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FROM THE HELM: The Unsung Heroes of Niguel Shores

Now that we have the use of our beautiful new ClubHouse, pool area and Beach Bluff I was reflecting on the last 12 months and I think of the inconveniences that the residents have had in terms of daily activities.

Living with inconvenience is one thing. Working in a disaster area is another. I cannot say enough about our maintenance staff under the direction of George Cooley, our Maintenance Manager, and his staff, Dave Smith, Maintenance Lead, Dennis Cannon and Frank Geck.

To begin with they moved all their major pieces of equipment and the contents of the old MPR room to metal storage containers on Niguel Shores Drive near Stonehill. They worked out of a storage unit in the parking lot and were expected to perform all the maintenance functions with limited working space. They continued to perform their normal duties and all the time kept a smile on their faces. Thank you for a great job.

I also want to thank Shawn Wendt, Raul Gomez and Javiar and the landscape crew from Wendt Landscaping for the great job at the Beach Bluff and for the irrigation and landscaping at the front of the new ClubHouse. This was the last thing we had to complete to get our Certificate of Occupancy of Friday 9/4/09 at 11:30 a.m.

—Jerry Koppang

CLUBHOUSE DEDICATION – SEPTEMBER 5

Beaming faces all round—did you see the bathrooms? They're gorgeous! Did you notice the glass tile? And the patio...where did they find all that space? That glass wall by the pool is perfect. We should have thought of that long ago. The St. Regis has nothing on us with this resort atmosphere. Isn't the lounge great—something we have always needed. The colors are so compatible...I like it all. I love it! Well, we do all agree that it is really up to our standards (as some would say, Finally!). Kudos to all those involved and here they are:

Architect: Joe Petitpas of Borders & Associates

Construction: Dan Owen and Pete Burrows of Grant

Construction

Design and Décor: Larry N. Ricci

Revitalization Committee: Roy Dohner, Suzanne Enis, Marcy McNulty, Dave McPherson, Rob Rifkin, Todd Wallin Construction Committee: Roy Dohner, Rob Rifkin, Dave Ontiveros, Leo Riley, George Cooley, Jerry Koppang

There are no doubt many others to be congratulated and thanked as well as, I might add, all of us who provided the funding.



Roy Dohner being presented with the old MPR plank by Leo Riley (with microphone). Dave Ontiveros at left and Jerry Koppang at right.

The Dedication Ceremony included the *Volunteer of the Year Award* to Roy Dohner who had been involved in the design and construction of the new community center for seven or eight years and probably should have received the Volunteer of the Decade Award. He also was awarded by Leo Riley a souvenir plank from the old MPR building which, Leo said, is an old tradition of bringing on the new

FROM THE GM

LUBHOUSE / POOL / SPA – Two down (or open) and one to go. Thank you for your patience during the construction. We now have some of the finest Association amenities in Orange County. As for the new spa, it is still in the plan approval process with OC Health so we probably won't be enjoying it until the end of October or the first part of November.

PLEASE NOTE: The new hours of operation for the different facilities:

	OPEN	CLOSE		
Main ClubHouse	Normally locked except as scheduled			
Lobby (small reception area)	8:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.		
Outside Restrooms/Sauna	6:30 a.m.	8:30 wint./9:30 sum.		
Pool/Spa	6:30 a.m.	8:30 wint./9:30 sum.		
Tennis Courts	6:30 a.m.	Sunset		
Beach Bluff	6:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.		

DEDICATION CEREMONY - Thanks to all who attended the dedication ceremony on Saturday, September 5. The Men's Club served over 250 breakfasts and the Marine Color Guard did another fine job of raising the colors over the new facility. Thanks to Jim O'Neill for arranging the color guard from the 5th Marines. For those of you who missed it, you can see all of Gary Tinnes' event photos on the website.

FAMILY TILE PROJECT - Thanks to all of you who have participated in the Family Tile project. The tiles will be displayed on the side of the spa wall that faces the tot lot. You can see the two blank areas that have been set aside for the display. The tiles should be in place by the end of October to coincide with the opening of the new spa. I will send out a notice when they are in place.

RATTLESNAKES IN NIGUEL SHORES? - You bet. I just want to warn all you gardeners to be very careful and keep your eyes and ears open. This is a very real threat, and there have been several confirmed sightings in the past few weeks and one of the association landscapers actually saw a 6' or 7' "rattler" on one of the slopes near the Beach Bluff. For those parents with children, please warn them to stay away from ALL snakes, because most people and almost all children cannot tell the difference between the polite ones

and the deadly ones.

BEACH BLUFF & CLUBHOUSE RENTALS AND RULES - On behalf of the Board of Directors, thanks to all of you who attended the "standing room only" Public Forum on September 16. It was a very informative evening, with discussions being led by Board President Jerry Koppang and Board Member, Rob Rifkin. Many views were expressed and the Board is now converting those

comments into the Rules, Regulations and Policies governing the new facilities. As part of the rule change process, in the next few weeks you will be receiving a letter from the Association with the proposed rules changes. You will have 30 days to comment on them again, before the Board makes its final decision on whether or not to approve the changes.

