

## Sierra Recreation Association

November 2001

## PARK NOTES

The annual Holiday dinner will be held on Saturday, December 8, at the Recreation Hall. As in the past, the Park furnishes the turkeys, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, cranberry sauce, and drinks. Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert. We've had one volunteer, but may need a couple more to roast the turkeys. If you would like to volunteer, please call Bob at 209-523-4660 or 586-9343, or Norrine at 209-522-6025 or 586-3683, or e-mail nrcocyle@ainet.com.

Winter has suddenly arrived with a vengeance! That means that you must turn off the water at your cabin, drain the pipes, and put antifreeze down the drains, or you will have an ugly mess in your cabin the next time you go up to it, besides all of the Park water you will have wasted on your floors and walls, and maybe even down the hill from your cabin. Even people who are lucky enough to live in the park full time need to winterize if you are going to be gone a few days.



Also to do with winter, don't let children play on or go sledding down the roads. When the roads are icy, there's no way a car or the snowplow can stop fast. A reminder, too that motorized recreational vehicles, including snowmobiles are not to be operated on Park property.

Since we've had some rain and the fire danger is greatly diminished, Park property owners may now go into the back country and cut wood. On or after Saturday, November 17, you may start bringing pine needles, pine cones, branches up to 6' in diameter, etc. to the burn area. No building materials are allowed. The California Forest Service has told us they will close our burn area if we burn anything other than what they allow.

Ann Coleman found a 24 exposure, 400 speed, black & white roll of film while she was walking on Jordan East. If you've lost a roll of film, call her at 586-0551.

The cost of gate openers has gone up. The remotes are now \$40 each and the cards \$30 each. If you need an extra one, contact Richard Bonner, 586-7727.

The Board meetings days have been changed to the third Saturday of each month beginning in January. As usual, the date of the next meeting will be included in the newsletter's calendar of events.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday Dinner	6:00 p.m., Sat., Dec. 8, 2001
Dec. Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sun., Dec. 9, 2001
Jan. Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sat., Jan. 19, 2002
Feb. Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sat., Feb. 16, 2002
Mar. Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sat., Mar. 16, 2002

## SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is a business meeting at 7:00 p.m.. The 4th Saturday is a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**PARK MANAGER'S NUMBER: 586-3089**

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

There are few things more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own. (Remember what Bill Cosby called the "Parents' Curse": "I hope you have one just like you some day!")

How to tell when you are getting old: You make an improper suggestion to a woman, she turns you down -- and you are relieved.

Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Two 6-year old kids were looking at an abstract painting in a museum. "Let's get out of here," said one, "before they say we did it."

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

If you love something, set it free.

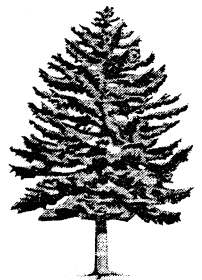
If it comes back, it will always be yours.

If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.

But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money, and doesn't appear to realize that you had set it free . . .

You either married it or gave birth to it.

Item in a church newsletter: Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



Board of Directors Meeting, November 11, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Present were: President Del Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Greg Brown, Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Raul Morales and Ed Smith. The invocation was given by Richard Bonner. By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) the minutes of the October meeting were approved as corrected to say that P.G.&E. answered our request for information about high usage meters. They did not suggest that we install them.

Members before the Board: Jim Shoemaker asked for permission to put a culvert in front of his place. He also said some small trees at the corner of Debra and Jordan need to be cut for better driving visibility. He and Mr. Varvayanis both said smoke from the burn area comes into their cabins. The material being burned smokes because it is wet.

Correspondence: Letter from the State Controller regarding unclaimed property; letter from Rick Coffman thanking the caretakers for a good job in the park and asking about fire hydrant maintenance; form from W. H. Breshears, Inc. regarding diesel fuel; grant deed from Richard & Katherine Alves to Gary & Sharon Powell; e-mails from W. B. Fowler, Jr., and Don & Gloria Escallier commending the caretakers for the good job, e-mail from Gordon Greene requesting use of the Recreation Hall for his son's Scout Troop and mentioning diversion of water into the lake.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: The chlorinator has been ordered but not received. We used 579,900 gallons of water last month. All water tanks and pumps have fences and locks and are as safe from tampering as possible.

Roads - Snell: The culverts are being cleaned. Next year, David will be paved, and some other roads will be oiled.

Buildings - Smith: A heater has been installed in the little shop and lights installed in the big shop. He will check on the possibility of putting insulation on the shop roll-up doors.

