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Editorial deadline for the August issue of the Seashore News is July 17.

### **BOARD ACTIONS**



The Board accepted the resignation of Miriam Rhoelk from the Landscape Committee.

Approved the nomination of Marlene Huffman as the representative of Sea Terrace II to the Landscape Committee.

Reviewed the progress on the Community Center renovation project.

Conferred with legal counsel on legal and litigation issues and conducted several hearings and imposed fines.

 Accepted the resignation of George Evans from the Architectural Control Committee and Gretchen Rask's resignation from the Finance Committee since both are now members of the Board of Directors.
 Accepted Jim Smith's resignation from the Architectural Control Committee.

Approved the appointment of Rob Rifkin as a new member of the Architectural Control Committee.

At its Organizational Meeting after the election the following Board Members were named as committee liaisons:

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TIME CHANGE The executive session for the Wednesday, July 20 NSCA Board meeting will begin at 9:00 am. The general session starts at 1 pm followed by the Homeowners Forum at 3:00.

#### **FROM THE HELM**



I'm always taken aback when we reach this day in the calendar. This year is half over! But the good news is - we're on the verge of July 4th. This is the best holiday in Niguel Shores.

Come on down to the Community Center and enjoy any or all of the activities. There's a detailed description elsewhere in this issue, but for starters enjoy the pancake breakfast, the flag ceremony, and the parade. Then all day long - games at the park, gourmet hot dogs, sand castle contest, beach bluff bringyour-own supper, and fireworks up and down the coast. If you've done it before, you know how great it is. If you've not done it before, join your neighbors. Happy birthday, America.

Status of the Community Center repair project: In about a month we'll be able to put sealer on the new pool deck. The pool will need to be closed again for one day. We'll post the exact date a week or so ahead of time.

We now have further reports from an electrical engineer and heating/air conditioning specialist. By early August we'll know what needs to be done to repair the facility and bring it up to code. And an estimate of what it will cost.

In August we'll have several community meetings - in the

#### **BOARD ACTIONS** continued

Director Dick Johns: Architectural Control Committee Recreation Committee Director Don Johnston: Traffic & Safety Committee Communications Committee Ad-hoc Community Center Project Committee Director Gretchen Rask: Finance Committee Landscape Committee Director George Evans: Maintenance Committee Tree View Blockage Committee

Approved the time change for the July 20 Board Meeting. The Executive Session will start at 9:00 am instead of 4:00 pm and the General Session will begin at 1:00 pm with the Homeowner Open Forum upon completion of the General Session meeting.

# TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



1. Because the Shores is a gated community, some residents believe they are safe from outside intruders. Such is not the case. Recently there have been a series of robberies here in Niguel Shores. With summer's long daylight days, the doors and windows may be left open to take advantage of the cool breezes. Be sure to lock up before leaving, even for just a few minutes. Beware of strangers in the neighborhood and remember a residential burglary takes place every 15 seconds.

Following a crime, call the police immediately and then contact the office during regular business hours. DO NOT call the front gate. These officers are responsible for traffic control only.

2. Please drive slowly through the exit gates, especially at Mariner Drive. Several near misses have occured due to high speed traffic exiting by the gate-house.

3. Remember, school children are home for vacation, so be extra careful driving in the community. Sometimes, they seem to appear out of nowhere.

#### FROM THE HELM continued

evening and on Saturday or Sunday afternoons - to explain what we know, and to hear what you'd like to have done. We'll have a schedule in the August *Seashore News* and it will be posted at the Community Center. Please plan to attend and let the Board hear from you.

The Association is trying to clean up all areas of standing water because of the possibility of mosquitoes. Please let the office know if you see standing water. And check around your own home to get rid of any that may have accumulated in places our landscape and maintenance people can't observe.

> Jerry Milner NSCA Board President

# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE



The Architectural Control Committee has the responsibility to apply the regulations and guidelines fairly and consistently to all applications for exterior changes to members' properties.

As property owners and volunteers, the committee does its best to process each item on its agenda and work with the professional office staff. Highly qualified new members have joined the committee and are bringing their expertise to bear on the neverending list of projects to be reviewed each month.

Committee members are available to assist residents. Please call the office for further information or questions.



# LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

It is important to remember that the common areas are the responsibility of the Community Association. The landscapers know what plants will thrive in these areas. The slopes have plantings that are specifically designed to control erosion. Residents should not add or remove any landscape material from the slopes.

The community is trying to keep the beach bluff area looking beautiful. It would be helpful if parents of small children would keep them out of the gardens surrounding the grassy area at the bluff.

There has been a bumper crop of weeds this year due to the extreme rainfall. The landscape contractor is working as quickly as possible to keep the weeds under control.

