

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

As you enjoy the great summer weather we are experiencing in Niguel Shores right now, remember back to our cold summer last year and consider the variability of our weather on the coast. When it gets hot and dry we have to turn up the water. You can go to the Niguel Shores website to see a link for water costs, comparing grass and drought tolerant plants. An acre of grass costs \$4200 more to water over the course of a year than does an acre of drought tolerant plants. That doesn't include the cost of labor and fertilizer to maintain that grass and presumes the water will be available if you are willing to pay for it. Obviously it is in our interest financially and esthetically to convert our landscaping scheme to be suitable for a drier climate.

Shifting to a more drought tolerant landscape palette is only one of the reasons we are spending money on the Master Landscape Project. Another crucial reason is to strengthen slope stability. Many of our slopes are covered with old, overgrown and dying plants. No competent land-

scaper would replant those slopes with some of the species we have on them now. Those plants have to be removed, the slope surfaces reconditioned and new more suitable plants have to be put in place.

We plan on spending \$500,000 per year on Master Landscape work over the next four years and at the end of that time our most crucial slopes and situations will have been addressed. That will cost money though and we are asking our Finance Committee to program the 2012 budget with an assessment increase to finance this work. At this point we are estimating that it will take an additional \$300 per year per home to cover these programs. We are mindful of the economic environment and are not taking this direction without allowing plenty of time for debate and consideration of these issues. We welcome your comments addressed to the Board of Directors at reception@niguelshores.org.

— Steve Stewart

WHERE'S THE PARTY???

JUST ASK OUR RECREATION COMMITTEE!!

Like so many residents here in Niguel Shores, you have probably had the opportunity to share in and enjoy one of the many social activities Niguel Shores is so famous for. Whether it be the a Beach Bluff Barbeque and Parade on the 4th of July or In-N-Out Burger and a DJ at the Bluff, we certainly do have our fair share of fun and wonderful activities. For most of us, attending one of these events is pretty easy, we just get to "show up," as they say, and join in the fun. However, the orchestrating and planning of these events takes lots of behind the scenes organization and lots of hard work. We are so very fortunate to have a dedicated and energetic group of individuals who are responsible for all this fun, our Niguel Shores Recreation Committee.



Recreation Committee Members left to right: Carol Yocom, Judy Pasek, Anita Geyer, Suzanne Enis, Marilyn Moon, Barbara Milner, Maria Elena Banks, Board Liaison Sue Kichline, Danielle Mills and Nancy Tinnes. Absent: Alicia Martinez & Mary Williams.

How a Rule is Passed: I have had several residents approach me with the question of just exactly how a new rule or a change to an existing rule is passed. The answer is a bit complex and involves mandatory state regulations coupled with guidelines provided in the Association's governing documents but I decided to publish an abridged version in order to help clarify the matter.

The steps are as follows: A committee makes a recommended rule or rule change to the Board of Directors. The Board, along with legal counsel, then reviews the proposed rule/change and makes any adjustments necessary to comply with current legislative standards. The finished rule/change is then required by State law to be mailed to the Association membership for a 30-day review, during which the Board of Directors will receive comments that will help determine whether the rule will be accepted or rejected. Once a rule is

submitted to the membership, accepting the rule/change as written, or rejecting it, are the only two options for the Board. Per current state legislation, the Board is the only entity that can adopt a new rule or change to an existing rule. The membership is mailed a notice of each new rule or rule change that is adopted (accepted) by the Board of Directors.

Smoking in Common Areas: There has been an increase in resident complaints about smoking at the Beach Bluff Park and in the Community Center. Although Niguel Shores is a private community, all parks within are considered to be public parks and are held to the same standards. As such, the Association has in place rules that address smoking in common areas (5102.6, 5109.1m). Bottom line: Smoking is not allowed within any common area park or amenity location.

—Karen Decker, Acting General Manager

SEA TERRACE II TOWNHOME NEWS

Over the past few months, you may have noticed some changes in the landscaping and aesthetics within Sea Terrace II. Our Manta Court Gate and drive have been replanted with drought resistant ground cover and new parts have been installed in the gates for better operation.

