

Seashore News



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Happy Holidays!

FROM THE HELM

Our annual budget battle is over and I am happy to say our first Master Landscape renewal projects were budgeted in that effort. The Shackleton and Abalone slopes will be completely refurbished in 2011, as soon as the winter rainy season ends. We are taking bids from several landscape companies for those projects now. If we finish these two projects under budget, we may be able to start another smaller renewal project before the end of 2011. We are presently looking at spending about \$200,000 annually to accomplish this long range program. That annual investment may get bumped up as economic times get better.

Our Recreation Committee is doing an amazing job. Their recent Holiday Boutique was outstanding, with an impressive number of vendors. I got emails from homeowners

praising the variety and quality of products for sale. Much of what was offered was locally made and demonstrates the creativity of our community members. It undoubtedly took a lot of preparation and energy to pull this event off and that effort showed.

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

— Steve Stewart

2010 for the Record

Like the lofty sound of the term “newspaper of record” and have the presumption to consider the *Seashore News* our “newsletter of record.” Hence, reviewed here are the noteworthy events and actions of the past year as a record for future historians. Now, that all this is also recorded on our web site, it will enter the unimaginable mass of data that will be electronically stored for ages for archaeologists to wander through sometime in the next millennium. One wonders what kind of magical machine they will have with which to look back at us. Whatever it is, here is what they will find:

Since the announcement of the opening of the new spa was recorded in the January issue, we can claim that event for our past year even though the spa actually was first used

on December 30 of the previous year. It has been a much appreciated addition to our amenities. February was a big month for the



The new Niguel Shores Spa

Seashore News when the new editor, Karl Kuhn, took over. After several months of commendable editorship, he did leave the job, however, and I have returned. Lots of inconveniences were suffered during the Spring while the Beach Bluff parking

Reviewing 2010, the market has been challenging and difficult for everyone.
Yet, we have continued to meet the needs and dreams of our clients.

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2010 ACTIVITY

SOLD
\$17,590,000

IN ESCROW
\$2,555,000

LISTED CURRENTLY
\$15,299,000

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FROM THE GM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS – I do not know about you, but I am just amazed at how the passing of each year seems to accelerate. Since it is that time again, it means that I should remind everyone about the annual “living in an HOA” holiday issues. This includes turning in your “guest lists” not just on time, but actually ahead of time. Also, please slow down and try not to be in such a hurry—you know, stop and smell the poinsettias. Despite the discussion in last month’s issue about not “tailgating” through the gates, we have already had three more spiked tire incidents. Our video cameras show that not one of them was caused by a gate malfunction. For those of you with Parking Waivers or Guest Bar Codes, please remember that they expire on December 31 and need to be renewed for 2011. Other than these reminders, I really do not have a lot to share this month.

The Holiday Boutique sale on November 17 was a great success and many thanks to Alicia Martinez and Danielle Mills as well as the entire Recreation Committee for donating their personal time to putting on these extraordinary community events. Don’t forget the Niguel Shores “Tree Lighting” on Sunday, December 5 and the New Years Eve Party in the Clubhouse. See the notice later in this newsletter for details on these events.

Next, I would like to say a personal thank you, particularly to those who have contributed to the staff gratuity in these difficult economic times. On behalf of the staff, we greatly appreciate your generosity and I personally read all your comments and share them with the other team members.

Lastly, thanks to all of you who take time to read this article, and on behalf of all the management, thank you for the opportunity to serve you in 2010 and we look forward to doing so again in 2011.

—Leo Riley

An annual hearty THANK YOU to all of those Niguel Shores residents who have served as volunteers during the past year:

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SEA TERRACE TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION I annual meeting will be held on Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the ClubHouse. Your attendance will be appreciated.

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lot and other streets were being paved and sealed—one of the major obligations of the community.

Committees: The ad hoc Master Landscape Plan Committee continued to meet throughout the year with the representative of SilverWood Landscape Design to continue plans for upgrading our irrigation system, to complete a detailed survey of all plants and trees in Niguel Shores, and to survey all slopes and areas needing attention. This is a three to five-year project with the ultimate goal to reduce water usage and update the general appearance of the community. This effort is really the biggest story of the year as it will have long term consequences for all of us.