#### Letters are welcome and limited to 200 words, typed if possible, including name, address and phone number of writer. Refer to NSCA Rule #5221,2,3. Submissions are due on the 17th of the month except in Feb., Nov., and Dec. when due on the 15th of the month.

Besides neighborly chats, or community gatherings, the Seashore News is our primary communication tool in Niguel Shores. After a while though, the repetitive, predictable content can get a bit boring! There is no anticipation of reading something new or interesting because you won't find it in the Seashore News. Even though the new format is a huge improvement, the desire to read it vanishes just as quickly as you can say, "Trees died for this?" The newsletter's mission statement must be to reiterate, ad nauseam, the same activities, along with mind numbing interpretations of the CC&R's. This should not be the case.

Many bright and talented people of all ages reside here. Some ideas for interesting reading might be, but are not limited to: school news/activities/ achievements, along with the "In Memoriam" add birth announcements, sports (school, club teams, masters, etc.), our own Dear Abby, or even neighborhood "reporters" who interview and write about some of our interesting residents. The newsletter should represent, and bring together, the many different age groups and their interests. Currently, it does not, and that needs to change.

> Sincerely, Sharon Stewart

I moved to Niguel Shores with my husband Jim in 1975 from Bixby Knolls in Long Beach. We just kept driving until we found something we liked even though we were both working in the Los Angeles Harbor.

This area seemed like a scene out of the movie Brigadoon, and it hasn't changed even though the surroundings are different. We could have moved a number of times but where else can you find a resort like this?

*My husband and I are now retired even though I have my own pet sitter service in the Niguel Shores.* 

We want to stay in the Shores indefinitely.

Pamela Schuler

Leash your pet Clean up the residue NSCA Rules 9101; Orange County Ordinance, Title 4

# **MENS CLUB**

The Mens Club of Niguel Shores meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 am in the multi-purpose room. Each meeting includes a "homemade" breakfast, excellent fellowship, a short business meeting and an interesting guest speaker.

The speaker on Tuesday, July 5, will be Diane Harkey, recently-elected member of the Dana Point City Council. Diane will speak about her first year as an elected official with its rewards and surprises. She will also discuss key issues as the community prepares for election 2006 and beyond.

On July 19 the speaker will be Lt. Douglas Blume, MD, US Navy. Doug, nephew of member Dave Latham, is currently serving as a Flight Surgeon for Marine Helicopter Squadron 166. He recently spent eight months in Iraq. Doug will share some of his experiences aboard ship, life in Iraq, casualty evacuation via helicopter and forward base operations while flying through Iraq.

All men of the community are invited to hear the speakers and consider participating in the Mens Club meetings, golf, and many outside activities. Please come and visit. Be our guest and sample the fellowship.



# **MENS GOLF**

Another great outing at Arroya Trabuco was experienced by 20 golfers from the Mens Club on June 14. A very close race ensued using a best ball net and best ball gross format on each hole. Team winners were:

1st Place (135)

- 2nd Place (139)
- Tom McNicholas
- Roy DohnerSean Tierney
- Bob BorlandMac Brown
- Sean TierneyBill Murphy
- Dave Lathan
- Charlie Clark
- 3rd Place (140)
  - Jack Christiansen
  - Gary Katsuki
  - Grover Brown
  - Blind draw

Lachel "Closest to the Pin" honors went to Jack Christiansen and Mac Brown. The July venues include a round at the new course Arrowood and Encinitas Ranch.

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#### **MENS GOLF** continued

The Mens Club Championship tournament, under the able leadership of Ray Dohner will start with the round in August at San Clemente and will require the two best net scores of 4 rounds to be played through October 11 at Aliso Viejo. The top golfers of two flights will play off for the Championship at Camp Pendleton on October 25.

"Golf is a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and, for no reason at all, you really stink."

#### WOMENS CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Niguel Shores Womens Club will be Thursday, September 8, with the program to be announced in the August Seashore News. The membership voted not to meet in July and August. The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 1.

The Womens Club is hosting a hot dog lunch at the Community Center for the Niguel Shores annual Fourth of July celebration.

All women residents and homeowners are welcome to join the Womens Club. Annual membership is \$5 and should be paid by check to NSWC. Call Kay Wittmack at 661-8177 or Mary Williams at 248-7164 for questions.



#### PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners has adjourned for the summer. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 26.

Books to be read for the 2005-2006 season were chosen at the June meeting and will be published in the August Seashore News.

The Association office has had several inquiries concerning information regarding possible registered sex offenders. These inquiries and associated questions can best be answered by going to www.Meganslaw.ca.gov. Additional information can also be obtained by contacting the Aliso Viejo Sheriff's substation at (949) 425-1802.