In addition, a meeting was held with the Niguel Shores Landscape Committee and requests were made to improve drainage at one property and re-plant one of the front lawn slopes. Both requests were acted upon and have proven to be effective.

Ongoing discussions have been part of the regular monthly meetings in regards to damage in the landscape beds as a result of bike activity and pet traffic. New boulders have been installed at the entrance of the Manta Court common area in the hopes of preventing additional damage to plants and grass.

It is important that all Sea Terrace II residents KEEP OFF the boulders and do not walk or play on them or within the landscaping. This is not only a dangerous activity, but costs residents or the Association additional monies for repairs and replacement. In addition, all are reminded to pick up, remove and dispose of all pet refuse. A request has been made for an additional pet disposal can which we hope will be installed within the next few months.

Last but not least, the summer vacations mean that more children will be riding bikes, playing in the front yards and congregating within the common areas. Please watch your car speed and extra caution when backing out of the driveways is very important!

Your Sea Terrace II Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and all are invited to attend. Call 949 248 1629 for time and location.

—Sea Terrace Board

RUN TO THE O. E. D.

The Oxford English Dictionary, the definitive source of words in English, has determined that the word "run" has now taken the lead as the word with the most meanings. In the first edition of the O.E.D. in 1928 that word was "set" with 75 columns of type and 200 meanings.

Peter Gilliver, the lexicographer working on the letter R spent nine months working out all the meanings of "run." He has determined that there are 645 meanings for the verb form alone. The entry for "run" is half again as big as that for "put" which he had worked on some years ago.

Why has "run" exploded in usage? Some of its use can be attributed to the growing number of machines and computers. Simon Winchester in an article in the N.Y. Times from which this information is gleaned, writes that the word "run" out running "set" reminds us of the difference between static and mobile, between energy and solidity—something of the temperament of our times. "Run" is all about ambition and optimism and the possibilities of the future.

Winchester says, "Set" is England, old and fusty. "Run" is America, new and cool. "Set" is yesterday, "run" is tomorrow.

In short: to set is human, but to run—divine.

—Mary Crowl

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

JULY 6, 2011 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Organizational Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2011
- Approved the Special Session Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2011
- Approved the General Session Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2011
 - Approved change order to existing Buccola contract for the Shackleton Slope to include irrigation relocation
 - Approved the Landscape Committee recommendation regarding pine tree on Atlantic Drive
 - Approved change order to Tight Quarters contract for slope restoration projects

DISCUSSED:

- Decision regarding Stonehill Gate Project
- Replacement of Speed Bumps in Custom Homes Tract
 - Progress of the PCH Landscape Project
- Progress of the Abalone/Dosinia Slope Restoration Project
- Progress of the Shackleton Slope Landscape Project
 - Amendment to CC&R's
 - Architectural Committee policies/guidelines

REVIEWED:

- Delinquency Report
- Variance Report
- General Session committee minutes

TABLED: None

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: None

JULY 6, 2011 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED

- Approved the Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2011
- Approved the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2011

DISCUSSED:

- Legal status report
- Possible impact regarding architectural development
- Search Committee for General Manager position

REVIEWED:

- Executive Session committee minutes

TABLED: None

HEARINGS / MEETINGS

- Held hearing regarding violations of Rules 3104, 4112, 9203
- Held hearing regarding continued resident nuisance violations

JULY 20, 2011 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved as amended the General Session Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2011
- Approved lien filings against three properties for non-payment
 - Approved contract with Hetherington Engineering to draft response to City for slope restoration projects
 - Approved contract with Toal Engineering to stake proposed locations for slope restoration project as required by City
- Approved contract with Buccola to replant Abalone/Dosinia slopes

DISCUSSED:

- Progress of the PCH Landscape Project
- Progress of the Abalone/Dosinia Slope Restoration Project
- Progress of the Shackleton Slope Landscape Project
 - Amendment to CC&R's
 - Architectural Committee policies/guidelines
 - Master Landscape Committee update
- Progress of the TOPS software upgrade training
- City of Dana Point sponsored summer concert series

REVIEWED:

- General Session committee minutes

TABLED:

