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FROM THE HELM

As I write this, it is ten days before Christmas and the year is winding to a close. I am looking forward to parties with friends in the Shores this weekend and a busy time, including the New Year's Eve celebration at the ClubHouse. I hope you all had a fun Holiday season and will have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Our Recreation Committee is doing an amazing job. Their recent Holiday Boutique was outstanding, with an impressive number of vendors. I got emails from homeowners praising the variety and quality of products for sale. Much of what was offered was locally made and demonstrates the creativity of our community members.

It undoubtedly took a lot of preparation and energy to pull this event off and that effort showed.

This is their second major success recently, coming after their very successful Band at the Bluff party. Niguel Shores community character makes these things possible and I am glad we have a Recreation Committee with the vision to push the social side of our community forward. It takes energy and enthusiasm to produce events like this. Please make the effort to support the Committee with your participation and support.

— Steve Stewart

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Leo Riley, our General Manager, has recently completed the LPCAM—Professional Community Association Manager, the highest certificate awarded to those fulfilling extensive classes and exercises in property management. The successful person is deemed by The Community Association Institute to have obtained “a certain level of professional competence in the management and administration of common interest communities or developments.” In this two-part article, Leo will write about his experiences in obtaining this qualifying certificate. The first part of the article will give some background information about Leo.

Son of a career Navy man, Leo Riley was born in Pittsburgh and, as a young child, was quickly hauled off to Long Beach here in sunny southern California where his father had been discharged from the Navy at the end of WWII. Like so many others, he wanted to stay in California and soon brought his family here. Leo attended high school at St. Anthony's in Long Beach, and then graduated from a new high school in Lakewood built to

accommodate the growing numbers of baby boomers (it soon had 3,000 students), and he went on from there to Pepperdine where he majored in marketing.

Given that he was an avid racket ball player, he took a job with the premier maker of rackets, Ektelon, of which more later. After a number of years in that business, he went to the Yamaha Sporting Goods Division as vice president of marketing. It was headquartered in Fountain Valley and, for twenty years, his home was in Belmont Shore. He had been married in 1981, had two children, Kevin and Kerri, now grown. Back to Ektelon, the hand ball racket manufacturer and innovator. They were looking for a vice president of sales in 1990 and recruited Leo for that job. Unfortunately, the



Leo Riley, our General Manager

company was bought out by Prince Tennis in 1993 and, true to the usual exodus of employees after buy-outs, Leo, too, was out. He was living in Newport Beach with his second wife, Luz, who had brought two daughters to the marriage and he now had four children and no job. After some experi-

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NEW YEARS EVE PARTY — Hopefully, you will receive this issue before January 1, as there is a really great New Years Eve Party scheduled in the ClubHouse from 7:30 ~ Midnight. Tickets are on sale in the office for \$15 and they include free Hors D' Oeuvres and you can BYOB. There will be music and dancing and at 9:00 p.m., there will be the New York toast and “Times Square Ball Drop” on the big screen projector. This happens again at midnight for those locals who are still partying it up.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS — We will be open during regular business hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 28, 29 & 30. Please note that because of the way the holidays fell this year, the office will be closed Monday, December 27, Friday, December 31 and Monday, January. 3.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL — On the subject of Christmas trees, there will be a special dumpster located in the street in front of the ClubHouse specifically for Christmas tree disposal. It will be available from Friday, December 31 through Friday, January 7. **PLEASE NOTE** — this is for Christmas trees **ONLY**, and (for all you remodelers) if any trash is deposited in the dumpster, it will dramatically increase the cost of this service to the

Association. Please remember the video cameras will be recording this area, just in case anyone forgets.

