

Sierra Recreation Association

February 1998

Winter in the Park

We are currently "enjoying" very cold weather here in the park and have received quite a bit of snow. At times, snow levels have been down as far as Sonora. Be sure to carry chains with you when you travel and make sure that they are the right size. There can be hefty fines for passing chains required signs on the highway without chaining up. Also, it is very important that you not park on the roadways during this time of year. Other cars may be able to get by you, but the snow plow may not, which will result in roads not being plowed. If there is not enough room to park off the road at your cabin, there is parking down at the parking area near the lake. It is, however, very beautiful and white. I hope all have had a chance to enjoy some of the winter weather here in the park.



Sierra Park Lodge #376

On the January 24, the lodge initiated six new members. We are pleased to welcome Tony Shadle, John Hinkley, Mark Anderson, Bob Bettencourt, Larry Wright and Larry McNary. Welcome Brothers. We have another application pending and are always on the lookout for new members.

We will have a park potluck on February 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the recreation hall. Our January 24, potluck was a great success and we will continue these potlucks on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the recreation hall.

Corned beef and Cabbage Dinner



You won't want to miss the annual corned beef and cabbage potluck. It will be held March 16, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the recreation hall. The lodge will provide the corned beef and cabbage and coffee and a drink for the children. Bring a dish to share and any special beverage you may wish to have for yourself. This always proves to be a fun occasion and a nice way to be able to meet your neighbors. Be sure to come on time to get a good seat.

Park History - by Clare Smith

I have been quite pleased to receive more personal histories the past couple of months and this month would like to pass this one on to you written by Don Moody with more to follow:

"When we first heard about the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, my wife, along with our daughter and son, decided to take a look.

We met Mr. Rhein, who took us on a tour of the park in a jeep. Of course, at that time, the roads were dirt and it was a very dusty jaunt around the park. I thought at that time that the dirt roads were good as it would help to keep outsiders out.

Starting in the summer of 1957, we camped in the park in the area just below the BBQ area. From time to time, several of us from the Sunnyvale Lodge would travel to the park to spend weekends. Of course, at that time we all had tents. In due time, members of the Sunnyvale Lodge built the present "rest rooms" which are in this area.

On September 16, 1958, we purchased our property from Oscar and Anna Bridgeman of Modesto for the sum of \$450.00; we paid \$50.00 down and \$25.00 per month. In 1968, we contacted Diamond National Company about their pre-cut Shelters. They had three different models. We were informed that they had models on display in Roseville, so we drove there to look over the models. We settled on the "A" model, which cost us about \$1,800.00.



In 1971, my son and I were at our lot to receive the lumber. That day it rained as hard as I've ever seen it rain. The truck driver had left Roseville in the morning in the sunshine. He wore a T-shirt, etc. We were fortunate to be dressed for the rain, but he looked like a drowned rat before he left. Due to the heavy rain, my son and I stored as much of the supplies in Conrad Baker's basement. His place is just up the hill from ours. The rest of the supplies we covered as well as we could with tarps.

We started the actual building in August 1971. By winter, the basic cabin was just a shell with a roof and walls. The weekend we put on roof, I'll never forget, it was 107 to 108 degrees.

Taxes on the property prior to building the cabin in 1958 were \$5.76 per year.

I had quite a bit of help in building the cabin thanks to fellow Lodge members and friends. I had never taken on a project of that type and it really was a lot of hard work and fun, and I certainly learned a lot. One of the things I'll never forget is when I installed the ceiling lights in the kitchen. I figured that since the light switch was in the off position, there would be no problem. Well, after being knocked to the floor from the ladder, I found that this was not the case. A lesson learned the hard way, turn off the electricity at the main switch.

We used the cabin mainly on weekends. Of course, we finally finished the cabin. When my wife passed away in December 1990, I just couldn't use the cabin for a while. When I finally did go up to the park, probably a year and a half later, I went with friends, which helped soften the blow.

I really enjoy the mountains. When I was quite young, my family would use an old woodcutters cabin near Phoenix Lake. I can well remember that there was nothing between Twain Harte and Long Barn except the bar at Confidence. A cousin had a place at Twain Harte. That was long before they put a fence around the lake. On the fourth of July they held rodeos where the golf course is now, behind what was the Twain Harte Lodge."



Don, "thanks for the memories". I look forward to passing more memories on as I receive them. Hopefully, more of the original and subsequent members would share their experiences with us.

Thank You, Clare



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 15, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Del Wallis. Pray was led by Richard Bonner. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Jim Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Deena Hague - Secretary, Ron Hawke, Fred Coleman, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, and Gene Reed. Those absent - none.

