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THE "SECOND ISLAND" IN VIEW

The editor of the Seashore News, Mary Crowl, knows that I am a boater and diver. Since we have been having spectacular sunsets during the past few weeks she asked if I could

put together an article on that rare phenomenon which is the "second island" that appears off the south east end of Catalina when weather conditions are perfect. This is San Clemente Island and little is known about it, other than it is one of the eight Channel Islands and controlled by the U.S. Navy.

First, a little history. The Channel Islands are an archipelago 160 miles long, consisting of (now) eight islands, divided into four northern and four southern islands. They are under the jurisdiction of three California

counties – four in Santa Barbara, two in Ventura and two in Los Angeles. Catalina and San Clemente are both in Los Angeles County and only Catalina has a significant civilian population of all of the eight islands.

San Clemente and San Nicolas are both controlled by the U.S. Navy and totally off limits to civilian visits. Legislation is now being proposed that would also add Santa Rosa to the off-limits list, as both a military training facility and an exclusive military resort. San Clemente basically serves as a "bombing and gunnery" range and, when civilians are allowed to anchor at the southern tip in Pyramd Cove, they

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First on November 4 and next for your favorite winning photograph

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can see the damage to target structures and vehicles by years of bombs and live fire. When "bombing" or other military exercises (Seal team operations) are in progress, civilian boats are not allowed in the anchorage or even in the immedi-

ate area. Sometimes when anchored there,

though, you may be treated to one or two F-15s on knife edge at 200 feet and then going vertical with full afterburner up to 20,000 feet. It is an experience and a sound that you won't soon forget.

The military presence on the Channel Islands is not new. During World War II, all of the Channel Islands were put under complete military control, including Catalina. Civilians living on the island needed permits to travel back and forth to the mainland. It seems far fetched until you realize that Japanese submarines

were actually in the channel and shelled the California coast in February of 1942.

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FROM THE HELM

On Tuesday the 21st I attended the Men's Club breakfast meeting, where three individuals running for the two open seats on the Dana Point City Council were invited to present their qualifications and views. This was a well-attended meeting with many members and guests present to hear what the candidates had to say.

The candidates were personable, and discussed the reasons why they were running for City Council. All was well until they finished their presentations and the first question was asked. The question was, "What is your position on the proposed Surf Heritage Museum planned to be located in Sea Terrace Park?" Two of the candidates did not give us a straight answer as to his or her position on locating the proposed surf facility next to our community. The third candidate qualified his response to such an extent that I was not sure where he stands. This concerns me greatly!

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In August of this year your Board of Directors wrote to the Mayor and all City Council members expressing our strong opposition to the proposed surf facility location in Sea Terrace Park. At that time, we also objected to the fact that City Staff had misrepresented the position of the Board of Directors and Men's Club members. The summary of two "Focus Group Meetings" at Niguel Shores prepared by the City Staff stated that both groups were supportive of the project and supported the proposed location of the surf facility adjacent to the library. In fact, neither group supported the proposed location of the surf facility.

More recently on October 16, Roy Dohner, former President of Niguel Shores, expressed his concerns to the Mayor of Dana Point:

"After attending four separate meetings with representatives of the Surf Heritage Museum and the City we are concerned. We are concerned the City has not been totally candid regarding their intentions of placing the Surf Heritage Museum in Sea Terrace Park. This concern is based on the fact that our community's opposition during three of those meetings was totally misrepresented in the City's official records. Our unanimous opposition was confirmed by you during your visit to our Men's Club. Our lack of confidence is also based on the City's oversight of the Headlands Development. We now have a funicular that only goes half-way to the beach, two restrooms within 100 yards, plus a garage, a restroom, trees and a 6-foot blockwall all obstructing the view from our community park.

We can only speculate the City may have already selected this site in partnership with the Surf Heritage group for large city functions that cannot be accommodated in any existing facility.

We all understand and support the commercial benefits of having the Surf Heritage Museum in Dana Point but we don't understand the benefits or support placing a commercial enterprise in a passive Sea Terrace Park."

The Board continues to have several on-going concerns:

#1-LOCATION ON PCH OR THE CORNER OF PCH & NIGUEL ROAD.

The concern here is the loss of a green belt, and increased traffic. Two of the four corners at this intersection already have large buildings. Giving up the lush landscaping that currently exists makes either proposed location unacceptable.

#2-PREVIOUS CITY POLICY THAT SEA TERRACE WAS A "PASSIVE" PARK.

For all the years that the Sea Terrace Park has been discussed in public meetings, the residents of Niguel Shores have been assured that the planned usage of the park would be passive. The proposed surf facility represents a reversal of the City's longstanding commitments to our community. When put in the context of recent developments at the Headlands, this should greatly concern the homeowners in Niguel Shores.

#3 – TRAFFIC PATTERNS & TRAFFIC CONGESTION

We are greatly concerned over the negative impact of the increased traffic if the surf facility is located either along PCH or at the corner of PCH and Niguel Road. Even if the surf facility is located at some other interior part of Sea Terrace Park, we are concerned with the traffic impact if cars and buses are allowed to enter or exit off Mariner Drive or Niguel Road.

#4 – JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND SURF FACILITY

At the last public hearing it was disclosed that the City of Dana Point is considering a joint use agreement with the Surf Heritage Museum. Under this agreement, it appears that the City may sponsor large functions that cannot be accommodated at other venues. In return the surf facility will be granted a City subsidized lease (rumored at One Dollar per year) for use of the land in Sea Terrace Park. Specific details of the arrangement were not disclosed. This appears to be another example of hiding the ball as it was with the Headlands funicular and restrooms.