2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR — Each year at this time we recognize the Employee Of The Year and this year we are proud to announce that the winner is **Dave Smith** from the Maintenance Department. It was a difficult choice as so many of the staff made extraordinary efforts completing all the major projects in addition to their normal work load. On a daily basis, Dave makes an extraordinary Niguel Shores effort long before any of us has even woken up. His day starts by **clocking in at 4:15 a.m.** and preparing the pools, gates and facilities for the “early bird” homeowners who begin showing up at 6:00 a.m. Congratulations Dave!

PARKING WAIVER & GUEST BAR CODE RENEWALS — Just a reminder that Parking Waivers and Guest Bar Codes both need to be renewed for 2011. The cost for each is \$50 and is payable in the office. There is a grace period until January 15, but the bar codes will not operate the gates after this date and citations will be issued to vehicles with expired parking waivers. If you have any questions, please direct them to the office staff.

—Leo Riley



Carol's Cuisine Corner

*Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Can you believe it is 2011?
Let's try some of the places around the malls as we take back the presents.*

Coco's Bakery: 27750 Crown Valley Parkway. 347 1076. Hours 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Family meals with special senior rates.

Chili's Bar and Grill: 27407 Bellogente. 364 2207. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A variety to please everyone with specials.

Paul's Pantry: 27409 Bellogente. 364 1099. Hours 6:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Breakfast with special cinnamon rolls, plus lunch.

Ruby's Diner: 27008 Crown Valley & at Shops in Mission Viejo. Many others in the area. 481 7824. Hours 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family meals.

Islands Fine Burgers: 27741 Crown Valley & Kaleidoscope Center. 582 2221. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hamburgers plus family menu.

Riptide: 27741 Crown Valley & Kaleidoscope Center. 282 0182. Hours M-F 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday champagne brunch 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Special sushi prices for lunch and Happy Hour.

Café Nordstrom: Mission Viejo Mall, upper level. 347 2710. Hours 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Casual with a unique menu.

To 2011, Bon Appetite, Carol Yocom

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ence on the board of his HOA in Newport Beach, he took a job with a property management firm. He says that, despite the years of experience he had in management, none of it was quite like being assigned to manage eight condo associations, each with a different board of directors. The politics and social side of the job became almost as important as actually managing the property. He began to appreciate that good management depended both on the mix of board members and the strength of the manager. He also could see that working as an on-site manager has great advantages over being spread out over several associations as those are

who work for property management companies. Hence, his pursuit of certification in the property management field and his pursuit of this position in Niguel Shores. Leo confirms that he has enjoyed his work here, has learned a great deal and appreciates the uniqueness of this community. His free time, other than preparing for the final certification, is usually spent with family, scuba diving, and visiting as many islands as possible.

Congratulations, Leo and now I turn this over to you to tell us about your recent accomplishment.

—Mary Crowl

WHO IS MANAGING YOUR HOA ?

When Mary Crowl, the editor of the *Seashore News* heard of my latest PCAM certification, she came to me with a simple honest question and asked, “What does it mean?” That question made me realize how many people live in HOA’s managed by certified and non-certified managers, yet know nothing of the difference.

To understand how Associations are managed, there are some basic differences that I will try to simply explain. First, all HOAs are governed by a Board of Directors, but managed by a “Property Manager” or, more correctly, managed by a “Community Association Manager.” A property manager would more accurately describe someone who manages a storage facility or perhaps an apartment complex, but not an association like Niguel Shores. The Community Manager basically handles the day to day administration of the association’s business as directed by the Board of Directors. Secondly, the Community Manager can work for a property management company that manages the business of multiple associations. Some of these larger companies manage 200 + associations and have 20 + “Community Managers” on staff. Each manager will be assigned multiple associations and the exact number depends upon the manager’s experience, number of units in each community, and the availability of office support staff. These types of managers work for the property management company, not the association, and are known as “Portfolio Managers.” The other common type of manager is a direct employee of the association and they are known as an “On Site” or “Large Scale Manager.” They are direct employees of the association and only work for one association, the management form used here in Niguel Shores.