- Request for reimbursement for tire damage

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: None

JULY 20, 2011 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2011

DISCUSSED:

- Pending legal issues
- Existing slope landscape/unauthorized improvements enforcement matter
- Existing neighbor dispute and possible resolutions
- Existing issue with residents regarding obstruction at the Mariner Gate/with patrol service personnel
- Existing issue with failure of homeowner to pay fees/fines
- Search Committee for General Manager position

REVIEWED:

- Executive Session committee minutes

TABLED:

- Hearing regarding violation of Rule 5109, 6404, 6406, 9201, 9202

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Held hearing regarding violation of Rules 9101 and 9109

NOTE: The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance. In addition, the General Session Agenda for the next Board Meeting will also be posted at noon on the Friday Prior to the next meeting.

REMINDERS: NEXT GENERAL SESSION MEETING: AUGUST 3, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERITUS/EDUCATION

The Emeritus/Education Committee meets and discusses possibilities of expanding horizons of all Niguel Shores residents.

Programs with Saddleback College will commence on August 22. They are as follows:

Mon: Film as Literature 2:30 to 5:20 p.m.
Instructor, Susan Hecht

Tues: Political Science 2:00 to 3:50 p.m.
Instructor, William Sinclair—Current Issues in Government

Wed: Western Civilization 3:30 to 5:20 p.m. (approx)
Instructor, Charles Wilbourn

These classes have been developed for seniors but they are open to anyone who has the time and inclination to attend.

Food Preparation Classes: Tom O’Keefe has requested that his food preparation classes be presented under the aegis of this committee. In the fall he will inform us of the programs he plans to develop and he will supply us with tentative dates. These will be cleared and scheduled with the approval of the NS office staff and the NS Board.

Play Reading/Performance: Finally, some residents have indicated interest in the development of a play reading group. Others have asked to have nights when talented residents can perform. The committee has considered combining these activities for the entertainment of NS residents. We will explore possibilities in the future. Interested residents can contact me at 248-1629.

—*Bunny Ross*

FINANCE

The Operating Budget, when comparing budgeted expenses to actual expenditures expected to incur during the six months ended June 30, 2011, showed a positive surplus. This is due in part to:

The legal expense is under budget as there were no extraordinary expenses paid out in the period.

The landscape expense, excluding the Master Landscape Plan, is under budget for the period.

Our Maintenance Department has been working hard to keep the utility costs within budget despite the rising rates and extra usage within the community. This includes installing programmable timers, lower usage light bulbs and correcting the controller valves in the sprinkler system, thus reducing the water consumption.

Income has increased over budget for interest and architectural fees.

—*Martin Dedrick*

LANDSCAPE

The Landscape Committee meets once a month to discuss whatever needs to be handled by each of the nine representatives. This is a hard-working committee and often individuals or small groups meet, in addition, to solve problems and make decisions. Currently we are working on the monuments leading into the Mariner Gate. This involves paint color and lettering, as well as plantings as suggested by Silverwood, our landscape designer.

You may have noticed that the slopes along PCH and Selva are currently being planted after having been stripped of all vegetation and laid dormant for a period of weeks. It is exciting to see what is happening now as the gardeners have begun the process of filling in the bare slopes with plantings. They may even be finished by the time you read this.

I will call your attention once again to the grassy areas that are in need of additional water. Please notify the office if you see brown areas that need extra attention.

Also, don’t suffer in silence. If you have a landscape problem, please report this to the office on a Homeowner’s Request Form. You can even request attention to someone else’s problem (with an address) on your Form.

And, lastly, be a good citizen and clean up after you dog. It takes only a minute and is appreciated by everyone.

—*Linda Ross*

MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN UPDATE

The Committee along with Silverwood Landscape continues to review the 40 plus Niguel Shores slopes, focusing on slope condition, location, plant material, irrigation and design. Work has begun on three slopes, PCH/Selva, Shackleton and Abalone and will be completed by the end of 2011.

The “Master Landscape Corner” community link via the Niguel Shores web site is up and running. As part of the link, there is a specific e-mail for all residents to use. Please take a look and use the email to let us know your questions, comments or concerns.

