing!

Please notice that we are still working on the golf course and look forward to a grand opening when the landscaping is completed within the next few weeks.

### Upcoming Events...

- ♦ Annual Halloween Adult Costume Party which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th.
- ♦ Christmas Night Light Parade and Open Houses will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Please call Janice if you would like your home to be one of the stops during the parade.
- ♦ New Year's Eve Party Saturday, Dec 31st.
- ♦ Bunco is on the first Thursday of each month at our Clubhouse. If you have any ideas or questions, please call me at 472-9404.

### General Manager's Report—Continued from Page 3

This summer we have experienced some minor thefts in the community. There are several things that you as a homeowner can do to prevent being a victim. Petty theft is usually a crime of opportunity, so let's try to eliminate the opportunity. Below are a few helpful hints:

- ♦ Lock your car.
- ♦ Purchase a locking gas cap.
- ♦ Don't hide your key outside your home, install a lock box instead.
- ♦ Part time residents might consider having a neighbor put out their trash instead of leaving it out for several days.
- ♦ Check windows and doors carefully before you leave.
- ♦ Report anything unusual that happens at your home.
- ♦ Report suspicious activity and people that should not be in your neighborhood.

OSCA is working hard to reduce the vegetation in and around the community that can fuel a fire. The Association is attempting to clear the areas around the community that have never been cleaned up or had plants removed. Please take some time and look at your home and lot to see what you can do to reduce the fuel load. If you have questions, please feel free to give the office a call.

### SILENT AUCTION 2011

Our thanks to a very generous community, to those who gave and those who purchased. We did surprisingly well considering the attendance was lower than past years. The Beautification Committee is proud to say, that \$3,864. was raised for us to put back into the community. Our heartfelt THANKS.

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## *Clubhouse Gallery News*

By Rusty Lipscomb

A photo book that includes the first 8 gallery shows is now available for purchase. The cost is \$45.00 and you can view the book and place an order for it at the office. We have 2012 calendars for sale at \$15.00, with photos from the gallery as well.

I am still collecting PETS OF OAK SHORES and any other photos you would like to submit showing this beautiful area we live in, or places of interest on the central coast. Send to: [lilrust@earthlink.net](mailto:lilrust@earthlink.net) or call Rusty at 472-2717.

I am glad that I continue to hear positive comments about our gallery, and it is only because of the great images you send to me. So get your cameras out and continue to send your photos to me! A special thanks to Cathy Anding Wolfe for forwarding her Photo Contest submissions to me for use in the gallery. Photos can be emailed to [lilrust@earthlink.net](mailto:lilrust@earthlink.net), travel drive copied, cd/dvd, or I can scan a print. If you have any questions, just give me a call at 805-472-2717.

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**GOD BLESS THE OAK SHORES COMMUNITY**



## Swim Dock Returns to Oak Shores Marina

by Johnnie Smith



*Brooke Smith having fun on the Swim Dock*

Attention all water rats. If you haven't already noticed, we have a new swim dock back on the water. We estimated its been at least five years since mother nature took the last dock and gave us enough water to have a new one. I've been blessed at Oak Shores for 40 years, and over 20 of that has been full time. Growing up every summer here (before the pool) the swim dock was the greatest in the WORLD. Tom and Faye Middleton, aka Nonnie and Pop, my Grandpa and Grandma, would give my mom a break and have us stay with them for the summers. Jason and Nicole, my brother and sister, and I loved the lake so much we wanted to go on the water every day all summer, "Right Grandma!"

Well, the swim dock was the perfect solution for crazed grandkids. Of course, we had to wait until "Days of Our Lives" was over. We spent countless hours playing King of the Dock, Marco Polo, and swimming until we were shriveled like prunes. Thanks Nonnie...

It has been my goal to have a swim dock back in the community for the kids. I'm proud to say it is back, and hope everyone enjoys it like we did. Obey all rules and have FUN.

