

# Seashore News



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## FROM THE HELM

Your Board of Directors is hard at work on several initiatives we think mean a lot to Niguel Shores residents. Many of you have complained about excessive access to the community, particularly non residents using our pool and new spa area. Our Beach Bluff Committee calculated that with our current access rules, potentially 15,000 people can drive into Niguel Shores on a given day. That is not what we had in mind when no call lists, barcodes for non resident relatives and friends and expedited contractor access were originally arranged. While the calculation is somewhat theoretical, based on extrapolating how many could enter based on each resident, homeowner and renter using their maximum limits to grant access without calling guests in, it reveals we have some work to do to keep access to our community within reasonable limits.

We are working on reducing opportunities for unfettered access by non residents. You will notice the Mariner Drive gates are closed more now, as a way of reducing inappropriate pedestrian access and allowing cars that have been denied entry a space and time to turn around and leave. We had a summertime guard presence for the pool and spa area. That is not feasible in non summer months but we are looking at other steps we can use to limit access to residents only. Our Traffic and Safety Committee will be looking at the results of our first summer with the new larger Bluff Park and refining our present rules for that area. Our emphasis at the Bluff will be to curtail large events and keep the every day atmosphere simple and friendly for casual use and spontaneous visits.

Our Master Landscape Study is now beginning to bear fruits. We have identified areas where improvements are needed and the approximate cost to make needed changes. Slopes, particularly in the custom homes, will be some of the first areas to be improved. We have neglected slopes for many years. Using information developed by the Master Landscape Study, we are turning our focus in landscaping to sustainable, cost effective and attractive designs that will stand up for the coming years of less water and more expensive landscape maintenance. The result of this work will be a more valuable, attractive community. It will take time to

phase in these changes and the cost will be carefully calibrated before the money is spent. In the long run, we will spend money to update the look of our community landscaping while being sure to spend your money effectively.

If you want to have your voice heard regarding these or other ideas, please communicate your ideas to the email address [gm@niguelshores.org](mailto:gm@niguelshores.org), attention Steve Stewart. Your participation as a member of our committees is encouraged and we are actively recruiting so put your hand up, your hat in the ring and your name in the running. Your entry will be welcomed.

— Steve Stewart

*You are invited*

**Thank You and Recruitment Party**  
**Wednesday, October 13 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**in the ClubHouse**

*A tribute to our volunteers, a quest for new ones,  
and presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award*

Please join your fellow resident committee members—learn about the committees and find a niche for yourself:

There will be tables for each Committee with members to tell you about what they do and why their committee work is important for Niguel Shores and satisfying for them.

There are Art, Architecture, Communication, Finance, Landscape, Maintenance, Emeritus Programs, Recreation, Traffic & Safety and View Preservation Committees—something to cover everyone's interest.

The Garden Club, Men's Club and Women's Club representatives will be there, too.

**Meet them all and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks courtesy of the Board.**

*We want you and we need you...*

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## FROM THE GM

**ACCESS—VEHICLE GATES & FOBs**—As part of our on-going efforts to improve the security screening of those entering Niguel Shores, the Board, acting on recommendations from the Traffic & Safety Committee, has made further changes to our access policies. The gates at the Mainer entrance are now closed from 7:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m. and all day on Sunday. We realize this adds a few seconds to entrance/exit process but also allows the officers to fully screen everyone coming into the community, including pedestrians. This is also part of the process of educating homeowners to always carry their FOB when coming to the community center or leaving the Association. A second benefit of this change is that the speeds, in and around the gate house, have been further reduced. We understand that it is a small inconvenience but one that most homeowners are demanding that the Board and management enforce. Lastly, beginning on October 1, we will no longer “prop” the gate open for club functions. **YOU MUST REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FOBs TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER.** Clubs may need to appoint a “Gate Monitor” to be positioned at the gate to permit club members without FOBs to enter the event. In terms of the inconvenience, a homeowner recently summed up the situation best when he said to me, “It is like everyone in Niguel Shores wants to go to heaven, but no one is really willing to die to get there.”

**VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT PARTY**—As you know, one of the things that really separates Niguel Shores from other HOA’s is the high number of homeowner volunteers who serve on the (8) standing committees and (3) ad-hoc committees. The standing committees are: ARCHITECTURE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCE, LANDSCAPE, MAINTENANCE, RECREATION, TRAFFIC & SAFETY & VIEW PRESERVATION and the ad-hocs are: ART, PROGRAMS and MASTER LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE. On any given day, the Association has over 50+ volunteers serving on these committees with two distinctly different benefits to the community. First, the **FREE** volunteering of their time and expertise is one of the major reasons that our dues have been maintained at such a modest level and homeowner participation in the governance process is so high. Secondly, the committee process is the foundation for the social fabric that makes this association special compared to other HOA’s and creates that unique sense of “community.” This party invita-

tion is extended to all the NSCA clubs as well as the committees, but basically, the committee and club process forms the “back yard” fence over which “neighbor to neighbor” conversations take place—sort of like in the old days. This has been a 40 year tradition that creates a cycle that every now and then needs to be rejuvenated with new blood. To that end, the Board of Directors has created a Committee Membership Drive which will culminate in a “Thank You & Recruitment” party on Wednesday, October 13. The party will be held in the ClubHouse from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and will offer complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beer / wine / drinks. The party is to thank the existing members and at the same time, provide an opportunity for new candidates and new homeowners to experience the camaraderie of the committee process. Please try to attend this event and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the office or at [GM@niguelshores.org](mailto:GM@niguelshores.org).

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**—Tai Chi and Yoga classes are now being offered here in the ClubHouse. The Tai Chi class will be held on Thursdays 4:00 ~ 5:00 and began on September 16. For further information and costs, please contact the office or Dottie Moser at 949 493-2337. For Yoga, please contact Sesa O’Connor at 285-4597 or by email at [\\_sesa2002@yahoo.com](mailto:_sesa2002@yahoo.com)

**GARAGE SALE**—Saturday, October 9 – There is still time to sign up for the garage sale which has a new format this year. The event will actually take place at homeowners’ garages (not at the Community Center parking lot) and there will be maps of the community showing the location of the participating homes. If you want to be a seller, sign up for free in the office and someone from the committee will be in contact with you. You can sign up as late as Thursday, October 7, but that is the cutoff date so that the maps can be created. Maps will be available in the office on Friday and Saturday and they also will be sent out as an e-mail notice on Friday, October 6.

**DIRECTORY**—Many of you may not be aware of the fact that there is a Community Directory available on line through the Gateworks link. Simply go to [NiguelShores.org](http://NiguelShores.org) and click on the Gateworks link which takes you to that site. You will need to log-in and if you have never done this, you will just use your telephone number and address for the first time. The “prompts” will take you through the process and then enter your password. When you get to the DIRECTORY tab, it will ask if you want to “Opt In” which basically is your agreement to provide your address and

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# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of August 18, 2010.
- Approved two Gateworks workshops for homeowner training on new system.

### DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project presentation & public discussion.
- Beach Bluff code compliance matter with City of Dana Point.
- Art in Public Places project with City of Dana Point.
- Master Landscape project update.

### REVIEWED:

- Reviewed and filed the July 2010 Financial Report.
- Reviewed and filed the July 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
- Pool monitor program review.
- Homeowner correspondence: Comments regarding pool monitor & spa temp.

### TABLED:

- Stonehill Gate discussion.
- Amendment to CC&Rs for tract specific rules discussion.
- Future Reserve Funding levels discussion.
- Addition of Tai Chi class to program offerings.
- NSCA access policies to the Community Association.
- Ad Hoc Art Committee to develop policies and procedures.
- Gate Access device fee.
- View Preservation Committee rule discussion.
- Network Server discussion.

## SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of August 18, 2010.
- Approved the contract for Smith Associates as consulting architect.
- Breakers Isle Gate repair proposals.

### REVIEWED:

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

### DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
- Contractor's progress on Master Landscape project.
- Beach Bluff concrete bid proposals (repairs and compliance).
- Consulting architect matter and contract.
- Finance Committee recommendations and personnel matter from management.
- Committee leadership matter with two committees.
- Cash policies for Staff and Recreation Committee for Association events.

### TABLED:

- Flag display matter.
- Document retention policy discussion.
- Discussion with County regarding revetment project.
- Amendment to CC&Rs discussion regarding individual tract rules & regulations.
- Finance Committee Chairman presentation on Master Landscape Project & contract.
- Homeowner request for reimbursement of towing costs.

### HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- (3) Homeowner hearings for various violation of the CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations.

## SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of September 1, 2010.
- Approved the appointment of Linda Ross to the Landscape Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Donna Rosecrans as Chairman of the Landscape Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Scott McCarter to the Master Landscape Committee.
- Approved the addition of a Tai Chi class to Emeritus Class schedule.

### DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project update.
- Master Landscape project update & budget discussion (2011 Landscape Comm.)
- Future reserve funding discussion.
- Beach Bluff code matter with City of Dana Point update.
- Membership Drive Party update.
- Gateworks system operation and training update.
- Breakers Isle Gate repairs update.
- Emergency discussion regarding recent "Beach Bluff Parties".
- 2011 Budget process update.

