

# Seashore News



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## Celebrate Independence Day JULY 4TH IN STYLE



**8:00 - 10:30 am PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Hosted by the NS Men's Club  
Community Center ClubHouse—\$3.00 per person

**9:00 am BOY SCOUT FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

Red, White, and Blue Parade  
Lead by the local Fire Department  
Decorate your bikes, strollers, golf carts, put on your patriotic costumes, and join the fun.

**10:00 - 11:30 am GAMES IN THE PARK AND POOL ACTIVITIES**

Bring you swimsuits!

**11:00 - 11:30 am SAND CASTLE CONTEST**

Registration at the Beach Bluff

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COLD DRINKS AND COOKIES**

Hosted by the NS Women's Club  
Community Center ClubHouse

**2:30 - 3:30 pm SAND CASTLE CONTEST JUDGING**

**4:00 pm SAND CASTLE CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY**

Held at the Beach Bluff

**5:00 pm BEACH BLUFF BARBECUE**

Hot coals provided until sunset  
Bring your own tables, chairs, towels, and food  
***Picnic tables are available on a "first come – first served" basis and may not be reserved***

**There is something fun for everyone!!**

Another new listing reaches International  
Markets through Masters and Wilson



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# FROM THE HELM *by Steve Stewart*

Welcome to summer, the best time to be in the Shores. You probably noticed a recent mailing from the NSCA announcing more rules, this time about the Beach Bluff. Most of us don't like to think about rules, including me, but this one was special. It was the best effort by a broad and diverse group of homeowners to see that the Beach Bluff remains the place where you can find a place to sit and watch the morning or sunset in peace. We will do our best to see that this special place remains as uncrowded and pleasant as such a place can be. The spirit of Aloha,

tolerance, respect and above all, consideration for others will make it happen.

Sometimes a crowd is a good thing and this July 4th at the ClubHouse will prove it. Come join a Shores tradition and all your friends and neighbors for the best party of the year—in the morning for a breakfast and parade, on the beach for the Sand Castle contest and at the Beach Bluff for the July 4th BBQ. This is a special day for kids especially. Our family never misses it, even though our kids don't ride trikes decorated with crepe paper and flags anymore. See you there! ■

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## FROM THE GM *by Leo Riley*

THE TRADITION IS BACK – It is that time of the year again, and our favorite tradition is back. The Men's Club will be serving breakfast in the new ClubHouse and everyone is invited. In addition to breakfast, all the usual activities will be taking place and you can review the entire schedule here in this newsletter. Just a few notices to remember: First, the Community Center parking lot and Niguel Shores Drive (between Mariner and Atlantic) will be closed in the morning due to the parade. Also, the Beach Bluff lot is closed to *All* vehicles except those with resident *bar codes* or handicapped stickers. Be sure to say a special thanks to Nancy Tennis who is now in her seventh year of organizing this event. She has many homeowner volunteers who help her, but she is the *stick that stirs the drink* when it comes to the Fourth of July. Each year she says it is her last, but we have been telling her this is a lot like the CIA or Mafia and you can't just quit because you want to. I think the best she can hope for is relocation to Nova Scotia in the *witness protection program* (they don't celebrate the 4th there).

COUNTY OF ORANGE – BEACH REVETMENT PROJECT – The County of Orange will be attending the Niguel Shores Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 7 and presenting an overview of a proposed beach project affecting our rock revetment. Homeowners have heard that the County is considering this project and the presentation will be made in the ClubHouse at 6:00 p.m. The scope of the project is to rebuild and strengthen the rock revetment and possibly include a new board walk on top, similar to one that currently goes to the *Headlands* in front of the Strands project.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO 5108 & 5109 – In early June you received notice of proposed changes to these two rules. The Board held a Public Forum on the matter during the evening of Wednesday, June 16, and if they approve the changes at their meeting on Wednesday, July 7, they will go into effect on July 8. There is a new lighted reader board

located in the center of the Bluff turnaround area that will have the details of Beach Bluff Rule 5109 and the current week's *Reservation Schedule*. Among the many changes, please note that **ONLY PROPANE** BBQ's will be allowed on the bluff. We know this will upset many *charcoal* purists, but the damages caused by the hot coals to the tables, trash receptacles and landscape last year was unacceptable. The Patrol Officers will be looking for this so please consider the alternative cooking methods.

