

# Seashore News



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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Fun!!!

- 8:00 - 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast—\$3 per person  
9:00 am **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY BY THE YOUNG MARINES COLOR GUARD** Immediately followed by the Red, White and Blue Parade lead by the local fire truck. Decorate your bikes, strollers and golf carts. Put on your patriotic outfits & join the fun!!!
- 10:00 - 11:30 am Games and Relays in the Park and Pool Activities (Kids bring your swimsuits!)
- 11:00 - 11:30 am Sand Castle Registration—Register at the Beach Bluff
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm Hot Dogs, Cold Drinks, Chips and Cookies (Community Center)
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Judging—Sand Castle Contest
- 4:00 pm Sand Castle Awards Ceremony and DJ Begins (Beach Bluff)
- 5:00 pm BBQ at the Beach Bluff (Hot coals provided. However, bring your own chairs, tables, towels, etc.) (PICNIC TABLES CANNOT BE RESERVED!!!!)
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm DJ and Dancing

## OUR NATIONS FLAG – DISPLAY IT PROUDLY



proudly displaying the American Flag on our homes.

Before I review how to display our flag let me quote from my 1901 Encyclopedia Britannica the first paragraph under FLAG: *It is probable that almost as soon as men began to*

*collect together for common purposes some kind of conspicuous object was used, as the symbol on the common sentiment, as the rallying point of the common force. ...it cannot be doubted that flags or their equivalents have often served, by reminding men (and women) of past resolves, past deeds, past heroes, to rally to enthusiasm those sentiments of esprit de corps, of family pride, honor, patriotism.*

When we view the American flag, we think of liberty, freedom, and pride. The American flag has accompanied mankind on its greatest achievements. It flies at both poles, on the moon, and sits atop Mount Everest. So:

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# FROM THE HELM

At our June 15 Board meeting a number of homeowners showed up to address the Board on opening the Stonehill Gate. Most of those present were opposed to opening the gate. They were concerned that NSCA was moving rapidly to open the gate and that their concerns were being ignored.

Earlier this year Niguel Shores let a contract with an architectural firm, agreeing to spend up to \$8500 for gate design work. Before proceeding, \$900 of that amount was spent on a Sight Distance Analysis. The analysis was ordered because the city wanted to see the results of that analysis before determining if the gate could be safely used. The rest of the contract was put on hold until the city made their determination.

The analysis determined there is view blockage for drivers approaching the gate area from Niguel Road, due to a bend in the road and other factors. The city determined the view blockage to be unsafe for right hand turns from the Stonehill Gate. Adding a merge lane to allow cars to enter without turning directly into the two existing lanes was considered but there is not enough space in the roadway at that

point to accommodate a third lane. The conclusion of the city is that this gate cannot be safely used for right hand turns on to Stonehill. This information was not entirely available to us until after our June 15 Board meeting.

On a less controversial note, we are moving to improve two way communications in our community using our web site. First, there should now be a link on the website to a page where the spokesperson for the Master Landscape Project informs the community about what the Committee is doing presently and also what is planned for the future. We intend that to be a two-way feature, allowing the community to talk back to the Project Committee, telling us what you think.

We will implement Survey Monkey on the Shores' website, as a tool to allow rapid opinion sampling on NSCA issues. We hope to soon have an online comment feature imbedded in the NSCA web page, so the community can exchange opinions on a very current basis. Hopefully these efforts will give community members greater confidence that their voices can be heard.

— Steve Stewart

## FROM THE GM

**Landscape Improvement Projects:** As a means of providing up-to-date information regarding the various landscape projects in the community, as noted in "From the Helm" above, the Master Landscape Committee will have its own section on the Niguel Shores website to post upcoming project information, meetings dates, times, etc. Visit [www.niguelshores.org](http://www.niguelshores.org) to check it out.