An ad hoc Beach Bluff Committee was formed in March to consider the many requests for use of the expanded Beach

Bluff Park and to create policies for its usage and resolve conflicts involving the park. Our expanded amenities are sometimes too desirable.

Another new ad hoc committee was formed to create policies and rules for the display of art in the ClubHouse. Kay Wittmack and John Hall are co-chairs of this committee. I had hoped to have a photo of an art work for this article but the art is temporarily down for holiday decorations. Instead, here is a photo of art in nature at the Niguel Shores entrance.



Tulip Tree on Mariner Drive

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

**NOVEMBER 1, 2010 BOARD MEETING
(Special General Session)**

REVIEWED:

—Reviewed the 2011 proposed budget with the Finance Committee.

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the General Session Minutes of October 20, 2010.

—Approved the 2011 Budget.

—Approved the appointment of a Compensation Committee with the following members: Board President, Steve Stewart, Board Member, Gary Tinnes, and Barry Banducci.

—Approved one Board Meeting for the month of December on 12/08/10.

DISCUSSED:

—Annual Notice mailing.

—Discussed the Dolphin Artwork project update.

—Master Landscape project update.

—Irrigation Committee update.

—Volunteer of the Year candidates

—Breakers Isle committee update.

REVIEWED:

—Reviewed and filed the August 2010 Financial Report

—Reviewed and filed the August 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.

—Homeowner Correspondence: Comments on Bridge Club.

TABLED:

—Amendment to CC&Rs for tract specific rules discussion.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

—none.

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the Executive Session Minutes of October 20, 2010.

—Recommendation from Traffic & Safety Committee to raise “guest barcode” from \$30 to \$50 effective 1/1/11.

—Approved lighting proposal for bandstand.

DISCUSSED:

—AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.

—Contractor’s progress on Master Landscape project.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

—Conducted one homeowner hearing for violation of Rule 6405 and fine levied.

NOVEMBER 17, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the Special General Session Minutes of November 1, 2010.

—Approved the General Session Minutes of November 3, 2010.

—Approved the resignation of Sharon Stewart from the Landscape Committee.

—Approved the appointment of Kathy Jones to the Landscape Committee.

—Approved the appointment of Richard Ashworth to the Traffic & Safety Committee.

—Approved the removal of one Coral tree from Niguel Shores Drive

DISCUSSED:

—Master Landscape project update.

—Irrigation Committee update.

—Proposed rule changes.

—Breakers Isle Gate repairs update.

—2011 Budget process update.

—Discussed the removal of three Ficus trees and referred back to the Landscape Committee for review.

REVIEWED:

—Request from homeowner for reimbursement for tire damage. Request denied.

TABLED:

—Amendment to CC&Rs for tract specific rules.

—Employee handbook amendment discussion.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

—none.

NOVEMBER 17, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the Executive Session Minutes of November 3, 2010.

REVIEWED:

—Consulting Architect’s comments on view blockage appeal hearing from 10/20/10 meeting.

DISCUSSED:

—AC legal matters involving four (4) homeowners.

—Irrigation Committee issues.

TABLED:

—One homeowner hearing for violation of Rule 4112, Pad Level Planting tabled for consultant’s opinion.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

—Conducted a homeowner hearing for violation of Rules 3103 and 3105 – failure to obtain AC approval.

—Continued violation appeal hearing from 10/20/10 hearing (Rules 4112 & 2711).

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: DECEMBER 8, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

Election: May brought the election of three new board members: Steve Stewart (elected Chairman), Sue Kichline and Sam Johnson (read about them in the April issue of the *Seashore News*. They joined ongoing members Rob Rifkin and Gary Tinnes.

Activities: Emeritus classes were ongoing—one to watch and discuss film as literature and another to discuss western civilization. Two book clubs meet to engage the readers amongst us, exercise classes offering yoga, fitness, aerobics and tai chi for the body, there is bridge for the competitive and golf for the skilled. Cooking classes are available, too. If you weren't busy during the year, it's not for the lack of offerings.