An association generally needs 1000 homes or more to afford this type of dedicated management. Now that you understand the difference between a “Portfolio Manager” and an “On-Site Manager,” you need to know that in the state of California, a manager needs to be certified by one of

the major organizations before he can say that he / she is a “Certified Community Manager.” There are many levels of certification and when you see the “alphabet soup” behind a manager’s name, it indicates the number of certifications, the certifying agency and a level of achievement. There are two major certifying agencies in California: the Community Association Institute (CAI) and California Association of Community Managers (CACM). Confused yet? Niguel Shores is a member of both Associations and both Karen Decker and I have received certifications from both of them. Once certified, a manager must renew his / her certification every few years, by attending on-going education seminars. There are also “ethics” standards that must be upheld, and certified managers take an “ethics” oath as part of the certification process.

There are far too many types of certifications for me to bore you with a detailed explanation in this article, but if you have any questions on this matter, please email me at gm@niguelshores.org and I will be happy to answer them for you. In summary, when a homeowner has an investment in an HOA, it is important to know who is managing the association’s business and are they certified to do so.

—Leo Riley

Committee Thanks

Due to an editing error in the December issue, three names were left off of the Recreation Committee List.

They are as follows:

Nancy Tinnes — *Long-time member of the committee and Chair of the July 4th programs*

Mary Williams — *A veteran volunteer in Niguel Shores*

Carol Yocom — *Past-Chair of the committee and long-time member.*

Our apologies and double thanks for all that you have contributed to this “best of all committees.”

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DECEMBER 8, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of November 17, 2010.
- Approved the Document / Records Retention Policy as prepared by Counsel.
 - Approved the appointment of Joe Ross to the Architecture Committee.
- Approved the resignation of George Traver from the View Preservation Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Patti Staudenbaur to the Communication Committee.
- Approved the removal of Coral Tree at 33471 Spinnaker Dr. for view blockage.

DISCUSSED:

- Parking Issue from Public Forum — now resolved.
 - Discussed the Dolphin Artwork project update.
- Beach Bluff Compliance project — update and resolution.
 - Master Landscape project update.
 - Irrigation Committee update.
- Verbal physical abuse of employees — referred to HR Counsel.

REVIEWED:

- Reviewed and filed the October 2010 Financial Report.
- Reviewed and filed the October 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
 - Litigation Disclosure Statement — December 2010.
- Correspondence from homeowner with comments on maintenance & landscape matters.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Met with homeowners from Breakers Isle for the purpose of discussing the County Revetment Project and the formation of a Breakers Isle Ad-Hoc Homeowners' Committee.

DECEMBER 8, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of November 17, 2010.
 - Approved Gate Repair and Entrance Aprons repair contracts.
- Approved 1 year negotiated contract with Hydropoint / Weather TRAX system.

REVIEWED:

- Attorney Fiore's Status report on Pending Legal Matters.

DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving three (3) homeowners.
 - HR Committee update.
- Contractor's progress on Master Landscape project from 11/17 BOD Meeting.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Conducted homeowner hearing for violation of various rules and suspension of Rights and Privileges.
 - Hearing for violation of Rules 6405 & 6440 for overnight parking.
 - Hearing for failure to complete construction project within allotted time frame.
 - Hearing for violation of Rules 4112 & 4113 view blockage and failure to trim.
 - Hearing to record lien and suspend common area usage and voting rights.

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: JANUARY 5, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.
NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM: FEBRUARY 16, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERITUS/EDUCATION

In December the committee discussed upcoming programs through individual interactions and tele-conferencing. This semester, Saddleback College Programs will begin with “Film As Literature” on January 10.

“Current Issues in Government” will continue with Bill Sinclair on Tuesday, January 11 at 2:00 p.m. This class, which analyzes current issues on a national and global bases, has gained in popularity among its participants as the pros and cons are discussed in a bi-partisan manner. Issues that impact the lives of older adults include economic, social, environmental and national security topics. Class participation has been vocal and fun as individuals from opposite political spectrums focus and debate the issues.