**Pool Monitor:** Many of you provided positive feedback on having a pool monitor in the Community Center last summer. In fact, it worked out so well that we will have a pool monitor again this year starting on June 20. A few things to remember when visiting the Community Center: You must have your pedestrian access device (F.O.B.) to enter, please no food or drinks in the pool/spa area, and all

requirements noted in the 5100 Series of the *Rules & Regulations* will apply. On a side note, I do realize that I stated a flyer on pool and bluff rules would be included in the last edition of the *Seashore News* and none was included. I apologize to those who looked for it and I promise there is a flyer in this edition!

**July 4th Celebration:** The party is in full swing this year thanks to the combined efforts of the Recreation Committee, the Men's Club, and the Women's Club. On behalf of everyone who attends this amazing tradition I thank each and every person for time, energy and efforts! A special thanks to Nancy Tinnes for all of the years she has dedicated to making July 4th a truly special day in Niguel Shores!

—Karen Decker

Our Nation's Flag continued from page 1

When the American flag is suspended from a staff projecting, either horizontally or angled upward from a building, the union should always be at the peak of the staff.

It is the custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset outside. However, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

During the raising or lowering of the flag, or during its passage in a parade, all present should face the flag, and stand at attention with hand over their hearts. Men should remove their caps.

When the National Anthem is played, all present should face the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men should remove their hats. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and salute.

Lastly, the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way.

REMEMBER: The flag is how America signs her name.

—Karl Kuhn

# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## **JUNE 1, 2011 BOARD MEETING (General Session)**

*Meeting cancelled for lack of quorum. All business deferred to June 15, 2011.*

## **JUNE 1, 2011 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)**

*Meeting cancelled for lack of quorum. All business deferred to June 15, 2011.*

## **JUNE 15, 2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (General Session)**

### **APPROVED:**

- Approved the General Session Minutes of May 4, 2011
- Approved the appointment of Keith Carlson as Finance Committee Chairman
- Approved the June 2011 Litigation Disclosure Statement
- Approved contract to West Coast Paving to replace removed speed bumps in Custom Home tract
- Approved Communication Committee recommendation to increase Neighborhood Ad cost from \$3 to \$5

### **DISCUSSED:**

- Stonehill Gate update
- PCH landscape project update
- Slope restoration projects update
- Shackleton slope replanting project update
- Disaster Preparedness Committee Plan Statement
- Recommendation from the Traffic & Safety Committee regarding guest barcodes and installation of stop signs and speed limit signs in the Villas/Sea Terrace II tracts
- Proposed City of Dana Point sponsored concerts in the Sea Terrace Park

### **REVIEWED:**

- Reviewed request from resident for reimbursement for tire damage

### **TABLED:**

- Financial reports

### **HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:**

- Appeal hearing held regarding Architectural Committee disapproval of Seaward Isle homeowner's final application for remodel

## **JUNE 15, 2011 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)**

### **APPROVED:**

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of May 4, 2011

### **DISCUSSED:**

- Legal status report
- 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

### **TABLED:**

- Financial reports

### **HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:**

- Held meeting with homeowner regarding Architectural Committee restructure

*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: JULY 6, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.**

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## LANDSCAPE

Your nine area Landscape representatives continue to report on needed improvements throughout Niguel Shores. The Committee works very closely with our general landscape contractor, Wendt. They attend all monthly Landscape meetings (second Monday at 3:00 p.m.) and add our requests to their general maintenance list. During these summer months, trimming and thinning from the top of Niguel Shores to the beach front continues as a primary focus to not only save on water usage, but to also keep Niguel Shores looking good. As residents of Niguel Shores, if you have concerns regarding your area landscaping, please complete a Homeowner Request Form available at the office or on the NSCA Web site. Your request will be forwarded to the area representative.

All the seasons allow us to enjoy some beautiful sunsets, but especially summer. Enjoy!

—Ellen Dovey

## MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN UPDATE

The Niguel Shores Master Landscape Plan is currently underway with work being done on several slopes. A committee was formed to provide feedback from all resi-

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dents and assist in making decisions concerning costs, types of plant foliage and setting priority timetables. The Committee recently identified three slopes for replanting in 2011/2012. These slopes are Shackleton, Niguel Shores Drive/Abalone, and Nauticus. The Committee believes the integrity of the slopes to be essential and must be funded appropriately.