### REVIEWED:

- NSCA access fees and access policies to the community.
- Homeowner correspondence regarding comments on Salt Water Pools
- Homeowner correspondence regarding a request for a Yoga Class.
- Network Server specifications update.
- NSCA access policies to the community association.
- Future reserve funding discussion.
- View Preservation Committee Rule discussion.
- Reviewed correspondence from homeowners regarding: Salt Water Pools, Requests for a Tai Chi class and a Yoga class to be offered in the NSCA ClubHouse.

### TABLED:

- Amendment to CC&Rs for tract specific rules.
- Gate device fee discussion.
- View Preservation Committee rule discussion.

### HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- 3:30 p.m. - Future Reserve Funding presentation by Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- 4:00 p.m. - Site inspection of slopes with the Master Landscape Committee members.
- 6:30 p.m. - Meeting with Post Commander to discuss access policies.

## SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Special Executive Session)

### APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of September 1, 2010.
- Approved the slope inspection contract for Ninyo & Moore, Geotechnical Consultants.

### REVIEWED:

- Homeowner request to waive hearing fine.

### DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving four (4) homeowners.
- Violations regarding the use of Beach Bluff by residents.
- Beach Bluff compliance project.
- Beach Bluff concrete repair and band stand.
- County revetment update.
- Flag display matter.
- Homeowner request to waive hearing fine.

### TABLED:

- Beach Bluff compliance bids.

*NOTE: The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA office entrance. In addition, the General Session Agenda for the next Board Meeting will also be posted at noon on the Friday Prior to the next meeting.*

REMINDERS: NEXT GENERAL SESSION MEETING: OCTOBER 6, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM: NOVEMBER 17, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.



# Water Conservation is Everyone's Business

We have all heard about the water crisis in California. If you visit South Coast Water District's (SCWD) website, [www.scwd.org](http://www.scwd.org), you will see the following information and more about what you can do to help. Here are a few highlights from the SCWD website:

## **The principal reasons for the Water Supply Alert are:**

- A reduction in imported water supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in Northern California, largely due to environmental pumping restrictions.
- Three years of below average precipitation in California.
- Eight years of low rainfall in the Colorado River basin, a major water source for Southern California
- Population growth in California and throughout the Southwest.

## **Permanent Water Conservation Requirements**

At all times, the following Permanent Water Conservation Requirements are in effect for residents and businesses – regardless of water supply conditions.

### **Sprinkler Systems**

- Run sprinkler systems between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. (Water by hand any day, any time using a bucket or hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.)
- Run sprinklers 10 minutes or less per valve per cycle.
- Turn sprinklers off when it rains.
- Ensure sprinkler water does not enter storm drains.

### **Outdoor Water Use**

- Wash vehicles using a bucket and hose equipped with automatic shut-off nozzle. (Preferably, use a commercial car wash or mobile detailer.)
- Do not hose or wash down hard or paved surfaces -- unless for safety or sanitary purposes using a bucket, hose with automatic shut-off nozzle, or low-volume high-pressure cleaning equipment.
- Re-circulate the water in decorative fountains or features.

### **Tips to Save on Outdoor Watering**

- Early morning watering is best since it helps prevent the growth of fungus.
- Don't overwater. Too much water can harm plants.
- "Go native" with California friendly and drought resistant plants.
- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation.

### **Tips to Save Water Indoors.**

Go to the SCWD website to see these tips.

—Karl Kuhn

## **Call for Candidates**

### **Sea Terrace Townhomes I Association Board of Directors**

Candidates are invited to submit their names for nomination to seek election to the Board of Sea Terrace Townhomes I Association. There are currently two seats available for election. The term is for two years from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The Board meets approximately 5-6 times a year for 1-2 hours each meeting. The main responsibility of the Board is to oversee the an-

nual home paint process and to manage the finances of the Homeowner's Association.

The election will be held in November/December 2010 and the results of the election will be announced at the homeowners' meeting in January 2011. The current incumbent Board members plan to run for re-election. All nominations must be submitted to the NSCA offices by close of business on October 15, 2010. Each nomination must include the name of the candidate, Niguel Shores address, phone number, and email address.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## ART

The Art Committee had its meeting on Thursday, September 9, and a good time was had by all. However we had hoped for more response from the artists in this community. We have works from Doris Adams and Buck Ewing, former residents here. Seven other artists are now registered and displaying their work. Some of it is for sale and you may contact the artist to arrange this transaction. This variety of art can be seen in the ClubHouse when the doors are open. We hope to announce the times when those doors will be open for viewing—times when there are no other activities scheduled. Remember, we want to encourage the young artists in this community to join us, if accompanied by their parents. We hope to plan a contest for these young, budding artists, so please watch for that announcement soon. In the meantime, registration applications will be available in the office where you can get in touch with an Art Committee member who will help you get on board. Hope to hear from all of you soon.

