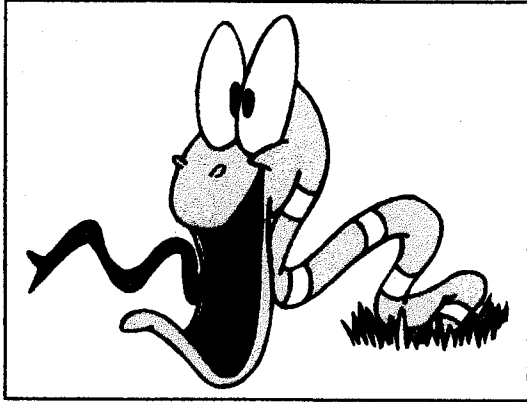
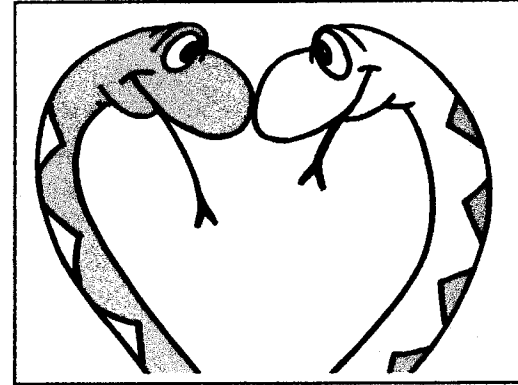


Sierra Recreation Association

April 2005

SNAKES – SNAKESBEWARE – BEWAREPRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Park, unfortunately, has two snakes. Have you seen them? Oh! Don't worry, these snakes don't slither along the ground like a real snake, these two walk up right, just like you and me. They don't hide under any rock, but hide behind anonymous phone calls. These snakes won't bite, but they will cost you a fortune in money and an enormous amount of pain and agony. The Park has two residents that are sabotaging our pine needle clean up. These two vermins called the Air Pollution Board, anonymously, to report excessive smoke coming from our burn area. The Air Pollution Board sent a representative out to investigate and found that not only was there no excessive smoke; but, a properly conducted burn as specified by their regulations. The representative told Mike Caropreso, our caretaker, and Mike Rainey that they were doing an outstanding job. Why would two Park residents want to cause some 340 other residents a severe inconvenience and terminate an arrangement that assists our fellow homeowners?

The Board studied all the options available for pine needle eradication. The cost for grinding was too expensive this year; unless the Board raised the assessment forty to fifty dollars per homeowner. The Board felt that was not an option. The burning of the needles was an option and the Board felt it was the best solution available. As a homeowner, you have to realize that the Park and/or Board are not required to assist homeowners with their pine needle clean up. The Park has provided this assistance to homeowners in the past to help make the needle clean up easier.

If you owned a residence anywhere else in our area, you would have to dispose of your pine needles on your own. This could range from burning them yourself to hauling them down to Twain Harte and paying at least twenty five dollars per load. If you burned them yourself, you must acquire the appropriate permits and, God forgive you, if you lost control of your burn and caused damage to other homeowner's property. The liability cost to you would be enormous, if not devastating.

The Board does not wish this to occur, but if we are going to be undermined by two immature, childish behaving individuals; then so be it. It will be your responsibility to dispose of your pine needles, and that does not mean transporting them onto Park timber land and dumping them, nor does it mean dumping them into the dumpster.

No doubt that burning of pine needles will not be an option in the future, if not the end of this year, probably next year. When that time comes, the Board will need to look at other options and increase the assessment if the homeowners wish the Park to continue being involved in assisting with the pine needle eradication. The State has instituted regulations but provides no solutions to our problem. We have a very limited resource available to us to dispose of the pine needles so let's work together to eliminate this problem as quickly as possible.

Let's change subjects, another year has come and gone – how time flies when you're having fun!!! This will probably be the last newsletter before the annual general meeting unless I'm extremely expeditious next month. It has been a tremendous year for the Board of Directors. The Board has accomplished a multitude of assignments, but there is still a lot to do. Unfortunately, several Board members' terms have expired and they have expressed a desire not to run for re-election to the Board. These members have contributed greatly to the operation of both the Board as well as

the Park. We wish Robert Snell the very best and hope he truly enjoys his time in Europe. Mr. Snell is going to be a very difficult individual to replace. His expertise concerning roads and construction will be almost impossible to replace. Robert, it was a pleasure working with you on the Board and good luck with your future plans. Mike Rainey, who replaced Greg Brown, has also performed in an outstanding manner. Mike stepped in for Greg Brown and sincerely helped the Board in many different areas. Mike has been called to duty by his lovely wife, Barbara, who has accepted a very important job back East that requires Mike's assistance. We wish them the best and I will regretfully miss Mike at the Board meetings. The other Board members' position belongs to Shawn Kasper who had to resign because of personal reasons. Shawn, it was a pleasure to work with you and wish you the best. What this means is that the Board has three openings and we would like to encourage those of you who are qualified to be Board members to seriously consider becoming a Board member. Remember, in order to be a Board member, you must be a Rebekah or Odd Fellow and be in good standing with your Lodge. If you are interested, please contact me at 209-358-0694.