The Board will continue its involvement on the community's behalf. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** At the Men's Club meeting, one of the candidates in effect stated the city would only address your concerns if it knows about them. It is imperative that we have strong representation at any future public hearing that may be held on the proposed surf facility. Please attend future hearings and express your concerns and opinions.

In addition **PLEASE WRITE** to the Mayor and members of the City Council expressing your concerns and opinions about locating the surf facility in Sea Terrace Park. Now is the time to act while the proposed surf facility is still in the planning process and before it becomes another Headlands.

- John P. Dougherty President, NSCA

FROM THE GM

MORE PROJECT UPDATES – For the next seven or eight months, this will almost become a standard agenda item in this article. By the time you are reading this, the street asphalt project should be complete and work on the bluff will be well under way. It, too, should be completed before Thanksgiving. Along this line, please review the updated November calendar in this issue as it contains several important changes. In light of the importance of completing the new Clubhouse in time for the July 4 party, the planned start date has been moved up to early November (rather than early January). The last day for any activities in the MPR is now scheduled for Friday, November 7. The last day to use the pool / spa will be Sunday, November 16.

DON'T MISS THE PARTY - Please note on the November calendar that the Public Forum that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, has been moved up to Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the business agenda, the meeting will be the "Last Party" in what has been a Niguel Shores icon for 35 years. You won't want to miss this historic event, and there will be free champagne and cheese for all who come to say goodbye to the old building.

SOUVENIRS – Some have expressed an interest in purchasing some of the contents of the MPR like the kitchen grill & lights. The Board has agreed to auction them off, so if there is something that you would like as a souvenir, please let me know your bid. You will need to take it apart and carry it off on your own.

NOVEMBER EVENTS – This is a busy month and starts off with the Crafts & Flea Market (aka - Garage Sale) on Saturday, November 1, starting at 7:00 a.m. Selling spaces in the parking lot are limited and going fast, so if you have not

already reserved a space, do so quickly. Besides the great shopping opportunity, a special environmental recycling truck will be on site to haul off your old electronic components (computers, TVs, monitors, etc.) FOR FREE! This is a great opportunity to get rid of that "junk" without having to pay to haul it off. The Crafts & Flea Market is followed on Sunday, November 2 with the "Art Affaire" featuring many highly talented Niguel Shores artists. The event takes place from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this popular event.

SEASHORE NEWS "CHANGES" – Several changes are planned for the Seashore News beginning with the January 2009 issue. First and most important, the newsletter will not be changing, but free home delivery of a printed copy will. Homeowners will have 3 options for obtaining copies of the newsletter (two are still free). First, it will be available online for free (www.niguelshores.org), and 100 printed copies will be available on a "first come" basis in the NSCA office. Lastly, for those homeowners still wishing to have home delivery, it will be available for an annual subscription of \$20 and mailed to your residence. Look for the subscription form available in this issue as well as in next month's.

HOMEOWNER SERVICE REQUESTS – One last reminder that you do not need to come into the office to fill out a service request. You can simply go to www.niguelshores. org and fill it out on line. Extremely simple and, in addition to service requests, the form can be used to report a violation, ask a question or submit comments that you would like the Board or staff to be aware of. Try it, you will like it.

-Leo Riley

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

OCTOBER 1, 2008 BOARD MEETING: (General Session) APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of September 17, 2008.
 - Approved the August 2008 Financial Report.
 - Approved the August Variance & Delinquency reports.

DISCUSSED:

- Annual notification mail out.
- Insurance renewal (General Liability).
- Proposed rule changes comments from homeowners.
 - PCH bridge matter.
- Asphalt, Beach Bluff & Clubhouse projects updates.
 - Seashore News 2009 Budget proposal.
 - Saddleback Emeritus Program proposal.

REVIEWED:

- Water usage analysis 2003 ~ 2008

HEARINGS / MEETINGS

- Surf Heritage Museum presentation & update on project.

OCTOBER 1, 2008 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session) APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session minutes of September 17, 2008.

REVIEWED:

- Attorney Richard Fiore's status report on pending legal matters.
 - August 2008 assessment collection status report.
 - Violation log.

DISCUSSED:

- Discussed Breakers Isle Supplementary Declaration amendment matter.
 - Homeowner violation matters.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS

- Hearings with homeowner to discuss neighbor conflicts.
- Hearings with (2) homeowners for violation of 6405 overnight parking.
- Hearing with homeowner for "failure to submit" for architectural changes.

OCTOBER 15, 2008 BOARD MEETING: (General Session) APPROVED:

- General Session Minutes of October 1, 2008
- Approval of lien filing authorization on (2) properties.
 - Rule changes for October 15, 2008.

REVIEWED

- Special assessment collections to date.
- Update MPR & asphalt maintenance projects
 - Major project list.

DISCUSSED:

- Water usage & irrigation system update.
- Reserve amortization schedule for asphalt services.
 - Surf Heritage Museum update.
 - July 4th fireworks proposal.

HEARINGS:

None.

OCTOBER 15, 2008 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session) APPROVED:

- Special Executive Session Minutes of September 26, 2008
 - Executive Session Minutes of October 1, 2008.

REVIEWED:

- 2009 Landscape Contract
- Beach Bluff policies, fees and deposits.
- Final construction contract for Clubhouse Project.