—Kay Wittmack

## EMERITUS/PROGRAMS

Our community is enhanced by all the wonderful programs and activities offered to its residents.

The Board has approved the Tai Chi Class which will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. It began on Thursday September 16. The class will run 10 weeks. Other sessions will, most likely, be arranged. Late entrants will need to discuss fees with the instructor.

We continue with “Film as Literature” presented by Saddleback College on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have not registered, you are welcome to join the class and “try it out.” The class on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. was mistakenly titled “Western Civilization.” With the Board’s approval, it may return next semester under the category of a Political Science Class titled “Current Events.”

The Committee discussed a potential evening class entitled “Theater Arts” with Improvisation taught by Chris Stanfield. Other activities such as pantomime and play reading would be determined by class members

—Bunny Ross

## LANDSCAPE

The Mariner Gate has a new dramatic look planted with La Jolla Bougainvillea, and the Pentas flowers have added new color. Thank you to Shaun Wendt, Raul Gomez and crew. The other gates are being planted as an ongoing project, as we are working with high water tables in some areas.

Donna Rosecrans is our current Landscape Committee

Chairman and is working with the nine members representing nine individual communities with their very different issues, soil and water tables and, with the common areas and the Beach Bluff Park.

Our many thanks go to Elaine Converse, member for Sea Terrace I. Elaine has volunteered her horticulture knowledge and time for 25 plus years. That’s a lot of love for your community. We’ll miss you Elaine. Linda Ross has offered to fill her position on the Committee.

—Linda Koppang

## RECREATION

The Recreation Committee is happy to welcome new members. Gay Powers (is back), Judy Pasek (is back), Anita Geyer (is back), Maria Elena Banks and Mary Williams. Thanks for joining a fun active committee that **serves everyone in the community. October is busy month with a variety of activities for everyone.**

**October 9:** Thanks to Don Beaver and a committee of Suzanne Enis and Nancy Tinnes, a Garage Sale will be held again from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The homes having the Garage Sale will be listed in the office with maps on Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th. Let’s have fun seeing our neighbors on the road and in the garages. See details below.

**October 17:** It is time for Potlucks to begin. See the details in message from Ann Christiansen. Start thinking about the main dish, salad or dessert you will want to bring for neighbors to enjoy.

**October 24:** Our famous Halloween Party with chairman Susan Meredith wants you to come to enjoy the fun with the children. Parade starts at 4:30, party at 5:00 p.m. It is \$5 for the children to participate in all the games. Pizza will be available and soft drinks. See the article for details.

**November 17** is something new for Niguel Shores. A Holiday Boutique with vendors providing a big choice of gifts and specialty items you will want to purchase for yourself, friends and family... There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for interesting baskets of different items. See you in the ClubHouse, Wednesday, November 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy your family Thanksgiving and put on your calendar December 5 for our Tree Lighting.

Plan your New Year’s Eve celebration at our ClubHouse with added entertainment this year. More details next month.

—Carol Yocom

## POTLUCK

Potluck resumes Sunday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to this popular event and encourage you to join

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us in the ClubHouse for an evening of good food, and the opportunity to greet old friends and meet new people in our neighborhood. We ask that you bring a main dish, salad or dessert, your own beverage, and table service plus \$1 per person.



It is very important that we know you plan to attend! Please reserve your place by calling no later than Friday, October, 16. Your hosts for this month are listed below and they will be happy to take your reservations and answer any questions.

A – E	Patty Therolf	493-4657
F – O	Irene and Blair McDonald	481-3035
P – Z	Susan and Boyd Van Ness	489-3182

—Ann Christiansen

## SEASHORE NEWS

You don't like surprises? Then don't read *this* publication. Last month we managed to surprise the members of the Women's Club twice by getting the date wrong for their luncheon and the time wrong for their board meeting. Our apologies. We promise to do better in the future but we haven't thrown away our dunce caps.

—Mary Crowl

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

A relatively cool summer is behind us and the overall volume of guests visiting us in Niguel Shores will drop appreciably for a brief period. After a brief respite there will be a new, albeit smaller, surge of guests arriving to celebrate seasonal festivals such as Samhain, October Fest or Halloween. Then overall guest traffic into our community will drop appreciably until Thanksgiving, and after that it will spike with the end of the year holidays. I mention all this because these lulls are an ideal time to update our guest lists with Gate Works and remind everyone that should we have a party or gathering with folks not on our regular guest list, please get the list to the office several days before the event. This will minimize the potential for confusion on the big day. On occasion, there is a last minute add-on, or we discover that someone forget to submit the list. We recommend that, in these instances, it is best to contact the gate guard and provide him/her with the names of the guests expected. Alternatives such as the e-mail and voice-mail should be utilized as a last resort, but potential exists that these messages may not be received by the guard in a timely manner and our guest's entry may be delayed until the matter is straightened out.