Old plant growth is being removed from the Shackleton slope and a geo-technical inspection will take place prior to any planting. Construction of the Niguel Shores Drive/Abalone slope has begun following a "skin" failure after recent rains. A plan has been proposed for the Nauticus slope, and residents of the Nauticus area were invited to attend a Committee meeting to provide feedback and insight as the plan evolves. For all slopes, plant foliage has been recommended that is drought tolerant, low growing and offers spots of color and diversity.

In addition to working on the integrity and stability of the slopes, proposals have been brought forward to improve the functionality and aesthetics of our community gates. The Carbrillo, Selva, Manta Court and Garibaldi gates have been replanted with drought tolerant plantings. The Mariner Drive and Gate area is being evaluated for a future remodel and replanting. This part of the Plan is considered needed but non-essential, hence will take a lower priority in the Plan.

The third component of the Plan is the community pocket parks located in the green belt areas of Niguel Shores. The Committee is considering removing some areas of turf to limit water consumption and encourage functionality for all residents. In parallel, work is being done on the extensive irrigation system within Niguel Shores. Work is being completed with the South Coast Water District to map the controller zones coverage for each water meter which should reduce water consumption, yet keep Niguel Shores looking good!

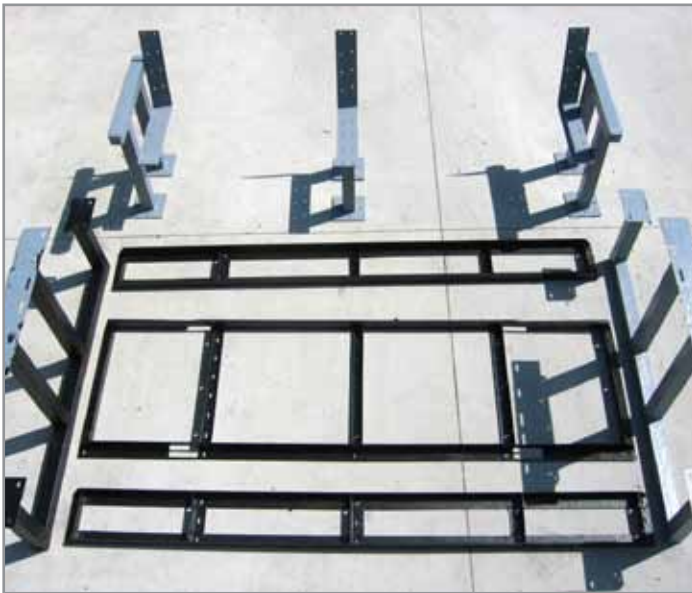
As you can tell, your Committee has been very busy! In order to facilitate better communication of all the work being completed or considered, pictures will be placed throughout the community to help all visualize the Plan. The Master Landscape Committee is encouraging feedback from residents about the proposed changes and ongoing work.

—Jeannie Sticher & Jerry Koppang

## MAINTENANCE

Rust is evil. It is relentless and it is expensive to der. "Bloomberg Business Week" magazine reports that the Pentagon spends \$22.9 billion in a year fighting rust.

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Metal parts of bench and table

Niguel Shores does not spend quite that much, but it is a significant part of the Maintenance budget.

This year we replaced the tennis court fence with a vinyl coated chain link fence at a cost of \$26,600. Special and expensive paint has been applied to some of the ClubHouse doors at a cost of \$1,100, and there is more to do. The Bluff Park fence was painted two years ago at a cost of \$5,000, and will soon need to be painted again.

Could Maintenance do a better more lasting job when repainting? Well, this is what they do. It is not a simple process.

