

Sierra Recreation Association

December 2001

PARK NOTES

Apologies from the Board Secretary/Newsletter Editor for the lateness of this month's newsletter. The holidays got in the way. I hope that this hasn't inconvenienced anyone.

Norrine Coyle



There were about 72 people at the Park's Holiday dinner on December 8. There was lots of great food (aren't we all fantastic cooks?), and lots of fun and fellowship. Roger and Ruth Townsend and their daughter, Cheryl, made and donated three really adorable "Christmas Carolers." Everybody wanted one--lots of tickets were sold, and 3 lucky people got them. They collected \$212 which will go toward costs for the fishing derby. The Townsends are putting their collective creative hat on to see if they can come up with some idea for the St. Patrick's dinner. So, if you didn't win a caroler, you might have a chance at winning something else. At its meeting, the board expressed its appreciation for the Townsend family's wonderful donation. When you see the Townsends, be sure and thank them for all of the work, time and money they put into their donation.



WINTER IS HERE!

Another reminder to winterize your cabins when you leave for any amount of time longer than to go get some groceries. Turn off the valve on the main water line coming into your cabin, drain the lines, open all of the faucets, pour a little antifreeze (like you use in your car radiator) down every drain and in the toilet. If you don't want to do this, you'd better check with your insurance company to see if you are covered for water damage if your pipes freeze and break. Some insurance companies don't cover this kind of damage, so all of the repairs will be out of your pocket.

Be sure to have snow chains with you when you come up to your cabin. The Park Managers are doing a great job plowing snow, but sometimes there will be icy spots and you can't get up a hill. Several people had to be helped get out of the Park recently. Next time, there may not be anyone around who can help.

Remember, too, that the snow plows have the right of way. If you are walking or trying to drive through it, and the snow plow comes toward you, get out of its way. Snow plows don't stop on a dime!

If you are walking after dark, be sure and carry a flashlight and have some reflectorized items on your clothing so drivers can see

you. Remember, too, that leash laws are still in effect, so if your dog is with you, it must be on a leash. Otherwise, your dog should not be out at all.

The Board's business meeting start at 8:30. Prior to that time, the members are reviewing the bills that will be presented for payment at the business meeting. Park members who wish to attend are welcome at 8:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jan. Board Meeting | 8:30 a.m., SAT., Jan. 19, 2002 |
| Feb. Board Meeting | 8:30 a.m., SAT., Feb. 16, 2002 |
| March Board Meeting | 8:30 a.m., SAT., Mar. 16, 2002 |
| Annual Meeting | 8:30 a.m., Sun., May 26, 2002 |

PARK MANGER'S NUMBER 209-586-3089

SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

An Australian inventor was the first to combine a boomerang and and a hand grenade. He was also the last.

Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff (and some people are making a fortune renting mini-warehouses to people who own so much stuff, they have no place to put it all).

The teacher asked her students, "If you had 10 potatoes and had to divide them among 12 people, how would you do it?" One shild relpied, "Mash 'em."

At a weekly Boy Scout meeting, the scoutmaster announced, "Boys, we can get into the Harrison High School football game free if we go together and are in uniform." One Scout piped up, "Can you also get us a free pass to a Denver Broncos game?" "Sure," the scoutmaster replied, "if they play Harrison High."

"Who gives this woman to this man?" "Her mother, and I, and American Express."

Three things a skier needs: Green money, White snow, and Blue Cross.

Board of Directors Meeting, December 9, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Robert Snell.

Present were: Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Raul Morales and Ed Smith. Absent and excused were President Del Wallis and Member Greg Brown

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

By motion (Smith/Coleman, unan.) the minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Members before the Board: Jim Shoemaker had comments about the burn pile, paying the Park Manager mileage, putting berms in front of driveways, and asked about a parked Volkswagon. Roger Townsend also attended the meeting.

Correspondence: Letter from Roger and Vicki Smith who are new in the Park and requested some information; note from Sentinel Community Bank thanking us for our business; notice from the U. S. Bankruptcy Court that P. G. & E. had filed Chapter 11; grant deed from Patrick & Cathy Bowman to Stanley & Dodie Moore; letter from the County of Tuolumne about selling firewood; a reminder from the Park's accountant that Christmas bonuses are considered wages and subject to payroll taxes; receipt from Roger Brown, Attorney, for payment for work on the Soares property; notice from World Savings of maturity of a CD; and an e-mail from Gordon Green about more water going into the lake.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: We used 327,900 gallons of water the past month. Water lines have been drained in the apple orchard and the park. Checked on fire hydrant signs.