Events: July 4th was the usual great day of resident participation—something for everyone—eating and playing and eating and playing again. Everyone came! Mayor Weinberg and Sheriff Hutchens both came to speak to the Men's Club, the Women's Club heard writers, art collectors, dog trainers, arts and crafters and the Garden Club traveled about to learn about gardening, taught us some things, and celebrated their success with picnics and lobster dinners. Seems gardeners, too, are fond of eating. There were numerous recreational events: Taco Night, Pot Luck, BBQs at the Bluff, Band by the Sea, Super Bowl and St. Patrick's Day parties, the very special Halloween Party and to properly finish off the year, there will be the annual Tree Lighting and a New Year's Eve gala in the ClubHouse.

Awards: **Jerry Koppang** was named **Volunteer of the Year** and what a great record he has of giving his time to Niguel Shores: the Board of Directors for two years and one

as president, the Master Landscape Plan Committee as chair, the Architecture Committee, the Emeritus/Education Committee and, for fun, the Garden Club as president and the Men's Club as a chef! A well-deserved award to be sure and a model for all of us to emulate. And, the amazing thing is, he is always smiling.



Volunteer of the Year
Jerry Koppang

Karen Decker, Community Associate Manager, was named Employee of the Year for 2009. This honor is awarded by the general manager to the employee who consistently gives superior effort to the job. It is awarded each year at the December holiday lunch for NSCA staff members. Speaking of the staff, we are delighted to see that all those who started the year are still with us—starting at the top with Leo Riley, General Manager, the doyenne, Ivy Hsia Controller, Karen mentioned above, George Cooley, Maintenance Manager, Matt Northrop and Holly Hukari, Member Services Representatives, and Kathleen Capalla, our Web Administrator. The admirable maintenance team of Dave Smith, Lead, Dennis Cannon and Frank Geck, whose exploits are wonderfully chronicled in the monthly Maintenance Committee articles, are seeing out the year with us, too. Thanks to all of you for keeping it all together.

So, you see, there is plenty for the historians to troll through to determine what life was like here in Niguel Shores in the year 2010.

—Mary Crowl

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ART

I am sure you artists are aware that the artwork on the ClubHouse walls has disappeared for awhile. They were taken down for the Halloween Party (That was for their protection.). We can be grateful the art was back in time for the Holiday Boutique. Also, the Thursday, November 11 Committee meeting was cancelled, as were other meetings, because of another activity. At present, we are planning a January 4 meeting at 4:30 at the ClubHouse, knowing everyone will be finished with the holiday festivities. If this date is changed again, we will have the office email everyone. Happy Holidays.

—Kay Wittmack

EMERITUS/PROGRAMS

The NSCA Board has given its approval for the continuation of Saddleback College classes: "Film As Literature" and "Political Science/Current Events" to begin

the second week of January, 2011. Those who have difficulty with registration may phone the Emeritus office at Saddleback.

Classes in Creative Writing, Art and Music Appreciation are currently under consideration for the 2011 summer and fall sessions.

The committee is actively recruiting members to ensure input from all segments of the Niguel Shores population. Please leave a message for me at the front office if you are interested in participating.

—Bunny Ross

FINANCE

Volunteerism is a way of life within Niguel Shores and as homeowners we are fortunate to have so many individuals contributing their talents, time and energy to our community.

The Finance Committee is one of several committees of volunteers that support the community and its Board of Directors. Its mission is to support the financial interests of

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the Association through review, consideration, and analysis of financial matters, and to make fiscally sound recommendations to the Board of Directors. All final budget and spending decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

The Committee consists of nine members: John Dougherty (Interim Chairperson), Barry Banducci, Keith Carlson, Pat O'Brien, Jody Bradshaw, Jeannie Sticher, Gretchen Letson-Rask, Martin Dedrick and Scott McCarter.

After many years of contributions, Gretchen Letson-Rask has decided to step aside and allow others to fill her role. For over ten years Gretchen was a major contributor to the Finance Committee, she also served two years on the Niguel Shores Board of Directors and on the Architecture Committee. Gretchen believes that she is leaving active committee membership at a time that the community is in good fiscal condition and that the Finance Committee has a good blend of talent to meet the needs of the community. Gretchen and her husband Peter have resided in the Shores since 1992. She exemplifies the perfect balance of knowledge, talent and professionalism. Thank you Gretchen... you will be missed!