Along this same line, GateWorks has installed a relatively new streamlined computer system at the Mariner Gate.



## Annual Garage Sale



**Saturday, October 9**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Garage Sale Sellers:** Call or visit the office to register your address until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 7. 493-0122

**Garage Sale Map** will be available in the office on Friday, October 8 after 10:00 a.m. or at sale sites.

**Amvets** will pick up unwanted items on Monday, October 11 for all those requesting a pickup at their homes.

## Calling All Ghouls, Goblins, Ghosts and Witches!!

### Please Join us for a Haunting Halloween Parade and Party

(At the Niguel Shores Club House)

*The witches fly  
across the sky,  
the owls go, "Who? Who? Who?"  
The black cats yowl  
and green ghosts howl,  
"Scary Halloween to You!"*



**Sunday, October 24th**  
**4:30 p.m. – Parade in NSCA Park**  
**5:00 p.m. – Club House doors open for games**

Games! Food! Prizes! Lots of Fun for All Ages!!  
\$5 to play all the games you want!  
Scarily scrumptious food, drinks & baked goods can be purchased separately.

**Bring the entire family for a scary good time!**

(If you are over the age of 9 and would like to set up and run a Halloween game booth, please contact Susan Meredith at 949-633-7999 or msmeredith@cox.net)



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

The purpose is to help us tighten security and at the same time manage incoming traffic in a more efficient fashion. Well, the intentions were good, but needless to say there are some bugs in the system that are being ironed out. To make a long story short, some guest names have been dropped and there have been some other glitches that have delayed the entry of a limited number of guests. We would like to ask you to please be patient with the guards as it is not their fault. We are assured that GateWorks is doing its best to

rectify the problem. In the meantime, on those rare occasions, the guards will do their best to expedite your guest to your house.

We have received a few reports of adults allowing small children to sit on their laps and steer their cars and golf carts. This is unsafe in every case, and at the same time it can result in both the child and adult receiving costly citations.

It is getting darker earlier, drive cautiously. God Bless.

—Timothy Murphy

## CLUBS

### GARDEN CLUB

**Enticing Birds into Your Garden.** Do you enjoy having birds visit your garden? Birds have four basic needs (just like humans) to survive and thrive: food, water, shelter and places to bear and raise their young.

Try to create a healthy ecosystem in your garden...perhaps starting with a small area at first. Native plants are the primary tools needed to create a backyard habitat; they provide the most natural source of food and shelter. Select pest-resistant plants so the use of pesticides can be avoided. By restoring natural plant communities, natural predators and parasites will be encouraged to reside and attack those pesky pests.

#### Popular Gardening Myths – Part I

**Myth: When it comes to fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides, more is better. Reality:** A thousand times, no! Excessive fertilizer will usually wash away and end up in our waterways. Excessive pesticide applications can linger after the target insect population is controlled and kill non-target insects (you don't want to kill your ladybugs after the cabbage butterflies are dead, do you?). Too much herbicide can leach into the soil and find its way



WW II Vets: L to R: Don Beaver, Myron Miller, Bob Converse, Carl Prince, Jerry Pearl, John Flynn, Dick Johns, Cliff Anderson, Hersey Steinwinter, Byron Pollitt

into waterways or, in extreme cases, contaminate groundwater.

—Morry Meadow

### MEN'S CLUB

#### Salute to WWII Vets

With August marking the 65th anniversary of the end of the war, the Men's Club saluted our members that served. We were entertained, educated and awed by first hand accounts of bombing missions, ground combat and even an escape from behind enemy lines. Thanks guys, and God bless each of you. You are my heroes.

September found us learning more from NSCA resident Navy Commander Britt Bohn. He recently returned from being called into active duty from the reserves. Britt served one year in Afghanistan, saw combat and left us

with a message of a very complex and unsure situation. The caliber of our residents is truly a thing for us to be proud of. The Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

—Steve Leonard

### WOMEN'S CLUB

Another interesting program is being planned for the October luncheon on the 14th at noon. Jerry and Nanci Nielsen who train therapy dogs will be there with Red Waggin', their own trained dog. They will discuss the training methods, places where he has worked, the patients' response to him, both mentally and physically, and give examples of special "meets." Red Waggin is a Fox Red Labrador Retriever who has a personality and temperament that lends itself to therapy work. He is a registered, certified Therapy K-9 dog. He visits the Mission Hospital Laguna Beach three times a week and is certified with Hospice of the West. Don't miss hearing this interesting couple who volunteer much of their time in this wonderful care of others.