Maintenance is currently working on two benches and six picnic tables at the Bluff Park that are in need of refurbishment. First, they are completely disassembled. Note the picture of one bench and table showing the primer and overcoat of the various metal parts. All the parts are then sent to an outside vendor to be cleaned with a blast abrasive and then metalized. Metalizing is a process which first melts a zinc alloy and then rapidly propels the molten zinc particles onto the prepared metal parts. The metal pieces are then returned to our shop and painted, first with a primer and then an overcoat. Not just any ordinary paint, but very special paint. One gallon of overcoat, two gallons of primer and some thinner costs \$347. The benches and table are then reassembled and installed at the Bluff Park. When finished the cost of material will be about \$1,200 dollars plus about forty eight Maintenance man hours.

Could we do a better more lasting job? We don't think so.

—Jack Christiansen

## RECREATION

Yes it is time for the 4th of July. All the information is on the first page. Come and celebrate with your neighbors.

Thanks for making In-N- Out a big success!!

**July 30: Another Taco Night** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a D.J. \$10 for tacos, beans and rice. Bring your own refreshments, dessert and table set up. To reserve tables someone must be there until the guests for the table arrive. NO tickets the night of event. A ticket will give you a wrist band. Tickets must be purchased by July 28.

**July 21 and August 18: Kookie** will have **cooking classes** for girls and boys hands on. Pizza and pastas, plus others ideas. The classes are for ages 6 to 10 and 11 to 15. What a good experience, plus they will be enjoying their efforts. Time and price to be announced.

**July 22: Pajama movie night** for “the kids.” \$5 for one slice of pizza, drink and popcorn. PG movie 6:00 p.m., and PG movie at 8:00 p.m. featured on our 8-foot screen. Bring your favorite “blankie” and pillow and enjoy a movie with friends in the clubhouse. Parents, you can be on the patio relaxing while they are being entertained. Movie titles will be in next SSN.

**August 27: The Trip Band** will be here for the **Bluff Band Concert Party**. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, table for eight \$80, table for ten, \$100. Bring your own refreshments. Come enjoy the music. Reserve after July 8. Tickets will be in the office only.

**September 4: BBQ at the Bluff.** Bring your own BBQ food, drinks and your friends.

**October 1: A Chili Cook-off Beer Garden Feast** — 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A chili cook off contest: forms are in office. To enter make two crock pots of your favorite chili. There will be judges from local restaurants. Come



Long line for an In-N-Out Burger refreshments

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taste all the entries and have beer from the garden for \$5. Tickets will be in office.

**October 8: NSCA Garage Sale** 9:00 to 1:00. Details in August SSN.

**October 23: Halloween Party**

**November 16: Holiday Boutique**

**November: Potlucks begin.**

**December 4: Tree Lighting Party**

**December 31: New Years Eve Party**

See you on the 4th. The Recreation Committee has planned an active year for everyone.

—Carol Yocom

## TRAFFIC & SAFETY

In dealing with traffic issues, the three “E’s” often apply. They are: Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Let’s review some issues dealing with the Mariner Gate (Education). The Mariner Gate is by far the most popular and congested entrance and exit in the Shores.

- Upon entering the Mariner Gate proceed with caution, but unless necessary, do not stop.

- Upon arriving at the Mariner Gate from Niguel Shores Drive, in either direction, honor the STOP signs and the YIELD TO INCOMING TRAFFIC signs. The traffic entering the Mariner Gate does not stop, so let them in to clear the intersection to alleviate traffic congestion. This is especially important in the early morning when there are many construction vehicles entering the community and many residents leaving for work or school.
- One more observation about the Mariner Gate area. The entrance to the parking lot that serves the community center and administrative offices is “ONE WAY”, and is marked as such. Following the “ONE WAY” plan of entering and exiting the community center will greatly help to alleviate traffic congestion at the Mariner Gate intersection.

The community pool will have a pool monitor again this summer. Please bring your FOB’s for entry to the pool and remember all guests need to be accompanied by a resident at all times while at the pool area.

Slow down, relax and enjoy your summer.

—Dick Ashworth

## ***Would you know what to do if a disaster struck Niguel Shores?***

Living in Southern California brings warm sunny weather, beautiful sunsets and easy access to many outdoor activities. Unfortunately living in Southern California also brings the possibility of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and fires. In order to ensure that we are prepared for potential disasters within Niguel Shores, a Disaster Preparedness Team is being assembled.