DISCUSSED:

- Attorney Fiore's status report on collection matters.
 - Update on AC legal matters.
 - PCH bridge matter.
 - Assessment lien foreclosure matter.

VIOLATION LOG / REVIEWS:

- Reviewed current violations
- Conducted violation reviews with staff members.

HEARINGS:

- Homeowner Hearing for violation of Rules 3103.1 & 3125 / Unapproved installation.
- Homeowner Hearing for violation of Rule 3141.4 / Failure to remove storage container.
 - Homeowner Hearing for violation of Article IX, Section (2) of the CC&Rs.

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 - November 5, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. NEXT PUBLIC HOMEOWNER FORUM - November 5, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

ARCHITECTURE

Temporary Storage and Dumpsters – and The Golden Rule

With 960 individual residences in Niguel Shores, the Architecture Committee reviews a never-ending stream of remodeling and new construction applications at our regularly scheduled meetings held the first and third Thursday each month. Everyone who has undertaken or lived near the remodeling of an existing home knows that the first stage of remodeling or rebuilding is ... demolition! Each time any sizable construction project is started, whether windows, doors, roofing, landscaping or a complete rebuild, there is a need to dismantle and haul away some quantity of building materials to be discarded. For the largest projects, there is also the storage of equipment and supplies needed for the job to be kept at the ready on the site.

Due to the close proximity of residences in The Shores, everyone undertaking a construction project has a responsibility to consider the impact of their remodel on their neighbors. The specific impact of Dumpsters and Portable Storage Containers on neighbors is addressed in NSCA Rules and Regulations 3141.4. (Please note the distinction between Dumpsters and Portable Storage Units.)

The Association office must receive written notification well ahead of the intended delivery date of any portable unit. If the unit will be placed on any Association Common Area, the property owner must allow sufficient time for the General Manager to issue approval in writing: a guideline is to allow three business days for this approval. After written approval and prior to delivery, a \$200 deposit must be paid for each portable unit which will be placed on Association Common Area. There is an exception to the deposit rule for a small (3 yards) trash container. However, the small trash containers must be removed no longer than four days from the delivery date, since the purpose of these smaller units is removing small amounts of trash in a timely manner.

Approval for the placement of a dumpster unit larger than three yards on private paved or Common Area is issued for up to one month. Requests for extension of this time limit must be made in writing to the General Manager at least five days before the expiration of this deadline. A Portable Storage Container cannot remain on Common Area or private paved area longer than four days from the date of delivery. Storage of household items during a construction project should be arranged in an offsite storage facility.

Also in keeping with a good neighbor policy, dumpster sites shall be cleaned daily, and may require covers if containing odor causing or toxic materials, attracting pests, etc. Feel free to contact the Association office or Architecture Committee members for clarification if you have any questions.

-Gary Tinnes

FINANCE

Niguel Shores is currently formulating the 2009 budget and, although we are still in the process as of mid-October, it is clear we won't have to raise the annual homeowner dues. Based on current data and barring any surprises, we anticipate keeping the dues the same for the next 5 years. Between November 2008 and December 2009, significant reserve funds will be spent on the following projects:

2008 Beach Bluff and surrounding street overlay and slurry	\$1,200,000
SCWD reimbursement for shared overlay costs	(500,000)
MPR Project	2,880,000
2009 Street overlay and slurry	700,000

Smaller projects include (1) fence painting, (2) stairwell maintenance, (3) new electrical metal enclosures, (4) gate entrances and exits, and (5) pool, spa, and tennis court maintenance.

Soon, therefore, thanks to the staff and the 100+ volunteers, our community of 960 homes will have all new buildings, all new streets, and low annual dues.

-Marcy McNulty

LANDSCAPE

Our community has various types of soil from sandy to clay. The satellite irrigation system is programmed to address each area. We can adjust the sprinklers to avoid overwatering or under watering. Some of our streets have the problem of standing water because of low spots. I have this problem next to our home. Sweeping the water helps it to dissipate. The common area sprinklers may also cause puddles. If anyone observes areas that are being overwatered or areas that are lacking water there are three different options of reporting it: You can email Leo Riley, complete a homeowners request on the Niguel Shores website, or fill out a homeowners request in the office.

Our committee will be addressing drought tolerant plants, shrubs, trees and turf for the future to help in conserving water.

-Irene O'Brien

MAINTENANCE

As you read this our 2008 street maintenance and repair project should be near completion. This has been a big year with the reconstruction on Nauticus Isle and the Beach Parking Lot, overlay on five of our longest streets, and slurry seal on twenty-one streets. We owe a special thanks to Sam Johnson for helping to evaluate the bid proposals and monitoring the contractor's performance. We also thank those residents who were inconvenienced by this project for their patience and understanding.

We plan to have a follow-up project in 2009 that will complete the resurfacing of all our streets. We will overlay six streets and slurry seal thirty-three streets.

In 2013 we will begin a five-year cycle to slurry seal all our streets. A slurry seal maintenance program is expensive. Not maintaining the streets is even more expensive. If we let the streets go until they need an overlay, the cost is six times the cost of slurry seal. If we let the streets go until they need to be reconstructed the cost is fifteen times the cost of slurry seal. A program to slurry seal every five years is a good investment.