LOST & FOUND – I am not sure that everyone knows we have a Lost & Found area in the office. We are getting quite a collection and now have (2) cell phones, (4) pair of sunglasses (3) pair of reading glasses and (6) sets of car keys. Now I know somebody has got to be missing these items, especially the car keys, so if you know someone who fits this description, please let them know their missing items may be in the office. Remember, we find it all—including lost *bunnies* and husbands.

POOLSIDE SNACK BAR – The Recreation Committee has decided to continue the very popular Friday, Poolside Snack Bar. The volunteers will basically be offering Hot Dogs, Sodas and other convenient snack foods for those who like to *nosh* while at the pool. Not only is the service convenient, but extremely reasonably priced. If you have children going to Hobbledehoy, it is a great way to get out of fixing lunch for your campers on Friday.

FOBs and SECURITY – Every summer we remind everyone to please bring your FOB to gain entry to the Community Center Complex. With the new spa and ClubHouse, we are expecting record crowds and record numbers of people just asking to be let in. We hate being the unfriendly Gate Monitor, but that is what our homeowners expect and demand that we do. As a result, beginning in June, the staff will no longer *just buzz me in* for those who forget. Please don't yell at the staff for doing this..... just remember to bring your FOB or provide one for your family members and guests. ■

# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## JUNE 2, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of May 5, 2010.
- Approved the Special General Session Minutes of May 17, 2010.
- Approved the Special Organizational Session Minutes of May 19, 2010.
  - Approved the litigation disclosure statement of June 2010.
- Approved John Dougherty as interim Chair for the Finance Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Barry Banducci to the Investment Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Jerry Koppang to the Architecture Committee.
- Approved the funding of a professional minute taking service for the Finance Committee.

### DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project and beach erosion.
  - Asphalt Maintenance Project update.
  - Update on 2010 proposed Rule Changes – 5108 & 5109.
  - Proposed amendment to CC&Rs for individual “Track” rules.
    - Beach Bluff code matter with City of Dana Point.
- Moving Board Meeting start times to late afternoon and evening.
  - Art donation from homeowner.
  - Vandalism on Breakers Isle “v-ditch” and slope.

### REVIEWED:

- Reviewed and filed the April 2010 Financial Report
- Reviewed and filed the April 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
- Homeowner Correspondence: 1) comments on County Revetment project and 2) Comments on use of the ClubHouse lobby.

## JUNE 2, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of May 5, 2010.
- Approved the Special Executive Session Minutes of May 17, 2010.
- Approved the Special Executive Session Minutes of May 24, 2010.

### REVIEWED:

- Attorney Fiore’s Status Report on pending legal matters.

### DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
- Consulting architect matter and contract.

## JUNE 16, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of June 2, 2010.
- Approved the Special General Session Minutes of May 18, 2010.
- Approved the Special General Session Minutes of May 27, 2010.
- Approved the resignation of Judy Pasek from the Communication Committee.

### DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project presentation to Niguel Shores.
  - Asphalt Maintenance Project update.
  - Update on 2010 proposed Rule Changes – 5108 & 5109.
    - Beach Bluff code matter with City of Dana Point.
    - Art in Public Places project update.
- Moving Board Meeting start times to late afternoon and evening.
  - Proposed 2011 Budget preparation schedule.
- Association Goal Setting for the 2010–2011 Board of Directors.
- Fiore seminar of Corporate Requirements for management and board members.
- Recommendations from Traffic & Safety Committee for Pool / Bluff monitors.

### REVIEWED:

- Homeowner Correspondence: 1) comments on security / activities at the pool & 2) Homeowner requests for reimbursement for damages.

### PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum held to discuss homeowner comments on 2010 Proposed Rule changes to 5108 & 5109.

## JUNE 16, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Special Executive Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of June 2, 2010.

### REVIEWED:

- Update on County Revetment project and presentation plans.

### DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
  - D&O Insurance matter.

### HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Conducted meeting with Homeowner over an Architecture Committee matter.

