

Sierra Recreation Association

February 2002

PARK NOTES

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ann Coleman for picking up all the litter around the park while she's out walking. She is certainly doing more than her share to keep the park looking nice. It's too bad there is any litter out there for her to pick up. Please don't litter -- especially don't throw cigarette butts along the roads. In the dry times of the year, they will be a real fire hazard.

There were several cabins with broken water pipes during the past month. Maybe the owner's insurance helped pay for the damages, and maybe not. But, there's no way to pay for the priceless wasted water. So, here's a repeat of some previous information:

WINTERIZE YOUR CABINS WHEN YOU LEAVE.

Turn off the valve on the main water line coming into your cabin, drain the lines, open all of the faucets, pour some 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 you pipe freeze and break. Some insurance companies don't cover this kind of damage, so all of the repairs will be out of your pocket.

It seems early to start thinking about raking pine needles, but it won't be long before that time is here. The Forest Service has greatly increased the fines for not raking the needles and clearing slash at least 30 feet from your cabin. First time offenders will be fined \$270. Second time offenders (within 5 years) will have a mandatory court appearance and a minimum fine of \$570 and a maximum of \$1,500. Third time offenders will have committed a misdemeanor and will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office. The minimum fine is \$1,500 and the maximum is 6 months in jail. Last year they issued 65 citations within the Tuolumne/Calaveras Ranger Unit. One person was turned over to the D.A.'s Office and there is a warrant out for his arrest. So, they are really serious about getting our lots cleaned and doing everything we can to prevent fires.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting	8:30 am Sat., Mar. 16, 2002
St. Patrick's Dinner	6:30 pm Sat., Mar. 16, 2002
Board Meeting	8:30 am Sat., Apr. 20, 2002
Board Meeting	8:30 am Sat., May 18, 2002
Annual Meeting	8:30 am Sun. May 26, 2002
Fishing Derby	8:00 am Sat., Jun. 15, 2002
Board Meeting	8:30 am Sun. Jun. 16, 2002

PARK MANAGER'S NUMBER 209-586-3098

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 6:00 p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A father ordered a kit for a tree house as a Christmas gift for his son. Late Christmas Eve, as he tried to put the pieces together, he discovered to his dismay that he's received a kit for a sailboat. His letter of complaint to the company brought this reply in January: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, it is nothing compared to that of the person out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house."



Two elderly gentlemen were sitting on a bench at a retirement home. One said, "I've never shown you any pictures of my grandchildren, have I?" "No," the other replied, "you haven't -- and I want you to know that I appreciate it."

Bumper sticker: Honk if you love peace and quiet.

If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about a year ago.

Wife to husband: "I may have my faults, Harold, but being wrong isn't one of them!"

The trouble with life in the fast lane is that you get to the other end in an awful hurry.

Joan was about to make her first parachute jump. The instructor said, "First you pull the big cord. If it doesn't work, pull the little cord. A red pickup truck will be waiting for you when you land." Joan jumped. She pulled the big cord, but nothing happened. She pulled the little cord. Still nothing. "That's just great," she muttered. "Now I suppose the red pickup truck won't be there, either."

Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.

Board of Directors Meeting, February 16, 2002

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis.

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

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) the minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Letter from Jan Opland requesting use of the park and barbeque facilities on July 10, 2002, for a family reunion; letter from Attorney Roger Brown concerning a "Quiet Title Complaint" on the Soares property; letters from the State Dept. of Health Services with its "Annual Report to Drinking Water Field Operations"; and from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board re. MTBC discharges.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: We used 294,700 gallons of water the past month. There were leaks in several cabins. The Park Manager turned the water off at the main box at these places.

Roads - Snell: The roads were plowed and sanded.

Buildings - Smith: The Park Manager contacted Barton Overhead Doors about the insulation, and Barton was unable to find their copy of the estimate given to the Park, and will hunt for it. A cover is needed for the backhoe similar to the one over the garbage dumpster.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell said he had looked at Compartment #5 and there is a lot of timber in it. He will get bids for doing the logging. The lake will be raked again, and he will look at it later and see whether or not the tules need to be sprayed again.

Health & Safety - Hague: There were two instances where Park members or renters have been "4-wheeling" in some of the open areas. They were charged for the cost of repairing the damages. Driving vehicles in the meadows and open areas will not be tolerated.

Equipment - Brown: Repairs were made to the truck.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner was set for Saturday, March 16; the annual Fish Derby will be on Saturday, June 15; because of the Fish Derby, the Board meeting for June will be on Sunday, June 16. Since we no longer have access to Fish Derby prizes from Longs, the Board would appreciate it if anyone who has access to prizes would let any of the members know, and monetary donations for purchasing prizes would also be appreciated.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$11,116.98 plus \$3,031 for timber taxes. By motion (Morales/Bonner, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

Old Business: Regarding the Soares property on which we have foreclosed, the Attorney has filed with the State. The State may tell us this matter needs to go to Federal Court. By motion (Bonner/Morales, unan.) the Boy Scouts will be told to enter their property through the upper road. We will plow the area this year but after this, we will charge them for plowing. They will also be reminded that we have given them the right to use the roads and that they do not have a proscriptive right to the use of our roads.

New Business: By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) Jan Opland's request to use the park on July 10, 2002, was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Checks Disbursed for February 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
02/11	10206 **	USBank	Income tax	2046.00
02/11	10207 **	Franchise Tax Board	Taxes	985.00
02/11	10208	Postmaster	Permits & fees	125.00
02/11	10209	USBank	Payroll taxes	1185.96
02/11	10210	Employment Development	Payroll taxes	100.64
02/11	10211	PG&E	Utilities	91.75
02/11	10212	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	987.26
02/11	10213	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	676.96
02/18	10214	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	987.26
02/18	10215	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	676.97
02/18	10216	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1236.56
02/18	10217	Modesto Welding	Supplies shop	16.77
02/18	10218	Zaks	Maintain equipment	170.64
02/18	10219	Porter/Cal Western	Maintain water	1491.50
02/18	10220	Village Mail & Postage	Member communications	55.11
02/18	10221	J.S. West Propane	Propane	381.02
02/18	10222	Roger A. Brown	Professional services	782.60
02/18	10223	AquaLab	Water testing	78.00
02/18	10224	Doherty Tires	Tire repair	96.00
02/18	10225	Mother Lode Portables	Health and safety	143.36
02/18	10226	Mother Lode Portables	Maintain equipment	82.36
02/18	10227	Department of Motor Vechicels	License for pickup	224.00
02/18	10228	AT&T	Phone	18.49
02/18	10229	Pacific Bell	Phone	58.26
02/18	10230	P.G.&E.	Utilities	699.77
02/18	10231	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	430.00
02/18	10232	Postmaster	Stamps	34.00
02/18	10233	USBank	Payroll deduction	175.00
02/18	10234	Richard Bonner	Mileage	35.04
02/18	10235	Norrine Coyle	Mileage	52.56
02/18	10236	RandyTolbert	Maintain water system-petty cash	<u>27.17</u>
			Total Monthly Expenses	\$11,116.98

** Timber Taxes-Timber Fund

\$3,031.00

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