-Jack Christiansen

SEASHORE NEWS

We celebrated in October our second anniversary at a party for the newsletter staff and spouses at the home of George and Janet Traver with that awesome view. It was also something a going-away party for the era of a free newsletter on your doorstep every month. Hard times are here again so we must pay for that privilege—see insert in this issue. Of course, the newsletter will not change, except to improve, we intend, so that your subcription charge will be well rewarded. Thanks for your nice complements in the past and please keep reading the news in the Seashore News whether on your computer or the usual printed version.

-Mary Crowl

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Halloween and the various harvest festivals are over, and vehicular traffic coming in and out of Niguel Shores is trickling down to a fraction of what we experience during the peak summer months. However, daylight hours are also drawing shorter and, with the associated increasing hours of darkness, both drivers and pedestrians for safety's sake should become increasingly vigilant for each other.

Last month we had a few unpleasant incidents at the

Mariner Gate involving purported guests who were not on the "Gateworks" visitor list, and there had been no communication with the gate. In each incident, the guard attempted to rectify the problem in a systematic fashion, but the alleged guests lost their composure. With the upcoming holidays in sight, this can serve as a reminder to update your guest list.

Recently one of our guards was summoned to an address on Periwinkle to aid with a non emergency matter, and was immediately set upon and verbally attacked and demanded by a resident in a manner that almost everyone would agree was uncalled for. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our patrol officer and gate attendant personnel are here to assist us, but they are unarmed and don't have any unique peace officer powers. I understand everyone has good days and not so good days, but there really is no excuse for taking our frustration out on the folks that are here to help us.

With many of the major holidays approaching, a lot of us will be purchasing gifts for family and friends. Everyone is reminded not to leave these valuables in unattended cars. In recent months there have been several reports of property being stolen from both locked and unlocked cars here in Niguel Shores, and in the general neighborhood. Recently, the police blotter for Dana Point reflected that car clouts were arrested for car thefts here in Niguel Shores and surrounding communities. At least one of these suspects has roots here in our neighborhood. Car burglars are either opportunists or professionals that hit hundreds of cars each month. Either way, most of these crimes are avoidable if we remove all temptation.

Please be cautious and, of course, respectful of each other.

-Tim Murphy

VIEW PRESERVATION

As we approach the fall and the ideal tree and bush trimming time, look over your yard for any trees that have grown above your roof line and any bushes above your fences. If we all check our own property and follow the Niguel Shores guidelines, there will be less need for homeowner's request forms to the View Preservation Committee.

In the event you submit an HRF form, it is important that you are available for the View Preservation Committee site inspection. If the committee is unable to inspect the site after the second attempt, the request will be dismissed. A new form will then need to be submitted.

-Joan Ingle

You may be reading this after some of our events in October and November. The Halloween party is always enjoved by all ages at the Shores and each year sees more in attendance--young and old. Thanks to Susan Meredith and the committee who provided this fun Sunday.

The Flea Market continues to bring a different activity to Niguel Shores. Crafts were added this year and an activity for the children to make decorations for the Holiday Tree Celebration. Nancy Tinnes is chairman and we need to thank her for her dedication to see that Niguel Shores has a variety of events.

How fortunate we are to have so many artists in our community to have our own Art Affaire. Barbara Milner, as chairman gives us an opportunity to enjoy the afternoon with the artists and our neighbors as we are privileged to view and purchase the art work.

Potluck had to be cancelled this month which was to be the last one in the MPR. Ann Christiansen had a memory time planned. Now, when it begins again in 2009, we will have memories of years past, as we enjoy the beautiful setting in our new club house and kitchen. We will be looking forward to that evening.

Holiday Tree Lighting will be December 7, 2008. Dan-Mills, Alicia Martinez and Michaela Ackerman are planning a party for everyone to come and see the excitement and participation of the children with Santa, music and refreshments. See details below.

The Recreation Committee will be working on activities for the coming year as we happily watch them bring down the MPR room.

-Carol Yocom



Flea Market & Craft Fair - Saturday, Nov. 1 in the NSCA Parking Lot 7:00 a.m. – noon

Art Affaire - Sunday, Nov. 2 in the MPR Room - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Holiday Tree Lighting

This years Holiday Tree Lighting will be Sunday December 7th From 4 till 7

Santa will be there to add to our cheer There will be cookies cocoa and spiced cider holiday music performed by our neighborhood kids

Please stop by the Flea Market on Nov 1 we will have a table with ornaments for the kids to decorate for the Holiday Tree

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GARDEN CLUB

The meeting in November will be on the 17th at noon at the Dana Point Library. We will devote our time to the "Forget Me Not" project. This is one of our very special meetings every year. Shores Garden Club members create beautiful gift bags that we will give to local homebound seniors who are in need. Join us in making these gift bags – it is a project that will definitely get you in the "giving spirit" of the season and make many people very happy.

There will not be a horticulture table this month; however, please bring small "hotel type" grooming items such as soap, shampoo, shower caps, etc. Each bag will be stuffed with useful personal items and small gifts. Also, bring a pair of scissors, scotch tape and one new coffee mug.

Please come and help your Garden Club members share the joy and purpose of the season. -*Karen Linger*

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month however there will be no meeting on the fourth of November because the MPR will be taken over for election voting. After the 7th of November the MPR will not be available for our meetings due to demolition work and so, starting on Tuesday 18 November, our meetings will be held in the Community House at 24642 San Juan Street in Dana Point.