—John Dougherty

LANDSCAPE

The Holidays will soon be here and the Landscape Committee is busy getting our gates ready for the holiday season. The Main Gate will have white impatiens and red cyclamen along the medium. The dolphins will also have poinsettias mixed in with the impatiens and cyclamen. The

other gates will have red and white begonias. The two coral trees at the Main Gate will be filled with lights to welcome our guests and there will be holiday wreaths on all the gates.

Many thanks to the Wendt Landscape Company and especially Raul who oversees all the landscape work being done in the Shores. The Committee is looking forward to implementing the Silverwood plan in the next few years as money is available. There is a landscape representative from each area of the Shores. They do their best to keep their area looking good with the money they are allotted. If you have any questions about your area call the office for the name of your area's representative. Happy Holidays to everyone.

—Janet Traver

MAINTENANCE

We have several projects to consider and get underway by year end. By the time this is read the New Year will be only a couple of weeks away. Contracts to replace the tennis court fences and the wind screens have been issued. This project will start and be completed in January. A project to replace the stamped concrete entrances to Salvador Bay, Hobart Bay, and Perth Bay will start in December and take about two weeks if the weather cooperates.

The stairway rail has been replaced on the stairway from Sidney Bay to Niguel Shores Drive. The gate closing mechanism for the glass pool gate and the Cabrillo pedestrian gate will be replaced. This will be done in December. The pool gate will then close quietly and securely.



Holiday Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 5
5 - 7:00 p.m. outside the ClubHouse

Santa will be there to hear your wishes
Hot cocoa, spiced cider and cookies...mmm delicious

The St. Anne Choir and our neighborhood kids will sing holiday cheer for all to hear!

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We have plans to upgrade many of the mechanical gate operators, lift arm assemblies, and battery backup systems for all the vehicle gates. We will be placing orders in December for this work to begin in January. This is a significant project to improve the reliability, safety and security of our gates.

Contracts have been issued to repair the handicap entrance to the Bluff Park, add a couple of bollard lights and expand the concrete pad. This project will be done in conjunction with removal of some grass and the addition of concrete near the picnic tables. We are waiting for city approval before beginning these two projects but expect to begin in January.

—Jack Christiansen

RECREATION

The first holiday boutique on November 17 was enjoyed by the vendors as well as Niguel Shores residents. Alicia Martinez and Danielle Mills put together a group of vendors that had many items of interest. Hope it will become a tradition.

The **Tree Lighting on December 5** is a date to mark on your calendar. Come enjoy the entertainment and the see the thrill of the children visiting with Santa. The tree was donated again this year by Santa's Little Forrest in Dana Point. Remember them when you are looking for your tree.

New Years Eve will be very special this year with a professional DJ. For \$15 you will get to dance the night away with your favorite songs plus those favorites with groups, the bunny hop, YMCA, and who knows what line dances. We may find

future dancing with the stars. Light snacks with BYOB. Get that group together now and buy your tickets in the office. Barbara Milner and Judy Pasek will provide an evening to remember as you welcome in 2011.

Mark your calendar for **Pot Luck January 16**. Details will be in the January SSN.

Another date to mark: **February 6** for the **Super Bowl Party**. We do not know who you will be watching, but we know you will have a good time with your Niguel Shore friends.

The Recreation Committee wishes everyone a Happy Holiday. Plans are in the making for another good year in 2011.

—Carol Yocom

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We have a couple new pet photo submissions for our pet photo gallery online. If you have a pet and want to give him or her 15 minutes of fame, submit your photo and information to webadmin@niguelshores.org. Be sure to check out the other pet photos by clicking the picture of the dog on the homepage of our website.

In addition, please don't forget that we post the general session agendas online on the Friday before every board meeting. We also keep an archive of homeowner notices and board actions on the website. If you have any comments or suggestions for the website, please feel free to email them to me at webadmin@niguelshores.org. Thanks for continuing to make our website a success!