**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. Both are available to read on [www.niguelshores.org](http://www.niguelshores.org)

**REMINDERS:** NEXT GENERAL SESSION MEETING—JULY 7, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M. • NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM—AUGUST 18, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Many of you will recognize the face in the photo as that of the smiling officer who greets everyone as they enter the Mariner Entrance. His name is David Gonzalez and he has been the Post Commander in Niguel Shores for the past three years. Recently he was recognized by his company, Securitas, as the outstanding Orange County officer from a field of over 700+ men and women. This recognition is based upon his service record here in Niguel Shores as well as the incident that is described in the following article. David did an outstanding job, that is above and beyond the call, and hopefully you can have the opportunity to personally say thanks the next time you see him on duty.

—Leo Riley / General Manager



Post Commander David Gonzalez at the Mariner Entrance

## OFFICER RECOGNIZED FOR VALIANCY

A hero is a man who does what he can. On June 8 Securitas USA Post Commander David Gonzalez did just that. While on duty at Niguel Shores Community, a resident came screaming that someone was in trouble and shouting for help. Post Commander Gonzalez immediately secured the guardhouse and drove to the scene. There he found a resident with her hand trapped between the garage door and the trunk of her car screaming Please, someone please help me. Oh my God and was in obvious pain. A neighbor nearby said they were calling 911 and help was on the way. The injured party was pleading with the Post Commander to get her hand out. Post Commander Gonzalez attempted to push the garage door up but it would not budge. Officer Gonzalez noticed her purse and keys on the floor. He at once grabbed her keys and turned the vehicle on. He moved the vehicle forward and her hand came free. He then turned the car off and then saw the resident collapse onto the ground. A couple of neighbors helped move her away from the garage door and Post Commander Gonzalez found a blanket to place under her head and a jacket to drape over her until emergency response arrived. As Officer Gonzalez heard the sirens approaching he raced to the front gate to open them however the Sheriff units already had the gates open on emergency status. The Fire Department was next to arrive and then the paramedics. Post Commander Gonzalez had gone back to the scene to ensure the resident was being treated. She was being loaded into the ambulance and taken to a local hospital. If not for the quick action and helpfulness of Post Commander David Gonzalez, the resident may have been in excruciating

ating pain for longer than she had already tolerated. His quick and selfless action by choosing to come to the aid of someone in dire need is more than commendable, it is inspiring. ■

### SEA TERRACE TOWNHOMES I

The Board of Directors of Sea Terrace Townhomes I wishes to extend its thanks to our former President, Don Beaver for his outstanding and dedicated service to our Association.

Don has devoted his leadership and talents to our Community for many years, both to our sub-Association and to the Master Association of Niguel Shores. He has served in numerous capacities and, as a long time resident, offered his expertise on various issues.

Due to his dedication and knowledge, our Townhome Association continues to retain its appearance of well maintained homes, due especially to Don's position and his role in coordinating our vendors and work staff.

Don, the Board of Sea Terrace I thanks you for your tireless efforts and extends our best wishes to you for many years of leisurely retirement, enjoying the ambiance of our neighborhood to which you have made such a valuable contribution.

SEA TERRACE TOWNHOMES I  
Board of Directors

## MAINTENANCE

It is no accident that our pool water is clean and comfortable. Several of our swimmers have commented that the pool has never been in better condition. In a past article we wrote about Dave Smith who comes in at 4:30 a.m. to have the pool ready for the early morning lap swimmers. It takes daily attention to the chemical feeders, circulation pumps, filters, and heaters, to keep the pool in top condition. This past week we replaced a pump and a heater. All three heaters have now been replaced in the past twelve months.

There comes a point when chemicals will no longer maintain the water at the comfort level we have come to expect. As water evaporates it leaves behind minerals, measured as total dissolved solids. Eventually the solid build up renders the chlorine ineffective, or we have to add levels of chlorine that cause eye irritation and damage to swim clothes. That's what George Cooley calls *tired water* and it becomes necessary to drain and replace 60 to 70% of the water. The pool was closed for a couple of days in June to perform that task. So we lost a couple of swim days during the June Gloom to ensure that we have a summer of healthy, comfortable swimming.

—Jack Christiansen

## NIGUELSHORES.ORG

I'm excited to announce that we have reached the 25,000 visitor mark on the Niguel Shores website last month! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the website and made it to what it is today. The website is now being updated almost every week so be sure to stop by and check it out. Some of the more frequent updates include: upcoming general session agendas, board actions and the latest email notices. Don't forget that you can also view the *Seashore News* in **full color** on our website.