This Team or Committee’s charge is to ensure that all Niguel Shores residents and staff are informed and prepared to act in case of a disaster.

Many of you may remember the 1999 and 2003 Disaster Prep Manual that was distributed to all residents. It is time to update information and provide new plans that will better enable all in Niguel Shores to safely ride out any potential disaster. The Niguel Shores Disaster Team is looking for interested and dedicated volunteers who want to participate and take an active part in protecting our community. Please contact Jeannie Sticher at [beaglejs@aol.com](mailto:beaglejs@aol.com) or leave a message at the Office if you are willing to take part in this very important team effort. Thanks!

—Jeannie Sticher

## ***Art Appreciation***

Stop by and view work by local artists on display on the two side walls in the ClubHouse. Displays will be changed at six month intervals.

The pieces on view from June to November will include art by Gary Tinnes, Karla Sanders, Kay Wittmack, Buck Ewing and Doris Adams. If the artwork is for sale, the price and contact name will be attached.

***Do you know someone who lives or lived in Niguel Shores whose work could be included in the next round?***

If so, contact either  
Karla Sanders: [karlajoe@cox.net](mailto:karlajoe@cox.net),  
Kay Wittmack: 661-8177, or  
Diane Hearne: [Phearne4@cox.net](mailto:Phearne4@cox.net).

—Diane Hearne

# CLUBS

## MEN'S CLUB

### World Famous Pancakes

Only a few short days until the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. Still at 1975 prices, the \$3 meal includes the fluffy, golden, buttermilk cakes along with sausage, orange juice and coffee. Truly, the only way to start off the 4th of July. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 until 10:30 in the ClubHouse. Men's Club members are striving to beat last year's record of 580 by topping 600. This is the Club's largest community event.

May 17 we hosted our Annual Ladies Day by serving 85 hot meals to very deserving ladies. Along with breakfast and our signature complimentary long stem red roses, the ladies were treated to the presentation of our three annual \$1,000 scholarships given to graduating seniors. Good luck to the very accomplished winners. After the presentation the audience was informed and entertained by Dana Point City Council member, Lisa Bartlett.

We started off June with another hot program presented by Battalion Chief Kris Concepeion along with Greg McKeown from the O.C. Fire Authority. By far the majority of calls now days is for medical reasons and not fires. This speaks well for the job everyone is doing to keep the county safe.

See you at the ClubHouse for breakfast.

—Steve Leonard

## WOMEN'S CLUB

No luncheon in July, just a report on the gala tea party and officer installation in June. Ceacy Johns did the installation using the recent royal wedding as a theme. See photos herewith.



Newly installed officers left to right: Jeannie Sticher—Secretary, Barbara Milner—Treasurer, Lyn Long—Vice President, Beverly Macke—President and Nancy Tinnes, outgoing president.



Attendees Helen Campbell, Maria Elena Banks and Nancy Tinnes with the bounteous table behind.

The annual lunch given by the outgoing and incoming presidents for all old and new board members will be in the ClubHouse on June 14.

We look forward to an interesting and eventful new year. See you all in September.

—Mary Crowl

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## ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We enjoy playing bridge every Wednesday. We begin at about 11 a.m. and play until about 3 p.m. We welcome all who enjoy bridge and would like to give our group a try. Please call 496-4230 if you are interested in joining in.

#### Winners are:

- May 18 Helen Campbell, Margaret Brugger and Dorothy Horany
- May 25 Judy Bates, Freida Baskin and Helen Campbell
- June 1 Margaret Brugger, Helen Campbell and Dorothy Horany
- June 8 Jeanne Boukai, Kay Wittmack and Freida Baskin
- June 15 Jeanne Boukai and Shirley Heimstaedt

—Helen Campbell

### PAGE TURNERS

Page Turner's does not meet in July or August, but will return in September. Watch this space in August for the list of books we will have chosen at the June meeting.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June. If you wish more information or to join the discussion groups, please contact Diane Hearne, 661-6267 (phearne4@cox.net) or Karla Sanders at 496-8413 (karlajoe@cox.net).