HOMEOWNER NOTICES ON THE WEBSITE - One of the good ideas that came out of the Public Forum on Wednesday, September 16 was the idea to post all the email notices that are sent to homeowners, on the website. I don't know why we didn't think of it before, but it is so logical that we put it into practice immediately. Please check the website at niguelshores.org and click on the link that says Homeowner Notices. —Leo Riley, General Manager

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ClubHouse Breakfast

ship a plank from the old. The plank contained the street number of the old building and had been beautifully lacquered by Dave Ontiveros and signed by many of those listed above—a fitting memento for Roy's diligent work over the years.

The young Marines raised the flag, we sang the national anthem and all trooped inside to admire our wonderful new ClubHouse. The Men's Club served breakfast in the new, spacious room, enjoyed the new kitchen and fed us well. Tiles were painted for the playground

wall and the day was brought to a happy end by a wonderful taco night in the Beach Bluff Park. An all around grand day for Niguel Shores.

-Mary Crowl -Photos by Gary Tinnes



Patio and pool

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- —Approved the General Session Minutes of August 5, 2009.
- -Approved the General Session Minutes of August 19, 2009.
 - Approved the July 31, 2009 Financial Report.
- -Approved the July 31, 2009 Variance & Delinquency reports.
- —Approved the appointment of Steve Stewart to the Finance Committee Chairmanship.
 - -Approve the appointment of Sali Rae to the Architectural Committee.

DISCUSSED:

-Committee revitalization schedule & update.

- —Beach Bluff, Clubhouse, pool & spa projects updates.
- —Club House / Beach Bluff rental policies and fees.
 - —Tennis windscreens. -Public Forum discussion topics for September 16 meeting. -2010 Reserve Study
- -Instructor contract & policies for outside programs.

—2 letters to the Board regarding Ritz Carlton project and Beach Bluff policies.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- -Approved the Executive Session minutes of August 5, 2009.
- —Approved the Executive Session minutes of August 19, 2009.

REVIEWED:

-June, 2009 Assessment Collection Status Report.

—Violation Log.

DISCUSSED:

- -Discussed Paving Company dispute matter. -Instructor contract / policies for outside programs.
- -AC matters involving six (6) homeowners. -Compensation Committee.
- —Beach Bluff stairs/fence proposals. Recreation Director matter.
- —Pool / Spa / Bluff monitor proposal. -Board Resolutions E2009-223 & E2009-224.
- -Headlands matter.

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

APPROVED:

- -General Session Minutes of September 2, 2009.
- —Approval of the appointment of Eric Ackerman to the Traffic & Safety Committee.

REVIEWED:

- -Major Project list.
- -Homeowner letter to the board re: ClubHouse Rules & Policies.

DISCUSSED:

- -Club House / Beach Bluff / Pool & Spa project updates.
 - -2010 Reserve Study.
 - —Committee Chair meeting agenda September 24.
- Instructor Contract & Policies for outside programs.
- —Beach Bluff / ClubHouse reservation policies and fees.
 - -Community Leadership Alliance (local HOAs).

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session) APPROVED:

- -Special Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2009.
- -Executive Session Minutes of September 2, 2009.
 - -Board Resolution No. E2009-223
- -Board Resolution No. E2009-224
- -Changes to Committee Board Liaison appointments.

REVIEWED:

-Fall paving project plan.

DISCUSSED:

- -AC legal matters with 4 homeowners.
- —Update on paving dispute lien matter.
 - -D & O insurance matter.
- -Headlands / City /County meeting update.
- —Development of Master Landscape Plan & design proposals.
 - -Recreation Coordinator position.
 - —Bluff / Pool access monitors.
 - Compensation Committee formation.

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none.

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—OCTOBER 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ARCHITECTURE

Approval for exterior changes: Following the Rules

Do you color within the lines? Do you ever run with scissors in your hand? Do you play well with others? Well, of course you always do the right thing. The folks who live in Niguel Shores are just that kind of people. This article is to remind all of you that the right thing to do when you are planning to make ANY exterior changes to your home, is to first get a Home Owners request form from the office, fill it out and submit it to the Architecture Committee. The AC is here to help you with your project and to make sure there are no problems or violations that might impede your changes. Once your request to the AC has been approved and you are issued a blue card, you are assured that your changes are within the guide lines of the CC&Rs and the AC rules. So, make your project easy on yourself and follow the rules and stay within the lines when you color.

-Marilyn Moon

FINANCE

The Finance committee is in the middle of the budget process, reviewing proposals from management and committees about what to spend our dues on over the coming year. We look forward to finishing the process at the end of October. Any substantive comments will have to wait until that time. In the meantime Niguel Shores homeowners can rest assured that our committee is committed to keeping costs down and maintaining prudent reserves, in the tradition that has been followed here for many years. That being said, we are in new times and keeping Niguel Shores current with emerging standards for energy and water use will require investments in planning, design and capital investment. Our committee will play a necessary role in guaranteeing our money is well spent when it comes time to fund those efforts.

-Steve Stewart

MAINTENANCE

Storage is the responsibility of the Maintenance Department. Our old building had about 1260 square feet of storage space. The new building has about 775 square feet of storage space. How could that possibly work, you might ask? And we certainly did ask. Dave Ontiveros answered, "By a much more efficient utilization of the space," and he proceeded to show us how.

Dave is an experienced manufacturing and plant



Maintenance Shop with new racks.

manager. He designed a modern shelving system for us, similar to what is seen in the big box stores. He wrote the specifications, interviewed vendors, and tabulated complex and detailed bid proposals making it possible to evaluate each and select a vendor. Dave was there with the vendor to make final measure-

ments making sure everything would fit in place....and it did. All the shelving structure is now installed.