—*Ellen Dovey*

MAINTENANCE

It is 7:30 a.m. July Fourth. The Beach Bluff Pedestrian Gate isn’t working. It is no longer locked. In a few hours the biggest crowd of the year will begin arriving. They are likely to be more than a little upset when they find the gate is not secure from uninvited guests. Panic! This writer would, but our Maintenance guys did not.

Each night at 10:05 p.m., the Beach Bluff fob gate computer (DSX) locks the gate so fob use no longer unlocks the

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gate. This information is stored on a memory chip and remains there unless new information tells it otherwise. On July 4th at 7:30 a.m., one of the Maintenance crew attempts to change that information from a computer in the office. He wishes to send new information to keep the fob gate active until 10:35 p.m. so late viewers of the fireworks show down at the beach have time to get back into the Beach Bluff Park. He tries to send a message via a phone line to a modem in the Breakers Isle gatehouse, which in turn alerts the DSX to lock down the Bluff pedestrian gate by disabling all FOB messages. This process involves computers, software, phone lines, data cables, DSX panels, modems, AC power and battery backup power to several devices, magnets and mechanical parts. Any of these could cause a problem and, true to Murphy's Law, on the morning of July Fourth one of them did; but which one?

At 7:30 a.m., Maintenance began a patient and methodical trouble shooting procedure. At some point during the trouble shooting the system, all fob information was deleted, which meant on our busiest day there was no security. Anyone could come and go as they pleased. This only added to the morning's excitement and the urgency of finding the fix.

Maintenance discovered that some batteries needed to be replaced, the modem and DSX panel needed to be "initialized" (this writer has no idea what that means) and new FOB data had to be downloaded. By 9:30 a.m. everything was back in operation and, except for the few residents that might have tried the gates around 8:00 a.m. and noticed the lock was not working, no one was aware of the drama that had taken place earlier in the morning.

—Jack Christiansen

RECREATION

Summer is about over, but we still have many activities planned for you. Plus, you have good memories of those you attended in June and July.

Bluff Band Concert with *The Trip*: Saturday, August 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy that special music. Buy your tickets in the office for a table of 8 to 10 at \$10 per person. Bring your own refreshments, blanket and chairs if you do buy a reserved table.



Beach Bluff BBQ: Sunday, September 4, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The BBQ you always have enjoyed. The coals will be waiting for your food.

Chili Cook-off and Beer Garden Fest: Saturday, October 1, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Chili Cook-off forms for entry are in the office. The entries will be judged by local restaurant chefs. The beer garden will have a variety of beers. Come



taste the chili with a glass of beer, for \$6. Tickets available in office.

NSCA Garage Sale: Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Start clearing your closets and garage. Forms to have your home on the Garage Sale tour are in the office...

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

October 23 — Sunday: Halloween Party

November 12 — Saturday: Holiday Boutique (Notice date change to a Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

December 4 — Sunday: Tree Lighting Party

December 31 — Saturday: New Years Eve party

As you see this committee continues to have enjoyable events for everyone.

—Carol Yocom

SEASHORE NEWS

Errata—That's Latin for "the editor goofed" and, *it's plural.*

In the July issue there was a charming story by Patti Staudenbaur about two friends, Heather Stewart and Jamie Chis, who had grown up together in Niguel Shores, went their separate ways and were recently reunited here before setting off on further adventures. Unfortunately, in that article, the long paragraph about Jamie Chis' new adventure was missing. Please read about her on page 9.

Secondly, I'm sure everyone realized that Laurel Livesay did not write the Meet Your Neighbor article in the July issue about herself as noted by the author's name at the end of the article. The interview and the article were done by Priscilla Agnew. The story is that Laurel had interviewed Priscilla for an earlier Meet Your Neighbor article and, during that interview, Priscilla became interested in Laurel's long life of fascinating experiences. Hence, Priscilla offered to write the article about Laurel for the *Seashore News* but did not receive credit for her excellent contribution. Apologies all round.

