

# Sierra Recreation Association

November 1997

## Winter precautions

Although we have had beautiful, warm, autumn weather this year, it looks like winter weather is on its way. It is raining out as this is being written and the snow level has been predicted as low as 6000 feet. There are many things to remember as winter approaches. Don't forget to winterize your cabins as you leave so you don't return to frozen water pipes or other problems. Probably the most important is to not park in the roadways. The roadways are not wide enough for cars and the snowplow both. If there is not enough room to park at your cabin without parking on the road you should park at the parking lot at the lake and shuttle over with another vehicle or walking. We appreciate the wee-morning hours that Randy, Mike, and others put into plowing the snow off our roads so that we can get to our cabins and enjoy the beautiful season. Please don't make their job any harder by parking in the roadway.



## Potluck Dinners

The Thanksgiving potluck was held November 8th and was attended by 85 people. This was 20 fewer than last year's Thanksgiving potluck but was a very good turnout nevertheless. The food was great and a very good time was had by all. We appreciate the hard work that went into preparing the hall, cooking the turkey and gravy, etc., also the entertainment that was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Freitas, Doris Kilgore, and those from the audience who sang. The next potluck will be the Christmas potluck dinner. It will be held December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the recreation hall. Ham, rolls, and some drinks will be furnished. Bring a hot dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. Also bring your own beverage if desired. Judging by the great food at the Thanksgiving potluck, you won't want to miss it!



## Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. All members are welcome.

## Thank You

Thanks once again to our many volunteers. To Daryl Clark for his help with water and timber. To Joe Freitas for help with the roads. And to Jim Shoemake for the Juke Box at the Lodge Hall.

## Park History - by Clare Smith

Notes from Elsie Manning were used to supply the following history:

My Dad first bought our lot after Ralph and I had taken a dirt road (Wheeler) and ended up down in the meadow where Herb Kearns was standing by his car. We asked what this was, and he told us it was the site of an old sawmill in the meadow that the IOOF bought to subdivide. I believe it was about 600 acres and the plan was for the IOOF to subdivide around the meadow. There was no lake at that time but it was in the planning stage. The lodge was then planned below David, facing the top of the road that heads down to Jordan Way east side. They changed to the present site and sold lots in the area that was to be the lodge. We brought my dad up to see the property and had hardly arrived when he told Mother and me to go find a lot. Loren Hosmer took us around and we loved the south side of the meadow.

We were here cleaning the lot in September of 1950 when a fire erupted in the back area away from the park. (Editor's note: Actually started in Hulls Meadow and burned down our way.) We quickly packed up and headed for home. When we got up on the highway we could see the smoke and flames across the ridge and burning down into the canyon. The next week we saw Loren and he told us they'd saved most of the park with just some of the back area down into the canyon burned.

During that time, Herb Keans was active in the association and Bob Hodson was a caretaker of sorts. He did most of the bulldozing and that type of thing. It seems to me that the old bulldozer went on forever. Everyone volunteered for everything.

We started our cabin the following 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend with setting piers. We carried water from the creek in 2½ gallon water cans. We had the lumber delivered and my husband and father sawed every board by hand, as PG&E had not brought the electricity across the meadow. We closed in the cabin the first year coming to the mountains every weekend.

Bob Hodson had dug out the area to be the lake and it had started filling. At that time, they were using the whole creek to fill the lake. Several years later a government agency made us split the creek so only a percentage was going through the lake. Originally, when it was all going through the lake, there was an overflow, which we used late night to shower after a long day of working. It sure was COLD ! But at least we felt cleaner.

(Elsie's notes to be continued next month.)



### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 9, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Greg Brown - acting president, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Fred Coleman, Gene Reed, Robert Snell, and Ron Hawke. Those absent were Deena Hague, Del Wallis, and Jasper Morrison, excused.

**MINUTES** - Motion by Hawke, second by Bonner to approve the minutes of the October meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD** - Doris Kilgore requesting that the minutes be mailed out sooner following the Board of Director's Meeting. She also has two dead trees across from her which she wants something done about. This is not park business.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - 1) Certificate of Worker's compensation for person doing burn - Environmental Compliances Services. 2) Grant deed - American Title. Waller's sold property to Roger Gregg. 3) State Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund - refund of \$1365.81 because of change to another carrier. 4) Certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000 liability for Environmental Compliances Services for burn. 5) Letter from Julie Hoyt requesting the names and telephone numbers of directors on the board and the park manager in case she or her renters have an emergency.

Note - in response to #5 above: Emergencies pertaining to individuals or the property of an individual need to be reported to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office at 533-5815 or by dialing 911. Emergencies involving the Park property should be reported to the Park Manager at 586-3098 or by dialing 911. Members interested in contacting the Board of Directors may do so by writing them at P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, CA 95335, or by appearing at the Board of Directors meetings which are held the first Sunday after the Second Saturday of every month at the office in the recreation hall.

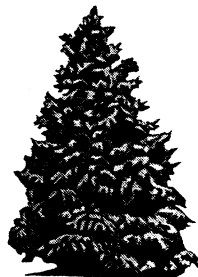
**PARK MANAGER'S REPORT** - 210,000 gallons of water were used this month.