By the time this article is published our maintenance people will have cut and installed about 200 wood planks to complete the installation. Everything we now have stored off site and in three large cargo containers will

be back on the shelves in our new building. Everything will have a space; we know it will because Dave said so.

We were having difficulty finding heavy duty work benches of the correct size for our new shop floor. Not finding what we needed, Dave just built them for us. He designed them,



Dave's custom made work bench.

built them in his garage and delivered them to the shop for final assembly. Stop by the shop sometime and see a work bench "what is a work bench," and if you see Dave Ontiveros, thank him. Dave has saved this community a considerable amount of money with his volunteer work.

—Jack Christiansen

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Bluff Protocol: By now it is a tired cliche, "The new redesigned Beach Bluff has added a new dynamic to our community." Clearly it is true, as more and more of our neighbors are using it to appreciate the aesthetics, to picnic and or entertain. Almost everyone enjoys the terrific view and the camaraderie with friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, on a few occasions conflicts have arisen. These are generally the

COMMITTEE REPORTS KARL KUHN, EDITOR

result of some folks becoming caught up in the moment, and forgetting to be considerate of others. Please respect each other, reserve a table at the office if one is needed for a party, don't "hog" tables, drive carefully while going down there and, last but not least, "No Acrobatic Skateboarding." Even the old pros like Pat O'Brien go the skate park to practice. Enough said about the Bluff, as in the near future the Board will publish proposed new protocols and rules for this resource.

Bluff Parking: Please remind your guests that parking on the lower tier of the Bluff parking lot is reserved for cars with resident parking stickers. Guests must park their vehicles on the top tier. This rule is being carefully enforced and since the re-opening of the Bluff our security officers have almost tripled the number of citations they have written.

Golf Carts: I believe that increased use of golf carts has been hashed and rehashed. But, one more time, they must be registered with the office and driven by a person with a driver's license. Common sense tells us that each occupant should be seat belted in. It was not long ago, in a not to far away gated community, that a golf cart was involved in a collision and three occupants died. A contributory cause of death was that they were not wearing these safety devices.

Guest Lists: Our security personnel do an exceptional job of assisting thousands of people each month. Almost all of these result in a positive contact. Generally the only negative contacts are with our guests. A lot of this is our fault because we haven't updated our guest lists and or provided a list of temporary guests to the office or gate. In almost every instance, the faux pau is resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Not every time though. During the past month residents living on Ionian Way, Windlass, Brigantine, Spinnaker and Magellan had guests that lost their composure and, to my way of thinking, became rude with the guard that was simply trying to do his/her job as instructed. Please remind your guests to be civil. God bless....

—Tim Murphy

RECREATION

October is our Big Halloween Party on the 25th, the Beach Bluff BBQ is back in business on the 4th and Potluck on the 18th. See info below. September was a busy month with the Taco night on the 5th, Potluck the 20th and Chili Cook Off on the 27th. We went to print before knowing the Chili cook-off winner. Watch for them next month. Due to lack of participation we will not have the Art Affaire on November 1 as scheduled.

See you at these events and hope many of you enjoy the Halloween Parade.



Beach Bluff BBQ—October 4 at 4:00 p.m. Men's Club members are heating up the coals so, as usual, bring your own food and drinks to enjoy Sunday evening at the Bluff.

Potluck—The Committee is planning an autumn gathering to celebrate the first in our new "autumn colored" ClubHouse. October 18 at 6:00 p.m. To attend call one of the



names listed here: A–E Sheila Furst 661-0601, F–O Patty Therolf 493-4657, P–Z Irene McDonald 481-3035.

-Carol Yocom

Calling All Ghouls, Gobblins, Ghosts and Witches!!

Please Join us for a Haunting Halloween Parade and Party

(At the new NS ClubHouse)

The witches fly across the sky, the owls qo, "Who?

Who? Who?"

The black cats yowl and green ghosts howl,

"Scary Halloween to You!"

Sunday, October 25

4:30 p.m. — Parade in NSCA Park 5:00 p.m. — ClubHouse doors open for games

Games! Food! Prizes! Lots of Fun for All Ages!! \$5 to play all the games you want!

Scarily scrumptious food, drinks & baked goods can be purchased separately.

Bring the entire family for a scary good time!

(If you are over the age of 9 and would like to set up and run a Halloween game booth, please call Susan Meredith 949-633-7999)

GARDEN CLUB

We All Need to Save Water.

Cooler heads are prevailing in California as our state looks toward an ever increasing demand for water. Municipal water districts are focusing on reducing water waste, not just water use, and we should applaud them for that. Often, in water-stressed times, gardens are portrayed as the villains, but research shows that we can all have lush beautiful gardens whatever the style and at the same time reduce the water needed for our outdoor sanctuaries. It really is about using "best practice." Yes, we need to fix leaks and redirect sprinkler heads to avoid waste; no we shouldn't use hoses to clean off driveways; no we don't need to water our lawns every day or every other day for that matter. A recent study by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California found that gardens would be healthier if they were watered less. Yes, we need to turn off our automatic sprinkling systems during winter.

There are other ways to reduce water waste. This is where gardeners need to set the example, and we can help educate. Mulching tops the list. Gardening organically is right up there, too. Chemical fertilizers often high in nitrogen produce lots of new green growth that need to be supported by much more water. Drip systems and soaker hoses direct water where it really needs to be. As we move into fall, take some time to reflect on how you can set an example, educate or even be a waterwise evangelist. We can have our beautiful gardens and save water too.



