

Sierra Recreation Association

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Park Calendar

Board Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.
 Board Meetings: March 15th, April 19th, May 17th
 Annual General Meeting: Sunday May 25th at the Park Lodge. Everyone is invited to attend and the 2008-2009 budget and vacant Board members positions will be voted on.

In Memory of Thomas Lee Clark

June 2, 1939 – Feb. 7, 2008

Sierra Park resident Thomas “Tom” Lee Clark, Board of Director, died Feb. 7th at a Sonora hospital. In the early 1950’s, Tom and his family built a cabin at the Odd Fellows Sierra Park where the family spent many enjoyable times during the winter and summer months. Tom married Linda in 1972 and in 1979 they moved to Hawaii where they lived for 25 years. While living in Hawaii, Tom joined the Masons, the Shiners, the Royal Order of Jesters and the Elks. In October of 1982, Tom competed in the Ironman Triathlon.

The Clarks returned to their cabin in Sierra Park in 2004. Tom became a member of East Belt-Tuolumne Masonic Lodge No. 8. He served as master of the lodge in 2007 and became master again for 2008. He was also a member of Sonora Elk’s Lodge, Sonora Shrine Club, Oakdale Shrine Club, Oakland Court No. 6 Royal Order of Jesters, Matuca Chapter 1849 of E Clampus Vitus, and the Odd Fellows.

Tom was a Board of Director for Sierra Park and filled the recreation committee position for the Board. For those of you who attended the 2007 Christmas dinner here in the Park; you were the last to savor the fantastic cooking done by Tom. In addition, Tom was always looking forward to the annual fishing derby that he truly enjoyed helping put on. Tom would spend days on end traveling from Pinecrest to Sonora requesting donations for our fishing derby. Tom loved to see the youngsters receive all those prizes. Tom also loved to cook and delighted in making every meal a perfect one.

Last September, Tom took a very adventurous bicycle ride from the top of Sonora Pass all the way down to Reno, Nevada. Biking was always one of his favorite things to do. Tom enjoyed life to the utmost. He had a terrific sense of humor and thoroughly enjoyed people. His hearty laugh was a joy to hear and will be forever remembered. Tom will be truly missed both on the Board as well as in the Park. Sierra Park was a large part of Tom’s life and he took great pride in checking it out every morning. Tom, no doubt, will continue to oversee Sierra Park and smile down on us as we continue to live in this beautiful Park that he always enjoyed.

President’s Corner

This will be a short but to the point message that everyone needs to understand. **Respect:** defined as to treat with consideration, take into account, or appreciate. I’m sure that each and every one of us would not appreciate someone walking through our backyard or having someone park in our driveway without permission. Please respect your neighbor’s property and the Parks neighbor’s property. If someone asks you to leave an area that do not belong to you or the Park; be a good neighbor and honor that property owner’s request. In addition, respect the Park rules and follow them as they are for the safety of you as well as others. I know the snow as brought excitement and beauty to the Park, but please respect those Board members who have had to do a lot of snow plowing in order for you to enjoy the scenery. Parking on the street is prohibited and it is your responsibility to take the time to shovel an opening on your property and park your vehicle off the roadway. Following the rules will make it a lot easier for us to clear the roads and make it easier for you to enjoy the Park.

Michael Rainwater, President

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 1/24/08 – 2/20/08

Date	Check	Payee	Memo	Amount
1/25/08	615	Robert Cloak	split	\$ 91.55
1/25/08	616	EDD	split	2.92
1/25/08	617	EDD	split	26.04
1/25/08	618	U.S. Treasury	FUTA Liability	68.86
1/28/08	619	Blue Shield	Employee Benefits	365.00
2/1/08	620	Oak Valley Bank	Split	15.30
2/06/08	621	Sec. of State	Taxes & Licenses	25.00
2/13/08	622	A-Snap	Maintain Equip.	1,266.00
2/20/08	623	Blue Shield of Calif.	Employee Benefits	460.00
2/20/08	624	Shriner's Hospital	Donations	250.00
2/20/08	625	AT& T	Split	91.10
2/20/08	626	Larry Jones	Maintain Roads	562.50
2/20/08	627	W. H. Breshears	Fuel	1,462.54
2/20/08	628	Brookstone Transport	Maintain Roads	343.00
2/20/08	629	Bob Cloak	Split	419.71
2/20/08	630	Zenith Insurance	Insurance	604.00
2/20/08	631	Sierra Instant Printing	Member Comm.	128.22
2/20/08	632	Waste Management	Garbage	1,158.81
2/20/08	633	P G & E	Utilities	550.19
2/20/08	634	J. S West	Utilities	196.41
2/20/08	635	Eric Carlson	Accounting Service	714.43
2/20/08	636	George Reed	Maintain Roads	339.92
2/20/08	637	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health	149.84
2/20/08	638	Valley Entry System	Gate Expense	965.25
2/20/08	639	Michael Rainwater	Maintain Roads	1,650.00
2/20/08	640	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	76.68
2/20/08	641	A-Snap	Maintain Roads	887.50
2/20/08	642	Aqua Lab	Water Testing	480.00
2/20/08	643	Zaks	Maintain Equip.	97.19
2/20/08	644	Mike Ford	Maintain Roads	840.00
2/20/08	645	Steve Wallace	split	2,014.65
			Total Distribution	16,302.61