City Council Candidates Lou Penrose, Scott Schoeffel and Lara Anderson, and Men's Club V.P. Blair MacDonald

The speaker at our meeting on 7 October was City Councilwoman Diane Harkey who is now the Republican candidate for the 73rd State Assembly District. Diane knew many of our members and declared that we were her very favorite group! Instead of having a leisurely breakfast Diane spent the time working the room, carrying her breakfast plate in one hand and shaking hands with the other. Once in the State Assembly Diane hopes to work with the Democrats to get things accomplished. She also intends to raise money to sup-

port Republican candidates.

The speakers at our meeting on 21 October were the three candidates for the two upcoming vacancies on the Dana Point City Council. The meeting was very well attended and included 15 ladies who took this opportunity to hear from all three candidates. The candidates each made a presentation and then they fielded questions. Many of the questions addressed the proposal to locate a surfer museum on the corner of PCH and Niguel Road and reflected the fact that many of those present are opposed to having the museum at that location. The proposal has not yet come before the City Council and all three candidates encouraged those interested to attend upcoming hearings and to write or email their opinions to the council members.

The speaker at our 18 November meeting will be George Pagano. George is the Director of Sales for The Strand at Headlands and will update us on the latest status of the project.

The Men's Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held at the El Niguel Country Club on Tuesday 9 December from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the very popular Sam Conti Orchestra. The main course will be filet mignon although chicken or fish may be substituted. Tickets are \$65 per person. Bring a check to the next meeting or contact Jim Clark at 487-9451.

The club is open to all residents. Come and be our guest for breakfast. Just show up at 8:00 a.m. or call Jim Clark at 487-9451.

- Blair McDonald

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club has a very special program on November 13. Bonita Chamberlin will present "Inside Afghanistan and her Afghan Jewelry Project." The Kuchi tribes are nomads who create one-of-a-kind silver jewelry that is handcrafted from authentic gemstones and silver mined in the mountains of Badakhshan. Bonita sells the jewelry to provide sustainable income for the Afghans. You can feel great about buying some holiday gifts that also do some good in the world. Bring your cash, checks and credit cards!

We will meet at our new location, the Dana Point Community House. Lunch will be catered and the cost is \$15.00. Please make out your check to NSWC and leave in the Niguel Shores office by November 5. Please car pool and if you need a ride, just let your caller know. (Directions to the Community House: Follow Del Prado into Dana Point and, just past the Post Office, turn left on Violet Lantern. Turn right on San Juan Avenue—it's next to the Harbor House Cafe. In the middle of the block on your right is the Community House. The entrance to the parking lot is on the right just after you pass the Community House.)

November Board Meeting: November 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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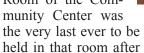
A scene at the final Women's Club Luncheon in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room, October 9, 2008. Present at this table left to right: Ruthie Stahl, Georgiana Emery, Kay Wittmack, Karen Brown, Laurel Moonier, Patricia Conway, Dorothy Horany.

Holiday Party: Coming up December 4 is our annual Holiday Party from 5 - 7 p.m. with spouses and Men's Club as guests. The event will be held at the Dana Point Community House. Attendees please bring a heavy appetizer. No nuts, dips or candy please. Join us!

-Miluna Fausch

Historic Luncheon 10/09/08:

Even though it did not seem to be of particular importance, the October 9 luncheon of the Women's Club in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Com-





Women's Club Luncheon in 1974

thirty-five years, the first meeting having been held on October 4, 1973. As can be seen in the second photograph of the room at an early meeting, there were no drapes or carpeting but there was the same camaraderie that the women of Niguel Shores have had these many years.

The Women's Club has remained a strong presence that provides a monthly gathering of old timers and new residents who, in turn, become "old timers." We look forward to continuing this long-time gathering of women residents in the new Community Center Clubhouse in 2009.

-Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES JUDY PASEK, EDITOR

BRIDGE

We invite everyone to play bridge in November. Please call Gloria Thrailkill, 661-0763, if you would like to join us. Our Bridge Club celebrated Edythe (Edie) Tisch's birthday last month with a party and delicious birthday cake. Edie is a founding member of our Club and is a very active bridge player. Another regular, Regina Brevik, has moved to the Seattle area to be near her son. We will miss her Winners since the last Seashore News were:



Edie Tisch

September 24: Freida BAskin, Francesca Rossi, Shirley Heimstaedt October 1: Helen Campbell, Shirley Heimstaedt, Kay Wittmack October 8: Dorothy Horany, Patricia Conway, Shirley Heimstaedt

October 15: Helen Stevenson, Dorothy Horany

Because of the construction at Niguel Shores Club House, we will hold our weekly bridge get-togethers at Dana Point Library starting November 5. We have reserved time -11:30 to 4 – every Wednesday, and we are allowed to bring food and beverage. We are very grateful to the Library to let us have this Board Room. It is located to the left inside the front door. We will need at least three card tables which we can borrow from the clubhouse (perhaps taking them over to the library room and leaving them there will help with the storage problem). They do have chairs which we can use.

We are very happy to have found facilities without having to pay a rental for the use. I think that is due to the fact that many of us are volunteers of the "Friends of the Library".

- Helen Campbell

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MEN'S GOLF

F L A S H!!!! ROY DOHNER AND MYRON MILLER WON THE BIG PRESTIGIOUS MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP!!



Winning Team: Myron Miller & Roy Dohner

Roy Dohner and Myron Miller played exceptional golf at Twin Oaks on September 23 and came away winners of the 2008 Men's Club Golf Championship. They out shot the field of 20 participants. Runners up were Jack Sweeney and Charlie Clark. As a result of the wagering on these teams, a total of \$404 was raised to donate to the Men's Club Scholarship fund. Of course, these winners were rewarded financially based on their own bets and cash awards for placing in the tournament.