Lastly, if you have a pet, please participate in our online pet photo gallery! Share a picture of your pet with the rest of the Niguel Shores community by emailing it to: [webadmin@niguelshores.org](mailto:webadmin@niguelshores.org)! You can learn more about it by clicking the *dog* on the homepage of the website.

—Kathleen Capalla  
[webadmin@niguelshores.org](mailto:webadmin@niguelshores.org)

## RECREATION

Join your neighbors in celebration of Fourth of July. The schedule is on the front page for you to come to all the activities planned by Nancy Tinnes and her committee. To make this happen it takes lots of volunteers. Thank You to all that helped and attended.

**Friday Hot Dog Day:** Put on your calendar to come by the pool every Friday starting July 9. Enjoy a hot dog, chips, soda and cookie for \$5.00 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer serving it would be appreciated.

**Taco Night July 24:** Taco Night in June was very successful. The next one not to miss is July 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 for 8 and under. Tickets are in the office. What a wonderful night for all the family and remember, BYOB.

**BBQ Night at the Bluff August 1:** For this event bring your own food and drinks as you see the sunset set and visit with friends.

**August 21, Band by the Sea Night:** Enjoy your own food and drink as you listen to the music. Tickets are Adults \$10, kids 18 and under are free. Tickets are in the office. Bring your own food and BYOB as you enjoy another beautiful sunset with music at our bluff, Lucky You !!!

A fun summer as you can see has been planned for you.

—Carol Yocom

## TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Fourth of July celebrations are upon us once again. It is the busiest time of year for monitoring and controlling the security of our community, so please be cooperative in making that job as simple as it can be. PLEASE CALL IN YOUR GUESTS. It is a simple process that will save much anxiety. **And please remain in the company of your guests as they enjoy the amenities that our community offers.** Don't risk your guests being asked to leave because you are not with them. That can happen—and has.

The entire Beach Bluff parking area will be restricted to vehicles with a resident bar code only. All others will be turned away. We suggest your guests park at the host residence and ride with the host to the bluff parking area. It will be monitored.

On the morning of July 4, Niguel Shores Drive between Mariner Drive and Atlantic Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic for the parade. There will be throngs of delirious children running around all weekend, so please be especially vigilant with your speeds.

Remember—a driver of a golf cart in Niguel Shores must possess a VALID DRIVERS LICENSE!! (State Law).

Our gratitude and congratulations to Securitas Officer David Gonzales for his exceptional service to NSCA. (See SSN article).

Have a safe summer!!

—Michael Card, Co-Chair

## GARDEN CLUB

The club wrapped up the current year with a club BBQ on the Beach Bluff on June 21. The next year's club activities begins in September. Have a great summer enjoying your gardens while sipping your BYOB.

—Karl Kuhn

## MEN'S CLUB

### Shining Speakers Pierce June Gloom

The Mens Club was honored to have Dana Point Mayor Steven Weinberg. He was assisted by D.P. Economic Development Manager Christy Teague. The city has put together an enjoyable and informative video, which the Mayor played for the club. This 16 minute video can be viewed on line at the official website: [www.danapoint.org](http://www.danapoint.org). On the home page under *City News* click on Mayor's *State of the City* video. The Mayor shared new projects, plans, and problems



Dana Point Mayor Steven Weinberg

throughout the city. He fielded numerous questions from the members.

At the second meeting of the month we welcomed our scholarship winners from Dana Hills High School. These



Garden Club BBQ

young adults are certainly a fine example of our public schools with very impressive accomplishments. All three received numerous awards in addition to maintaining a grade point above 4.0. The winners were Molly Churlonis, Amanda Zand, and Michael Lindeborg. We wished them good luck in their college careers.

Also, club member and resident, Dr. Mark Wagner spoke about the new federal health care law. He was in the House gallery when the crucial vote was taken. After his remarks he answered questions.

The club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

—Steve Leonard

## WOMEN'S CLUB

Although the Women's Club does not meet in July, there are activities for members' participation. The most

important activity is to pay dues for the 2010-2011 year. The \$10.00 membership fee – for new and returning members - is now due and payable by check. Checks should be made out to the Niguel Shores Women's Club and turned in by July 15, to ensure that the member's name and contact information are included in the 2010-2011 Women's Club Directory.