We still have three residents who have not paid their 07-08 assessment. The Park has installed a barrel next to the trash dumpster to be used for ashes. Please use this barrel for ashes.

The Board decided to allow homeowners to purchase the new proximity cards through 2008. You are allowed 2 cards per lot and those cards will cost \$6.00 each.

The Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assoc. regular meeting Minutes February 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am by President Rainwater. The invocation was offered by Clark Kellogg. Those present: Mike Rainwater, President; Steve Wallace, Vice-president; Sue Collie, Secretary; Clark Kellogg; Charles Varvayanis; Mike Ford; Doris Selman; and Al Orth. Tom Clark deceased.

Members before the board: None

Correspondence: E-mails discussed by board from:

1. Pat and Jack Monahan sent a thank you for great work on clearing the roads during recent snowstorm.
2. Alexandra Goch and William Hauff about gate cards and need address change.
3. Kathryn Morris needs gate cards and name spelling changed.
4. PGE letter stating they are not responsible for gate damage.
5. Letter and check from Scottsdale for insurance for gate damage \$3707.33.
6. Letter from Beverly and Warren Adams
7. e-mail from Cathy Canales about paying assessment.

Motion by Charles, 2nd Clark to honor the \$6 price for the first two gate cards per lot throughout 2008. vote: unanimous

- Approval of minutes of the January 19, 2008 board meeting: motion by Doris. 2nd by Charles, approved as presented, unanimous.

Committee Reports

Water: Varvayanis- Water usage was 770,000 gallons for Jan. Aqua Lab was not able to get all the samples because of the huge amount of snow so we were out of compliance with the state. We will put the proper announcement in the newsletter for all to read. Bob Cloak did get 3 samples Jan. 31st to get caught up.

Roads: Wallace- Snow plowing showed some problem areas: stumps and branches to close to the road, need turnarounds at more than one location; speed bumps, and fire hydrants need to be better marked for deep snow conditions.

Buildings: Mike Ford-Mike Rainwater and Bob Cloak fixed the skylight that blew off of well house #6, dishwasher still in planning stage.

Equipment: Al Orth- Need chains for snowplow for backups. Grader needs to be replaced.

Timber: Charles Varvayanis- Charles will contact Will for update on harvest.

Health and Safety: Doris Selman mentioned the light on the Sierra Park sign needs to be checked. Also ice around garbage needs to be sanded or cleared.

Recreation: St. Patrick's dinner cancelled as no one volunteered to cook. Fishing derby will be co headed by Mike Ford and Sue.

Finance: Mike Rainwater/ Doris. Income from gate \$1,238. expenses \$16,302.61.

Motion to approve payment of bills as presented by Doris, seconded by Sue, vote was unanimous.

Old Business

1. The Moving of the abandoned car and boat are being worked on.
2. Certificates to shareholders next steps are getting the updated deed records from the county, initiation list, and membership investor list. Discussion on verifications. Sue and Doris will work on this task.
3. Mike Rainwater contacted everyone who still owes assessments from last year and we will now send letters to those who have chosen to continue to neglect this obligation.
4. Mike Rainwater is moving forward on getting our CDs moved into a unified investment account. Motion by Clark, 2nd by Mike Ford to move the CD from Umpqua bank to investment account now; vote: unanimous.

New Business

1. Motion to make donation of \$250 to Shriners' transportation department in honor of Tom Clark. Made by Clark, 2nd by Mike Ford. Vote 5yes, 3no passed. Mike Ford will add. Also will honor Tom on the fishing derby buttons this year; to make room we will drop the Odd Fellows wording.

2. Insurance company wants us to get value of each water tank. Charles will check into how to get it done and by whom.

3. Board went into executive session at 10:49am Mike Rainwater left at 11:23

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28PM.

Next meeting March 15,2008

Respectfully and humbled submitted,

Sue Collie

Secretary

February 21, 2008