





## President's Message

### Bob Lever



In November, the Board approved our Oak Shores 2008 operating budget. During its development, much of the time and effort put in by the Budget committee, Manager and Board was spent in looking for ways to raise dues as little as possible or not at all.

What occurred to me later on was that rather than try, as Boards usually do, to explain why dues had to increase, I'd like instead to emphasize how low our dues are and why. One main explanation is summed up in a word: Volunteers. These selfless people not only give of themselves to make our community a more enjoyable place to live — they actually put \$ in our pockets! Over the years, we've benefited from the efforts of

hundreds of volunteers, many of whom continually are involved in raising funds, maintaining our amenities, and organizing events - - Janice Gillenwater, Jim & Georgia Cordle, Nancy & Randy Feltman, Connie and Gerry Main, Sue & Jim Money, Bob & Sandy Rice and Shari Sutherland – to name a few.

On behalf of the Board and our community, I'd like to express our sincere appreciation to these individuals and to the volunteers involved in our most recent projects:

#### **Pool Deck & Shade Cover:**

Project Coordinator - Gerry Main

Construction Team - Tom Horton, Tim Horton (Horton Construction), Marc Banner,  
James Casella, Troy Howey, Warren Musser

Truss and Roof Installation - Ryan Pope (Rhino Construction)

Painting Contractor - Alex Ferrel, Trevor Ferrel

Electrical Contractor - Mark Pozzi

Community Volunteers - Ron Appoldt, Jerry Cain, Jim Cordle, Randy Feltman, Sam McKibbin  
Randy Gillenwater, Don Krause, Gerry Main

#### **Turkey Cove Retaining Wall (Next to Pool):**

Bandy Smith Backhoe Services, Al Young (Backhoe Services), Ron Appoldt, Mark Taylor, Jerry Cain, Jim Cordle, Dave Homewood, Don Krause, Sam McKibbin, Gerry Main, Brad Walker and Dexter Daniels.

The combined efforts – equipment, material, labor – of all these people saved OSCA approximately \$25,000.

Now for my favorite subject, the restated CC&Rs. The votes concerning their adoption were counted at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Thanks to efforts of our office staff and many member volunteers who made phone calls, stuffed ballots and walked door to door, we had an amazing response: 687 ballots were returned! Of these, 608 were “yes”; 61 were “no”; 18 were invalid. Our legal counsel will advise as to what our next step should be in terms of adopting the new CC&Rs.

All and all it looks as though everything we've been working on is coming together in a positive way. I'm looking forward to working with our staff, volunteers and Board and to continued progress in the upcoming months.



## General Manager's Report

Annette Louder



### Restated CC&Rs Vote & Calling Campaign

On January 30<sup>th</sup> another mailing along with a new ballot was sent to everyone that has not yet voted for the Restated CC&Rs. Volunteers have continued calling owners and knocking on doors of those who have not yet returned their ballots. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of all the volunteers the ballots have been rolling in!! As of today, 2/15/08, we have received **665 ballots!** WHAT A TREMENDOUS EFFORT!! **THANK YOU** to the Board of Directors and the following volunteers who have spent a tremendous amount of time and effort in assisting with this enormous undertaking: **Patti Franke, Alice Englund, Janice Gillenwater, Marion LaFave, Ivan Wheeler, Jim Marshall, Sue**

**Money, Chris Kirk, Perry & Jill Frederiksen, Dick Frederiksen, and Jerry & Sydney Cain.** I cannot thank each of them enough for their time and efforts in contacting every member and helping us get the mailer out, all of which has resulted in a HUGE response and very successful election!!

### 2008 Asphalt Road Work

We have begun the process of obtaining bids for the scheduled 2008 asphalt roadwork to be completed this spring. Letters are being sent to contractors describing the work to be completed and asking them to respond if they are interested in bidding. We will be scheduling meetings on site with each contractor to provide information, discuss, and thoroughly review the areas and work to be completed. Once we receive all of the proposals, we will summarize the bids and submit to the Board for review at the March meeting. Our goal is to have all work scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2008.

### Summer Season Reminders

The summer season is fast approaching. In order to assist staff with maintaining a smooth operation and prevent delays at the gate, please remember to:

- Call in all guests prior to their arrival.
- Update your owner vehicle and watercraft stickers for 2008.
- Inform your guests of all community rules, including the requirement to pay watercraft and/or campground fees.
- Register to have your name entered into the remote phone entry system in order to allow you to open the gate for guests arriving after-hours from your home phone.
- Inform guests of the limitation of either one (1) boat or two (2) personal watercrafts per property.

