

Sierra Recreation Association

February 1999

The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the masters house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his masters house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."
 "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"
 "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your masters house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts." the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the masters house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pots side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my

masters table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We are all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Fathers table. In Gods great economy, nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty. Know that in our weakness we find our strength.

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The annual corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held March 13, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the recreation hall. The Lodge provides the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and rolls. Please bring salads or vegetable dishes and deserts. It is always very good corned beef and good company. Come on out and get to know your neighbors.



Dumpster Use

This is just a reminder that the garbage portion of our annual assessment is calculated to cover the cost of regular wet household garbage. We do not budget for large items such as mattresses, etc. It is your own responsibility to haul your large items off at your own expense. These items fill up our dumpsters very quickly and raise the cost of garbage for everyone. You don't want to have to pay to haul off other's large items, so please remember that they do not want to have to pay for your large items either. If anyone is seen disposing of such items in the dumpster, they will be asked to come and remove them.

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. This month's potluck will be Saturday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 14, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Fred Coleman - Secretary, Richard Bonner, Treasurer, Deena Hague, Greg Brown, Robert Snell and Ron Hawke. Absent were Jim Morrison and Gene Reed, excused. Also present was Randy Tolbert, Park Manager.

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

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - Alameda Counsel #22, Boy Scouts of America -- certificate of insurance.

Door King--Information about electronic data transmission. Department of Health services -- New drinking water regulations concerning MTBE.

Notice of new property owners in the park -- Michael and Tresa Ford; Cynthia A Kasper; and Michael Rainwater.

Letter that Moyle Excavation has acquired T.C. Striping. U.S. Forest Service -- to reforest 5500 acres near our land.

Information from California Regional Water Quality Control Board and Department of Health Services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison (absent) - Water usage last month was 620,000 gallons. Water leak on Jordan Way East. Frozen ball valve, Park valve. Lost about 90,000 gallons. There is one well left to close. Need to fix electrical work on Well #5. We still need a fence around other tanks. Work has been done on various well houses.

ROADS - Reed (absent) - Reed to have numbers for road work for 1999 at the next meeting.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Everything okay.

TIMBER -Coleman - Information from forester Craig Tolmie:

1. Trying to contact Frank Walter about survey of property near the Boy Scout Camp for 1999 harvest.
2. He also checked boundaries with forest service concerning exchange of a few years ago, to make sure we are within our boundaries for harvest.
3. Estimate for harvest in compartment #2.

4. Reminder that \$2000 cost to use forest service road for the 1999 harvest.
5. Estimate for harvest in compartment #4.
6. Bids for 1999 harvest. Only two came in. Joe Martin Trucking, Sonora, CA. and Randy Gray, Sonora, CA. It was recommended by Craig that we go with Randy Gray due to his bid.
7. Information from Craig for each Board member concerning several recommendations for the management of our timber for the next 15-20 years. Needs to be read and any questions noted. Craig will attend the next meeting to answer questions, explain report, and get direction from the Board.

RECREATION - Snell - Corn beef and cabbage dinner will be March 13, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the recreation hall.
HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague The cover and fence have been placed around dumpster.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Repaired chains and repaired blade on plow.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills this month were 11,814.11; \$3,650.00 of this was for insurance. Motion by Snell, Second by Coleman to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

We will not have bills ready for April due to early meeting. Not all bills will have been received by the time of the board meeting.

CARETAKERS REPORT - Randy submitted a summary of all jobs completed and in progress this month.

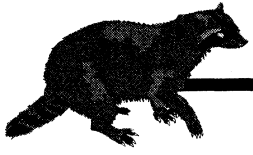
OLD BUSINESS - Discussion on whether to award a bid or reject all bids on the timber sale approved by the membership at the 1997 General Meeting. Motion by Brown, Second by Bonner, to accept bid by Randy Gray. Motion carried and so ordered.

Reminder that the April Board of Directors Meeting will be held Saturday April 3, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. It is important that all Board members be in attendance at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

Meeting closed at 1:00 a.m. by Del Wallis.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March. 14.



Checks Disbursed for February 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
1/27	9021	Void		
1/27	9022	Internal Revenue Service	Misprint	
1/27	9023	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Taxes	5.68
1/27	9024	Glenn S. Caldwell	Payroll Taxes	201.76
1/27	9025	Hearst Ranch	Insurance	3650.00
2/15	9026	Twain Harte Lumber	Garbage Fencing	460.00
2/15	9027	Village Mail & Print Stop	Buildings, Garbage, Gate, Water, Shop	221.17
2/15	9028	JS West & Symons	Newsletter	53.09
2/15	9029	JS West & Symons	Propane	444.76
2/15	9030	Mother Lode Toilets	Garbage Fencing	82.51
2/15	9031	AquaLab	Health and Safety	63.73
2/15	9032	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Water Testing	75.00
2/15	9033	Cal Sierra Disposal	Professional services	365.00
2/15	9034	AT&T	Garbage	1,132.81
2/15	9035	Pacific Bell	Telephone	13.40
2/15	9036	PG&E	Telephone	61.78
2/15	9037	US Bank	Utilities	582.66
2/15	9038	US Bank	Employee Retirement	175.00
2/15	9039	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll Taxes	862.08
2/15	9040	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll Feb 15	768.89
2/15	9041	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll Feb 15	479.36
2/15	9042	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll Feb 28	768.89
2/15	9043	Hearst Ranch	Payroll Feb 28	479.36
2/15	9044	Modesto Welding Supply	Recreation Fence	85.64
2/15	9045	Department of Health Services	Shop Supplies	72.53
2/15	9046	Fred Coleman	Maintenance of Water systems	510.00
2/15	9047	Deena Hague	Mileage	56.50
2/15	9048	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
2/15	9049	Gregory Brown	Mileage	37.50
			Mileage	67.50
		Total Bills		11,814.11