The Couples Away takes place at Morro Bay starting on October 14. Our next outing will take the golfers to Arrowwood on October 28, then, after a break on the Veteran's Day holiday, our final round will be at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course on November 25.

Quote of the month:

"The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree."

- Bob Borland

GOLF AT MORRO BAY

It was so hot on Wednesday that we barely finished. The format was "Couples" and the winners were:

1st - Gutknecht and Mac Brown

2nd - Blair and Irene McDonald

3rd - Pearl and Converse

4th – Elsa and Dennis Rosen

Thursday the weather was beautiful. In the men's competition for the trophy, the Pearl Jacket, the winner was Peter Rask, second was Jerry Koppang and third was Mac Brown. In the women's competition the winner was Gretchen Rask.



The Winning Rasks: Gretchen & Peter

NEW PLAY

The Golf Thespians took their new play to Morro Bay to try out Act One. Jack Sweeney, maestro, playwright and oriental factotum will present Searching for Charlie Chan's # One Son. He has secured the services of B.B. Borland, noted producer-director, and has lined up an all-star oriental cast including Jerry Won Ton, Boyd Soft Noodle, Jackie Wong Dong, Peter Dragon, Jerry Flied Lice, Mrs. Flied Lice, Charlie Chan and Charlie Chan's # One Son with Chinky Brown at the piano. Later in October, Act Two was performed at a place of oriental inspiration, the Peking Dragon Restaurant in Dana Point.

-Peter Rask



Performers left to right: Jerry Koppang, Jerry Pearl, Linda Koppang, Mac Brown, Bob Borland, Jack Sweeney, Pete Rask

WOMEN'S GOLE

Come and have fun on "Fun" Day, Monday, November 10. Be at Aliso Creek at 8:00 a.m. Golf captains are Irene McDonald (481-3035) and Gretchen Rask (489-2259). Call either of them to sign up. Lunch and meeting will again follow at the course. Let one of the lunch captains, Chris Beaver (493-7430) or Linda Ross (248-3408), know of your choice of sandwich, which must be pre-ordered. We're welcoming new people. Don't be fearful, it's just a walk in the park.

Plans are being made for a great "Fun Day" on Monday, December 8, with golf followed by a delicious Christmas luncheon at the Fountains. Cost of the luncheon is \$25 payable to Marlene Lynch, to be collected at the next meeting. October's game was played in a spooky Halloween wind. Team #4 survived. At the end, one of the witches presented all with pumpkin brownies and the winners received golf balls.

Low Gross Low Net Closest to the pin #6 Closest to the pin #8 Game of the day Val Mitchell 44 Lee Sweeney 29 Diana Doalson Victoria Siegfried Team # 4 Gramer, Lynch, Mitchell, Sweeney

Ouote of the month:

"There are two things you can do with your head down – play golf and pray." - Lee Trevino

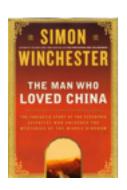
- Liz Kelsch

(Activities continued from page 9)

OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

Mr. Darwin, as subject of our October book, *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin* by David Quamman, inspired a lively conversation, not only about his life and writings, but about one man's affect on science and history and, could that happen again. Are there such momentous things yet to be discovered? Next month's book is *The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester, the story of the brilliant Cambridge

scientist, Joseph Needham, who fell in love with a Chinese student, learned Chinese and went to China to pursue his belief that the Chinese were unsung early innovaters and inventors and more technologially advanced than the west. We will meet at the home of Gretchen Rask, 33631 Brigantine Drive on November 19 at 1:00 p.m. Call Norton Schwartz (481-2459, northlynne@cox.net) for information about our group and join us to talk about China.



-Mary Crowl

FITNESS CLUB

Due to the closing of the MPR, Leslie's classes are to be held at the Laguna American Legion Hall starting November 11 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

On January 5, we will be going to Lang Park, South Laguna at Wesley Street, across from Albertsons. Car pooling will be available. We will miss the convenience of our Recreation Center but hang in there and we'll resume classes in our new and beautiful building. For information call Joan Beyer at 496-1428 or Elaine Converse at 493-8066.

-Joan Beyer

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners will meet on Monday, November 24. New-comers wishing to join should call Gloria Weintraub at 248-8205. The morning group at 10:00 a.m. will meet at the home of discussion leader, Ann Christiansen, 23841 Bluehill Bay; the afternoon group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Dana Niguel Library with discussion also led by Ann.

November's book is *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez. The author chronicles her efforts to help establish the country's first modern beauty school and training salon and offers a glimpse into a world Westerners seldom see - life behind the veil.

Page Turners meets in members' homes on the fourth Monday of each month, September through June except December. The meeting format includes a brief social time with light refreshments, followed by discussion.

- Hope Luedeke

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Adult Book Club will be held November 12 from 10 – 11 a.m. in the branch meeting room. The featured book will be *And Then There Were None*, an Agatha Christie 1939 mystery novel. Please note this club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month with the exception of December and July.

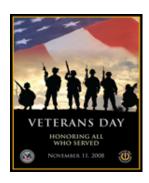
Jennifer Johnson the Adult Services Librarian conducts free one-on-one computer training. Contact her at the Library 949-496-5517 for arranging instruction times.

Please note the Library will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Pick-up a flyer at the library for the Children's Program and Special Story times.