### 2007 Audit

Porter & Company has been retained to complete the 2007 audit. The audit has been completed, and we expect to receive the draft report this month. The final audit report will be distributed to the Board for approval at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The report summary will then be mailed to all owners in accordance with Civil Code.

### Maintenance Update

I am happy to report that the interior portion of the campground restroom project is complete! The doors to each restroom were replaced, all woodwork was sanded, the wood benches in the shower areas were re-done and covered with a waterproof material, the walls and frames around the stalls were patched and sanded, and the entire interior of each restroom was repainted. (continued on Page 10)



## Meet Your Neighbors - Jimmie and Pam Boone

By Nancy Feltman



Woman Golfer meets Bass Fisherman; they fall in love and now are transitioning into retirement to settle into a most beautiful place to live. Meet your almost full-time Oak Shores neighbors, Pam and Jimmie Boone. Congratulations to Jimmie who retired this past January and is now patiently waiting for his bride, Pam, to retire in the next 2-4 years and live happily at the lake enjoying his favorite thing to do, fishing! I refer to Pam as his bride because, even though they have been together for the past 16 years, they were recently married on April 1, 2007 (no fooling)!

Actually, they are a very romantic couple who were both born and raised in Bakersfield, and met in 1992 at a fund-raising event at Cal-State University, Bakersfield. Jimmie knew everyone in Pam's family, except Pam. She is a golfer, spent every weekend on a golf course, and then fell in love with someone who went fishing every weekend. Pam figured the only way she would get to see Jimmie was to learn how to fish. Jimmie taught her how to fish, and they have been enjoying the sport for the past 15 years entering Bass Tournaments at many California lakes. They qualified for six tri-state bass fishing championships and their highest finish was 5th among hundreds of anglers from surrounding states. Jimmie fished on the pro circuit for two years and qualified for the West Coast Classic Bass Tournament, which includes the top 50 anglers on the West Coast. The biggest fish Jimmie caught hangs on the wall in their house. It was a 11 ½ lb. largemouth bass caught at Success Lake in Porterville. Pam's biggest catch was a 9 lb. largemouth bass at Lake Isabella. As of this writing, they will be leaving shortly for the Carolinas to see the biggest fishing tournament in the USA, the "Bassmaster Classic" airing on ESPN.

Pam and Jimmie are not newcomers to Oak Shores. The fishing tournaments brought them to Lake Nacimiento many times over the years. They also have friends who own a home here. What they love about this lake is that anyone they take out fishing will catch some kind of fish. Pam also enjoys water skiing when she can catch a ride on one of their friends' ski boats.

They decided to look for their own place at Oak Shores, but could not seem to find exactly what they wanted. Finally in 2002, while driving around Oak Shores with a realtor, they drove by their current house on Shoreline and both yelled at the realtor, "Stop the car – this is the house"! They both saw something exciting about the house, because it was not a pretty sight. It smelled awful, had blue carpet with pink polka dots, and was pretty much a wrecked party house. After six years of renovations, construction of additions and redecorating, their house is bigger, beautiful and smells good, like homemade macaroni and cheese, which happened to be what they were eating for dinner when I arrived for their interview. Jimmie and Pam have had many experiences building houses. They built two houses while living in Bakersfield. Pam has done a tremendous job decorating, sewing all the window treatments, resurfacing bathroom cabinets, tiling, painting and making each of their guest bedrooms a place where their friends and family will never want to leave.

Jimmie worked as a grading contractor along with his father first, and then with brother, Jack, in the family business specializing in subdivision grading. Dad Boone started the business in 1953. Jimmie worked in the business before and after his stint in Vietnam where he served in the Army.

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## Fire Department Update

by Chris Kirk

We would like to welcome two new firefighters to our company, Josh Marmalejo and Randy Castello. We now have 12 firefighters, six of whom are EMTs. We would also like to welcome 2 new auxiliary members, Jim Rice and Bob Sutherland. Training has included structure and chimney fires, cliffside rescues, vehicle extrications using the Jaws of Life, as well as cutters and rams, and various medical situations.

Engine 34, Rescue 34, and Patrol 34 vehicles are all ready to respond. Boat 34 is currently being overhauled and is in San Diego. We hope to have that project completed this winter. We would like to remind members of the community that Patrol 34 belongs to the Oak Shores Volunteer Fire Department not County Fire and is solely supported by our department through fundraising efforts. The OSCA Board has approved a contribution of \$2,300 in the budget for next year to help pay for the required insurance for Patrol 34. This will help take some of the burden of trying to raise more than the \$5,000.00 per year to support our volunteer department. We placed a new Zoll Difiulator and Husquvana chainsaw on the Patrol vehicle recently with new rope rescue equipment to follow. We would like to give special thanks to residents Mike and Diane Harrell, and Dell and Judith Yoakum for their recent generous donations. Also, local resident Mark Pozzi of Pozzi Bros Electric who donated his time and expertise to place a separate fuse panel at the Fire House that will run off a generator in case of power outages, giving the department the needed power to open the bay doors and turn on the lights. Thanks Mark.