Plans for the future include a summer class in Creative Writing given by Susan Hecht, our Monday film instructor. More info to follow. The possibilities of a senior yoga and nutrition class, classes in art and/or music appreciation are being explored. As always, participation of NSCA residents in this committee is always welcome. Please leave your name and access information with the office staff.

—*Bunny Ross*

LANDSCAPE

The men from Wendt Landscaping are currently trimming the trees in The Shores and the Landscape Committee appreciates your patience. The Landscape Committee has a lot of work to do ahead of us for 2011. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year!

—*Linda Koppang*

MAINTENANCE

Walk in the Clubhouse lobby. If you want the lights on or off you flip a switch. What a concept, a switch that will turn lights on or off. Well, until a month ago this was not possible. Our building contractors in their zeal to use the latest technology had the lobby lights controlled by a computer. They were on all day even if no one was using the room and then they turned off at 5:00 p.m. even if someone was using the room. To have the lights on after 5:00 p.m. required a maintenance man to change the computer program.

In the lobby there are lamp lights, canned lights, ceiling lights, and pendant lights, each on a different circuit. The cost for an electrician to add switches to these circuits, and have the knowledge to not damage the computer

would be significant. The discovery phase to identify the wires and the interface of lights to the computer would, at best, take a couple of days before even starting on the modifications.

Fortunately, our maintenance people had the skills to make all these changes. Now, when you walk in the lobby, a motion detector will turn on the canned lights. A lighted switch plate near the door is available to the user to turn off and on each light circuit. No longer are the lights on, and the meter running, when no one is using the room. Those using the room can now control which lights they want on or off. To save on the electric bill we do ask that you turn the lights off when leaving the room. But, just in case someone forgets, the computer is still watching and will turn the lights off after 10:30 p.m.

—*Jack Christiansen*

RECREATION

Year 2011 is starting our in the right style at Niguel Shores with a New Year’s Eve celebration in the ClubHouse for all to enjoy—thanks to Barbara Milner and Judy Pasek, and the good music. Our very own *Dancing with the Stars!!*

Mark your calendar to start the New Year with the Potluck on Sunday January 16. Bring a main dish or dessert to enjoy with your neighbors. Look for the article for the person to call to come and have good food.

Yes, we are having another Super Bowl Party—all the plans to be announced later. Suzanne Enis is planning another fun day as you make your choice with friends on which team will win, with good football food. This is for Sunday, February 6. Watch email and posters for all the details.

The Recreation Committee thanks everyone for helping make the tree lighting another success. It is so much fun to see the thrill of the children and the families attending. Many people make it happen, thanks.

Look in this column for the coming year’s events that we will be planning.

—*Carol Yocom*

POTLUCK

Please RSVP to the appropriate persons and plan to join us for our first Potluck in the New Year. We will gather in the ClubHouse at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 16. You will need to bring your beverage of choice, your table service and a main dish, salad or dessert to serve 8–10 people. Potluck has been a tradition in Niguel Shores for many years and we hope that new people in the community will feel welcome to join us.

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Committee Members to call:

A - E Susan and Boyd VanNess 489-3182
F - O Gretchen and Peter Rask 489-2259
P - Z Linda and Ian Ross 248-3408

—Ann Christiansen

VIEW PRESERVATION

Here we are entering the winter season and the View Preservation Committee would like to remind

everyone that this is the time of year to prune and shape your trees and shrubs. Please take a good look at your plantings and consider your neighbors' views. Your trees should not be above your house and your shrubs should not be above your fences. So, before the new growth begins and the birds start nesting, let's all take care of our yards and be gracious neighbors. Thank you!

—Bonnie Gilberstadt

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GARDEN CLUB

Ringing 2010 out: Well, as 2010 rolled down to its last hurrah, the Garden Club enjoyed its annual holiday luncheon and gift exchange. The ClubHouse was a sea of red and filled with good cheer.