MINUTES - Motion by Morrison, second by Hawke to approve the minutes of the January meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (1) Tax refund \$14.92 from the state. (2) Credit check from General supply for \$151.25. (3) Boy scouts check for \$130; annual fee for fuel for minimal snow plowing. This arrangement is ongoing. We plow the short road and they do not park in our lot. (4) Notice from Carlson accounting noting minimum wage goes to \$5.75 on March 1.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT - Water usage was 140,000 gallons this month.

Completed projects

- Completed sign for Park.
- Snow removal and sanded roads.
- Got bids for insert and pipe for the caretaker's cabin.
- Cleaned out debris in culverts and around park during heavy rains.
- Replaced cross links on chains.
- Work on snow plow and International tractor.
- Prepared and sent annual water report to D.O.H.S.
- Two hours of volunteer labor by Matt Schaffer.

Problems before the board:

- Children running back and forth across the road in front of the snow plow.
- A reminder to keep vehicles off the roadway during snow removal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Evaluation needs to be made of the 210,000 gallon tank to look for sediment and any other potential problems. The tank will be drained and inspectors will go in.

ROADS - Reed - TC striping has some repair to do on their overlay. In 1998 we will do overlay of both Jordan way East and West and Moses. We will also look at the road from 108 to the gate and possibly widen the area from the gate for about 30 feet by two to three feet.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Track lighting has been purchased and is to be installed in the recreation hall. The existing lighting will be used in the shed at the corporation yard. There is a problem with the chimney in the caretakers cabin. Smoke is being pulled back into the house. We are getting bids to repair this so that it works properly.

TIMBER - Coleman - Sealed bids are to be sent out for the 1998 cut. Report on Fire break and thinning an area for 100 feet behind houses. We will move ahead and get additional information on a possible fire break on the ridge from the 1997 cut to the water tank. Any decision will wait until there is a thorough discussion on the matter

RECREATION - Snell - The corned beef feed will be on March 14, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Preparation is being made for trout for the annual fishing derby.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - There are some children -- the same ones -- in the road during snow plowing time. These children are in great danger and the parents are not properly supervising them. This is putting these children in danger. If this continues, Child Protective Services will be notified.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bill for \$2912.96 is owed for the survey of the area harvested in 1997 and area around Camp Cedar Brook. Motion by Hawke, second by Brown, to pay \$2912.96 out of the Timber fund as this was for the timber harvest. Motion carried and so ordered. Bills this month total \$7736.85. Motion by Coleman and second by Brown to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - No problems.

OLD BUSINESS - One delinquent account is being cleared up. The lots and subdivision is out for public notice. We are moving along on the five acres.

NEW BUSINESS - The budget is being worked on. Anything that is of concern by any member, please send a letter to the board so this may be taken into consideration.

Meeting closed at 10:25 a.m. An executive board meeting followed the regular board meeting. The next meeting will be held March 15 at 8:30 a.m.



Checks disbursed for January/February 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1/13	8618	Postmaster	Stamps/Office supplies	32.00
1/17	8619	Postmaster	Bulk Mailing Permit	85.00
1/26	8620	Internal Revenue Services	Payroll Taxes	20.68
1/26	8621*	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Taxes	177.78
2/9	8624	Twain Harte Lumber	Entrance sign	112.04
2/9	8625	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	649.08
2/15	8626	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	790.15
2/15	8627	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.92
2/15	8628	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	790.17
2/15	8629	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.90
2/16	8630	S&K Automatic Gate	Repair of Gear Box - Gate	575.00
2/16	8631	George Reed, Inc	Sand	252.95
2/16	8632	AquaLab	Water testing	75.00
2/16	8633	Mother Lode Portable Toilets		63.73
2/16	8634	Village mail and Gifts	Newsletter printing and Office supplies	65.16
2/16	8635	J.S. West Propane	Fuel	215.41
2/16	8636**	Frank Walter & Associates	Survey for Timber Harvest	2,912.96
2/16	8637	Sugar Pine Hardware	Track Lighting for Rec. Hall	353.93
2/16	8638	Pacific Bell	Telephone	58.14
2/16	8639	Zaks	Shop Supplies	51.86
2/16	8640	Cedar Ridge Electric	Lights for Gate	260.00
2/16	8641	Duane StClair Trucking	Hauling sand	144.00
2/16	8642	Eric A Carlson, Accountant	Professional Services	365.00
2/16	8643	AT&T	Long Distance Telephone	5.98
2/16	8644	PG&E	Utilities	708.03
2/16	8645	Modesto Welding	Welding Supplies	36.39
2/16	8646	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
2/16	8647	Deena Hague	Mileage/Fax	43.75
2/16	8648	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
2/16	8649	Greg Brown	Mileage	67.50
2/16	8650	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1,093.80
				10,649.81
				-2,912.96**
Total				7,736.85

* Checks #8622 and #8623 were void, printer misfeed.

**The amount for check #8636 to be reimbursed by timber fund.

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