The Women's Club always sells hot dogs at the community Fourth of July festivities. This year Sheila Furst's committee will be selling the hot dogs, along with chips, cookies and cokes, from the window of our new kitchen. Sheila and her *chefs* will be on duty at the window from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Nancy Tinnes will host a change-of-board luncheon at her home on Thursday, July 8. The party traditionally brings together those who have served as an officer or chaired a committee for the past year and those who will take on those tasks for the upcoming year. All members are encouraged to sign up for committees, as new ideas and energy

## CLUBS KARL KUHN, EDITOR

sustain the Club. Working on a committee launches new friendships.

The June Tea included the installation of the officers for 2010–2011: Nancy Tinnes, President; Lyn Long, Vice-President; Jeannie Sticher, Secretary and Ardis Ghobrial, Treasurer. Women's Club monthly meetings will resume in September.

—Phyllis Tezer



Women's Club Officers from left Jeannie Sticher, Nancy Tinnes, Ardis Ghobrial, missing Lyn Long

## ACTIVITIES KARL KUHN, EDITOR

### WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Our bridge games have been turning into social parties every week. Most everyone who attends brings along a sandwich and then we share the extras that our members and substitutes like us to try (could be their specialties). We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., play a little bridge, have a snack, then finish up the bridge by about 3:00 p.m. We are a friendly group and welcome new people, so please give a call to Helen at 496-4230 or Patricia at 240-3559 and you'll be surprised how much you'll like our casual get-togethers.

#### Our winners from last time are:

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| May 26  | Dorothy Horany and Helen Campbell                       |
| June 2  | Kay Wittmack and Freida Baskin                          |
| June 9  | Shirley Heimstaedt, Lorraine Aronson and Gaynell Reyno. |
| June 16 | Kay Wittmack and Dorothy Horany                         |

—Helen Campbell

### OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

At the home of Norton Schwartz on Wednesday, June 16 the really serious members of the Oreo Really Serious Book Club met and seriously discussed *The Elephant and the Dragon* and decided that the booming populations and economies of China and India were racing ahead of the United States in competition for world money and resources. We decided that turning our front lawns into vegetable gardens would not fully address the problem, so our kids (or grand kid's) had best sharpen their creativity and knowledge to compete on the forefront of innovation.

On July 21 we will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the home of John Hall to discuss *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Byson. Save your left-over fire crackers for that meeting!

—Norton Schwartz

### EMERITUS PROGRAM

The Emeritus Committee meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month in the ClubHouse lobby. We will consider renaming our committee to include the education of all N.S. adults (not just the seniors).

Upcoming classes starting sometime in August, sponsored by Saddleback College will include *Film As Literature*, Mondays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and *Western Civilization*, Tuesdays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Due to funding issues, Saddleback Tai Chi Classes will not be provided for this semester. Committee members will be exploring other possibilities for this class to be presented.

Last, but not least, committee member Chris Stanfield is seeking potential participants for a class in Improvisation. This would be fun and very educational. We can all be actors, comedians and entertainers for friends and relatives. Call Chris or myself at 248-1629 to sign up for an enjoyable and educational experience.

—Bunny Ross

### LIBRARY

**Children's Department:** The schedule for the Special Weekly Performances for July at 11:00 a.m. is:

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| July 1 | Buster the Balloon Guy—a mix of comedy with magic & zany balloons (this program held in the library) |
| July 8 | Musical Barnyard Extravaganza—live petting zoo   |



- July 15 Wild Wonders—Wet ‘N’ Wild World of Animals —live animals
- July 22 Animal Magic—a blend of magic, comedy, music & live exotic pets
- July 29 Bubble mania—amazing bubble magic (this program held in the library)

**Adult Book Club:** Adults can also have fun at the library this summer. From June 28 through July 31 for every book you read and write in your reading log, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a variety of prizes. For every 5 books, you will receive an entry for a drawing for the grand prize, a Historical Kayak Tour around Dana Point Harbor from Coastal Kayaks.

Throughout the summer, we will be showing either a foreign or independent film on the third Friday of the month from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. July 16 we will be watching the documentary *Mine*, which is a documentary about the essential bond between humans and animals, set against the backdrop of one of the worst natural disasters in modern U.S. history: Hurricane Katrina.