—Karla Sanders

### OREO BOOK CLUB

The Oreo Cookie Book Club met on June 15 at the home of John Hall where we discussed the Biography of Henry (He might have been President if he didn't have feet of...) Clay. Some said he was a statesman—others said he was just a politician. His firebrand oratory brought us into the disastrous War of 1812. He kicked the can down the road on the issue of slavery with pushing the Missouri Compromise, but staved off the Civil War for a short while. He road bad roads and endured much, but persevered. For some, the book told us more details of his letters and life than we wanted, but for others it gave a good picture of his era and a style of life. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 20 at the home of Norton Schwartz where we will discuss "Circle of Greed," by

Patrick Dillon and Carl M. Cannon, the continuing saga of what drives economics on the national stage.

—Norton Schwartz

### LIBRARY

Dana Point Library is launching the **Summer Reading Program**. Book your trip and route your adventure to a destination of your choice. **One World, Many Stories** Summer Reading program, came to the Library Travel Agency Office starting June 27. Readers can win prizes just for reading.

Pick up Boarding Passes & Itineraries for Weekly Performances at the Excursion Desk, Programs Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., no entry fee. Parking Passes are available for overflow parking at Salt Creek Beach.

Pack your Bags for a Reading Adventure. Weekly Storytimes with the Sunshine Readers Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. July 5, 12, 19 & 26, August 2 & 9.

Family Pajama Storytimes with the Sunshine Readers at 7:00 p.m. July 25 (no August).

Programs funded by the Friends of the Library and the National Charity League & Women's Club of Dana Point.

The Special Weekly Performers at 11:00 am are:

- July 7** Swazzle—Dream Carver—a musical Puppet Show
- July 14** Magic Illusions by Allen—a magic show
- July 21** Puppet & Players Little Theatre—Thumbelina a puppet show (outside in parking lot)
- July 28** Pacific Animal Productions—the Wacky World of Animals
- August 4** Where in the World Have I Wandered—a musical journey of Worldly tales
- August 11** David Cousins—Juggler

—Carolyn Hopkins

### SOCIETY FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE

#### Society for Civil Discourse Launches Itself

The Society had its first meeting and decided to meet every other Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dana Point Library meeting room. The next meeting will be July 1. The topic to be explored and discussed over the next few meetings is: "California—What's Broken and How Can it Be Fixed?" We will start with a review of the legislature and its problems, then the budget mess, special interests, taxes and finally, who are the villains and who are the heroes? Come join us for a rousing good time!

—Norton Schwartz



## MEN'S GOLF

May 24 the Men's Golf was at Arrowood Golf Club in Oceanside. Always a favorite, the competition was individual best net score. Flight A: 1st went to Bob Russell, 2nd Charlie Clark, and 3rd Roy Dohner. Flight B: had Kent Wellbrock in 1st place, with Al Thome 2nd and Bob Gutknecht at 3rd. Closest to the pin went to Mac Brown and Paul Wager.

Next up on June 14 was Tijeras Creek. The weather was perfect and the course was in great shape. The game this day was Common Drive—Foursome Play. The team of Kent Wellbrock, Bob Russell, and Jon Cobain were first. Bob Gutknecht, Morry Dohner, Mac Brown, and Gary Katsuki placed second.

Closest to the pin on # 5 was Gary Katsuki and on #13 was Charlie Clark.

The next Tournament will be on June 28 at the Carlsbad Crossings.

There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

—Bob Russell

## WOMEN'S GOLF

The Women's Golf gals played Game-of-the-Day, a Scramble planned by Golf Captains Chris Beaver and Linda Ross. It was lots of fun with all sorts of strategy and crossing of fingers. The winning team was Team 3 with Lee Sweeney, Brenda Tuckley and Val Mitchell with a score of 35. Longest Drive of the day was by Val Mitchell. There was no closest to the pin on hole #6 nor on hole #8. There must have been a headwind blowing!!!