—Mary Crowl

In Memoriam
Norman Browne

July 2011

Resident of Faeroe Bay

Former President and Treasurer
of Sea Terrace II

CLUBS

MEN'S CLUB

Successful Pancake Breakfast: The Men's Club volunteers sent over 580 satisfied residents and friends on their way to enjoy the festivities on the Fourth. Not only is this the biggest club event but this is also our community's largest attended event. Over 40 club members manned the grill, served the plates and waited on the clubroom all morning. Thanks, guys for making this so successful.



In late June special agent Joe Macias from Homeland Security made a very informative and impressive presentation. This agency covers so many different facets of law enforcement. Internal terrorism, illegals inside the boundaries, drugs, human trafficking, and travel security keep this agency very busy.

—Steve Leonard

WOMEN'S CLUB

Use one of these lazy summer days to enter these dates in your calendar for upcoming Women's Club luncheons and the Holiday Party:

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 1 — Holiday Party
- February 9
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14 — Installation Tea

—Mary Crowl



Women's Club Annual Board Lunch in the ClubHouse. New President Bev Macke with microphone, outgoing President Nancy Tinnes at her right and new Treasurer, Barbara Milner also at head of table. The lunch honors all incoming and outgoing officers and committees. Tina Fornadley, Becky Lentini and Karla Sanders are at left.

ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Where are the bridge players in Niguel Shores? We need anyone who enjoys the game, so please give us a call and come on down! We are a friendly group and play so-so bridge so, you'll fit in very nicely unless you're a shark. We meet at 11:00 a.m., bring a sandwich or snack, and enjoy a nice afternoon until 3:00 or 3:30. Please call 496-4230 to join us, either as a member or a substitute.

Winners are:

- June 29 Helen Campbell, Judy Bates, Kay Wittmack
- July 6 Patricia Conway and Gloria Thrailkill
- July 13 Kay Wittmack and Jeanne Boukai

—Helen Campbell

PAGE TURNERS

The new 2011-2012 reading schedule for Page Turners is as follows:

- September 26 *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
- October 24 *Pearl of China* by Anchee Min
- November 15 Train trip to LA to have lunch at Homegirl Café founded by Father Boyle
- November 28 *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle
- December 19 Joint Holiday Party
- January 23 *Unbroken* by Lauren Hillenbrand
- February 27 *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
- March 26 *Apothecary's Daughter* by Julie Klassen
- April 23 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- May 21 *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
- June 25 Joint Book Selection Meeting

Page Turners has both a morning and afternoon group. For information: Karla Sanders 496-8413, karla-joe@cox.net (Morning) or Diane Hearne 661-6267, Phearne4@cox.net (Afternoon).

—Karla Sanders

ACTIVITIES

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club celebrated its 3rd anniversary of reading really serious (and some comical) books about history, autobiography, politics, finance, strange people and run-amuck baboons. At this meeting at the home of Norton Schwartz, we talked about *Circle of Greed* by Patrick Dillon. The value and the distress of class action litigation and the character of attorneys who managed them were weighed. The extent and difficulty of federal legislation on corporate crimes and the role of class action suits in regard to this area of civil crime was discussed. While no conclusions or recommendations resulted, the group believed it had a better understanding of corporate, client and attorney greed and of the dimensions of the problem.

Next meeting will be on August 17 at the home of Barbara Milner where Rick Schwartz will lead us in surveying *Genghis Kahn and the Making of the Modern World* by J. McIver Weatherford.

—Norton Schwartz

EXERCISE CLASS

It's not too late...sign-up for workout, toning and fun 8:30-9:30, MWF, \$60 a month in our Club-House. After how many years, we're still going with Leslie Davis doing the Harris Method. Contact Joan Beyer, 496-1428



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

To the Editor:

Must we have a lot of loud background music from a DJ to have a good time? We look forward to a 4th of July barbecue on the Bluff for the unique experience of enjoying the sights and sounds of the ocean and good conversation with our family and neighbors. Instead, this 4th of July we had to try and talk above a lot of noise from a DJ. Even our children and grandchildren thought it was too loud and don't want to suffer through the same situation, if left unchanged, next year. Let's get back to being able to enjoy each other's company while we dine on our beautiful Bluff. Maybe some music played intermittently would satisfy everyone.