—Kathleen Capalla

New Year's Eve Party



December 31
7:30 pm – midnight
Community Center ClubHouse

\$15 Per Person

BYOB – Light Snacks Provided



New Year Toast at 9:00 pm (Midnight New York Time) and at Midnight PST

Professional DJ – Come dance the night away with all of your classic favorites
Mexican Hat Dances, Line Dances and other favorite group dances

Tickets Sold in the NSCA Management Office Only

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TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

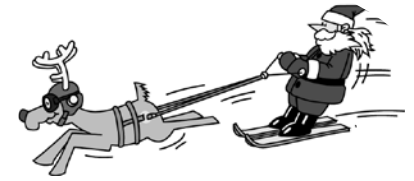
Drive cautiously: Hopefully everyone enjoyed a pleasant Thanksgiving and successfully negotiated the Black Friday weekend that signified the beginning of the major shopping period. With the approach of the Winter Solstice, it is becoming dark earlier and, when combined with the increased traffic during this sometimes hectic and festive season, safe driving can become a major issue. Please drive cautiously.

25 m.p.h.: Virtually all of the streets in our community are classified as residential and, accordingly, the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. under favorable conditions. However, under less than favorable conditions, a reasonable standard is applied and we have to drive much more cautiously.

Speeders beware: Recently we have received reports of speeders on Periwinkle and Niguel Shores Drive. Our Sheriff's Department has placed its radar tracking device at key locations to alert drivers that may have inadvertently been driving faster than they should. Should that fail, modifications to the roadway in the form of additional speed bumps will be considered.

Holiday Guests:

Normally, during this time of year, there will be a significant increase in the number of



guests entering our community to visit. Parking problems on occasion develop on some of our streets, especially those that are somewhat narrow. Please remind your guests to park as close to the curb as possible so as not to hinder the movement of emergency vehicles such as fire trucks. Along this same line, many workmen and new guests that utilize a GPS and other mapping services often find themselves directed to the Selva Gate or one of the other gates that are not staffed. If possible, direct them to the Mariner Gate to save them a good deal of frustration and expedite their trip to your house.

History teaches us that no gift or package is safe inside a car that is parked on the street or in a parking lot.

Just as the ancient Gaels used to caution each other this time of year, it is appropriate to do the same to you, "Nollaig Shona!"

—Tim Murphy

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GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club's Annual Lobster Fest was a smashing success, with more than 50 folks munching on juicy lobster. A big thank you to Jack Sweeney for coordinating the event, with much help from Lee Sweeney, Gretchen Rask, Grace Glatt, Linda Koppang, Anita Geyer, Patty Therolf, Susan Enis, Jerry Pearl, Bob Borland, Jerry Koppang, Peter Rask and Tom Mc-Nicholas

The November Garden Club meeting was a festive occasion, when members got into the coming holiday spirit and joined in wrapping packages and preparing gift bags. A total of 35 decorated bags were filled with notions and sundries, and will be presented to shut-ins who receive Meals on Wheels



Carol Kuhn, Francine Stout & Melanie Wilcox

through the Dana Point Community Center. Organizers of this annual activity were Francine Stout, Committee Chair, Melanie Wilcox and Carol Kuhn. Well done, ladies!

Club Members are eagerly anticipating the Holiday Party which will be held on December 21 in the Club-House. Members will exchange gifts and enjoy a traditional holiday luncheon. For more information, contact Club President Jerry Koppang.

—Morris Meadow

MEN'S CLUB

Club members were educated and entertained by Mission San Juan docent and Shores resident, Daun Dunlap. Wearing her docent uniform, Daun gave us her public tour historical speech. The California missions were established by the king of Spain with hopes of profits. They were all located close to the coast and each was one day's ride or a three-day walk between them from San Diego up to Monterrey. The church provided missionaries and local natives were used to provide the labor to run each one. San Juan Mission dates from 1776. In the mid 19th century the missions slowly became less relevant and many were abandoned. After statehood, President Lincoln returned the missions and mission land

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to the Catholic Church. The chapel here is the oldest church in California. Today the Mission is busier than ever. Over 40,000 students a year are brought to visit and learn the history. Many social events are held throughout the year for cultural and fund raising purposes. Special thanks to our very own resident and gracious volunteer Daun Dunlap.

In December once again we will be having our annual Christmas dinner dance at El Niguel Country Club. The Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

—Steve Leonard

WOMEN'S CLUB

Holiday Party – December 2: December offers fun for Women's Club members, starting with the annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 2 from 5–7:00 p.m. in the ClubHouse. Attendees should bring hearty appetizers for the potluck—no dips, nuts, chips or candy, please. The bar will provide wine and soft drinks. Members are asked to put their names on the underside of their



servicing dishes. The Holiday Party is an opportunity for everyone to chat, admire our decorated tree in the ClubHouse and, of course, enjoy delicious food.

