

Sierra Recreation Association

December 1999

Winter time in the Park

Winter is here! Be sure and carry chains with you and remind any contractors you may have coming into the park to be sure and have chains with them. Often it is legal to drive in the snow without your chains on if you have four-wheel drive, but you must still carry them in your car when chains are required or you may still be ticketed. Also, please be sure to slow down when turning off the highway on to Wheeler Road. It is usually icy there and some vehicles have gone out of control.

And speaking of winter, please be sure all vehicles are parked well off the roadway in the park so there is plenty of room for the snowplow to go through. Dented cars are no fun either. Also, be sure that your cabins are winterized. Broken pipes are no fun, especially if they are inside your own cabin or home.



With Christmas time upon us, remember that it is illegal to cut Christmas trees on Park and US Forest Service properties. You will be fined heavily by the Forest Service if caught with a tree that you've cut. After Christmas, please do not put Christmas trees in the garbage dumpster. Take them to the burn area at the edge of the meadow. It is open again, so you can also drop off any pine needles, limbs, etc., from your lot. It is also not a good idea to burn them in your fireplaces, as they are more likely to cause a chimney fire than your dried firewood. And speaking of chimney fires, if you have not already done so, be sure to have your chimney cleaned to avoid this disaster.

A black bear has been seen (very close up and personal) in the park. Be careful about how you store your garbage and other bear "edibles." Hopefully, he has settled down now for a long winter's nap, but you can't be too careful.

Pumpkin Roll

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| 3 eggs             | 3/4 c. flour             |
| 1 c. sugar         | 1 tsp. baking powder     |
| 2/3 c. pumpkin     | 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice |
| 1 tsp. lemon juice | 1/2 tsp. salt            |

Filling:

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| 1 c. powdered sugar  | 3 Tbsp. margarine  |
| 6-8 oz. cream cheese | 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla |

Beat eggs at high speed for 5 minutes; gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Mix the flour, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, and salt and fold into the pumpkin mixture. Spread batter on greased and floured 15 x 10 x 1 inch pan. Top with nuts if desired. Bake for 15 minutes at 375°. Turn onto a towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at the narrow end, roll towel and cake together; cool thoroughly.

Beat powdered sugar, cream cheese, margarine, and vanilla until smooth. Unroll cake and sprinkle with filling. Roll back up and slice as needed. Refrigerate.



Calendar of Events

- St Patrick's Day Dinner.....Saturday, March 11, 2000
- Annual Meeting.....Sunday, May 28, 2000
- Fish Derby.....Saturday June 17, 2000

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 12, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Jim Morrison. Those present were Vice President Jim Morrison, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, and members Deena Hague and Bob Snell. Absent and excused were President Del Wallis, and members Greg Brown, Fred Coleman, and Ron Hawke.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

**MINUTES** - By motion (Snell/Bonner, unan.), minutes of the November 14, 1999, meeting were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Christmas card from the Park's accounting firm; copy of grant deed from Karin Hollmann to James Monnie and Charles Varvayanis for property on Jordan Way West; form from W. H. Breshears, Inc., for renewal of the Park's exemption from paying State excise tax on red diesel; from Caldwell Insurance Services for renewal of the Directors and Officers insurance policy; letter from Jeannie Eddy enclosing a check for her assessment; letter from Eric Carlson accounting firm reminding the Board that payroll taxes are applicable to any bonuses and informing us of a change in the way overtime is to be calculated effective January 1, 2000.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER - Morrison** - Water usage was 510,700 gallons in the past month. The water leak on Rebecca was repaired and the water in well No. 5 was tested.

**ROADS - Snell** - The roads are icy and have been sanded..

**BUILDINGS - Hawke (absent)** - The caretaker reported that the hall had been decorated for Christmas. A Christmas tree had been purchased for the hall, not cut in the forest.

**TIMBER - Coleman (absent)** - The forester we have been using is going to work for the Federal Government. He has recommended someone that the board might try out.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague** - It was mentioned that it is illegal to cut Christmas trees on park property and on U.S. Forest Service property.

**EQUIPMENT - Brown (absent)** - The Caretaker reported that the winter equipment is ready. The new pickup was looked at by Zak's and by our Insurance company. It checked out very well and is now being used.

**RECREATION - Coyle/Snell** - A successful holiday dinner was held on December 11, with about 55 people present, including Santa Claus, who gave each child a gift.

**FINANCE - Bonner** - Bills for the month total 19,120.58, which includes the pickup and some timber funds. By motion (Hague/Snell, unan.) The bills were approved for payment. There are still four property owners who have not paid their assessments. A check for \$2,033.47 refund was received from the I.R.S. for overpayment of the estimated timber tax.

**CARETAKER'S REPORT** - They have placed rocks on both sides of the gate area to prevent motorcycles from going around the gate to come into the Park. The Caretaker's report is attached to the original minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Deena Hague distributed copies of the proposed rules that are being studied by the ad hoc committee appointed in the November 14, 1999, Board of Directors meeting. She asked for comments and suggestions from the Board members.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Water bars have been cut across the toboggan hill and will be a danger to anyone using the hill. The caretaker will use the backhoe to fill in the water bars and reroute water.

Bonus checks were given to Randy and Mike.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be January 9, 2000, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary

**Checks Disbursed for December 1999**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
11/13	9348	Department of Motor Vehicles	Tax & Transfer fee for new pickup	595.00
11/23	9349	Randall J. Tolbert	Reimbursement, tool boxes for pickup	490.98
12/12	9350	Randall J. Tolbert	Incentive Bonus	815.60
12/12	9351	Michael W. Caropresso	Incentive Bonus	543.19
12/12	9352	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Sand Delivery for roads	144.00
12/12	9353	George Reed, Inc.	Sand for roads	287.51
12/12	9354	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	902.98
12/12	9355	Employment Development Department	Payroll Taxes	59.67
12/12	9356	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Fix Flat	6.00
12/12	9357	Modesto Welding	Supplies, shop	14.69
12/12	9358	J.S. West & Symons	Maintenance, equipment	21.40
12/12	9359	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health and Safety	71.68
12/12	9360	Twain Harte Lumber	Water & Shop supplies	116.20
12/12	9361	Secretary of State	Filing fee for Recreation Association	10.00
12/12	9362	Sierra Resources	Timber expense	540.25
12/12	9363	Village Mail & Print	Newsletter	53.09
12/12	9364	Zaks	Shop supplies & Equipment	206.43
12/12	9365	J.S. West & Symons	Propane	37.28
12/12	9366	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
12/12	9367	Void		
12/12	9368	AT&T	Telephone	15.89
12/12	9369	Pacific Bell	Telephone	49.21
12/12	9370	PG&E	Electricity	540.24
12/12	9371	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	175.00
12/12	9372	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.71
12/12	9373	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.66
12/12	9374	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.69
12/12	9375	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.66
12/12	9376	AquaLab	Water Testing	745.00
12/12	9377	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Professional services	250.00
12/12	9378	Acordia of California	Worker's Comp. Insurance	412.00
12/12	9379	Ron Hawke	Reimbursement for copies	5.11
12/12	9380	Postmaster	Bulk Mail trust account	225.00
12/12	9381	Norrine Coyle	Mileage & Reimbursement for Dinner	151.93
12/12	9382	Deena Hague	Mileage	48.18
12/12	9383	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
12/12	9384	Robert Snell	Mileage & Reimbursement for Dinner	82.54
12/12	9385	Randall J. Tolbert	Reimbursement, petty cash	118.86
			Total	<u>\$19,120.58</u>

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