Sweet Pea Planting Time: Now's the time. If planted in September or October, sweet peas will grow through the winter then burst forth with a lengthy, fragrant flower show as soon as the warm spring air arrives. Planting seed is easy.

Soak the seeds overnight in a bowl of water. Plant them 2 to 3 inches apart in soil that has been well amended with organic planting compost. An area that gets full sun is best. Remember, you will need to provide support for these fast growing vines. The following varieties, if planted in September or October, will give you bouquets by the holidays: 1. early multiflora mix 2. regal robe 3. velvet elegance 4. white elegance 5. chiffor elegance. Happy Gardening.

—Jerry Koppang



MEN'S CLUB

Had a false start for our meeting on September 1 because the ClubHouse was not completed, so it was back to Carlos' Restaurant (2 eggs, 2 pancakes, and 2 bacons) for our breakfast meeting. Fortunately the ClubHouse was given the green light and our awesome cooking and waiter gang were able to perform their culinary expertise for the Dedication Ceremony on Saturday September 5. As expected it was a great breakfast and enjoyed by all.

Our speaker for our September 1 meeting was the dynamic, 88 years young, Mitch Higginbotham. Mitch was an original member of the Tuskegee Airman, an all Black aviation-flying group in WWII. Karl Kuhn has written a more extensive article on Mitch and the Tuskegee Airman group in this newsletter. It was a great presentation, both humorous and enlightening.

The Sept. 15 meeting was the first for us in the new ClubHouse and the breakfast was prepared by our infamously famous Woody Woodward (little short handed but we won't go there). Speaking about breakfasts, Ed



Ed Adams receiving an award for his contribution as the long-time head cook.

Adams was the recipient of a new award honoring those past head cooks who have donated so much time and effort in contributing to the success of the Men's Club

Breakfasts. Jack Christiansen presented Ed an attractive desk plaque and a letter of appreciation. Our speakers were Kathleen Dispenza, Marketing Coordinator for the Coventry Retirement Community and Diane Harkey, State Assemblywoman. Kathleen gave a brief

overview of the facility and handed out an attractive coffee mug to all the attendees plus a luncheon invite to the facility in October. Diane



State Assemblywoman Diane Harkey

is a member of the California Legislature as our State Assemblywoman for the 73rd District. Diane gave a most interesting review of several topics that are of current interest including the state's financial status, water resources, budgeting, a feel for the bipartisan complexity that exists in the Capital, and touched on some various speculation as to candidates for our next Governor.

Jerry Pearl solicited purchasing support for the 2010 Entertainment Book, of which a portion of the profits goes toward our Scholarship Fund. He has about 20 books left for sale, so get them while they're hot.

The Men's Club Annual Dinner Dance will be on December 8 at the El Niguel Country Club from 6:30 till 10:30 and Sam Conti will provide the swinging and swaying music.

In October we have Lee Ann Carranza, Preserve Manager of the Dana Point Preserve and our Ambassador of Travel, Jerry Milner, will present a travelogue on one of his recent ventures. Coming up we have Pat Bates, Orange County Supervisor and the Orange County Sheriff's department. The Dana Point High School choir will be with us in December. —Bob Ryan

An Inspiring American Story is Told

On September 1, the Men's Club met at the Carlos Restaurant in D.P. for it's last breakfast away from Niguel Shores as the new ClubHouse neared completion. Our speaker at this breakfast was Mitchell "Mitch" Higginbotham. Don't recognize the name! You would not be alone, although he had spoken to the Men's Club before, when Dale Baltimore was President of the club (say 1978).

Mitch is a member of an aviation group that received one of the highest civilian honors this nation can bestow: The Congressional Gold Metal. In fact Mitch wore a replica of this metal around his neck

that morning.

You may have heard about this aviation group. although for nearly 27 years many in this nation, outside the military and family members, never heard of them. Who were



Mitch Higginbotham

this group? The Tuskegee Airmen, the all African-American fighter pilots of the 99th Squadron, who became one of the most successful combat squadrons of WWII. Due to strict military segregation at that time in our military these flyers had to persist vigorously for "the right to fight" and become pilots.

Mitch's spellbinding presentation covered his early life and college education before entry into the Army Air Corps. January 1941 started the training of the 99th pursuit squadron at Tuskegee, Georgia where 450 pilots were trained in fighters (P-39, P-40, P-47, and P-51—their distinguishing all-red tail Mustangs), and also in bombers in which Mitch trained in a B-25.

The fighter squadron airmen flew a total of 15,000 sorties and 1500 combat missions in Africa, Italy, and Germany, losing only 66 pilots killed and 32 P.O.W's. This group collectively was highly decorated and did a magnificent job in the European theater. Their flyers received 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, one Silver Star and one Legion of Merit. Their feats and heroism went largely unrecognized until 1972.

Mitch was one of many in the original squadron who wanted to fly bombers instead of fighter planes. They were sent to a bomber training school in Indiana and then Kentucky. However, discrimination was the order of the day in these camps and the black officers, by direct orders, were denied entrance into the officers club on the camp. Over 100 black bomber pilots refused to be excluded from this club. They were arrested for disobeying a direct order and put in confinement. The black newspapers in this country were the only ones to cover this story even though the Army Air Force tried to keep it secret. Eventually, they were only reprimanded but that mark on their record ended any chance for advancement in the service. It was not until 1995 that the Pentagon removed those charges from the airmen's military records.