—Mary Crowl



## ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We would like to have you sign up for bridge. We are a congenial group and would make you feel welcome. Our group meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at our ClubHouse and we are usually finished at 3:00 p.m. Remember to bring a sandwich or snack for lunch. If you would like to join us, please call 496-4230 for a nice game of bridge.

#### Bridge winners:

August 18 Patricia Conway, Pouri Fowzi, Helen Campbell  
August 25 Helen Campbell and Shirley Heimstaedt  
September 1 Judy Bates and Freida Baskin  
September 8 Freida Baskin and Pouri Fowzi  
September 15 Dorothy Horany, Shirley Heimstaedt, Freida Baskin

—Helen Campbell

### LIBRARY

**Children's Library:** Toddler/Pre-School Storytime will continue on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. through October 19. School-Age After School Club will continue on Thursdays at 4:00 through October 28.

The In-N-Out Promotional deal "Cover to Cover" will get underway October 9—November 20. Readers come in for a reading log, read 5 books and come back to the library for a certificate for an In-N-Out Burger.

A Halloween with Count Dave, The Silly Magician, will be presented on October 30 at 11:00 a.m. Come in costume if you wish for our annual Halloween Parade. Winner for the Halloween Candy contest will be announced. Program Funded by the Friends of the Dana Point Library. Cookies provided by the National Charity League.

**Adult Library:** Films: 3rd Friday of the Month 7:00–9:00 p.m.: We have some exciting films coming up for our Film Friday events. October 15: We will be viewing *Only When I Dance*. This feel-good documentary follows Irlan and Isabela, two teenagers from the violent favelas of Rio de Janeiro, as they pursue their dreams of becoming professional ballet dancers.

Monday, October 11, the library will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Wednesday October 13, 20, and 27: 6:00- 8:30 pm. 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 job sites and how to use them, c) Creating and editing a resume, and d) Basic interview skills. 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.

—Carolyn Hopkins

### REALLY SERIOUS OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

The September meeting was held at the home of Lyn Long to discuss the book *Fortress America* which was about Niguel Shores and its policy of not giving poor people adequate housing. "Not true!" was the Club's rejoinder. "We don't give them any housing!" That issue being settled, we made the decision to have all subsequent meetings at 1:30 p.m. This will give members time to shower and arrive in decent clothes and smelling nice for a change. Relieved, Norton Schwartz said the next meeting could convene at his home on October 20 to discuss *The Life of Alice Roosevelt Long* and her rich Washington friends.

—Norton Schwartz

### PAGE TURNERS

October 25 is the date for the next Page Turners book discussions. Our book this month is *The Gift of Rain*, a debut novel by Tan Twan Eng. When elderly Philip Hutton, half English, half Chinese, is visited by a Japanese woman, Michiko Murakami, his thoughts return to the events leading up to the second world war in Panang, Malaysia. This novel explores the consequences of love and duty.

The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Christiansen, 23841 Bluehill Bay. The afternoon group will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Bunny Mahoney, 24231 Porto Cristo. The discussion leader for both sessions will be Frances Ozimec.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June. If you wish more information, please contact Kathleen Hardcastle at 481-5503 (khlaguna@gmail.com) or Karla Sanders at 496-8413 (karlajoe@cox.net).

—Karla Sanders

### TRAVEL TIDBITS

Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Shanghai, China. What a contrast!! Last month I enjoyed the tranquil pleasures of the beautiful Canadian countryside. Three weeks later, I was on a plane to Shanghai. Fourteen hours in the air and I was in China's showplace city. Arriving at dusk, the drive into town took my breath away—literally and figuratively. Race car driving, I'm sure was our cabbie's main profession. As we whizzed along, the sky faded and the buildings became silhouettes with twinkly lights appearing in windows. Commercial buildings became technicolor beacons and the elevated roadway,

## ACTIVITIES

a winding ribbon of pale turquoise blue. We passed over the brightly lit Expo grounds and into the heart of town feeling like we had just passed thru a kaleidoscope. Waking on the 51st floor of our hotel, we could see sky scraping buildings in all directions but we could also see well tended parks, children's merry go rounds and neighborhoods of single storied traditional homes tucked in between the architectural show pieces. At ground level we saw masses of people, seemingly all young, holding on to phones, iPods etc., lots of traffic and elegant shopping areas. If you have a chance to go to Shanghai, do it. It is a city to be seen and certainly a blazing showplace for the new China.