**After Hours at the Library** will resume in August.

—Karl Kuhn

## TRAVEL TIDBITS

When we think of July, the first thing that usually comes to mind is the Fourth of July. It’s a big day here at Niguel Shores and across the country. We shoot off fire crackers, have parades, gather at picnics and participate in many other activities to celebrate our Independence Day. This is one special day in the month, but did you know the whole month is designated as Park and Recreation Month. From neighborhood pocket parks to Central Park in New York, our country has many large and small, but the most magnificent are our National Parks. There are over 365 National Park Service areas in the country. Not all are called parks. Some are named National Battlefield, National Historic Site, and National Monument. There are over 20 different titles that can be given to individual areas. But what they all have in common is they preserve a special area whether it be the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park or the uniqueness of the Liberty Bell. This is our heritage being preserved and protected with your tax dollars. When was the last time you visited a National Park? Some of the most beautiful are located within easy driving distance of Niguel Shores.

—Barbara Milner



## Carol's Cuisine Corner

*Let's go to lunch in the area. In the next few months friends will be visiting and want to go out to lunch. Try some of these places in our area. This time of year one does not want to go to Laguna. Leave that for the tourist. The restaurants there will be listed in the future...*

**CHEESECAKE FACTORY:** 2700 Crown Valley Parkway, Mission Viejo, 949 364 6200. When shopping at the Mission Viejo Mall try this place with it's large variety menu which is all good. Of course deserts are a specialty. Hours are Monday to Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**P F CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO:** 2700 Crown Valley Parkway, Mission Viejo, 949 364 6661. To enjoy an Asian variety this is the place to go. Hours are Sunday thru Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**CHILI'S BAR AND GRILL:** 27407 Bellogente, Mission Viejo, 949 364 2207. You can always count on a good salad and a large choice for all to enjoy. Hours are Sunday to Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**BRIO TUSCANY GRILL:** 24050 Camino Del Avion, Dana Point, 949 443 1476. Pasta salads and again a nice variety, enjoy the patio area. Hours for lunch on Tuesday to Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No lunch on Sunday and Mondays.

**STELLA'S:** 17 Monarch Bay Plaza, Dana Point, 949 234 1679. Enjoy the Italian foods and salads on the patio. Hours for lunch Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**OLAMENDI'S:** 8 Monarch Bay Plaza, Dana Point, 949 218 7394. A Mexican lunch for all to enjoy. Hours open everyday except Tuesday for lunch 11:30 a.m.

Look next month for more of *let's do lunch.*  
*Bon appetite, Carol Yocom*

## MEN'S GOLF

Our tournament of June 8 was played at the Temecula Creek course on May 18. A great course on a beautiful golf day. Two man teams was our game of the day. Roy Dohner and Gary Katsuki were first. Terry McLaughlin and Bob Gutknecht were second. Dave Ontiveros and Jack Sweeney were in third place. Closest to the pin on #2—Nobody! Roy Dohner won on #3 on the Oaks Course. Our tournament on June 8 was played at a great course at the Crossings at Carlsbad, a challenging but a fun layout. 1st place team—Gutknecht, Mac Brown, Bob Russell and Barry Daniel. 2nd place team of Jerry Koppang, Terry McLaughlin and Roy Dohner. Third place team - Bob Hill, Woody Woodward, Gary Katsuki and Morry Dohner. Morry Dohner was closest to the pin on #9, Barry Daniel was CTP on #17.

On June 22 we returned to the Vineyard in Escondido. Lunch was included in the green fees. We were returning to the Vineyard after a several year absence. It's a great course and we were expecting good turn-out. Since we had 5 Tuesdays in June we played Aliso Viejo on June 29. The course is 20 minutes from home and we expect a good turnout. Reports on the Vineyard and Aliso Viejo will be in the next *Seashore News*.