The 19th Annual Memorial Tournament Luncheon will be held July 11 at Brio's Restaurant in Dana Point. Call Joan Beyer at 496-1428 or Ruthie Stahl at 248-5750 for reservations. The cost will be \$25 per person covering all. So, please plan on coming and have a good time. Make checks payable to Gretchen Rask at 33631 Brigantine Drive, Monarch Beach, 92629.

Our captains for July will be Judy Boitano 661-9495 and Maria Elena Banks 248-9300.

Come join our Women's Golf. We play the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at Aliso Creek Golf Course.

—Chris Beaver



## Travel Tidbits – Quotes and Quizzes

***I never travel without my diary. One should have something sensational to read in the train. Oscar Wilde***

The Green Mountains are to Vermont as the Brooks Range is to what?

***I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list. Susan Sontag***

Granite Peak is to Montana as Guadalupe Peak is to what?

***The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page. St. Augustine***

The Battle of Antietam is to Maryland as the Battle of Shiloh is to what?

***I travel a lot; I hate having my life disrupted by routine. Caskie Stinnett***

Green Bay is to Lake Michigan as Saginaw Bay is to what?

***The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world. Lord Chesterfield***

Puget Sound is to Washington as Suwannee Sound is to what?

***Journeys bring power and love back into you. Rumi***

—Barbara Milner

Answers: Alaska, Texas, Tennessee, Lake Huron, Florida

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### What you need to know

- Process Can Be Confusing
- Prices Will Vary Greatly
- The Health Care Landscape Is Changing
- You Should Analyze Your Coverage Annually

### How We Can Help

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## MEET YOUR NEW RESIDENT



A fledgling hawk sighted on a wall along Brigantine Drive. Workers at a project nearby said they had seen the hawk's mother watching over her baby.

*Photographs courtesy of Steve Leonard*



## Carol's Cuisine Corner

*The summer means all of our local restaurants are busy. Let's try some places inland and let tourists enjoy the restaurants that we have all year.*

**Ciao Pasta:** 3166 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, 949 5002. Happy Hour 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Open 7 days a week 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner specials.

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*Bon appetite, Carol Yocom*

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

You have probably read your neighbor Laurel Livesay's articles in the *Seashore News*. You might have met her at a community event, a Woman's Club meeting, or in an Emeritus Film Class. You might have noted that she is well spoken, insightful, informed and intelligent, and that she enthuses about her four children, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and you might've noticed the intense blue eyes and lovely smile.

Laurel was born in San Francisco in 1920 and moved with her parents and six-year-old brother, Ralph, to Honolulu when she was four and one-half. Her father was hired to help with the building of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Her mother was a competitive tennis player.

As a teenager, Laurel dreamed of a career in drama. At Roosevelt High School, the University of Hawaii and the Honolulu Community Theater she played leading roles. Laurel met Noel Coward while she was rehearsing for a

play written by a friend of his. Coward came to the opening night of that play and afterwards came backstage to congratulate her and the rest of the cast on their performance and encourage Laurel to follow her dream.

Laurel met Bill Livesay backstage at the University Theater. Bill, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois, was in Honolulu for his first commercial job as a broadcaster at Radio Station KGMB. Laurel and Bill soon were sailing together on his sailboat and Laurel was having fun as the ingénue lead of the weekly soap opera on KGMB. She and Bill were married in 1939 and the couple soon moved to San Francisco where Bill was hired by NBC. He changed his broadcasting name to Reed Browning and then, two years later, transferred to NBC Hollywood. Soon he joined ABC where he had more opportunities to develop new shows.

Laurel's brother, Capt. Ralph Ensminger was killed in action at age 26 in Italy in 1944 while serving with the famous 442nd combat Team. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii praised him in his book, *Journey to Washington*.

Laurel and Bill had four children. Wendy is an interior designer and has five children. Bill, a physicist, inventor and entrepreneur, has four children. Ken is a graduate of USC's Film School and a writer-producer of several TV shows and movies and Elizabeth, with her husband, has created a beautiful oasis in the desert of Arizona.