Company 34 is always looking to recruit new firefighters and auxiliary members. We still have vacant positions that need to be filled. Join us and help support your community. For questions on what to do during a major fire or earthquake, we have an emergency plan for the community in place. You can contact Chris Kirk @ 472-9272 or contact the OSCA office to review the plan for your information.

Finally, your Fire Department is reminding residents to have their chimneys cleaned in your wood stoves or fireplaces. If you need brushes, you can contact Glen Franke @ 472-2627. He has various sizes. If you need to hire someone, you can contact Chris Kirk at 472-9272. Fog and ice will be on the roads in the early mornings, so remember to take it slow and give yourself plenty of time.

### **"LOGOS" 2008 One Day Preview Sale** **Saturday March 22, 2008**



**NEW 2008 MERCHANDISE**  
**FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN & TODDLERS**  
Gift Certificates Available for any \$\$\$ amount  
12:00 noon to 4pm and by Appt.

After Hours Appointments: Call Sandy Rice 472-2804  
Sue Money 472-2015 - Georgia Cordle 472-2775—Nancy Feltman 472-2258  
Open Every Weekend Beginning Saturday May 3



## Getting to Know Your Staff - Allison Pratt

By Janice Gillenwater and Nancy Feltman



Most of us know Allison Pratt, our full-time code enforcement gate person. If you don't, you should. Allison has more contact with our members and guests than anyone else here. She has worked at the gate in that little kiosk doing her job for the past seven years. She started as a seasonal part-time employee in 2000, then was hired as a full time staff member in 2001.

"It's All About You"! Allison chants as she sits down for our interview in the Gatehouse office. Her hands are outstretched above with a big smile and slight glee in her voice. Allison's philosophy on working the gate is, whoever is in front of her window receives her full attention. If your name does not happen

to be on the guest list, then "It's All About Me", says Allison. Access Denied. A reminder for all of us to call in our visitors and service providers and update our guest lists.

Allison's primary duty at the gatehouse is controlling access for guests, visitors and service providers to our community. She also must maintain written and computer access records for all parties, process vehicles and boats, and maintain contact with patrol. Allison is trained to do all code enforcement jobs and also patrols the neighborhoods when needed. During the busy summer season, the gate can be hectic when a line forms with anxious and sometime impatient guests. During those times, you will often see her "walking the line" to speed up the process. She must gather and confirm access information, hand out stickers, and answer the phone and a lot of questions, while at the same time trying to get owners through the gate so they don't have to wait.

Her priorities for change at the gate would be to revamp the Gatehouse area to make it more functional and comfortable for everyone (staff, owners, guests) throughout the hot summer and cold winter months. She swears that the gatehouse is getting smaller and smaller as the years go by. The most common comments from guests and visitors first arriving to Oak Shores is, "You're a long way out here; we almost got lost. Can we use a restroom"? Based on these frequent requests from guests and visitors, her other priority would be to have a public bathroom and soda/snack machine in the gate area.

Allison enjoys watching the people come and go, and appreciates the opportunity to meet members and others on a daily basis. She is especially vigilant with the school kids after they are dropped off at the bus stop by the gate. She keeps a close watch on them while they are waiting for their ride home, and on occasion has pulled a kid or two out from the landscape pond next to the entrance.

Allison has been visiting and enjoying Oak Shores all her life and moved here full time in 1992. She was born in Granada Hills, California and raised in the San Fernando Valley. In the 1960's, her grandparents, Murray and Alice Kershaw, lived in Oak Shores for awhile. At one time Murray was the fire chief at Oak Shores. Before they both passed away, they built a house in Christmas Cove where Allison currently lives with her sister, Melissa, and her disabled Uncle Patrick. Allison and Melissa, along with their Aunt Kathleen who lives and works in Monterey, share the responsibilities of being loving caretakers for their uncle. It's a lot of responsibility in addition to working full time, but Allison loves her uncle dearly and says, "I wouldn't have it any other way". She lives only five miles from the gatehouse and is able to be on the job or at home quickly if needed. **(Continued on page 7)**

**Allison Pratt** (continued from Page 6)

Allison is part of a tight-knit family who she identifies as the number one priority in her life. They all take care of each other when needed. Allison will be there for anyone in her family who needs her, no matter when or where. Her brother, Damon, sister-in-law, Carina, and Dad, Robert, live in Sylmar. She has an adopted sister, Iris, who is a business student at CSUN. Her mother, Linda, passed away in 1992. "Family comes first with us, which is the reason why I have stayed up here; because this is where I am needed".