Many thanks for all the volunteer labor and donations by: OSCA; the Private Marina Committee; the Maintenance Department; Big Creek Lumber; the Blair Family; Chris Marcotte, handyman; Conrad Construction' Fisher Dock Services; Jacob Salinas; Jason Smith; Jeff Miller; Scottco Distributors, Inc.; Smith Construction; Tim Horton; Wheelers Flooring America; William Varela, and an extra special thanks to Hunter and Brenda.

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### Special Thanks

to Sherwin Westra.

While visiting Oak Shores and playing mini-golf with his wife and sons, he offered his help and expertise in setting the large supporting beams on the PERGOLA. He was invaluable to this difficult and dangerous process. Thanks so much for your help

### Bridge News

By Barbara Alena

A small group of Bridge Players meet every Thursday afternoon.

If you want to join us in a friendly game, please call Barbara Alena at 472-2503.

**Continued from Page 13—Great Blue Heron**

one. The males put on grand displays and shriek loudly when females approach them. They show off for the female herons by flying over the nest site in three hundred and sixty degree turns. All this so a female will chose him for her mate. Herons do not mate for life, so every year he has to win a new female. Once chosen by a female, the male gathers sticks for the nest and presents the sticks to the female, who will fashion them into a platform nest. Both parents incubate the 3-5 eggs and when the eggs hatch, both parents will feed the young. At about 2 months of age the young start to fly, but the parents will continue to feed them for a few more weeks.

**Interesting facts:**

- ♦ An all white form of the great Blue Heron is found in southern Florida.
- ♦ The heron can swallow a fish many times wider than its narrow neck.
- ♦ In flight, the Great Blue Heron averages 25 m.p.h. Its maximum flight speed can approach 35 m.p.h.
- ♦ The oldest recorded Great Blue Heron lived 23 years and 3 months.
- ♦ A group of herons has many collective nouns, including a "battery", "hedge", "pose", "rookery", and "scattering" of herons.

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**Continued from Page 6—How to Make a Pan Sauce****Vermouth (or white Wine) & Tarragon Sauce (for poultry and fish)**

4 T minced shallot

½ cup dry vermouth or dry white wine

¾ cup low sodium chicken broth

1 ½ t chopped fresh tarragon leave

3 T cold unsalted butter, cut into 3 pieces

Pour off all but 2 teaspoons fat from skillet; add shallot and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, about 1 ½ minutes, adjusting heat if necessary. Deglaze with liquid ingredients; reduce to ½ cup. Whisk in herbs and butter ; season to taste with salt and pepper.

The possibilities are endless, and you'll be rewarded with a rich, savory sauce, not to mention that your friends and family will be greatly impressed.

May you always have a full table,

Cindy

***Condolences to the Family of Glen Franke***

*Glen Franke, a long time resident of Oak Shores, friend to many, neighbor, and cherished husband of Patti Franke, who preceded him in death, passed away on Friday, August 12 at his Oak Shores home. He will be missed.*

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**Beautification Committee Update**

By John Watkins

During the Labor Day weekend the Oak Shores Beautification Committee hosted an auction in concert with the Oak Shores Recreation Committee's annual barbecue. Committee Member Rusty Lipscomb chaired the successful event. Auction items were generously donated by Oak Shores residents and the array of items was fantastic—handmade quilts, professional services, jewelry, water toys, and art are just a few of the items that were offered for the highest bidder. A bake sale provided delicious desserts for immediate consumption or a pie or cake to take home.

The committee wishes to once again thank those who so generously contributed to our event. As the day came to a close and all of the lucky bidders picked up their items, over \$3800.00 was collected. As you may already know, these monies will be utilized exclusively in conjunction with volunteer labor to bring wonderful improvements to our community.

The Beautification Committee is beginning work on a community guidelines manual that will outline style, color and visual esthetics when repairs, maintenance or improvements are required in Oak Shores. The committee feels that it will be a valuable tool to management and maintenance in future years.

In the last Oak Leaves I spoke about the work at the miniature golf course. Take a good look next time you drive by. Maintenance installed the irrigation system, volunteers and staff installed 200sf of sod and more trees and plantings will be planted soon. The golf course is looking great. Go play a round; it's a beautiful place for everyone.

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