Ringing 2011 in: Coming up at the January 17 meeting: members will hear guest speaker Nancy Hunyadi. She has received a "Teacher of the Year Award" for making cooking classes more relevant through on-the-job training for students, and producing the "Culinary Olympics." She will tell the assemblage about "Cooking with Herbs" and "Entertainment Tips."

Do you know your apples? Visit the PBS site "Botany of Desire — Apples" to learn more than you ever thought you'd want to know about the apple's history, going all the way back to Roman times: <http://video.pbs.org/video/1283863020/>.

Houseplants are not immune from insects! Two of the most common insect pests associated with houseplants are fungus gnats and spider mites. The adult fungus gnats do not feed; their only purpose is continuation of the species. Their larvae reside in the soil and feed on the roots and other organic material; and their presence is usually the re-

sult of over-watering. If this condition exists, allow the plant to dry out for up to a week before resuming watering. Spider mites suck the juices from plants, causing a speckled appearance called stippling, and as a rule, are found on the underside of leaves. You can engage in combat with the mites by washing the plants gently with water, as well as increasing humidity around the plant.

"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon—instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today."—Dale Carnegie

—Morris Meadow

MEN'S CLUB

A World Trade Center survivor kept the members spellbound as he told of the day the world changed. John McKeegan, son of resident and club member, Dr. Burr McKeegan, was working in the south tower when the north tower was hit. As he directed his fellow employees to evacuate, he stayed to help others also left in the building. He was still in this process when his tower was hit. As he left the building, his jacket was actually on fire. Safely away from the towers, he made his way back home. He has since transferred out of New York

City and presently lives with his family in Orange County.

On a milder topic, member Jerry Milner treated us to a CD show of his travel through Siberia. It looked like an interesting place to visit; however, there were no takers on moving there.

The Club enjoys friendly breakfasts twice a month and is always looking to present interesting speakers. Future programs are scheduled with San Onofre Nuclear Station and the Pacific Marine Mammal Center. The Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Our Toys for Tots drive was a success this year. The Club's annual Christmas dance was again a gala event.

—Steve Leonard

WOMEN'S CLUB

January 13 is the date of the first Women's Club Luncheon of 2011 and, after speaking with the person who will give the program, it is one that no one should miss.



Christine Stanfield

Christine Stanfield, a Niguel Shores resident, actress, author, acting coach and improvisation teacher (you read about her in the July issue of the *Seashore News*) is going to do an improvisation program. The program will encourage audience

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Women's Club President, Nancy Tinnes at left and Party Chair Carol Kuhn on the right.



Suzanne Enis, Nancy Tinnes, Ardis Ghobrial, Marcy McNulty



Kay Wittmack, Laurel Livesay & Liz Kelsch

participation by having members suggest scenarios that she will use to create her characters and actions. She will give an explanation of the art and tell us about its rules. Sounds like great fun. Come to the ClubHouse at noon on Thursday, the 13th.

The Women's Club Christmas party was another happy occasion with some music and singing, everyone talking and munching and enjoying the festive evening. Thanks to the efficient organizing

of Carol Kuhn and friends, a good time was had by all. See photos herewith.

The Women's Club welcomes all women residents of Niguel Shores and is an excellent organization for new residents to meet one another as well as the regular members. Dues are \$10 per year and, in addition to the

monthly luncheon and program on the second Thursday, there are occasional day trips to interesting destinations. Come along and get acquainted.

—Mary Crowl

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WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We enjoy getting together for bridge every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Niguel Shores Clubhouse. We are looking for new players, so please give us a call and join us (496-4230). We had our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 15 and had an assortment of good food. Shirley Heimstaedt and Freida Baskin hosted the party, as always, it was a fun event.