Mitch is truly a hero in war and what later these airmen achieved in the civil rights arena. You helped change America, Mitch. God Bless You.

-Karl Kuhn and Steve Leonard

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club meeting on October 8 at 12:00 will feature Niguel Shores residents telling of their experiences while living and traveling in Africa. Cyril Jones, husband of Ann Jones, will describe events he encountered during his six years of working in South Africa, Nigeria and Zambia. A mining engineer with DeBeers Diamond Co., Cyril was involved in gold, diamond and copper mining. Gerlinde Duffy will share her viewpoints on Africa from when she managed operating rooms at the Chingola European Hospital Zambia. It was there she met her



At the September luncheon the Women's Club honored its past presidents as pictured: L to r: Tina Fornadley, Terry Scott, Frieda Baskin, Dee Johnston, Kay Unis, Bunny Ross, Liz Kelsch, Carol Yocom, Marion Evans, Hope Luedeke, Harriet Writer, Marguerite Printz and Karla Sanders.

husband Kevin, who was township manager of 5000 Africans working in the copper mines. In addition, our intrepid world traveler Barbara Milner will discuss the diversity of Africa, with information and slides from her many trips in Africa as a travel consultant.

Tying in with the information on diamond mining, members are encouraged to attend a free open house and jewelry career fair, given by the Gemological Institute of America, located in Carlsbad. For more information visit or call 800-421-7250, ext. 4100. Womens Club membersip is open to all women Niguel Shores residents and homeowners. For membership questions, contact Suzanne Enis at 661-7607 or suzanne.enis@cox.net.

—Phyllis Tezer

Nancy Tinnes, President of the Women's Club

In the seven years in Niguel Shores after retiring here with her husband, Nancy has accomplished more than most, having been chair of the 4th of July Celebration every year for five or six years and now is the new president of the Women's Club. She is accomplished at organization and execution—hasn't it

always gone smoothly and well? Nancy is a Californian, born and bred, grew up in Downey, has a degree in Physical Therapy from Long Beach, worked at that for two years and then signed up to work for TWA as a flight attendant—out of New York, yet, and did it for 35 years (the last 5 years for American after they bought TWA). Mostly those years were spent in overseas duty to every exotic city in the world that you can think of. With all that, she and husband, Gary, raised two sons and a daughter (admittedly with domestic help) while living in San Juan Capistrano. Nancy lived in New York for a couple of years, met Gary and, with their hankering for a small-town atmosphere, moved to San Juan Capistrano here in Southern California where they lived until retiring and, with the kids gone, wanted a smaller place by the beach and came to



Nancy Tinnes

Niguel Shores. People who work for the airlines think nothing of commuting here and there to go to work. Nancy lived in San Juan and worked out of New Yorkcommuting there to start work! And local

commuters think they have a hard slog to drive an hour on the freeway. Such is our global world. Nancy joined the Women's Club shortly after moving here and this year has been elected president. She hopes to encourage some of our younger residents to join in to continue the process of passing on the responsibilities from one generation to the next. The Women's Club has been a wonderful place to meet fellow residents and make long-time friends. Congratulations and good luck Nancy with your exciting year ahead.

-Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES JUDY PASEK, EDITOR

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We are delighted to have the Shores ClubHouse ready for our bridge parties, the first having been September 9. Our members were pleasantly surprised at the elegance of the finished Clubhouse after months of using other facilities and having members opening up their homes for a game or two during the summer months when the ClubHouse was being erected. We thank all the people who entertained in their homes.

We want to invite bridge players to come and join us on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Our hostess, in October, will be Shirley Heimstaedt at 215-2190, and she will be glad to take your name and fit you in at a table to enjoy a game of bridge. We are a casual easygoing group who will welcome you with open arms.

Our winners for the opening day, September 9 were: Freida Baskin, Kay Wittmack and Helen Campbell. On September 16, winners were Patricia Conway, Francesca Rossi-Sunness and Kay Wittmack.

—Helen Campbell

LIBRARY NEWS

The Dana Point Library Fall Story Time series for toddler/pre-school children will continue through October 23, on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

On October 30 at 7:00 p.m. a special holiday program will be presented by Minikin Puppets entitled "Freaky Follies." The performance for all ages combines music, comedy, and ventriloquism in a fun-filled salute to the silly side of the season. Children are encouraged to come in



costume for the evening's festivities and the Annual Costume Parade. The "more merry than scary" event for the whole family is funded by the Friends of the Dana Point Library, and refreshments are provided by the National Charity League. For more information contact the Children's Department of the Dana Point Library at 496-5517.

—Judy Pasek

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners meets on October 26 for a discussion of We Have Always Lived in the Castle, the final complete novel of Shirley Jackson's career, an author who is well known for having written The Lottery and The Haunting of Hill House. We Have Always Lived in the Castle has been called one of the "truly great gothic horror novels of all time." It is written in the unique voice of a naive eighteen year old named Merricat Blackwood, who has an eerie penchant for fantasy and magic. Critics claim that Shirley Jackson, who was a recluse in her later years in the small New England town where she lived, may have written the novel as an expression of her own private demons.