Day Trip – December 14: We will be carpooling to Roger's Gardens in Newport Beach at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14. Lunch will be at a "very healthy" True Foods restaurant next to the shopping center. Please contact Bunny Ross at 248-1629 or jross231@cox.net if you will be attending, so luncheon reservations can be made.

—Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

How about trying a little bridge every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m.? We meet at the Niguel Shores Clubhouse. Please bring your sandwich or snack, as we usually have a bite of lunch around noon. We are not expert players, however, we just like to get together and have a few laughs as well as, hopefully, a few "slams". Please call 949-496-4230 if you are interested.

Bridge winners:

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| October 20 | Helen Campbell and Shirley Heimstaedt |
| October 27 | Kay Wittmack and Shirley Heimstaedt |
| November 3 | Shirley Heimstaedt, Ellie Schmidt and Barbara Bartolme |
| November 10 | Pouri Fowzi and Helen Campbell |
| November 17 | Mary Ann These and Helen Campbell |

—Helen Campbell

LIBRARY

Children's Library:

School-Age After School Club: Crafts & Stories. Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., December 2, 9, & 16.

Toddler/Pre-School Storytime: Stories and Music, Tuesdays at 10:30 a. m., December 7&14.

Holiday Family Pajama Storytime with the Sunshine Readers. December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Minikin Puppets presents: Jolly Holiday Revue, A Holiday Puppet Production. December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments by the National Charity League

Adult Library

Film Friday—December 17, 7:00–9:00 p.m. We have an exciting film coming up for our Film Friday:

1981: This cheeky, coming-of-age comedy tells the story of 11-year-old Ricardo, who in 1981, struggles to fit in at his new school.

The library will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31, January 1 and January 17.

—Carolyn Hopkins/Jennifer Johnson

PAGE TURNERS

The Holidays are rapidly approaching so it is time to celebrate. Page Turners will next meet on Monday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the ClubHouse for our annual holiday party. Members are asked to bring a gift-wrapped, used book for the gift exchange. A buffet luncheon will be provided by members. We will have a fun book quiz with prizes awarded to the first six who get all of the correct answers.

Our regular meetings will resume on January 24 to discuss Abraham Verghese's novel, *Cutting for Stone*.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June, except December. 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

MEN'S GOLF

The November 9 tournament at San Luis Rey Downs was the last tournament of the year. Since we last played a tournament there the greens have been brought to a higher standard. Trees have been trimmed making it a very desirable golf course. "A" Flight winners were Barry Banducci, Mac Brown and Peter Rask. "B" Flight winners were Roy Dohner, Barry Daniel and Dave Ontiveros.

Our final outing of the year is our putting contest at Talega Golf Course on December 14. The large putting green is converted to an 18 hole course. Teams of two contest for many fine prizes. A great breakfast is served after the tournament, all for the low price of \$30 per player. Contact Roy, Tom or Dave to make your reservation. The tournament starts at 8:30 a.m.

All SCGA golf members are reminded that their dues for 2011 are now due. Your \$45 checks made out to "Roy Dohner Golf Group" should be given to Roy, Dave or Tom as soon as possible. If you would like to apply for an SCGA Index number for the first time, this is the time to do so.

—Tom McNicholas

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Niguel Shores Women's Golf next get together will be on December 13. We will be playing the Aliso Creek Golf course and check in time is 8:00 a.m. Bring a little of your elfin magic with you because this will be a Christmas themed day. If you are interested in playing golf please call Marlene Lynch (493-6494) or Gretchen Rask (489-2259). Immediately following golf will be our fabulous Christmas luncheon at The Fountains in Dana Point. This is a wonderful luncheon in a beautifully holiday decorated dining room. The food has always been excellent and I'm sure this year will be no exception. The cost is \$26 (truly a bargain for what we are served) and we encourage all members, their friends and any new golfers who want to get into the holiday spirit with a fun group of women to come join us. If you are interested in attending or would like to inquire about the luncheon, please call Ruthie Stahl (248-5750) or Joan Beyer (496-1428). All checks should be made payable to Gretchen Rask and are due by November 30. We always welcome new players for golf. We play for fun and have nothing

but good times. So take a break from the stress of the holidays and come join us. You won't be sorry! Give yourself a little gift.