—Tom McNicholas

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Warm ocean breezes, sunny skies, baby deer grazing in the fairways, and a group of ladies chasing a little white ball. Just another day for the Niguel Shores women golfers. On July 12 we will be having our annual Memorial Tournament. We encourage everyone to come and play a round of golf and then follow it up with a luncheon at Gemmell's Restaurant in Dana Point. This tournament honors all our past members and club champions and after golf will award one of our members with the title of *Club Champion 2010*. If you are interested in playing golf please contact Liz Kelsch (661-5802) or Irene McDonald (481-3035). If you are interested in having a delicious lunch with a group of fun ladies call Victoria Siegfried (429-8979) or Anne Greenwood (493-6782). The price of the luncheon is \$27.00 and checks should be made payable to Gretchen Rask. The checks need to be received by her no later than June 30. Your meal selection of one of the following, poached salmon, chicken crepes or pork tenderloin, should be noted on the check. If you have any questions, please call Gretchen at (836-1885). We are hoping for a great turnout so check your calendars and give them a call.

We played a scramble on June 14. There was a lot of strategizing by each team and fun was had by all. Gretchen Rask, Jane Lee, Beverly Longfield and Val Mitchell from Team 2 won with a team score of 34. Judy Boitano was closest to the pin on #6. Val Mitchell was closest to the pin of #8 and Gretchen Rask had the longest drive on #9.

"A triple bogey is three strokes more than par, four strokes more than par is a quadruple bogey, five more than par is a quintuple, six is a sextuple, seven is a throwuple, eight is blowuple and nine is a ohshutuple."

—Irene McDonald

### TENNIS TIP

Begin to play the match in the warm-up.

It does not mean hitting winners but instead, start your mental match in the warm-up. Use this time to begin focusing on the ball. Do not let your mind wander.



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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR by Laurel Livesay-Moonier

## Christine Stanfield

This month we meet Christine Stanfield, who has been your neighbor in Niguel Shores since 1982 and an owner of a townhome since 1984. Chris, is a published author, an actress, and an acting coach. She has appeared in the TV series, *Unsolved Mysteries*, and has been seen in many TV commercials and infomercials.

Chris was born in Long Beach, California and was raised in Sunset Beach. She graduated from Huntington Beach high school, and went on to Cal-State University Long Beach where she majored in philosophy and education. After college Chris taught kindergarten and then was substitute teacher in grades K through 5. Her classroom experience gave her insights into the way children learn and how they respond to different teaching materials. She started writing for four, five, six and seven-year-olds. Chris learned that children like the rhythm of poetry, and the sounds of alliteration. Her first book, which was self published, is titled, *The Did You Ever? ABC Book*. During this period of working with children in the classrooms, Chris wrote a number of poems, which she is just now working on having published. A number of years later, she started writing short dramas which have been produced predominantly in large church settings. Some of her dramas are published in a book titled *Skits and Dramas*.

Chris had the opportunity to live in Telluride. Colorado for 10 years. This was where her son, Paul, was born. While living in this beautiful mountain town, she had the chance to be one of the volunteers for the celebrities who

were guests of the Telluride Film Festival. Over the 35 years that she worked for the festival, she was a host for some incredible actors and entertainers including Jimmy Stewart, Joel McCray, Richard Widmark, John Carradine and Cab Callaway.

Chris continued writing and while she was at a writer's conference which focused on children's literature, an editor mentioned that they were looking for something different to publish. In the course of the conversation, it came out that

Chris had recently been divorced and the editor expressed interest in that subject. He suggested she might consider writing a book about her experience. She reluctantly agreed to give it a try. Much to her amazement her book *Some Days I think I'll Live* was published by Thomas Nelson. It is an honest and sensitive story. It shows Chris's talent for finding humor in many of life's challenges, the daily trials and tribulations that can cause homemakers to throw up their hands in frustration. Chris's humor and her strong faith in God enables her to laugh at these frustrating incidents in her life and to smooth out the bumps on the road of life.

Chris opened her life to new relationships, and has found happiness in her three-year marriage to Frank Ciccarelli. Chris has had public speaking engagements, taught acting and improvisation and is currently teaching improv. at the Heritage Pointe retirement home. There is a possibility that an Emeritus class in improv. will be offered here in Niguel Shores with Chris as teacher. If a class does form, come and join your neighbors in this fun activity. ■



Christine Stanfield



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# Teens Talking

by Colleen McNaught

In the real world, we use the term Hero to describe everything from a brave individual who rescues someone or overcomes incredible odds, to someone who dies at the hands of a terrorist, even if the attack was so sudden that the victim never saw it coming. When most of us use the word Hero, we mean someone who acts in a heroic manner, meaning that they are willing to sacrifice themselves to protect others. The terms *lifesaver* and *lifeguard* are used around the world to describe individuals with special training who are stationed to prevent accidents and to respond to life-threatening emergencies in the aquatic environment. Twenty-three year old Heather Stewart and younger sibling, twenty-year old Scott Stewart, have been on the USOS lifeguard force for a combined total of nine years. They exemplify what being a *lifesaver* is all about. For both Heather and Scott, on any particular day on the sandy dunes of Salt Creek beach, their lifeguarding skills are put to the test, and the definition of hero is often challenged by the number of saves they've accumulated.