The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the NSCA ClubHouse. Please bring your own beverage or

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snack, if desired. The afternoon group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Harriet Writer, 33711 Windjammer. Please bring your own snack, if desired. A beverage will provided. Gloria Weintraub will be the discussion leader for both groups.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June, except for December. If you wish more information please call Gloria Weintraub at 248-8205 (rdabook@cox.net) or Kathleen Hardcastle at 481-5503 (khlaguna@gmail.com).

—Kathleen Hardcastle

REALLY SERIOUS OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

The September meeting at the home of Mary Crowl brought us a couple of new members and a good discussion of our book of the month, *Mistakes were Made (but not by me)* by Carol Tarvis and Elliot Aronson, a read that left us reviewing our own past mistakes—not a pleasant exercise. Our October book is *The Omnivore's Dilemma*—A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan—an indictment of the food industry. Whatever should we eat? The October 21 meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Lee Howd, 23902 Amundsen Bay.

-Mary Crowl

EMERITUS—AGAIN

The Emeritus class, "Film as Literature" has begun three sessions as of this writing. To our credit, over 80 participants have been registered. Since the ClubHouse was not ready for occupancy, the first two class sessions were held at the Dana Point Library. The first class consisted of a lecture; during the second class students saw "Room with a View" and, for the third class, students enjoyed "Mrs. Miniver." In each instance, the instructor, Susan Hecht, imparted issues regarding the films and motivated students to look for "Characters Who Are Determined." Students look forward to 13 more weeks of Monday afternoon classes. The Emeritus Committee will continue meeting and will develop a survey for the SSN, asking residents to respond with their interest in future educational programs. We can look forward to another session of "Film as Literature" in early 2010. Additional classes will depend on residents' interest, Saddleback College's (and state funding) ability to provide them. We may look to the resources of our own community to provide desired classes. The committee may also address the interests and needs of younger residents. Individuals interested in joining the committee may contact me. -Bunny Ross

MEN'S GOLE

Our successful San Clemente Golf Tournament was played on 8-25-09. Top Flight was won by Mac Brown, 2nd place, Gary Katsuki, 3rd place, Terry McLaughlin. In the Second Flight, Woody Woodward was first, Jim O'Neill 2nd and Lee Writer, 3rd. Closest to the Pin honors went to Gary Katsuki on the 2nd hole and to Barry Banducci on No. 15. It was a beautiful day for golf!!

On October 27 we will hold one of our favorite tournaments with "Breakfast at Pendleton." We always have our largest groups when we play at that delightful course and enjoy a great early morning Marine Style Get Up and Get Going feast!! No tournament in November.

Our last tournament will be December 8 at Talega at San Clemente. A putting contest and breakfast has been our best attended outing for the last few years. You don't want to miss this one!

We will start to collect your SCGA dues in November and December. We will be offering some new courses next year but news about that later.

Facts: With more than 17,300, the United States has more golf courses than any other country. World wide there are an estimated 30,000 courses.

—Tom McNicholas

WOMEN'S GOLF

Next Fun Day is Monday, October 12. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Aliso Creek Golf Course. Please call Gretchen Rask 489-2259 or Bev Longfield 494-8488 if you have not signed up for golf and are interested in playing. The luncheon following golf will be held at the newly opened ClubHouse at Niguel Shores. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please call Lee Sweeney 661-5924 or Liz Kelsch 661-5802.

Because this is the first month back since the ClubHouse was built, lunch may be brought in from the outside. It was decided that the amount for lunches be raised to \$3 to help cover more of the costs if lunches are prepared at the club. The lunch captains will contact interested members with the plans as October 12 approaches. As always you can bring a guest for golf and lunch and new members are also welcome.

The Fountains has been booked for our holiday party on December 14. Victoria Siegfried and Joan Beyer are in charge of the party and are busy planning the event. Be sure to mark that date in your calendar. It's a great time and great food. Please think about donating a gift basket for the event.

At the October meeting we will be discussing the list of tentative new board members for January 2010. Judy has served two years and a replacement will have to be named. We will be looking for names to fill the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality, and *Seashore News*. Please consider being on the board. The success of the club relies on these positions being filled.

We want to thank May Gramer and Liz Kelsch for a fun game this month. The prizes were awarded as follows:

May Gramer closest to the pin on #8

Judy Boitano longest drive on #9

Judy Boitano lowest putts – 15

First Place Team for the game – Team #1 Liz Kelsch, May Gramer, Val Mitchell

Second Place Team for the game – Team #3 Ceacy Johns, Anne Greenwood, Marlene Lynch, Lee Sweeney

"A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt very well"

—Val Mitchell

Tennis Tip: The Right Mindset to Play a Great Set

Approaching your next match with positive thinking can make a difference. Start by smiling! It takes fewer muscles to smile, it can increase your confidence and a relaxed jaw has been proven to increase your energy output. Plus you're playing a game you love! You also want to expect mistakes because you will make them. If you can recover quickly and positively from a mistake, you will probably not lose momentum and more points. After a mistake, have some sort of closure like snapping your fingers or taking a slow deep breath. This will help you forget about the mistake. You are now ready to play the next point and you have the right mindset to play a great set!



Carol's Cuisine Corner

The summer crowd is gone and we have so many restaurants at Dana Point Harbor to enjoy with all types of food, prices and hours. Hope this will help you to go for a walk day or night and appreciate how lucky we are to have this area. Plus enjoying all the art shows, seeing the boats come and go and any other activities they have planned, plus your dog enjoying being there with all the other dog friends.