LIBRARY

The Summer Reading Program will continue at the library through August 12. Prizes are awarded for reading books.

Special Programs are offered on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. August 4 will be performer Georgette Baker in *Where in the World Have I Wandered? A Musical Journey*. August 11 will feature Professional Juggler David Cousins.

Storytelling with the Sunshine Readers at Storytime on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. August 2 & 9.

—Carolyn Hopkins

SOCIETY FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE

The Society for Civil Discourse met Friday July 15 at the Dana Point Library where they continued their review of the State of California, focusing on the recently passed State Budget. Sources of revenue were reviewed, as were what departments got how much of a share of the revenue. Possible shortfall in projected revenue and further cuts were discussed. We reviewed where State services and departments were cut to achieve a balanced budget and what the impact of those cuts might be. We discussed past legislative failures and budgets that led the State into its current problems.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Library on Friday, July 29 and will consider the causes of the success and failures of the economies in Europe—Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain verses Germany, France and England.

—Norton Schwartz

We'd also like to make a suggestion for the bluff parking restrictions. Holiday weekends bring heavy use to the bluff parking lot and the area is rightly limited to residents with barcodes. But, nine-five percent of the year the lot is not full, requiring "guests"—usually children—of residents to park their cars on the upper levels while an abundance of spaces sit unused on the lower level. This makes things unnecessarily difficult on people with a lot of things to carry. How about changing the restrictions to holiday weekends or, at most, summer weekends?

—The Sorensens

SPORTS NEWS

MEN'S GOLF

The Men's Golf group played The Crossings in Carlsbad on June 28. The Crossings is a 5-star course and always a great place to play. Tin Whistle was the format played. Don't ask what Tin Whistle is as only the computer knows for sure.

Flight A had Larry Willkenson, in 1st place, Terry McLaughlin in 2nd, and Jack Sweeny in 3rd. Flight B had Bob Gutknecht in 1st place, Kent Wellbrock in 2nd, and Boyd Van Ness in 3rd. Closest to the pin was Charlie Clark and Bob Gutknecht.

Next up on July 12 was the Arroyo Trabuco. This great course is beautiful, close to home, and the weather was perfect. The format this day was individual net score.

Flight A had Gary Katsuki in 1st place, Mac Brown in 2nd, and Morry Dohner in 3rd. Flight B had Bob Gutknecht in 1st place, Roy Dohner in 2nd, and Bob Russell in 3rd. Closest to the pin was Barry Banducci on both the front and back nine. On # 11 Barry's ball landed around 8 inches from the hole. Go Barry! Due to the success Bob Gutknecht has had of late we have decided to make all future tournaments have everyone play right handed.

The last tournament of the month was July 26 at Aliso Country Club.

If there is one solitary tree located on a hole, your ball will find it with unerring accuracy.

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

Niguel Shores Women's Golf Club held its 19th annual Maggie Waterman Memorial Tournament at Aliso Creek Golf Course on Monday the 11th of July.

Winner was Marlene Lynch with a 49. Runner ups were May Gramer and Lee Sweeney who tied with a 50, but in the card off, May won. Low Putts: May Gramer. Closest to the Pin on #9: Marlene Lynch who chipped it in for a Birdie! Longest Drive on #9: Gretchen Rask.

A lovely luncheon was planned by Joan Beyer and Ruthie Stahl, held at Brio's in Dana Point and attended by 23.

The Club was started in the spring of 1984, with Margaret Brugger and Carole Hollinger still being with us from the original group.

Our August 8 Captains will be Ceacy Johns 493-8355 and Brenda Tuckley 249-6912. Call for a Tee time to join us.

—Chris Beaver

—Travel Tidbits—

Choices . . . Choices . . . Choices

It's good news and bad news for us avid travelers. The choices of where to go and especially what to do keep expanding. If you are like me, you can remember back to the days when a vacation meant a choice between going to the beach or the mountains. Or, the family might pile into the car and go visit relatives in the next state. Now, we can go cruising on large ships, small ships, exploration ships, river ships. We can take private plane tours around the world, deluxe small group tours, reasonably priced large group tours, train trips with Orient Express or the Vodka train across Siberia. If you can think of it, there is probably a tour company offering it.