—Barbara Milner

## DIPPY DOLPHINS



On the patio, left to right: Hostess Rita Krieger, Instructor Cynthia Carlson, Joni Ashworth, Rhea Gutknecht, Bunny Ross, Julie Tierney, Marian Kennedy, Carole Ann Meldau, Kay Wittmack and Ruth Levitan



Around the table left to right: Standing: Linda Rice, Wilma Lindberg, Lyonna Allison, Beverly Mackie; Seated: Carolyn Sidwell, Diane Hearne, Ann Morris, Phyllis Tezer and Kay Unis.

### Dippy Dolphins Time Change. And we are now Coed!

As of September the Dippy Dolphins meet from **9:30 to 10:30**, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We now have a man who has joined the group, and he has managed to keep up with all the ladies! The exercise is wonderful 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, Dana Hills Girls' swim coach, is our instructor, and she keeps us hopping. And there is always room for one more!

Rita Krieger hosted the class for a wonderful luncheon in August (see photos). We are a happy group, in and out of the water.

—Hope Luedeke



## Carol's Cuisine Corner

*Let's go to Laguna Beach now that most of the tourist season is over. We are lucky to be having really nice weather as we try some of its restaurants...*

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*I know you will enjoy a nice lunch or dinner on your visit to restaurants in Laguna Beach. Bon Appetite, Carol Yocom*

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## Patti & Artie Staudenbaur

Artie and Patti Staudenbaur, residents of a charming Berkus home, came to Niguel Shores in 2007 after many years in San Juan Capistrano, 28 to be exact. Both come from Long Island, attended high school there; Patti went off to the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Artie, to Pace University in New York City. Having been married before finishing college, Patti completed her degree in Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine after Artie had been transferred to Orange County-- hence, their long residence in San Juan. Artie is looking forward to his imminent retirement after a long career in the insurance business. They have three grown sons, the two younger ones being twins.

Social Ecology, Patti says, is a study that qualifies one to acquire teaching credentials which, eventually, she did. She taught part-time at Saddleback College in child development while her boys were growing up. She is presently a Resource Specialist for the Santa Ana Unified School District in which position she is responsible for evaluating the children who have mild to moderate special needs—difficulties with reading, math, etc., and placing them where they can be helped. Patti is

very pleased to report that the school that she is attached to, Jim Thorpe Fundamental, is this year a Blue Ribbon School in the national listing.

Before finding their home in Niguel Shores, the Staudenbaurs had bought a home in San Clemente with a great view and intended to live there in their retirement years. However, they discovered all it had was a view—no amenities and no real community. They, consequently, do very much appreciate the wonderful amenities and

community activities in Niguel Shores and are interested in participating. Now, here's the great part of this story: Patti has agreed to become a member of the Seashore News staff and has already commendably completed her first month as sub-editor for the clubs and activities. And, I understand, Artie is considering a request to join a committee, too. Welcome neighbors, indeed.

As for their free time, they of course travel for recreation with a group of friends they have known for some years, but also really do enjoy their trips back east to see family and friends. We wish you both long and happy years in Niguel Shores.

—Mary Crowl



Patti & Artie Staudenbaur

## *A Tribute*

We regret to announce the loss of Ed Adams, one of the best of our community minded residents. He and his wife, Doris, moved away to the Covington a couple of years ago because of his failing health. Ed was a board member from 1988-90, a chairman of the Recreation Committee in 1991-92 and a long-time continuing member of that Committee. He was awarded the Dorothy Dudley Award (now the Volunteer of the Year Award) in 1987 along with Doris. Ed also served on the board



of Sea Terrace II where he and Doris had a “front-row” house with a glorious view. He ran tennis tournaments, was a member of the Men's Club and its president in 1990, a golfer, and always took a vital interest in Niguel Shores. Ed was a WW II veteran with some harrowing experiences on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific, spent his life in the education world, was a school principal and always had the interest of others a heart. Thanks Ed and we trust you enjoyed it all.



## MEN'S GOLF

Aliso Viejo Country Club was our golf outing on August 31. Twenty players enjoyed this above average golf course. We will continue to play this course in the future. The first place team included Terry McLaughlin, Jack Sweeney, Morry Dohner and Barry Daniel. The second place team was Charlie Clark, Al Thome, Allen Brase and Peter Rask. Third place team included Bell Johnson, Blair McDonald, Dennis Rosene and Boyd Van Ness. Closest to the pin honors went to Steven Rose who was closest to the pin on the front nine and also the back nine holes. That doesn't happen very often.