We were rained out for golf this month so no scores to report. We were all winners!

"Keep your sense of humor. There's enough stress in the rest of your life not to let bad shots ruin a game you're supposed to enjoy."

—Val Mitchell



TRAVEL TIDBITS

Did you enjoy the recent National Geographic magazine article and the TV show about our earth's great animal migrations? Seeing the thousands of animals following their inherited instinct to travel great distances, often at great peril, is a truly amazing experience. Did it make you think "Wow, I'd like to actually be there and see these animals." Many of us who enjoy travel have visited the famous cities of Europe and Asia, have cruised the Caribbean and other seas, have sat on the beach enjoying margaritas or Hawaiian pineapple concoctions but have never gone where the wild things are. In the past it was not so easy. However, now there are many companies dedicated to adventure travel that allows you to experience the "wild world" in safety and comfort. Why not consider such a trip for your next vacation. Maybe give yourself such a trip for Christmas. Next month I'll go into detail about some of the awe inspiring places you can go.

—Barbara Milner



HONORING VETERANS

Veteran's Day was last month and the Niguel Shores Men's Club recognized that special event in October by encouraging a number of our Men's Club members, veterans of WW II, to tell some of their war experiences. For those of us who were too young or not born yet during that terrible war the stories from these survivors implant in our minds the scary ordeal these veterans went through.

There were tales of fighting in the invasion of Guadalcanal, Guam, and Okinawa by the Marine Don Beaver, in the invasion of Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio by Sailor Jerry Pearl, in combat on the ground in Europe by Infantryman John Flynn (a Sliver Star recipient who wiped out a German patrol that broke through and attacked his HQ area), and in flying combat by Airmen Byron Pollitt and Hersey Steinwinter. All of these action areas are etched in the history of WWII. I believe all of us can learn from these stories to appreciate what all of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen back then and, of course now, have done to preserve our freedom, and remember their stories and pass on to our children and grandchildren that we were fortunate to have met these fine Americans.

Of the many stories told by these veterans, the exploits of two of them were most intriguing to me. The following are excerpts from their talks:

The first veteran to tell his story was **Byron Pollitt**. Byron was a pilot that flew B-17 and B-24 bombers with the mighty 8th Air Force out of England. He flew a total of 39 missions over occupied Europe. On many of these missions they were the lead bomber, on a reconnaissance mission,



B-24 Bomber

to determine the weather and flying conditions before the main bombing armada of 4-5,000 planes took off. As Byron said they were considered expendable. While the official requirement was to be relieved from flying after 35 missions, when the Battle of the Bulge hit, that requirement was suspended.

As the Allies advanced across France, Byron also flew a C-47 (a modified DC-3, the main commercial airplane of the era) to bring the latest military combat maps to General Patton, who met the C-47, sitting in his black Cadillac on the muddy landing strip where the plane landed. After many such flights, General Patton soon tipped his cap in

recognition and appreciation of Byron and his crew's efforts. When you have a chance to meet Byron, ask him about his first visit to Buckingham Palace after he arrived in London when the King of England drove by and returned the salute that Byron gave him.



B-17 Bomber

The next veteran who spoke was **Hersey Steinwinter**. Hersey, also joined the Army Air Corps, hoping for state-side duty, but became a Flight Engineer flying B-24 bombers out of Italy with the 481st Bomber Group of the 15th

Air Force. Their primary missions were to bomb refineries, staging areas of the German Army, and big cities like Munich and Vienna, deep inside enemy territory. These missions usually amassed about 1000 planes. Hersey flew a total of 50 missions. On one mission Hersey's plane was severely damaged over the target and

the crew eventually had to bail out over Yugoslavia near the coast of the Adriatic Sea. As Hersey descended in his parachute he saw figures on the ground where he was headed. He had no way of knowing whether the figures were Nazi's or partisans. To his relief, the people on the ground were partisans, who began an immediate search for his revolver which he had dropped on the way down because they could use all the weapons they could confiscate. The partisans made contact with the Allies in Italy and within one week Hersey was picked up by a PT boat and eventually made his way back to his unit in Italy.

Thank you gentlemen for your service.

—Karl Kuhn



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