One of the newer vacation twists is Voluntourism. I'm not sure it would be correct, but we might say it started with the Peace Corps. That's the idea, but for a much shorter period of time. One of the interesting niches is a wildlife volunteering vacation. My husband went to Midway Island (at the end of the Hawaiian chain) some years ago and spent ten days counting Laysan Albatross, better known as gooney birds. Volunteer opportunities exist in Greece at the Aegean Wildlife Hospital, a resting place for exhausted or wounded migrating birds. Initi Wara Yassi Community in Bolivia cares for big cats, birds and other creatures that have been abused or malnourished. At the Sweetwater Research Center in Kenya, volunteers measure the condition of the plants that the black rhino and other large herbivores depend on. On the island of Cres in Croatia there is the opportunity to work at a rescue center for Eurasian Griffons. Other opportunities are calling in China with giant pandas, Costa Rica with turtles, Thailand with elephants, Honduras with iguanas and Oman with Arabian Leopards.

—Barbara Milner

Heather Stewart & Jamie Chis

(Last month's article Niguel Shores Girls Venturing Out was missing this portion of the story.)

...continuing the adventures of Jamie Chis

Jamie's adventure begins the end of this month (July), when she heads to Memphis to work for the Lasallian Brothers Volunteer Program. Jamie graduated from college and worked in marketing for about three years. Although she loved working, she realized that she needed more of a challenge and a bit of a change. She applied to the Peace Corps and was accepted and was considering a three year commitment outside of the United States. In the end, with a little influence from her family, especially her older brother, Johnny, she decided on the Lasallian Brothers program



Heather & Jamie

which is affiliated with Jamie's alma mater, Saint Mary's College. One of the reasons Jamie chose the Lasallian program was the principles upon which it is based: community, services and faith. Jamie's assignment is to teach Kinder through 2nd grade students at an inner city parochial school. She will work from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., starting by serving breakfast to her students and finishing her day by running the after school program. Jamie acknowledges that

this experience will be a bit of a culture shock and change for a girl growing up in Niguel Shores and attending private schools. However, she says that her life in the Shores and in Orange County has been "entirely too comfortable" and she is ready for the challenge.

—Patti Staudenbaur

Where's the Party??? continued from page 1

Committee members relate that someone will come up with an idea of an event and then, more or less, assume that assignment with the help of the rest of the Committee, of course. Over the years the nature of the events has changed with the always welcome ongoing parties at the Beach Bluff and, for sure the big July 4th celebration. The current committee is pictured on page 1 and consists of Danielle Mills and Alicia Martinez as co-chairs, Maria Elena Banks, Suzanne Enis, Anita Geyer, Barbara Milner, Marilyn Moon, Judy Pasek, Nancy Tinnes, Mary Williams and Carol Yocom. Some members assume responsibility for certain events: Barbara Milner organizes the New Years Eve party, Nancy Tinnes is now a pro at organizing all of the July 4th festivities, Carol Yocom is the expert at restaurant related events, Danielle Mills and Alicia Martinez have started the Holiday Boutique and a couple of non committee members are organizers of the Chili Cook Off events (Patty Cook) and the Halloween Party (Susan Meredith). And, mostly all of the members work on all of the events. Seems a well organized group and a great asset to Niguel Shores.

I had the opportunity to sit down with the past president of the Committee, Carol Yocom, recently, and she gave me some of her insights about how the Committee works and

what vision the current members have for our community today. The Recreation Committee was one of the very first committees to be organized back in 1972 and some of the original members are still residents and participants today. Carol told me about many of the events the original members planned, Country Fairs, a Western Roundup and Steak Fry, Friday Night at the Movies and even line dance classes.

One of the first events Carol organized when she joined the Committee was Bon Appetite!! This was a dinner party for sometimes 300 people with the profits being donated to charities like Make a Wish and local hospice organizations.

