

## Sierra Recreation Association



**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION  
ASSOCIATION WISHES YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**President's Corner**

What does a little snow, a lot of delicious food, a merry group of people, and Santa Claus represent? The Annual Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association's Christmas Dinner. If you were one of the unfortunate ones who were unable to attend; you missed a fantastic evening and a dinner that was unmistakably the best that had ever been served. The recreation committee director, Chuck Aston, out did himself again with a dinner that can only be described as "fit for a king and queen." Six beautifully smoked BBQ turkeys that melted in your mouth and a dressing that was to die for. Mashed potatoes with bacon bits, butter, and sour cream that made you think you were fine dining at a four star restaurant. If that wasn't enough, there were a multitude of desserts and salads that you could select from and never taste them all. Well, you can only eat so much, and unfortunately that overstuffed feeling comes on faster than what one would like to experience. The dinner was outstanding and many thanks to Chuck Aston for preparing such an elegant and fine dining experience. Chuck worked extremely hard all day making sure that everything was just right. Great job Chuck and we look forward to next year. It's going to be tough to match what you did this year.

The Board would also like to thank Mike and JoJo Caripreso for their hard work in decorating the lodge. The lights were beautiful and the reindeer brought the real Christmas spirit out in all of us. Another individual who gave a great effort and helped Chuck with the preparation and cooking was Tom Clark. Tom provided a large amount of the pots and pans and assisted with the cooking. Little did we all know that Tom was experiencing a bleeding ulcer the whole time and two days later, ended up in the hospital. Talk about dedication to his friends, the park, and his fellow homeowners; his effort was above and beyond anyone could ask for. Thanks Tom, take care and get well.

The last individual to be mentioned, a celebrity to the children, was Santa Claus. Santa joined us after dinner and asked each child to join him in his chair and get their picture taken. After each child had their picture taken, Santa presented each of them with a gift. I'm not sure what classifies a child, but I did see a very attractive young lady sitting on Santa's lap getting her picture taken. If I saw what I thought, this young lady sure did look like JoJo Caripreso. Hey, we all believe in Santa in one way or another, right? Again, thanks to everyone for their outstanding efforts and allowing all of us to enjoy a wonderful night out with great company and fine food.

There are a couple of items that I'd like to mention before closing. One, the Board had an audit conducted because of the past President and Secretary both leaving the Board at the same time. Everyone felt that it was in the best interest for both the outgoing members as well as the incoming members to have this audit. I am pleased to report that everything checks out and we were given a clean bill of health. The second item concerns the pending lawsuit with the Boy Scouts. Our insurance company has been a little late in reimbursing us for our attorney and his fees. The Board has been advancing large sums of money in order that our attorney could continue our defense. The insurance company was billed on a regular basis with negative results. However, last month we received our first check that covered half of our attorney's expenses, and last week we received another check that covered the total cost. That check for \$26,893.73 will be deposited back into our timber fund account. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we have been reimbursed in full and our money is back where it belongs. Let us hope that this is a sign of good things to come and the final judgment in this matter, which is expected sometime in January of 2005, will be in our favor. May you have peace and joy through the holidays and the Board wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Board President,  
Michael Rainwater

## Caretaker's Corner

With winter coming, our caretaker has been a very busy individual. Through the month of November, Mike replaced the mirrors on the snow plow, in addition to plowing and sanding, and repaired the chains for the snow plow. Mike found a lock that had been cut on one of our gates on David and it appears that someone was entering our park illegally. Mike felt it would be better to replace the entire gate and construct a box around the lock making it impossible to cut. The old gate was removed and the new installed and painted. Several other chain gates were installed on Rebecca, also. The chain saws were sharpened because our wood cutter dropped four or five trees, several of them around the bridge on East Jordan. Mike then cut these trees into smaller sections and transported them over to the campground for our homeowners. Mike dug a trench for the installation of a new dawn to dusk light that will provide illumination around both the sand shed and garbage dump. Mike had to spend extra time at the garbage disposal area due to the fact that Cal Sierra failed to pick up garbage as scheduled by Mike. He decorated both the inside and outside of the lodge as well as cleaning both inside and out. Mike also received and helped install a new stove and microwave in the caretaker's cabin which, according to legend, were from circa 1850's. Someone was very happy about this new addition. Maybe Mike can get more to eat now than just cold cereal. Only kidding!!

## December Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Rainwater at 8:50 A.M.

Present were: President Michael Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members Charles Aston, Tom Clark, Sean Kasper, and Robert Snell. Excused Secretary Norrine Coyle.