When she does get spare time, Allison enjoys hanging out with her local friends, going to the movies, and window shopping. She is a huge fan of Anime, which is Japanese animation geared to adults and always looks forward to attending the Anime annual conventions.

Allison loves and appreciates the Oak Shores residents who have done a lot over the years to help her and her family. The unpaved road to Christmas Cove has presented Allison and her family with some challenges. At times they are stranded when the creek floods and blocks the road. When her grandmother was ill with cancer and receiving chemo treatments and got stranded, a group of Oak Shores residents went by boat to pick her up and get her to her treatment. They also brought the families supplies when needed. Allison states that, "The entire Oak Shores community has been fantastic to me and my family. I have never worked in a better environment; the people are great and a lot of fun".

We are all fortunate to have such an experienced expert handling our entrance gate.  
Thank you Allison!

P.S. Allison asked us to get out the following message to the residents: **"If you do not have a 2008 sticker for your car, please go to the gate, along with your registration (very important because you will be asked for it.) Don't wait, because the crowds will be here shortly!"**

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### **I Wanna Fish With This Guy!!!**

A fisherman built this gazebo on the edge of his dock down by a lake, but then thought he might just as well build the deck with floats on it, so he could take it out fishing too. It has a 15,000 lb. capacity.

The deck is 18 ft x 18 ft with 12 plastic foam filled dock floats that are 4 ft x 4 ft by 18 inch high, and the gazebo is 10 ft. hexagon with a table and chairs inside. Under the table is a trolling motor so he can take it out to his favorite fishing hole. The trolling motor is wireless remote controlled so he can be fishing outside and operate the motor. On the top of the table he has a fish-finder with depth sounding sonars and temp. gauge. He has 2 electric winches with 40 lb. anchors. He also built in a water pump so he can clean the fish right on the spot.

### **The Floating Motorized Gazebo**



How about a Spring Construction Project?



## "Day-Trippin" From Oak Shores...

By Lisa Carpenter



There are lots of fun day trips just minutes from Oak Shores. Go exploring along the beautiful Central Coast this spring; recent rains have the hillsides green and the wildflowers in bloom.

### The Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery

Located on Hwy. 1 seven miles north of San Simeon is the Piedras Blancas Rookery, part-time home to approximately 15,000 elephant seals. The rookery is a perfect day-trip for people of all ages, is open year-round, and is free to the public.

The Northern Elephant Seal spends eight to ten months per year in the ocean, diving 1000 to 5000 feet deep to feed. They migrate thousands of miles each year and return to the rookery twice annually to rest, breed, and molt (shed their skin). The enormous male seals can grow up to 16 ft. long and weigh as much as 5,000 pounds. They are the first to arrive at the rookery in November, and are easily recognized by their large blubbery noses. The males fight to determine dominance and establish "harems" of females to breed with. The females are much smaller at up to 12 ft. long and 1,800 pounds.

Although there are generally some seals at the rookery all year, the largest number can be viewed during birthing and breeding, January through March, and March through May for molting. For more detailed information on population and habits, visit [www.elephantseal.org](http://www.elephantseal.org).

On your way back to home, stop in the quaint town of Cambria for lunch. Local favorite Robin's Nest Restaurant at 4095 Burton Drive, 805-927-5007, is famous for their delicious salmon bisque and salads.

#### Getting there:

From Paso take 101 South to Hwy. 46W. Follow 46 to Hwy 1 and go right (north) towards Cambria. About seven miles past San Simeon look for the rookery sign. Turn left into the parking lot.

**Editors Note:** Two writers and articles (Page 9 & 11) focus on the Elephant Seal Rookery in this edition, so if both our local area experts seek to point out what a special experience this is at this time of year it must be great.

### Join in the **BIG SHOT** Contest

(Send us **YOUR** Best Photo of the Lake & Oak Shores'  
**FUN & BEAUTY....**

**The BEST SHOT** will receive a Logos Gift Certificate and be featured in the **OAK LEAVES**  
You may submit more than 1 photo

Judging by an outside Professional Photographer

Submit Photos By May 1, 2008 [CathyAtTheLake@msn.com](mailto:CathyAtTheLake@msn.com) Subject: **Pix 4 Prizes**

So go out...**BE A BIG SHOT**...Capture the memories with your camera...

it's a **WIN/WIN** for everyone!!

**CONGRATULATIONS To the March Winners (Photos on Back Page)**





## Lake Nacimiento Water Projects by Randy Gillenwater

There are two projects taking place currently, the pipeline by San Luis Obispo County and the work on the dam and spillway by Monterey County Water Resources.