We played a new golf course, "Woods Valley," on September 14 located on the eastern side of Escondido. Twelve hardy gentlemen played in 91 degree weather!! They were glad when it was time to go home!! "A" Flight winners were: Dennis Rosene, 1st place. Charlie Clark, 2nd place. "B" Flight winners were Gary Katsuki, 1st place. Roy Dohner, 2nd place. "C" flight winners were Blair McDonald, 1st place and Myron Miller, 2nd place. Closest to the pin on the front nine was Gary Katsuki and Bob Gutknecht was closest to the pin on the back nine.



captains in charge of making it fun. They challenged our math skills by adding and subtracting our scores on each hole. It required most of us to actually wake and think.

Our winners were: Judy Boitano low gross score of 40. Chris Beaver and Marlene Lynch tied for low putts with a 16. Marlene also got closest to the pin on hole #6. Maria Elena Banks was closest to the pin on hole #8. Annie Greenwood had the longest drive on #9. Our day ended with a nice lunch and BBQ at the Aliso Creek Golf Course filled with laughter and warm friendship.

We welcome new or experienced golfers to join us at our next event on October 11 at Aliso Creek Golf Club. Please feel free to call Maria Elena Banks, President, at 949-248-9300, to join or our next month's golf captains, Gretchen Rask at 489-2259 or India Rouse at 248-1336.

We promise you a good time!

—*Maria Elena Banks*

"When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either use one more club or two more balls."

—*Tom McNicholas*

## WOMEN'S GOLF

A fun day it was for all! The game was "Back to School" theme. Our scoring game was cleverly arranged by May Cramer and Marlene Lynch who were our golf



Women's Golf left to right: Marlene Lynch, Irene McDonald, Gretchen Rask, Lee Sweeney, Judy Boitano, Ruthie Stahl, Maria Elena Banks, Annie Greenwood, May Cramer and Val Mitchell.



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# Someone said you're never too old...

Stan Reese wins first place in the Pacific Coast Triathlon in Crystal Cove on September 19. It is a half mile ocean swim, 12 mile bike ride and three mile run. His time was 1:34:46. This Stan Reese has the great distinction of being 70 years old, is a 16-year resident of Cockleshell Drive and is the grandfather of Colleen McNaught, our Seashore News teen author. How about that? —MC



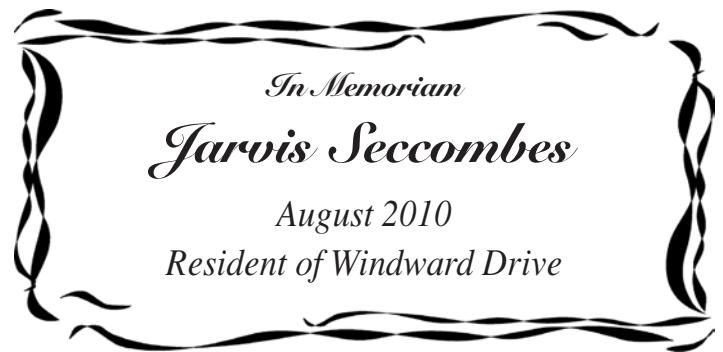
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contact information as public information on the site. Many homeowners consider this information private, so just remember that this is simply an option and not mandatory that you participate.

**PING PONG**—The Niguel Shores Ping Pong table is back in operation thanks to donations from two homeowners. Todd Wallin donated the table and Gay Powers and the “Family Club” donated the paddles, balls and net. You can check out the equipment in the office and the table is located in the deck space where the old spa was. All we ask of homeowners is to put up a \$1 deposit for the equipment and be sure to recover the table when you are finished playing.

**TENNIS TIP**—Please check out in the office the new fall schedule for tennis clinics. This fall, Pro Gary Dudic is introducing a “NO TALK, JUST HIT” practice session for those residents that might be finding it difficult to find a practice partner. Cost is \$45/hr and you can find out further by contacting Gary at 949 636-8605 or at [ghdudic1@cox.net](mailto:ghdudic1@cox.net).

—Leo Riley



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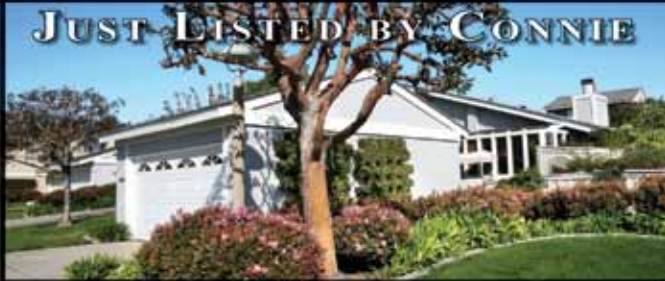
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