Dana Point Harbor

PROUD MARY'S 949 493 5853. New Owners, New Setting, but still the good food. Monday–Saturday 7am to 9 pm. Sunday 7am to 3 pm. Happy Hour in the bar area only 3–6 pm Mon.–Fri.

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HARPOON HENRY'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 949 493 2933. Seafood restaurant on the water. Lunch Monday to Saturday 11:30 to 4:00pm. Dinner Monday—Saturday 4:00pm to 10pm. Sunday Brunch 10:30am to 3:00pm. Happy Hour 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Entertainment Friday and Saturday night.

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HARBOR GRILL 949 240 1416. Fresh Seafood.11:30am to 4:30pm Lunch. Dinner 4:30pm to 10:00pm. Thursday—oyster night. Every day Price Fix meals available with 3 course choice. Saturday and Sunday Breakfast/lunch 9:00am to 2:00pm. Lunch 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Dinner 4:00pm to 9:30pm.

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On the Island:

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NOW you cannot say Dana Point does not have any place to eat any time of day.!!!!

—Carol Yocom

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

On Labor Day Weekend, some residents got together to paint commemorative tiles for our new ClubHouse. Approximately 90 tiles were made available for sale. The tile idea is wonderful. It provides a sense of community and belonging. Unfortunately, there were very few tiles available for purchase. I have heard from the office that they have received many calls asking for more tiles. Given all the new construction and new walls that have been erected as a result of the Clubhouse/Jacuzzi area, it seems a shame to have people left out of this community project, as there appears to

be plenty of room for more tiles. So, to all of you who would like to paint a tile, please contact me:

Email: cristina marra@yahoo.com or 949/481-9707

I will gather everyone's names and draft something for the board requesting that there be a second round of tiles available for purchase at approximately \$25/tile for those of you who were not able to participate in the first phase. I have spoken to several board members already who say it should be feasible to find another area for more tiles.

Cristina Marapinela, 23856 Kara Bay

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: A Special Lady

You may have seen her walking around Niguel Shores because, besides the physical exercises it provides, she loves to see our beautiful community and all its pleasures—the ocean views, the cool refreshing sea breezes, the beautiful homes and landscaping and, now, our beautiful ClubHouse. Those walks from her house on Capstan Street would take her to our beach and back, to the swimming pool where she joined in the



aerobic swim class, to delivering the SSN or to many club and other functions at the MPR (now ClubHouse).

Her name? I'm glad you asked because it was a pleasure for me to interview her for this month's Meet Your Neighbor: Ruth Levitan.

Ruth was born in 1920 in a small town named Kropp near the city of Schleswag, Germany which is close to the Danish border. Her parents had moved there from their birthplace of Hamburg because her dad began working at the Mental Institution, handling the facility's financial and maintenance responsibilities.

Ruth attended public school there from age 6 through age 11. Then Ruth went to a private all girls' school in the middle of Germany that specialized in languages where she studied English and French. Ruth moved on to another school where she studied to become a laboratory technician. Her father died when she was 17 while attending this school and she was forced to leave school and find employment.

She found employment as a laboratory technician in a metals foundry making forgings of a variety of pipes, located, fortunately as you will see, in the forest outside the city limits of Nuremberg. At this time WWII was raging and it was a very frightening time for the people. Of course, the only source of news of the war came through the radio which was controlled by the Nazi party. She did not know if the news was always truthful.

Ruth lived in a small apartment near the foundry and before long the skies over Nuremberg were covered with American bombers that were targeting the many manufacturing facilities in Nuremberg. Since the foundry was hidden in the trees from the sky it was never bombed. However, when the air-raid siren sounded, whether day or night, everyone went to the bomb shelters never knowing if a bomb might hit that shelter.

As the war progressed Ruth remembers eventually seeing German soldiers walking through their area heading for Nuremberg, presumably, she believes, to defend the city from the advancing Americans. Then she witnessed the American G.I.s coming by her apartment building. The air-raid siren started again then and she went with others from her building into the basement. Suddenly, the door opened and three American soldiers came into the shelter. Knowing that some conquering soldiers do terrible things to the conquered citizens she and the others were afraid. However, the Americans just sat there by themselves and talked. Since Ruth spoke English she knew what they were saying so she

started talking to them. They were happy to talk with her.

When the war ended there was little work and little food to have. Ruth, because she spoke English, was used as an interpreter in the city's major's office. From American officers she found out there was an effort by the Americans to reunite families displaced by the war. The officers said they could help her contact her aunt and uncle living in Los Angeles for the possibility of emigrating to the USA. After a long process of interviews, legal clearances, and medical exams (earlier immigrants endured this process in Ellis Island) Ruth finally sailed with 600 other displaced immigrants from Bremen, Germany in June 1946 to New York City. A friend of her aunt and uncle picked her up from the dock, showed her the city for two weeks and then put her on a bus to come to Los Angeles. She found the trip exciting and informative to see America this way and to experience the new sights and new food she saw along the way, such as seeing and picking oranges off a tree. She was very skeptical when, at one bus stop, she read that they were serving hot dogs. Never having heard food made from a dog she ventured to try it anyway. To her surprise and disappointment it looked just like her native knockwurst.