San Luis Obispo County has begun construction on the pipeline project that will deliver water from the lake to cities in SLO County. When completed, (Dec. 2010) they will draw 15,000 acre feet of water per year. This will average a drop in elevation of six inches per month. The pipes largest diameter is 36 inches and goes down to a small of 12 inches.

Monterey County Water Resources has awarded the dam and spillway work to Granite Construction Co. and is a two year project. They estimate the construction schedule to cover two construction seasons, one from April 1, 2008 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, then the same period in 2009, with final completion by Sept. 30, 2009.

They will be removing the crest of the dam and raising the spillway chute walls 15 feet. The lake level will be limited to a maximum elevation of 770 ft. this year. We are currently at 764 ft. Water releases will be the normal releases as needed by MCWR; they have no plan to drain the lake for the construction project.

The second year of the project will be the installation of the new inflatable portion of the dam. The water levels next year, 2009, will be limited to a maximum of 760 ft. of elevation. The project, when completed, will lower the current spillway structure by 12 feet 3 inches and replace it with inflatable bladders with steel plates, maintaining a maximum elevation of 800 feet.

For more information and continued updates on these Lake Nacimiento projects, please go to [www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us](http://www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us).

**Have a Corvette?**  
**How about a local Corvette Club?**  
**For Details Call**  
**Tom Horton at 472-0499**

## Pam & Jimmie Boone Continued from Page 4

Pam graduated from Cal State University Bakersfield with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and has worked in many different practice settings including public health, school nursing, critical care, and oncology. While working at a Bakersfield area hospital as a middle manager, an oncologist recruited her to join his practice. She became Oncology Certified and functioned in many different capacities during her 17 years at Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center including chemotherapy nurse, clinical research coordinator, Clinical Operations Manager and finally as Director of Clinical Research. She also provided consultative services to oncology practices throughout California.

Pam currently works for Genentech Inc., a bio-oncology company as a clinical coordinator. She travels throughout California, Nevada and Hawaii educating physicians and nurses in biotherapy for a drug used in the treatment of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Immunological diseases. In essence, she's "the expert". She enjoys her work that allows her to connect with physicians and nurses by addressing their learning needs including the administration of the medication, patient education and managing patient's side effects. She is currently enrolled in an on-line graduate school, Regis University in Denver, working toward her Master's Degree in Nursing Education. Her goal is to teach nursing at the university level.

Pam looks forward to retiring in a few years and spending her time at Oak Shores with family and friends. She has a daughter, Lisa, who lives in Portland, OR. Jimmie has three daughters: Nikki who lives in Thousand Oaks, Deborah and Stephanie who both live in Bakersfield. Together, Pam and Jimmie have four grandchildren; Danny, 17 yrs. who plays football and track; Logan, 15 yrs. who plays LaCrosse and Soccer; Chelsy, 12 yrs who is in the band, and Caitlyn, 9 yrs. who is in music and basketball. Of course if you ask Jimmie or Pam about their grandchildren, they would tell you they are all brilliant and cute too.

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**General Manager's Report , Continued from Page 3**

The restrooms look terrific! They will be preparing the exterior for new lap siding and painting over the upcoming weeks, weather permitting. We're very excited to see all of the wonderful improvements that the Maintenance Department is busy completing!!

For those of you that have been in the office lately, you've probably noticed some changes taking place. Maintenance has placed drywall on the ceiling, added a ceiling fan that was donated, and is in the process of painting the entire inside of the office. The new colors will be a nice change from the plain white and will add warmth and beauty to the office.

In the next few weeks, they will also be installing handrails on all of the concrete steps in the main marina as required by our insurance company. With all the recent heavy rains, our Maintenance Department has been very busy placing sandbags, doing erosion control, and cleaning mud off the streets in several areas throughout the community. They have also completed minor asphalt repairs, including patching several holes.

We recently had a water line leak in the pipe between the meter near the street and the clubhouse. Unfortunately, the pipe is located under the asphalt parking lot and concrete patio. Since there have been several leaks in this pipe over the years, we have decided to re-route the water line and run pipes along the playground and backside of the clubhouse to make it more accessible should there be future leaks.

I would like to wish everyone a very HAPPY Easter and look forward to seeing all of you during the upcoming spring and summer season!!!

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**Pam & Jimmie Boone Continued from Page 9**

They both love and appreciate the natural beauty of Oak Shores. The very best time for Jimmie is getting out in his new red bass boat on the lake early in the morning when no one is around and running down the lake with the fresh air blowing on his face, no matter what the weather. For Pam, it's the mesmerizing beauty of the mountains. They love the peace and quiet with none of the congestion and traffic that seems to pervade Bakersfield now. Pam is interested in the politics and happenings of Oak Shores. Her philosophy is "whether you are here full-time or part-time, if you don't get involved, you can't complain if you don't like some thing".