Timber - Coleman: He will talk to Will Dorrell about a big ponderosa pine that is dangerous and needs to be taken out. Other dead trees will be taken out soon. Since it has rained, property owners may cut wood in the back country.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: The holiday dinner will be on December 8.

Health & Safety - Hague: It appears most of the littering in the Park is being done by people working for contractors. There are a few contractors doing a great job keeping the area clean where they are working. One resident who walks for exercise picks up litter along the way and has found two \$20 bills in the litter. Air Quality Control has given us a permit to burn until April to get our burn area cleaned up. Property owners may start bringing pine needles and other such materials to the burn area on November 17.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$17,491.40 and \$3,031 from the Timber Fund. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. It was mentioned that the price of gate openers has gone up-- remotes now \$40 each and cards \$30 each. The Eddy's are the only ones whose assessment has not been paid and it is in Small Claims Court. We realize that there are some large expenses which we have been incurring, such as the heater, chlorinator, and gas pump, and will try to find money in the budget for these, but at the end of the year we may need to tap into the reserves for these things.

Old Business: The I.R.S. had said it would release its lien on property on which the Board had foreclosed, but now says it won't. We need to take some action that will force the I.R.S. to release its lien. The President will pursue this with the Parks' attorney.

New Business: Fire hydrants have been flushed according to schedule. They are marked on the map, but they will be checked for better marking at the hydrant locations. A flume for the lake is being studied. In response to Mr. Greene's request to use the recreation hall for a Scout troop, it was pointed out that the building is for day use and evening meals only, and is not to be used for overnight stays. Mr. Greene will be informed of the fees and insurance requirements. There was a discussion about changing the Board meeting day, since so many meetings fall on holidays. By consensus, it was agreed to change the meeting dates to the third Sat. of each month at 8:30 a.m. starting in Jan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be on Sun., Dec. 9, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

**Checks Disbursed for November 2001**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/05	10107	The Nest	Trees	121.45
11/12	10108*	USBank	Estimated Timber tax	2046.00
11/12	10109*	Franchise Tax Board	Estimated Timber tax	985.00
11/12	10110	Frank D. Hodges	Taxes - Property	1593.47
11/12	10111	USBank	Taxes - Payroll	1287.20
11/12	10112	Employment Dev.	Taxes - Payroll	102.92
11/12	10113	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	415.00
11/12	10114	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	927.89
11/12	10115	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	639.47
11/12	10116	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	927.89
11/12	10117	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	639.48
11/12	10118	SnoQuip	Maintain Equipment	1063.71
11/12	10119	Donlee Pump Co.	Maintain Equipment	1244.27
11/12	10120	Steve Lavagnino	Maintain Equipment	1820.41
11/12	10121	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
11/12	10122	Joe Cover & Sons	Health & Safety	175.00
11/12	10123	Valley Door Equipment	Gate	1605.00
11/12	10124	Roger A. Brown	Professional Service	91.00
11/12	10125	Duane St. Clair	Maintain Roads	153.00
11/12	10126	AquaLab	Water Testing	130.00
11/12	10127	Village Mail & Postage	Newsletter	62.06
11/12	10128	J.S. West	Propane	43.35
11/12	10129	Mother Lode Port.	Health & Safety	71.65
11/12	10130	Angels Pest	Maintain Buildings	110.00
11/12	10131	Doherty Tire	Maintain Equipment	779.47
11/12	10132	DEBC O	Supplies Shop	34.48
11/12	10133	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Water System	159.06
11/12	10134	Pacific Bell	Telephone	58.21
11/12	10135	AT&T	Telephone	17.42
11/12	10136	PG&E	Utilities	788.34
11/12	10137	USBank	Payroll Deductions	175.00
11/12	10138	Richard Bonner	Auto Mileage	33.12
11/12	10139	Norrine Coyle	Auto Mileage	49.68
11/12	10140	Robert Snell	Auto Mileage	51.75
11/12	10141	Deena Hague	Auto Mileage	51.75
11/12	10142	Gregory Brown	Auto Mileage	93.15
11/12	10143	Randy Tolbert	Mileage	101.78
			Monthly Expenses	\$17,491.40
			Timber Expenses	\$ 3,031.00

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association  
P.O. Box 116  
Long Barn, CA 95335

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

U.S. Postage Paid  
Bulk Mail  
Permit #2  
Long Barn, CA 95335