-Judy Pasek

Honoring All Veterans



On November 11, this country will again celebrate Veterans Day. With that day in mind, the staff of the SSN proposed that we select a veteran for this month's "Meet Your Neighbor." Before I introduce that veteran I'd like take a minute to remind us all what this day signifies. Originally, this date was called Armistice Day when the fighting of WW I ended with a cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Ger-

many on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. In 1954, President Eisenhower proclaimed November 11 as Veterans Day to honor all American veterans of all our military con-flicts.

To find a veteran in Niguel Shores is a very easy task. You may remember a photo in the December 2007 SSN that showed a group of 24 veterans honored by the Men's Club. And this group was only our WWII veterans. So this writer had many worthy veteran candidates to choose from. I chose to write about a veteran who was fortunate (some will say unfortunate) to have serviced his country in two conflicts: World War II and the Korean War.

It is my pleasure to introduce this month's "Meet Your Neighbor" - Myron Miller. Myron was born in Long Beach (yes, a real native Californian) in 1925. His father was working as an oil field roustabout. A daughter, joined the family as they moved around following his dad's oil field work. As many families experienced when the Depression gripped the country, times were tough and the few chickens they had in the backyard always provided a hearty breakfast. Fortunately Myron's dad always was employed during this time in the oil patch (the name used by oil field workers).

Myron entered Excelsior High School in Bellflower, California where, during his first year he earned a varsity letter (a feat not many freshmen ever earn) running the high hurdles.

The fortunes of his family changed dramatically at this time when his mother received an inheritance consisting of property along Hollywood & Vine. They moved into Hollywood, where Myron went to Fairfax High School and lettered in football and track.

After graduation, with the U.S. at war, Myron, like many young men, was ready to join up. He took the Army Air Corp test,

passed it, and was called up a month after he turned 18. He went through basic training and gunnery school in Florida, but then, seeing many cadets get washed out in pilot school, volunteered for bombardier and navigation school. A good part of his reasoning to go to bombardier school was to be sent back to the bombardier school in California, where he would be nearer to his high school sweetheart, Doris, who he

had written to every night while away. Typical of the military, he was sent to another bombardier school in Texas.

In April, 1945, Myron graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant, came home, married his lovely Doris in Westwood (who, being under-age, needed her parent's consent) and was then transferred to aircraft radar school in Arizona. He was about to be shipped to the Pacific to participate in the bombing of Japan, flying in a squadron of Douglas A26s, a low altitude attack bomber, which would lead in a following formation of high flying B29 bombers, when the atomic bombs ended the war The next several years saw Myron and Doris start a family, a son and daughter; build a home in North Hollywood and, for Myron a job at Bank of America as a collections officer. The lure of the ocean soon had them moving to Hermosa Beach, where Myron, seeking a better opportunity, began to work for Douglas Aircraft in El Segundo.

However, during the late 1940's Myron was required to be in the Air Force reserve because his military job – bombardier/ radar specialist – was a critical air combat specialty and so, in 1951, he was called up to service again as the Korean War erupted on the world scene. Myron was quickly assigned to fly with an A26 squadron to Indochina. From there he went to an Air Force base outside Pusan, Korea. Over the next seven months he flew a total of 55 missions over enemy territory, seeking targets-of-opportunity, either by bombing or strafing. Twenty air combat missions were flown in the daytime, but when the North Koreans started flying Russian MIG jets, the slower, propeller-driven A26s switched to night flying where Myron flew 35 more missions. Flying the low altitude attack bomber was a very risky business as enemy ack-ack (antiaircraft) guns threw up a terrible barrage at them. Thankfully he came safely through that terrifying experience. After his tour of duty in Korea he spent the remaining six months in the Air Force as a radar instructor.

Myron and Doris contined a life that was typical of many families during the 50s, 60s and 70s. They lived in Corona Del Mar and Laguna Beach; the children grew up, attended college (UCLA) and started their own careers and family.

Myron went into business for himself as owner of a Union Oil gas station, then as the owner of an auto parts store. They moved to Manta Court in 1977. Myron's passion for tennis and golf were well satisfied in our community. Sadly, after battling cancer for a long time, Doris, after 55 years of marriage, left this world in early 2000. Myron, with a heavy heart continues on, attending

many social events in the Shores, playing golf, and enjoying, when they are here, his son and

daughter, his three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In closing, I wish to thank Myron for allowing me to expose to this community his happy and successful life. I also like to thank him and all the other veterans for their service to this great country. Remember to fly our flag on November 11. Also, when you see Myron, ask him about his DFC. (For photo of Myron see page 10.)

-Karl Kuhn



Douglas A26

Letter to the Editor:

Recently I became aware of a communication from the General Manager to the editor of the Seashore News. It acknowledged our community newsletter as a vital communication tool and community icon. However, it suggested that the \$12,000 cost of producing it could be offset by

- (1) eliminating home delivery (even though that service is provided by volunteers)
- (2) making it available on line
- (3) having several hundred copies available in the office,
- (4) charging for mail subscription at \$20 per year.

It appears to me that this plan would reduce the number of copies published, acceding to the Board of Directors' decision not to increase dues under any circumstances, but it would make the operation and management of our community more opaque and less transparent than most homeowners would like.

The Seashore News has evolved into an outstanding community newsletter. It provides the members of our association with important information about the actions of our Board of Directors, General Manager and the various committees and organizations. It lets everyone know what has happened, what is happening and what will happen in our community. I think the Board of Directors should find some other way to save \$12,000.