They already have made many great friends up here and have many good memories spending time with family and friends, drinking good wine, and Bar-b-queing on their spacious deck overlooking the lake. They look forward to meeting many more of their neighbors as they transition to full-timers.

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW OWNERS**

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| 1. James and Clare Weir      | 6. James and Kari Edwards       |
| 2. George and Burnette Riley | 7. Robert and Twila Douglas     |
| 3. James Martin              | 8. Larry and Marla Davison      |
| 4. Robert Hall & Sons Inc.   | 9. Kevin & Sylvia Barnard       |
| 5. Steve & Stacy Gutierrez   | 10. Martin and Linda Bacigalupi |



## Right in Our Own Backyard

*by Cathy Anding Wolfe*



We have some very BIG neighbors, and if you haven't met them yet, now is the time! One has the largest house in the county? (NO, not our yellow beauty next to the main ramp). No, it's a bit farther next door, and much larger. The other neighbors, up the road from "the house", well, they are a large family of squatters, and have made themselves at home to stay. One must remember that the crow only has to fly about 10 miles, but we have to drive about 65 miles to arrive at our neighbor's home...but it is well worth the journey.

Out of Paso Robles take Hwy 46 West to Hwy 1 north, to our first stop that welcomes the weary traveler. The town of Cambria is a beautiful, eclectic community of art galleries and cute shops in town, quaint motels, and fantastic restaurants specializing in seafood, along Moonstone Beach. But continuing north about 8 more miles is one of our main destinations—our "next door neighbor". I'm speaking of the infamous "Hearst Castle", aka "La Cuesta Encantada", "The Enchanted Hill". Owned by the State of California, it was the former home of William Randolph Hearst, Sr., and one of the largest houses in the country. The main "house", *Casa Grande*, boasts over **60,645 SF**, with 38 bedrooms and 41 bathrooms. It has 3 guest houses, 5,875 SF, 2,604 SF, and 2291 SF adding another 18 bedrooms & 20 bathrooms, for a total of **90,080 SF**, including the indoor pool, and 56 bedrooms, 41 fireplaces, 61 bathrooms and 19 sitting rooms...and antiques that will rival any museum. **What a party house!!!** It does take a ticket to visit our neighbor, but the 4 types of tours are fabulous, interesting, and educational. (When WRH was in debt beyond our comprehension, he sold a "small section" of his estate in 1937 to the U.S. Government—and it was named Fort Hunter Liggett.) Tickets are priced from \$20 per adult, per tour, and include the bus ride to the castle, and a movie about the history and building of the castle. Each tour lasts about 1 ½ hours of walking with hundreds of stairs. (My advise is take 1 tour each visit!)

After you wake up from your castle dream, drive north another 5 miles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> main destination—the most incredible sight in our SLO County—Piedras Blancas Rookery—the home of approximately 16,000 elephant seals. Females 9-12 feet in length weigh 900-1,800 lbs., whereas the males grow 14-16 feet long, weighing 3,000-5,000 lbs. and have a very long snout, up to 2' long...which is why the name "elephant" seal. The rookery is very noisy during this season, with males bellowing, grunting and snorting, kids squawking & whimpering to be fed, and females squabbling with other females over their prime sunbathing location on the beach...(kind of sounds like here at the lake during the summer?). The females have been giving birth the past 2 months, and males are arriving for mating season, with the peak being around Valentine's Day (Hmmmm)! Activities abound from every viewing location. Soon the females will leave and the baby pups are left behind to learn to swim and find food all by themselves. The males leave too, and return later in the summer. The 2 trips a year average 12,000 miles for their migration. It is entirely free to see, and an unbelievable sight for eyes, at any age.

All in all, both locations are a must to visit at least once a year. Now is the perfect time, as the coast is clear and warmer than in the summer months. It's all right in our own backyard, and the kid in all of us will love it!





## Recreation Committee Update

by Janice Gillenwater

Hello and Happy New Year 2008! Activities have begun for 2008, starting with the New Years Eve Party that was enjoyed by over 100 people. Everyone had a great time and a big thank you to the D.J., Jim Lovato, and Band Leader, Ronnie Appoldt, who made the music happen! I want to thank all of the volunteers in selling tickets and attending the bar. Without our volunteers we could not have these events. Thank you!

We are happy to announce that the Recreation Committee has just ordered a replacement ice machine for the side of our clubhouse and will be here shortly. Thank you Jim Money for all of your research!! The old ice maker lasted many years but needed to be retired. The new one will make more ice in a shorter amount of time.