Bridge Winners:

December 1st Shirley Heimstaedt and Pouri Fowzi

December 8th Franchesca Rossi-Sunness and Pouri

December 15th Margaret Brugger, Shirley Heimstaedt, Helen Campbell

—Helen Campbell

LIBRARY

Children's Library:

Warm-Up to some good stories at the Dana Point Library **Storytimes**. **Toddler/Pre-School Storytime** will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning January 11.

For the **School-Age** group a lively **After School Club** will feature stories and a craft on Thursdays, at 4:00 p.m. beginning January 13. On that date a special visit from *the Cat in the Hat* will kick off the Storytime at 4:00 .

Call the library at 949-496-5517 for details.

—Carolyn Hopkins

Adult Library:

Film Friday: 3rd Friday of the month 7:00-9:00 p.m. We have an exciting film coming up for our Film Friday event on January 21: *Troubled Water*: Jan, recently released from prison after serving time for the murder of a child, has always maintained his innocence and is ready to put

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the past behind him. A gifted organist, he takes a job at an Oslo church under his middle name, Thomas. His talent and gentle manner quickly earn him the respect of his superiors, as well as the love of the pastor, Anna. Thomas even overcomes his initial panic to return the affection of Anna's young son, Jens. But his past catches up with him when Agnes, a local teacher, comes to the church on a school visit and recognizes the organist as Jan, the young man who was convicted for the murder of her son. From Norway/Sweden Norwegian with English Subtitles. Thriller. (120 minutes.)

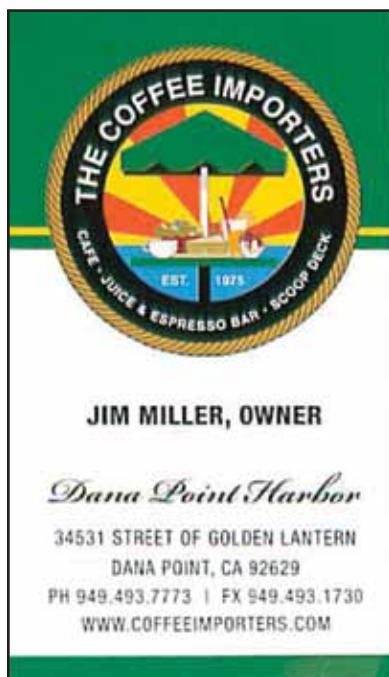
Job Hunting Workshop: Wednesdays, January 12, 19, 26 at 6–8:30 p.m. The Dana Point Library will present a three-part Job Hunting Workshop. The program will cover: a) The do's and don'ts of job hunting, b) Online jobs sites and how to use them, c) Creating and editing a resume, and d) Staying cyber safe while looking for a job. Admission is free but registration is required. To reserve your spot or for more information contact Adult Services Librarian Jennifer Johnson at 949-496-5517.

After Hours @ the Library, Friday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. presents *Swingin' with Dean* — Dean Ratzman plays the hits of great American artists touching on the styles of Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Cole Porter, Ray Charles, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Buddy Holly and more!

Friday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. Foreign Film Friday!
—Jennifer Johnson

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners will next meet on January 24 to discuss Abraham Verghese's novel, *Cutting for Stone*. Marion and Shiva Stone are born in Addis Ababa on the same day their mother, a nun, dies of complications from her hidden pregnancy. The boys are conjoined at the skull, yet separated at birth. Marion goes to New York where he qualifies as a surgeon. Shiva, too, goes into medicine. Almost supernaturally close as children, the brothers become more and more distant.



The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Patricia Hewitt 23612 Verrazanno Bay; the afternoon group will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Frances Ozimec, 33391 Padina Circle. The discussion leader for both sessions will be Gretchen Rask.

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 Kathleen Hardcastle at 481-5503 (khlaguna@gmail.com) or Karla Sanders at 496-8413 (karlajoe@cox.net).