In the early 1950s NBC Hollywood asked if Laurel would agree to be their candidate for the Mrs. American

Contest. Laurel and Bill decided it would not be good for their family and Laurel settled back into her comfortable role as stay-at-home mom. During the late 50s and early 60s Bill had a talk show called *Nightline* which was very popular in Los Angeles. It was a forerunner of the radio talks shows on the air today. Tragically, Bill died at age 46 in 1962. The Los Angeles City Council honored him by ordering flags flown at half mast.



Laurel Livesay

Laurel knew she had to get a career so went back to college, receiving degrees in speech and drama at Cal State Northridge in 1965. At Cal State Los Angeles she earned a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology. She then worked for three years with the largest Headstart Agency in Los Angeles teaching speech and language development in 17 sites in South Central Los Angeles, Venice and Santa Monica. She also practiced privately with voice and aphasia cases.

However, Laurel longed to be close to the ocean again so she sold her home in North Hollywood and moved to Orange County. Luckily, she found Niguel Shores. She has lived on Windward Drive since 1973. During her time here she has been a real estate agent, an owner (with her two daughters) of an interior decorating store, a travel agent and a tour guide on a yacht cruising the Turkish Coast. And, when China first opened its borders to foreign tourists, she was one of a select group of travel professionals that were invited to stay at the State Guesthouse in Beijing where both President Truman and Reagan had stayed during their respective state visits.

Laurel was a volunteer lay chaplain at South Coast Medical Center for over 20 years as well as a pastoral care coordinator at the Methodist Church for three years. Meanwhile, because of her love of sailing, she helped in the building of our official state tall ship, the Californian. One of her greatest thrills was being at the helm of that 145 foot, two master in the middle of the night as she stood watch sailing north to Ventura from Dana Point.

Laurel married Don Moonier in 1989. They lived here and at Don's home on the golf course at Silver Lakes near Victorville until Don's death in 2004. Your neighbor, Laurel Livesay, celebrated her 90th birthday with her loving family and friends last July. She has many more wonderful memories and is writing her autobiography for her family. She may call it, *I Was There and I'm Still Here*.

—Laurel Moonier Livesay

# Niguel Shores Girls Venturing Out!!

Heather Stewart and Jamie Chis both grew up in Niguel Shores and were childhood friends back in the mid nineties; however, once the girls started high school and college, they went in separate directions. Jamie graduated from Santa Margarita Catholic High School and went on to Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. Heather went to Dana Hills High School and on to University of California at Santa Cruz. Both girls graduated from college and spent some time working the "business world" before deciding it was time to explore the world and embark on new adventures.

Their paths are crossing here in the Shores again, as Heather has just returned from spending eight months in Australia playing water polo for the University of New South Wales Women's Club team, and Jamie is just about to embark on her adventure, spending ten months working at an inner city school in Memphis, Tennessee.



Heather & Jamie – Then



Heather & Jamie – Now

After completing college and playing water polo for four years, Heather decided to investigate the possibility of continuing her passion for water polo and play internationally. She contacted several coaches and received invitations from two Australian teams, one in the city of Perth and the other in Sydney. She decided on Sydney, the more cosmopolitan, populated city. Heather returned to Orange County at the end of May and says her time in Australia was amazing. Australian water polo teams are rated number two in the world. Heather describes her team experience very much like having a job; it was a serious and very competitive commitment. Consequently, she had the opportunity to play with some of the best women players in the world. She also loved the social and cultural experiences. She lived with a wonderful family who she now considers part of her extended family. Accord-

ing to Heather, the country is beautiful and the people very diverse and interesting. While she is happy to be home, catching up with family and friends, she is not ready to give up her passion for the game yet. She is considering the possibility of playing in Europe, specifically Spain in the coming year.

Jamie and Heather loved their lives in Niguel Shores, but the girls are thrilled with the opportunities they have (and will have) to see other parts of the world. As Heather stated, "Now is really the time for these experiences—soon we will be involved with husbands, homes and babies". (Yes, Mom, she did say babies!!) Best wishes to these two delightful and remarkable young ladies as they follow their dreams!!

—Patti Staudenbaur

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