The next event will be our 31<sup>st</sup> annual Fireman's Ball. It will be an appreciation dinner for our Volunteer Fire Dept. Please come out to show your support. Dinner will be catered and served by our very own Chef Cindy Peyton and staff! Please see the information below on this event, and **don't forget to RSVP your choice of entrée**. Music will be provided by D.J. Jim Lovato.

## Fireman's Appreciation Dinner and Dance

Come and Show your Support for our  
**All Volunteer Fire Department**  
Saturday March 15, 2008  
Oak Shores Clubhouse

No Host Bar/Social Hour 5-6pm  
Full Service White Tablecloth Dinner—6pm  
Music and Dancing 7—11pm  
Dressy Casual—**See Menu** →

Tickets \$25.00 Per Person  
**You Must RSVP on your Choice of Entrée**  
Please RSVP by March 11  
Pay at Door or Send Checks to Janice at  
8030 Ready Rd., Lake Nacimiento, Ca 93426  
Janice 472-9404  
Connie 472-9630

## Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ March 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting - 9 am
- ⇒ March 15<sup>th</sup> Fireman's Appreciation Dinner and Dance 5 pm - 11pm
- ⇒ April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting — 9am
- ⇒ April 19<sup>th</sup> Community Social Potluck 5PM - 9pm
- ⇒ May 10<sup>th</sup> Kids Fishing derby — Time to be announced
- ⇒ May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 9am
- ⇒ May 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend Events to be announced
- ⇒ June 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting 9am
- ⇒ June 21<sup>st</sup> Community Social Potluck 5pm - 9pm
- ⇒ July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend - Pancake Breakfast - day to be announced

## Fireman's Appreciation Dinner March 15, 2008

### Menu

*Caesar Salad with Parmesan Crisps*  
*Assorted Artisan Breads*

### *Choice of Entrée*

*Stuffed Flank Steak with Roasted Red Pepper Pesto*  
*Provolone Cheese and Spinach*  
*or*  
*Lemon Chicken Piccata*  
*Served with Mushroom Rice Pilaf and*  
*Roasted Seasonal Vegetables*

### *Dessert*

*Flourless Chocolate Cake with Whipped Cream*

*Catered by: Chef Cindy Peyton*



## Finance Committee & Safety Committee Update

by Diane Taylor

### Finance Committee Report

By the time you read this article, our annual financial audit will have been completed as well as the majority of our overall financial clean-up effort. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet mid-March to review the results of the audit and be educated on the financial clean-up process and on how to read the financial reports. From this meeting forward, monthly financial reports will be distributed to the committee and meetings will be conducted quarterly.

### Safety Committee Report

The Safety Committee is scheduled to meet in mid-March after the quarterly finance meeting. The committee will review the remaining safety tasks, add any new objectives, prioritize all tasks, determine funding available and generate a timeline for each task's completion.

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## Pool Projects Update

by Randy Feltman

The new deck and shade cover at the pool is almost completed. All the labor is being donated by local contractors and volunteers, saving the Association between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Mark Pozzi recently donated his services to install the lighting and electrical lines and outlets. As final tasks, Tom Horton will donate his time to construct the Handicap Ramp; Alex Ferrel will donate his services to finish the primer and painting; and the member volunteers will install the wood ceiling, metal railing and other finishing touches. It will all be done in time for the Spring Pool Opening. When completed, the new pool, shaded deck, new pool furniture, adjacent retaining wall and concrete walkway, new BBQs and tables on the grassy area will provide Oak Shores a great community amenity we can be proud of and all enjoy.

### Ron "The Bear" McKibben Memorial

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Oak Shores'

#### Kids' Fishing Derby

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### Needed:

- If a job has been your responsibility before and you would like to do it again let us know
- Boats and drivers and/or fishing experts to share your knowledge and teach a young person to fish (Small children will be accompanied by adult)

Special Need - Derby Day Photographer - Call Phyllis McKibben at 472-2826

To volunteer, make a suggestion, or get more information, please call 2008 Derby Director Peggy Johnson at (805)472-9638 or email at [pjohnson@tcsn.net](mailto:pjohnson@tcsn.net)

Donations of \$ or prizes can be sent to

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## Eagle Name Contest

Names were submitted and the reason for the name had to be included.

### The Judges Decision...

### **Ebony and Ivory**

*"Because they live together in Perfect Harmony"*

**Congratulations!! Gary Ingwerson**

*Gary will receive a beautiful book on Eagles as well as naming our permanent resident Eagles.*

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By Kathy Escalera

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I'd like to take this time to say **THANK YOU** to all our loyal customers. If it wasn't for your support during this time of year all of this would not be possible. You guys are **AWESOME!!!!!!**



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By Rick Olson



Hello from the Lake!