Members before the Board: Doris and Neil Selman, Mike VanGundy

Correspondence: Several Christmas cards from both homeowners and local businesses; letter from Hach regarding a regional water training seminar; letter from George Reed indicating new costs for materials such as cement; letter from Roger Brown indicating the latest bill sent to our insurance company.

### Committee Reports:

**Water – Cloak** – Water used during the past month was 560,000 gallons. There was one small water break at Greg Brown's residence on Joseph Street.

**Roads – Snell** - Nothing new to report.

**Buildings – Clark** – A new stove and microwave were delivered and installed in the caretaker's cabin. The cost was \$794.30. The sand shed light is almost finished. There were 19 bikes in the old concession stand and these were delivered to a charity that will repair them and donate them to needy children. The refrigerator in the lodge is about to die and by motion (Snell/Cloak, unam.) to replace the refrigerator as soon as possible.

**Timber – Townsend** - Will, our forester, Randy, our cutter, and Roger will walk the compartments that we cut from this year and make sure the clean up was to our specifications.

**Health & Safety –Kasper** – Several of the homeowners have indicated seeing a family of skunks in and around the garbage. Sean will contact county animal control and see if they will come out and trap the skunks. In the meantime, please careful around the garbage late at night.

**Equipment – Kasper** - The caretaker has mentioned that the hand held blower no longer is working and we need to replace it. By motion (Kasper/Cloak, unam.) that Mike replace the blower with one of equal cost to the old one as possible.

**Recreation – Aston** – Christmas dinner is ready; six turkeys will be cooked along with potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls, cranberry sauce, coffee, and punch. Lodge is decorated and ready to go.

**Finance – Townsend** - Deposits totaled \$31.95. Bills totaled \$9,371.25. By motion (Cloak/Aston, unam.) the bills were approved for payment. By motion (Snell/Kasper, unam.) to replace both gate cards and clickers. We have sold fifty gate clickers since June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Sean Kasper indicated that he has made contact with a company that can dredge our lake. He will get back with them and find out what their schedule is and what the cost will be. Robert Snell reported that he is still working on the park signs for our gates. The large dead tree near the bridge on East Jordan has been removed.

**New Business:** The new Board member who is replacing Greg Brown was announced, Mike Rainey. Congratulations to Mike and again, many thanks to Greg for all of his years of service. Mike Van Gundy reported on the last Fire Council meeting and the next one is scheduled for Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in Columbia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M. The next meeting will be January 15, 2005, at 8:30 A.M.

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From 11/21/2004 through 12/15/2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Payment</u>
11/26/2004	386	Michael W. Caropreso	793 · Payroll	11/08/04 to 11/...	977.16
11/26/2004	387	State Farm Bank	185 · Payroll Deduction...		50.00
11/28/2004	11293	Secretary of State	769 · Permits & Fees	disclosure fee f...	25.00
12/10/2004	390	Michael W. Caropreso	793 · Payroll	11/22/04 to 12/...	933.86
12/10/2004	391	State Farm Bank	185 · Payroll Deduction...		50.00
12/11/2004	11294	Tom Clark	771 · Rent	Stove/ Microwa...	794.30
12/11/2004	11295	Michael W. Caropreso	793 · Payroll	Incentive Bonus	500.00
12/11/2004	11296	Roger Townsend	-split-	Mileage	59.57
12/11/2004	11297	A & A Portables Inc.	740 · Health & Safety	36183	73.63
12/11/2004	11298	Zenith Insurance Co.	744 · Insurance	a091412	784.00
12/11/2004	11299	PG&E	792 · Utilities	7220490458-4	346.00
12/11/2004	11300	Tamarack Tree Service	740 · Health & Safety	Hazard Tree Fe...	850.00
12/11/2004	11301	J. S. West Propane	-split-	Propane	405.62
12/11/2004	11302	Twain Harte Lumber ...	-split-	63098	331.36
12/11/2004	11303	Postmaster	758 · Member Commun...	First Class Pres...	150.00
12/11/2004	11304	Zaks	-split-		565.16
12/11/2004	11305	Doherty Tire of Sono...	773 · Maintain Equipm...	3187	309.79
12/11/2004	11306	Eric A. Carlson Acco...	756 · Accounting Servi...	6613	460.00
12/11/2004	11307	Waste Management o...	736 · Garbage	0455826-0544-5	484.03
12/11/2004	11308	SBC	-split-	2095863926	73.18
12/11/2004	11309	M.W. Caropreso	728 · Employee Benefits	Medical benifits	181.00
12/15/2004	388	Employment Develop...	783 · Taxes - Payroll	074-1658-9	91.01
12/15/2004	389	USBank - Taxes	-split-	94-1181950	876.58



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