—Karla Sanders

OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

The January meeting will be on the 19th at the home of Phyllis Tezer, 33731 Crossjack at 1:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is *A Primate's Memoir* by Robert Sapolsky. Read up.

—Mary Crowl

DIPPY DOLPHINS

Dippy Dolphins Party Once More!

Thirty Dippy Dolphins gathered for a great Christmas luncheon organized by members Lisa Buchner and Kathy Hill. Our instructor, Cynthia Carlson, was presented with a gift of appreciation from all of us.

The weather hasn't deterred our weekly attendance since the water is always wonderful. The exercise is for everyone, and we invite others to join us for the therapy and laughter. The cost is \$3 per session or \$27 if paid monthly. Resident Cynthia Carlson, who doubles as the Dana Hills Girls' swim coach, is our instructor, and she keeps us hopping and smiling. And there is always room for one more!

—Hope Luedeke



Lisa Buchner, Cynthia Carlson and Kathy Hill

Thanks a Million!

The Niguel Shore annual Holiday Tree Lighting was a great event for many families.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank all volunteers and vendors that make events like this such a success:

Seth From **Santa's Little Forest** for donating our beautiful tree for the third year. **St. Anne's Choir** for donating their time and talented voices making this event even more special. **The Coffee Importers** donated the hot chocolate and coffee for the third year as well. (located in Dana Point Harbor). Finally, our Santa, a local neighbor of Niguel Shores, **Mr. Sean Tierney**. He wowed the children the moment he arrived and filled their big and bright eyes with Christmas joy!

Thank you all so much, The Recreation Committee



MEN'S GOLF

Our annual putting contest at our December 14 Tournament at Talega Golf Club was a great success. The putting green is set up as a nine hole course where every hole is a par two. The team of Tom McNicholas and Don Ellis were first. Gary Katsuki and Herb Ludwig were second and Bob Russell and Terry McLaughlin were third. This is always a well attended event with a great breakfast following the tournament.

January 11—Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club—Our first tournament of the year. January 25—Talega Golf Club in San Clemente. This is a great opportunity to play this wonderful golf course at a reasonable price—only 20 minutes from the Shores. Get ready for a wonderful new year of golf!!



Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

—Tom McNicholas

WOMEN'S GOLF

Dashing off at eight, what a gorgeous day
O'er the course I'll go laughing all the way.
Mustn't move my head, keep my arm in tight
Oh, what fun this day will be, if everything goes right.

Chorus:

Hook the ball, Slice the ball, Dribble off the tee
Thought that was a super shot, whoops it hit a tree-ee
Hook the ball, Slice the ball, Dub it in the lake
Was sure I had an easy par, but darn, I had an eight

As you can see it was a fun day for our Women's Golf and Christmas Luncheon. Joan Beyer and Ruthie Stahl did a great job organizing it all at The Fountains: thank you to them and Fran King for her hospitality. Food was delicious as always, plus we had entertainment by Liz Kelsch on guitar and vocals by Maria Elena Banks. BTW, the above little taste of the song is sung to the tune of *Jingle Bells*.

Thank you to Gretchen Rask and Marlene Lynch for their fun Christmas golf game. Top score and winner was Team 1: Judy Boitano, Anne Greenwood, Lee Sweeney and May Gramer. Longest drive on hole 9 was Judy Boitano who I hear hit about a 150 yard ball! You go Judy! Closest to the pin on hole 6 was Liz Kelsch, and Val Mitchell was



Maria Elena Banks, Margaret Brugger & Judy Boitano



Gretchen Rask, Linda Ross & Lee Sweeney

closest to the pin on hole 8. Val also had the lowest score of 40 and Marlene Lynch had the lowest puts with a 16.

Great News for you ladies who have wanted to join us on the 2nd Monday of every month, but it was too early. We are now starting at 9:00 a.m! Yeah! No excuses now. We would love to have you join us.

We have a new board: President: Maria Elena Banks; Vice-President: Lee Sweeney; Treasurer: Gretchen Rask; Secretary: Val Mitchell and Hospitality: Ruthie Stahl.