# WOMENS GOLF



Monday, July 11, is Fun day for Niguel Shores Women's Golf group. This is the annual Memorial Tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the champion and the runner-up. Guests are welcome for golf and the luncheon to follow. While everyone will play in the game of the day, only members of the club may compete for the championship. Nine holes of golf at Aliso Creek will be followed by luncheon at the Fountains.

Reservations for lunch are necessary and may be made by calling Pat Johnson at 661-2818. The cost is \$20 and the check should be made out to Lee Sweeney. The deadline for the final count for lunch is July 5 and checks must be received by then. Golf reservations may be made by calling golf captains Marian Pearl, 493-9500 or Irene McDonald, 481-3035. Former members, old friends and new friends are welcome to join the Niguel Shores lady golfers on this special day.

The winners in June were teams 1 and 2 who tied:

The winners in Jul		ams r amu 2 v
Teams 1	Lavonr	e Borland
	Bev Lo	ongfield
	Liz Ke	lsch
	Pauline	e Ross
Team 2	Chris E	Beaver
	May G	ramer
	Pat Joh	nson
Closest to the flag	on #6	Lavonne Borl
Closest to the flag	on #8	Judy Boitano
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Borland

Longest drive Pauline Ross May Gramer had a chip in

> **IN MEMORIAM Don DesCombes**

#### LEASHES REQUIRED

Please remember all dogs in Niguel Shores should be leashed when taking a stroll with their human companions. Some residents have observed the beach bluff park being used as an informal "dog park", with many pets being allowed to roam unrestrained. This has resulted in damage to the new plantings. Please observe leash laws when enjoying the bluff with your pets. Thank you.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD ADS**

Items for *Seashore News* ads must be submitted by the 17th of the month except in Feb., Nov. and Dec. when they are due on the 15th of the month. Include a check payable to NSCA, \$3 for a maximum of 30 words. Advertisers must fill out a form available at the Association office. Neither NSCA nor the *Seashore News* assumes responsibility or liability for quality of goods advertised. See Rule 5525.

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Long term local resident looking to rent 2 or 3 bedroom, 2 bath starting September. Excellent credit and references. Please call Maren at 376-4833.

I would like to purchase a home in Niguel Shores. 3 bdrm. min. No Brokers please. Contact Joe: 714-928-7234.

Beautiful antique Indonesian carved cabinet, 6 teak dining chairs, hand carved frames + wood or stone pots. For summer fun - sarongs and sarong sets, big selection of shell jewelry. 489-5565.

# FROM THE OFFICE

Please be considerate to others waiting to conduct business in the NSCA office by turning off your cell phone.

> DANA POINT CITY COUNCIL TV 2nd and 4th Thursday Start 6:00 pm Recess 6:30 pm Resume 7:00 pm

#### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

Seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones, interviewed after the recent Yucaipa earthquake, answered the question of what to expect next with a down-to-earth answer: "Be prepared" she said, "California is earthquake country". *Be prepared*. Other places have their known "disaster seasons" (hurricanes, tornadoes, etc.) where you may decide to stay in the danger zone or move elsewhere during that time. California does not have an "earthquake season", although this year's mid-June swarm of tremblors made it seem like it had.

I was recently given a copy of a "*Citizen's Guide to Hurricane Season*"\*, issued by the City of Corpus Christi to its residents, which had some worthwhile suggestions appropriate for integrating into our pre and post earthquake preparation.

I have quoted parts of the *Guide* in a flyer attached to July's *Seashore News*. Please peruse it, check your emergency kit, and keep the information in your **Niguel Shores Disaster Manual**.

If you are a new resident and do not have our manual, contact the office and have the *Disaster Manual*, and our *OK/HELP* sign provided free.

For questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 661-9416.

Gerlinde Duffy NSCA Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

\*Courtesy of Jerold Milner, President, NSCA



**GARDEN CLUB** 

The Garden Club annual end-of-the-year Beach Bluff barbecue will be held at noon on Monday, July 18. The cost for each member is \$5. Members who did not sign up for the barbecue at the June meeting may contact Leslie Quinton at 496-9829.

Garden Tip for July: Cool, moist morning and early evening is the perfect time to "play in your garden" this month. Be sure to watch out for snails, slugs, white flies and assorted pests...they, too, like to spend their summers near the beach.

# "Bon Appetit by the Sea"



# Sunday, August 28 4:00 - 7:00pm

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The Communication Committee would like to encourage residents to report items of interest for publication in the *Seashore News*. Children's awards for sports or academics, birth announcements, photos of neighborhood events or short biographies of interesting Niguel Shore residents would be considered for upcoming issues.

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1:00 pm,  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Thursdays See Calendar

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See Calendar
3:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
9:00 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday
1:30 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday
9:30 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
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# **JULY 2005 in Niguel Shores**



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