Upcoming scheduled activities include cooking classes for both adults and children, August 27 Bluff Band Concert and back by popular demand, the Chili Cook-Off on October 1. Obviously, the Recreation Committee has seen many changes in our community over the years. The goal of the present committee is to offer a wide range of opportunities that appeal to all residents, young, old, children and families. I think you will agree, they are doing an excellent job at keeping us all busy and socially involved!! Please read about the recent July 4th celebration on pages 12 and 13.

—Patti Staudenbaur

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Carol's Cuisine Corner

We still have the tourists in our area. Let them enjoy the beach and restaurants until September. Here are a variety of restaurants for you to try in other areas...

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Roma D'Italia: Ladera Ranch, 25606 Crown Valley #K1, Open 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. 7 days a week. 276 5112

Original Pancake House: Aliso Viejo, 26951 Moulton Parkway. Open 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 643 8591

Beachfire Bar and Grill: Ladera Ranch, 25682 Crown Valley Parkway. Open 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., 429 0245

Casa Ranchero: Ladera Ranch, 25606 Crown Valley Rd. #k2. Open 7 days a week 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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Corky's Kitchen and Bakery: Ladera Ranch, 27522 Antonio Parkway. Open 24 hours. 364 4439

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Bon appetite, Carol Yocom

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July 4th at Niguel Shores

(Photos courtesy of Gary Tinnes)



Fireworks over the ocean



Uncle Sam & his patriots



Nancy Tinnes who organized it all



Men's Club Pancake Breakfast—Jim Clark with breakfasts ready to serve.



BBQ on the bluff



A colorful & jolly parade entry...



Dogs love a parade, too.

Independence Day Celebration 2011

Our Niguel Shores 2011 July 4th celebration broke all past attendance records. To start the day, four dozen volunteers from our Men's Club prepared and served a wonderful pancake breakfast with all the trimmings to over 580 hungry folks between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.! Shortly after 9:00, the Saddleback Young Marines Color Guard did us the honor of raising Old Glory and our state flag, and our thanks go to those sons of soldiers for their military pomp and decorum. Non-stop activities were provided by many resident volunteers who gave their time and talents to make the day a BIG success. I give my sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

Thanks also to the local Dana Point Stonehill Station 30 members of the Orange County Fire Authority, who once again lent their lights and siren to lead our Patriots Parade of more than 400 residents and friends. Autos, golf carts, bikes, scooters, skaters, pedestrians and canines of all ages, shapes and sizes were decorated in their red-white-and-blue finery. Many residents turned out to witness the marchers and applaud them on their way. After the breakfast and parade, the Men's Club did a hasty clean-up and made way for the Women's Club to follow with their renowned hot-dog lunch ... a perennial Niguel Shores favorite!

Games, relays, swimming, tattoos and balloon artistry were in full-swing during the morning at the Community Center Park. Then it was down to the beach for the many "kids-of-all-ages" who participated in our annual sand-sculpting contest. Awards were presented to the winners at the Beach Bluff Park at 4:00 p.m. Many residents and their guests were already gathered there for the traditional July 4th barbecue, with the coals stoked once again by our

Men's Club volunteers. Our D.J. for the last three years did a great job and got the crowds rocking once again. You can check out 200 photos of the day's events (courtesy of Gary Tinnes) on our community website: www.NiguelShores.org under the recreation tab.

My final thanks go to our NSCA office and maintenance staff, and the crew from Securitas; we are truly blessed to have their support and assistance to always make these events a success. Thank you all!

—Party on! ... In celebration, Nancy Tinnes

July 4th Sand Castle Contest

1st Place: Macher Family and Ellis and Hartman Families (Tie!)

2nd Place: Bartolme Family

3rd Place: McFerran Family

11-18 Years

1st Place: Megan and Chase Lasken

2nd Place: Taylor, Cole, Pamela, and Melanie Dunlevie

3rd Place: Ryan, Michael, Chandler, and Callihan Garcia

10 Years and Under

1st Place: Masie, Stella, and Rylee McPherson

2nd Place: Emma, Nicole, Taylor, and Alexis Baker

3rd Place: Meldau, Anderson, and McFerran) Tie

3rd Place: Hailey, Kellan, Corbin Cosenza) Tie

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—Marilyn Moon



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