**Completed projects** - 1) Built shoulders on back roads. 2) Trimmed trees at intersections. 3) Hooked ground road/Dedman to power pole. 4) New 100 amp panel hooked up. 5) Seeded next to road on Jordan Way. 6) Leveled dirt to ready for seed by the Boy Scout camp. 7) Cleaned ditches and culvert pipes. 8) Installed fire hydrant and 200 feet of 2-inch water line. 9) Installed 150 feet of 6-inch water line/Plumbed in #6 well. 10) Electric three-phase panel installed. 11) Shoulder work on overlaid roads 80% complete.

**Equipment** - 1) No estimate on grader blade this month. 2) Repaired pump on fire truck. 3) Lubed back hoe. 4) Hooked up sander on snow plow this week.

**Problems reported to board**- Caught a person hauling wood out of the park. Nonmembers are not to cut wood and wood cut by members is not to be taken out of park.

Del to talk to TUD regarding leaking old wooden tank.



### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER** - Water usage was 210,000 gallons last month. A discussion was held concerning upgrade of the water system. Motion by Coleman, second by Hawke to check with a consultant on what our water system needs. Motion carried.

**ROADS** - Reed - Compliments about how they look. In the future, we need to deal with all other items besides paving, i.e., cleanup, stumps, left-over asphalt, etc.

**BUILDINGS** - Hawke - The lodge hall looked great for potluck. We still want to do work to upgrade it.

**TIMBER** - Coleman - The burn is to take place as soon as possible. We need some rain first. There is a problem with wood cutting. Only people allowed to take wood from the back country in the park are Odd Fellows. The timber land does not belong to all homeowners, just to the Odd Fellows and therefore they are the only ones who can cut downed wood.

**RECREATION** - Snell - There were 85 people at the Thanksgiving dinner. This was down 20 people from last year. Thank you to all who cooked, cleaned up, sang and provided music (Mr. and Mrs. Freitas and Doris Kilgore) and to all who attended. Also thanks to JoJo, Mike and Randy for the fine job on preparing the hall. It looked very nice. The next event is the Christmas potluck which will be held Dec 21. See the front page for details.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** - Coleman There are regularly too many cars parked at one home on Abraham. It is anticipated that this will cause a problem with snow removal. A letter will be sent to the homeowner requesting that extra cars be parked at the lake parking lot.

Reminder - No loose dogs are allowed on park property. This is also a County ordinance.

Please be careful with fires in your stove pipes and chimneys. A good practice is to have a chimney sweep come in once a year. This is much cheaper than the loss of your home.

**FINANCE** - Bonner - Bills for this month total 10,828.72. Motion by Hawke, second by Reed to pay all bills. Motion carried. One CD becomes liquid this month. Put it back in.

Small claims have been filed against those who have not paid their assessment.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Randy is to contact Mr. Holiday and then move his trailer off the right of way as it is anticipated that this will be a problem with snow season approaching.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Motion by Coleman, second by Hawke, to start the Board of Director meetings at 8:30 a.m. beginning with the January 1998, meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion about the need to hire experienced operators for snow removal equipment. Motion by Coleman and second by Brown, to have Randy check on the availability of operators and report at the December meeting. However, in case of an emergency prior to the meeting, Randy is authorized to hire experienced operators as needed. Motion carried and so ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held December 14, at 9:00 a.m.

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Checks disbursed for October/November 1997

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/20	8524	Tuolumne County Municipal Court	Small claims filing fee 168.00
10/27	8525	Employment Development Dept	State tax third quarter 137.07
10/27	8526	US Bank	Taxes 115.42
10/27	8527	Del Wallis	Small claims court costs 36.00
11/9	8528	Eric A Carlson, Accountant	Professional services 865.00
11/9	8529	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	63.73
11/9	8530	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 664.66
11/9	8531	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 280.82
11/9	8532	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 664.66
11/9	8533	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 280.82
11/9	8534	S&K Automatic Gate	Service Call 75.00
11/9	8535	J.S. West Propane	Fuel 50.82
11/9	8536	Pacific Bell	Phone 116.20
11/9	8537	AT&T	Long-Distance phone 5.15
11/9	8538	Zaks	Parts & supplies for fire truck 129.49
11/9	8539	AquaLab	Water testing 375.00
11/9	8540	Sugar Pine Hardware	Road, building, shop supplies 94.49
11/9	8541	Postmaster	Postage 225.00
11/9	8542	Randall J. Tolbert	Health Insurance 250.00
11/9	8543	Department of Health	Water maintenance 510.00
11/9	8544	PG&E	Power pole for LongBarn Road gate 889.76
11/9	8545	Angles Pest Control	Spray buildings 100.00
11/9	8546	Duane St Clair Trucking	Delivery of road base/drain rock 288.00
11/9	8547	George Reed, Inc.	Road Base and drain rock 365.75
11/9	8548	Village mail and gift	Newsletter and financial statement 106.18
11/9	8549	US Bank	Taxes, payroll 548.52
11/9	8550	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
11/9	8551	PG&E	Electricity 861.39
11/9	8552	Tuolumne County Tax Board	Property Taxes 1,455.44
11/9	8553	Ron Hawke	Rec hall supplies 69.13
11/9	8554	Gregory D. Brown	Mileage 67.50
11/9	8555	Fred Coleman	Mileage/rec hall supplies 60.00
11/9	8556	Robert Snell	Mileage/ Thanksgiving dinner 145.48
Total			10,828.71



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