Edmund Adams, Homeowner

Letter to the Editor:

Re: Board Actions

There are three issues that require the attention of all Ni-guel

- 1. The Board of NSCA is considering rule additions (3104 & 3104A) that are designed to limit your home size. This is arbitrary and unnecessary in light of existing City of Dana Point restrictions and the existing authority of the Niguel Shores Architectural Committee. We do not need any new rules.
- 2. County of Orange efforts to add a walkway on Strand Beach, directly in front of Niguel Shores. It is hard to imagine that this would be of any value to the community of Niguel Shores. This should be resisted.
- 3. Surf Museum at Sea Terrace Park. Again, this can be of little value to the residents of our community. There are special interests at work here and we should be resisting this project.

There is additional information on each of these projects available at the Community office. Please contact each and every Board member and tell them no on all three counts.

Jim & Ellen Dovey

Letter to the Editor:

We read in utter amazement the Letter to the Editor by Suzanne Enis in October's Seashore News, responding to our previous month's letter - and wish to rebut in kind:

- 1. If Ms. Enis had've checked her facts, she would've discovered that last year's precipitation records show rain-fall for our area from Nov. to Mar. averaged 2" or less per MONTH - with most of it coming in Feb.. That works out to less than .067" per DAY. However, we all know that we get our rain in concentrated bursts lasting a day or two. Therefore, it is as likely as not that during whatever time the parking lot construction took place during the winter, there would've been NO rain at all, and if any, easy enough to deal with. We come from the Pacific Northwest, where average annual rainfall is 46". Does Ms. Enis think that construction in the city shuts down during the whole winter? Her whole premise is preposterous
- 2. Nor do we need to be lectured by Ms. Enis as to "getting involved". We don't know how long she has lived in the Shores, but we have been owners & residents here for 21 years. During that time Carol has worked on several committees - the so-called "Beautification", and along with other Shores artists, the "Torii Gate" - being two of them. However, in these situations, despite her & her committees volunteering untold hours providing suggestions, designs, plans and drawings, her work was either ignored or unilaterally altered for the worse by the then current Boards. For these among other reasons plus the fact that we are not retired and frequently work out of the area, we have "given up" - at least for the time being - on our attempts to make a difference in the community. In any case, since when was "community service" the sole criterion of having the right to voice an opinion in an open forum?!
- 3. Regarding our "P.S." she mentions we already in that post script provided the answer as to why we feel Board members' emails should be published. Perhaps Ms. Enis' comprehension would benefit by a reread of that part of our letter, as in our opinion, her reasoning is specious.

Peter & Carol McWilliams

Letter to the Editor:

A lot of us who are retired have lost money in the recent downturn of the economy or for other reasons. Whether Republican or Democrat, there seems to be a disatisfaction with respect to how politicians are reacting to this crisis. I'd like to form a group who would like to either discuss this issue or decide as a group a response to officials. Please call or email me if you are interested, what type of interest you have and available times to meet. I will organize it and let you know the responses. I have included a design I just finished about my statement about the economy. stonehill200@aol.com or 949-481-0746.

Thanks. Cheryl Stone



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"Second Island" continued from page 1

Fifty caliber anti-aircraft batteries were installed on floating barges in Avalon Harbor and the gun crews conducted live fire exercises on a daily basis. Because it is located some $50 \sim 60$ miles off the coast, the water is crystal clear and as a diver or fisherman, you can still experience what Dana Point's coves must have been like back in the 30's and 40's. As a side story to the military in Avalon, on my first night dive in Avalon's Underwater Park in 1986 I found a strange looking crusted object that turned out to be a live 50 caliber round wedged between two rocks. The locals tell the story that the gun crews had a "quota" of rounds that they had to fire each day to meet training standards. Apparently, the creative crews discovered that just dumping them overboard in the harbor cut down the amount of training. The souvenir is in my office if you ever want to see it.

I will leave you with one other little known fact about our "Second Island" and that is that it was seized and claimed by Mexico in 1972. A small group of Chicano activists known as the Brown Berets claimed the Channel Islands for Mexico, citing the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty. This treaty between our country & Mexico transferred ownership of California to the USA but the Brown Berets unsuccessfully argued, that it did not specifically mention the Channel Islands so they still belonged to Mexico. Sort of a "Conch Republic" on the west coast, but that is another story. In the end, we just kept the islands and I think the F-15s may have had something to do with it.

Seeing San Clemente is a rare "sunset" treat that rates right up there with the "Green Flash." I hope this information adds a little enjoyment to the experience.

-Leo Riley



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How to vote online:

- 1) Go to www.niguelshores.org
- 2) Click on "Vote for Photo Contest"
- 3) View the past contest winner photos
- 4) Fill out the form at the bottom and press submit

You may also go into the office to submit your vote if you do not have Internet access.

-Mary Crowl

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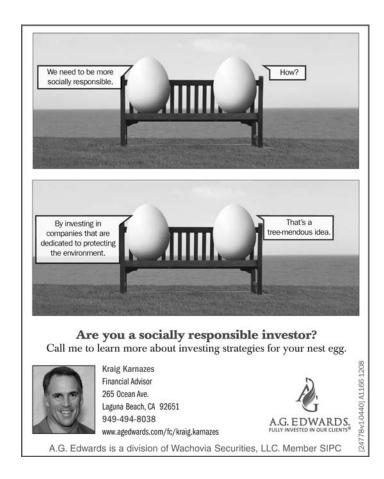
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