The Stewart family has lived in the Shores since December 1989. Sharon and Steve Stewart have raised Scott and Heather in the comfort and security of the Niguel Shores neighborhood where each child was exposed to the beach at an early age. The love for surf and sand was passed down from father to son and soon enough Scott became an avid surfer just like his Dad, Steve. Surfing several breaks such as local Strands and Creek, Scott's appetite for the water grew. In high school he quickly mastered the skills of water polo and earned a spot on the Dana Hills High School team. His love for the water expanded and soon he took an interest in spear fishing where he's caught a wide variety of fish such as corbina, halibut, and cabazon. Currently, Scott is finishing classes at Saddleback where he will follow the footsteps of

his older sister Heather and attend UC Santa Cruz. He's aspiring to major in Environmental Studies.

Heather utilized her left-handed shooting arm to contribute to the offensive counter, landing her the opportunity to participate in college water polo. Her water polo career started back in the early days of her freshman year at Dana Hills. After devoting countless hours of hard work in both her athletics and school work, Heather received admission into UCSC and soon thereafter became a crucial asset to the team. Heather graduated from UCSC in the class of 09' where she participated in the UCSC girls water polo team all four years as the starting whole set defender. Now some four years later after graduating, Heather will finish her sixth season of being a USOS lifeguard at local Strands beach later this year.

With each passing year in the Stewart family, they have grown stronger in relation to their bond with one another. They each take pride in their conscious effort of sustaining the environment by recycling and keeping a compost pile in their backyard. With a family passion for keeping the environment clean, they all share a love for the outdoors and an even bigger love for the deep blue. Along the shoreline of our local beaches, keep your eyes peeled for Heather and Scott, for these two heroes could be found plummeting into the frigid waters making their record breaking sixteenth save of the day. ■



## EDITOR'S COMMENT

**Thank you Nancy Tinnes.**

Another Fabulous Independence Day event is about to take place in Niguel Shores. All N.S. residents will again enjoy the many *planned* activities scheduled throughout the day. The word *planned* is highlighted because,

for the past seven years, that planning was primarily handled by event chairperson, Nancy Tinnes. You will agree with me she has done a fabulous job, planning, organizing, and coordinating the events with her many volunteers.

But the time has come for a new chairperson to assume those responsibilities as this is Nancy's last year. I speak for all N.S. in thanking her for the many memorable Fourth of July celebrations.

—The Editor

# ★ INDEPENDENCE DAY (UNITED STATES) ★

*excerpted from Wikipedia and my 1900 Encyclopedia Britannia.*

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the U.S.A.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution on independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the declaration, finally approving it on July 4. John Adams wrote his wife Abigail ...*I am apt to believe that it (July 4) will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns,*

*bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forever more.*

## Observance:

- ★ in 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired, once in the morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary with an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.
- ★ In 1778, George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute.
- ★ In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.
- ★ In 1791, the first recorded use of the name Independence Day occurred.
- ★ In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- ★ In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid holiday

According to the 1900 Encyclopedia Britannia July 4 is a legal holiday in all states. But it also lists many other anniversary holidays such as: January 8 in Louisiana for the anniversary of battle of New Orleans; March 2 in Texas for the anniversary of Texan independence; April 21 in Texas for the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto; May 20 in North Carolina for the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence; and August 16 in Vermont for the anniversary of the battle of Bennington. Lastly, it lists that every Saturday after twelve o'clock noon is a legal holiday in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. (No reason given).

Also listed was a curious (to me) old English holiday which had its origin in medieval times called the Mothering or Refreshment Sunday, Mid-Lent Sunday, on which the old rural custom obtains of visiting one's parents with presents.

—Karl Kuhn



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