Roads - Snell: He has been in touch with George Reed and Tiechert about keeping water from running down and across Deborah and other streets.

Buildings - Smith: He checked with Barton Overhead Doors regarding insulating the shop roll-up doors. The price is \$2.00 per sq. ft. We may be able to do it ourselves for less.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell has checked on getting some money for the sale of the wood from some trees on Jordan that must be taken down. He has suggested lumbering in Section 6. This is part of the Forest Plan. He said some trees in the picnic area and some other areas which have been killed by beetles need to be cut down. He is also going to see about getting another grant from the State. He requested the return of \$3,000 which he should have held out of money he paid us to pay for other logging that has been done.

Health & Safety - Hague: People who walk in the Park after dark should carry a flashlight and wear some reflectorized items on their clothing so they can be seen.

Equipment - Brown: Park truck had to have a new clutch.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: The Board thanked the Committee for the holiday dinner the previous evening. Mr. & Mrs. Townsend and their daughter, Cheryl, donated three "Carolers" and sold tickets for a drawing which raised \$212 for the fishing derby. The Board expressed appreciation to the Townsends.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$12,045.29 and \$3,026.50 from the Timber Fund. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

Old Business: We need to get someone to look into modernizing the Park's water system and give us a cost estimate that could be presented at the annual meeting. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) it was agreed to set up a committee to look into options for the water system. By motion (Hague/Coleman, unan.) a committee composed of Morales, Coleman and Smith was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 19, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary



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Checks Dispersements for December 2001

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 12/01 | 10144 | Randall J. Tolbert | Incentive bonus | 792.04 |
| 12/01 | 10145 | Micheal W. Caropresso | Incentive bonus | 666.40 |
| 12/10 | 10146 | J.S. West | Maintain Buildings | 32.09 |
| 12/10 | 10147 | J.S. West Propane | Propane | 149.51 |
| 12/10 | 10148 | Mother Lode | Health & Safety | 71.65 |
| 12/10 | 10149 | Mother Lode Equip. | Maintain Equipment | 14.62 |
| 12/10 | 10150 | Doherty Tire | Maintain Equipment | 44.00 |
| 12/10 | 10151 | Twain Harte Lumber | Shop, gate, recreation | 150.27 |
| 12/10 | 10152 | USBank | Payroll taxes | 1287.20 |
| 12/10 | 10153 | Employment Develop. | Payroll taxes | 102.92 |
| 12/10 | 10154 | Cal Sierra Disposal | Garbage | 1135.13 |
| 12/10 | 10155 | Zaks | Maintain Equipment | 470.38 |
| 12/10 | 10156 | AquaLab | Water tests | 52.00 |
| 12/10 | 10157 | Richard Bonner | Christmas dinner & Mileage | 78.00 |
| 12/10 | 10158 | Eric A. Carlson | Accounting | 305.00 |
| 12/10 | 10159 | Randall J. Tolbert | Payroll | 927.89 |
| 12/10 | 10160 | Micheal W. Caropresso | Payroll | 639.47 |
| 12/10 | 10161 | Randall J. Tolbert | Payroll | 927.89 |
| 12/10 | 10162 | Micheal W. Caropresso | Payroll | 639.48 |
| 12/10 | 10163 | Pacific Bell | Phone | 56.74 |
| 12/10 | 10164 | AT&T | Phone | 18.25 |
| 12/10 | 10165 | PG&E | Utilities | 638.76 |
| 12/10 | 10166 | Tamarack Tree Serv. | Remove hazardous trees | 1700.00 |
| 12/10 | 10167 | Village Mail & Post. | Member comm. | 52.96 |
| 12/10 | 10168 | Robert Snell | Christmas dinner, mileage | 158.50 |
| 12/10 | 10169 | Norraine Coyle | Christmas dinner, mileage | 168.78 |
| 12/10 | 10170 | Deena Hague | Mileage | 51.75 |
| 12/10 | 10171 | Randy Tolbert | Petty cash | 47.62 |
| 12/10 | 10172 | USBank | Retirement | 175.00 |
| 12/10 | 10173 | Jeff Alexander | Water heater | <u>491.00</u> |
| | | | Total Monthly Expenses | \$12,040.29 |
| 12/10 | 10174 | Randy Gray Logging | Timber expense | 3026.50 |



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