In Los Angeles while living with her aunt and uncle she started looking for a job. Although she spoke English finding a job as an immigrant just "off the boat" proved frustrating. Finally a very nice manager at Challenger Cream & Butter Company (a big dairy) in L.A., whose mother was German, decided to give her a chance in the creamery laboratory. While the lab technical manual was difficult for her to understand she was given a week to observe what the other lab technicians were doing. Writing notes in German on all the observed procedures Ruth studied hard every night and by the end of the week she had the job. Two months later a new manager took over the laboratory and Ruth was very worried that he might not keep her, an immigrant from Germany. His name was Meyer Levitan, who was himself an immigrant from Lithuania and was a very nice man. Meyer obviously

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Tweens Talking

The wind danced around him and the L sea breeze rustled through his hair for a few short moments and then continued its long stretch down Strand Beach. Nicholas Karnazes took a deep breath of reassurance as he grabbed his fins and walked to the line of seaweed just at the shore's edge. Among him in the line were countless other twelve year olds dressed in rubber body suits tightly gripping fins in one hand. Each

boy had an anxious look on his face, but Nicholas is different from the rest of the lifeguards in training. Nicholas has grown up on the water's edge and spends most of his time bodysurfing with his dad, Kraig, and friends at Strand Beach. Nicholas has the poise and experience of a veteran lifeguard. A man in red trunks stands at the end of the line and raises his hand into the air, bringing a whistle to his lips. Nicholas puts his head down and readies himself for the sprint of his life. Time seems to stop before the

loud shrill of the whistle lets loose, and the cool breeze hovers over the mass of junior guards. In a short lapse of time somebody would cross the finish line and be announced as the winner. The lifeguard blew the whistle and the annual Vitamin Race of Strand Beach Junior Lifeguards was underway.

Nicholas Karnazes is not your average twelve year old boy. He is currently in seventh grade at St. Edward's middle school where he participates in both flag football and volleyball. "Flag football is really fun, but I'm a lot better at volleyball and I hope to play in college someday." Along with two physically demanding sports, he also finds the time to bodysurf with his dad and friends at local Strand Beach. After that mouthful. Nicholas continues to tell me he is currently retired from playing club water polo in Laguna Beach. With his plate completely full, Nicholas still finds the time to balance sports, keep his grades up, and spend time with family and friends. "On the weekends you can always find me at the beach with friends



bodysurfing, or at Doheny playing volleyball with my dad," remarks Nicholas. It seems this twelve year old has taken the meaning of well rounded to the next level as he reveals to me he is an accomplished "yo-yoer". I started a couple of years ago and, after a while of practicing, I got pretty good at it." I didn't think I would ever encounter a more accomplished twelve year old living in the Shores, until Nicholas revealed "I really like to write short stories and I really enjoy English class." After the last syllables left his already highly successful mouth, I let out a loud yelp of happiness. A young kid who enjoys English class and, on his free time, likes to write short stories is a rarity. I let that last remark fill me up completely. More importantly, Nicholas is hoping in the future he will follow in the footsteps of his dad and become a "wealthy businessman who lives by the beach." UCLA and Pepperdine are his top two choices for colleges, and in regards to playing a sport in college, Nicolas decided he'll "think about that when I'm in college."

Nicholas propelled his right leg forward and, followed by his left leg, he quickly found himself leading the pack of the junior guards racing down the beach. Every stride he found himself

> further and further ahead. To the distant eye, he appeared to be flying across the water's edge. The race had barely started and a winner had already emerged. **Nicholas** finished his grueling run across the hot sand and dove deep into the cooling depths of the ocean where he began weaving in and out of buoys parallel to the shoreline. The last stage of the race was a long distance paddle from one buoy back to the beach. Nicholas

heaved his paddle out of the water and sprinted up to the finish line. He put both his hands on top his head and steadied his breathing. He sighed a couple of short breaths of reassurance as he turned to see masses of kids still on the swimming leg of the race. Nicholas smiled, not because the other kids were so incredibly far behind, but because this was his third year in a row to dominate this race. A smile of a champion, or the sweet smile of a twelve year old boy who spends his days on the field, in the water, and in the classroom studying his way to the blue and yellow gates of UCLA.

—Colleen McNaught

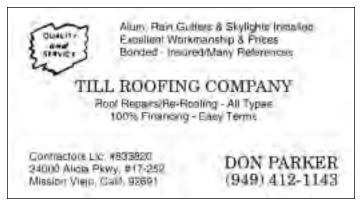
was smitten by the attractive Ruth, and by May 1947 they were married. Ruth and Meyer eventually bought a house in Alhambra were Ruth, no longer working, began raising their two children, first a boy and then a girl. Meyer retired after 32 years with the company and in 1975 Ruth and Meyer wanted to get away from the smog and heat in Alhambra and bought their home on Capstan. Unfortunately, Meyer did not get to enjoy this new paradise as he died at the end of 1976. By that time Ruth had already lost her son to cancer, however her daughter was raising a family in San Clemente. With time on her hands Ruth decided to take a temporary Christmas job

at Robinson's Department store in Fashion Island. That parttime job in sales lasted until 2000, a 20 year career.

Ruth, as shown in the first paragraph, is an active person. She has traveled to many places in the USA and around the world. Now, because of failing eyes she does not drive anymore so her daughter takes her grocery shopping once a week and her many friends take her to events in the Shores and elsewhere. The one thing that stands out from my interview is that Ruth feels truly blessed to live in Niguel Shores.

—Karl Kuhn











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