For more information please call Maria Elena Banks @ 949-248-9300. Please come and join us.

—Maria Elena Banks



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Geoff and Rhonda Dunlevie

Geoff and Rhonda Dunlevie, with their two children, twelve year olds Cole and Taylor, have been your neighbors on Windjammer in Niguel Shores since 2008. They are both native Californians. Geoff was born in Palm Springs and grew up in nearby Bermuda Dunes. Rhonda was born in Simi Valley and lived there throughout her youth.

As Geoff was growing up in the desert, he became involved with the Palm Springs Desert Golf Tournament, an event his father, Ernie Dunlevie, co-founded with his partner in the 1950s. It was held at the Bermuda Dunes Golf Club and three other Palm Springs area courses.

In 1961 Bob Hope agreed to help sponsor the tournament, and it became the Bob Hope Desert Classic. Because of the entertainer's relationship with NBC, it became a television event as well, leading to expanded TV coverage of golf and increased popularity of the sport. Of course, the opportunity to mingle with some of the biggest celebrity names in entertainment and sports was a big thrill for a teenager back then. Geoff has volunteered in many capacities every year since. He and Rhonda call it their winter vacation. Geoff is a golfer, and an avid recreational tennis player. Geoff's father, now 93, still lives in Bermuda Dunes and is honored to still be a part of the event each year.

Geoff went to Long Beach State University to study business administration and marketing and graduated in 1986. Rhonda went to Moorpark College for two years then four years at Chico State University where she graduated with a degree in design in 1993. She started working as an interior designer with a homebuilder after her graduation.

Geoff, meanwhile, during the early 1990s recession, had moved to the San Fernando Valley looking for a job. He started working for a company called Camelot Carpet & Mills, which, of course, manufactured carpets. As a sales representative for Camelot in the Moorpark area north of Los Angeles, he met interior designer Rhonda on the job. He became her good friend as well as being her carpet rep. They remained friends for a long time and finally married in 2007. Both had had previous marriages, and Geoff's nine

year old daughter Taylor, plus Cole, Rhonda's nine-year-old son rounded out their family foursome.

Rhonda enjoys running her own interior design business, because she loves to see her clients' eyes light up when they see what changes she has made in their homes. Geoff says she is also a caring neighbor who reaches out to help friends in need. Geoff is now the vice president of the carpet company where he has worked for 20 years.

Before moving here they had a home in the community of Monarch Beach, just off of Stonehill Drive.

Geoff and Rhonda had heard of the many amenities in Niguel Shores and asked their real estate agent to show them homes here. They fell in love with the first house that the agent showed them, and very quickly they were new homeowners in the Shores.

Their children, Cole and Taylor, enjoy many of the amenities here. They loved the day camp they attended during their

summers here, and the pool is also one of their favorite places to spend time with their friends.

If you're out and about the Shore's many walkways, you're likely to run into one or more of the Dunlevie clan walking their yellow lab, Ollie, who has an interesting international pedigree. Ollie was rescued from Taiwan, and is happy to be in a country where canines are featured on the "Animal Planet" network and not the Food Channel. The dog has become a beloved member of the Dunlevie family.

As a tennis player, Geoff thinks our tennis courts are a great plus for him. More generally, he thinks Niguel Shores is like "another world." He enjoys his neighbors and the wonderful sense of community here, and that's inspired him to step up for some more volunteer work. He not only talks the talk he walks the walk. He served on the ad hoc Beach Bluff Committee in 2009 and is now a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee. Geoff recognizes that all the volunteer committees are the heart and soul of this community, and why the Shores is the envy of other homeowner associations.

I am so glad I had the opportunity to get to know Geoff and Rhonda Dunlevie, our neighbors.

—Laurel Livesay



The Dunlevie family: Rhonda, Geoff, Taylor & Cole



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