When I wrote the last article to all of you the pace of fishing was slow! It stayed that way through the winter months. It has been the slowest fishing that I have

seen in the winter here on Lake Nacimiento. There were a few highlights, but not many.

However, Spring is on the way and the lake is looking pretty good with the higher water levels, and the fish have started biting. The higher water level has added many coves and creeks that are good for the spawn since they permit the fish to move into warmer and safer waters.

Spring is when the longer warmer days begin and the fish migrate from deep water to shallow water. This process has begun. This is when the fun begins because the fish will bite an array of lures from top water plugs to bottom hopping jigs. I'm off to a good start this year. I have already caught the largest number of bass between 4 - 8 lbs that I have ever caught here!

Go out as often as you can as it warms up and hopefully you'll be there when the big one bites!!!

**Don't Forget!! The Annual Oak Shores Children's Fishing Derby on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2008.** It's for children 17 and under and is a great introduction to fishing and lots of fun for kids and grown-ups with prizes galore. If you don't have a boat, pole, tackle box or the experience, there are plenty of people donating theirs. Come out and have a great time!

Till next time, Good Luck Fishing!

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## Home Fire Safety Alert

by Chris Kirk

When was the last time you cleaned out your gutters or even blew the leaves and branches off the roof? We always ask our clients that very question, and the most common answer is; 'I have no idea the last time they were cleaned'. What we commonly find inside gutters are leaves, sticks, mud, moss, roofing material, toys, balls, bird nests, ants and even spiders. Some gutters have screens or louvers over the top of the gutters to keep most of these materials out so the rain can move easily to the down spouts. While screens can help to keep out the leaves, sticks and other debris, they seldom keep out roofing composition or loose dirt that turns into mud and moss which will most definitely keep the water from reaching the downspouts.

You can choose not to clean your gutters or put it off for a later time, but let us explain what to expect next. Build up will cause the water to go over the sides or simply stay inside the gutters. Problems associated are rotten fascia boards, fungus, excessive weight that will pull the gutter away from the roof flashing, insect and spider nests, and foul odors. There are many ways to clean your gutters; at some point you will probably have to climb up on the roof so you can inspect what is actually in those gutters you have. You can blow, wash, scoop, vacuum, rake, scrape, or even pressure wash all the debris out of the gutters; just remember it will be time consuming, not to mention just plain messy!

If you don't want to or aren't able to do it yourself, you can hire BUGZ-B-GONE Pest Control and Gutter Cleaning. We don't mind getting messy, and we can perform minor gutter repairs, such as fixing leaks and unplugging in-ground drains and plugged-up downspouts. At any rate, you can call us for a quote or to answer any questions you have on the best way to do the job yourself.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

By Peggy Johnson

In 2007, staff wrote a total of 252 citations. Tickets were written for visitors parking in the "owner only" parking lot; unattached trailers; construction messes; speeding; running stop signs; marina violations; loose dogs; unlicensed drivers; failure to pay watercraft fees; over the limit of allowed vehicles and watercraft; out of date stickers; real estate sign violations; and a variety of parking violations; as well as failure to do weed abatement.

During the winter months, Code Enforcement continues to do patrols in order to be proactive rather than waiting for incidents to occur. Patrol staff looks for code enforcement violations, monitors construction sites and workers, looks for safety/security issues, i.e. broken windows, and responds to a variety of reported complaints and problems. Patrol also conducts courtesy checks on homes and elderly residents upon request. Our Neighborhood Watch program has helped instill the community attitude of "watching out for each other".

This summer, we plan for increased patrol staff, additional weekend patrols, and increased staff presence at community events. Please continue to report all suspicious activity and your safety/security concerns to Oak Shores' code enforcement staff. We are now accepting applications for 2008 summer jobs including: Weekend Overnight Patrol, Weekend Evening Patrol, Weekend Gate Attendant, and Pool Monitor.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

Intruders will often use a hidden key or unlocked windows/doors to gain access to property. We recommend that you use a combination lock box for your house key. When you leave, check all doors and windows to be sure they are locked. Install locking gas caps on your vehicles and don't leave gas cans where thieves can see them.



### Thank - you

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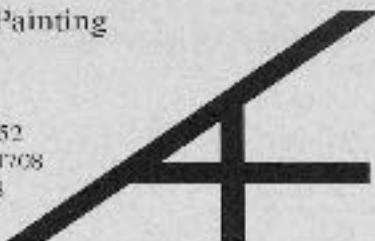
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