Chuck Aston, our recreation director, would like to remind all of you that the annual Father's Day fishing derby is approaching and anyone wishing to donate items for the raffle needs to bring those items to the Park as soon as possible. You can drop the items off at our caretaker's residence. In addition, Mike Ford and I have challenged all you fathers to match our donations to the fishing derby for prizes for the youngsters. Isabel Martin has made a donation as well as Norrine Coyle. Thank you! The Father's Day fishing derby will be June 18th. After the derby, the Board has a picnic for everyone that includes a hot dog, beans, a drink, and dessert for only \$1.00. Everyone has a great time, but most important of all is the experience that all the youngsters have attempting to catch their first fish. Please set aside this weekend and come join us at the Annual Father's Day fishing derby. By the way, only those of you that are younger than fifteen years of age can participate in the fishing derby.

Enclosed with this newsletter are the proposed 2005 – 2006 budget and the agenda/proxy ballot for the annual meeting that is scheduled for May 29th. Sign in begins at 8:00 A.M. with the meeting scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M. It is very important that you attend. Being there will allow you to express your concerns as to the direction you wish the Board of Directors to pursue. Hope to see you there.

Michael Rainwater, President

Caretaker's Corner

The month of March wasn't much different than the last four months. Mike continued to plow snow and plow snow. When Mike wasn't plowing snow, he worked on the new map sign that will be located where the old one now exists. Mike also worked on the small dwelling that will be placed over the valves to the lake. Mike designed this structure on his own and the next time you're in the Park, take notice because it is a very nice looking building that provides security for our lake valves. There was a water leak on Jordan Way which required Mike's attention, but was able to stop the flow of water at the water box. The garbage had to be picked up and a new dumpster ordered. Mike had to layout the markers for the pine needle area and finished picking up the pine needles that had been placed by the roadside before the last newsletter. Mike was able to burn several of the piles of needles before the snow arrived again. Fuel and diesel had to be checked making sure adequate amounts were available. Mike met with air pollution board representative concerning anonymous phone calls about excessive smoke. Park truck taken to Zak's for repair. Mike assisted Will, our forester, with the lake clean up. Will sprayed the tules and weeds and Mike picked up the trimmings and weeds that Will's crew collected. Mike moved all the material from the lake down to the burn area. The sand that had washed into the lake from the beach was pulled back onto the beach and leveled with the backhoe. Mike did an outstanding job reconstructing the beach and cleaning the lake out. There should be water in the lake by this weekend. If the snow will stop, Mike will be getting back to burning the pine needles. The new map sign is looking terrific and Mike has some interesting ideas to make it even more attractive. Keep up the great work, Mike.

REBEKAH DOGWOOD LODGE 200

Tentatively, the Institution of Dogwood Rebekah Lodge 200 will be instituted on June 26th starting at 11:00 A.M. at the Sonora Odd Fellows Hall on the corner of Dodge and Washington. Any further information, call Doris Williams at 586-5580.

Regular meeting for next month as scheduled.

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

April 16, 2005

Present were: President Mike Rainwater, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members Charles Aston, Tom Clark, Mike Rainey, Robert Snell; Vice President Bob Cloak excused, Sean Kasper unexcused.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rainwater at 8:15 a.m.

Members before the Board: None

Correspondence: Letter from Roger Townsend resigning from the position as Treasurer as of the annual meeting. He will remain on the Board. Crop report form from the County of Tuolumne Dept. of Agriculture; donation from Isabel Martin for the fishing derby; request by Tom Clark for the use of the recreation hall and facilities on August 27 with an insurance certificate attached; invitation to join the Forest Landowners Association; letter from Alice Markham concerning the area at the end of Rebekah; letter from Oak Valley Community Bank thanking us for being their customer.

Committee Reports:

Water - Cloak: Bob Cloak was in Modesto taking the water distribution certification test. In his absence, the President reported that water usage during the past month was 664,800 gallons. There may be problems with water leakage in the system.

Roads - Snell: He will get in touch with George Reed about paving. He has ordered 6 signs for the lake and the road.

Buildings - Clark: Mike has an A-frame structure almost ready to cover the pipe in the lake.

Timber - Townsend: No report.

Health & Safety - Rainey: The lake was sprayed with an environmentally approved spray. Mike has bulldozed sand from the bottom of the lake so we won't need to purchase sand for the beach this year.

Equipment - Rainwater: The truck needed a new clutch and had a major tune-up. The truck is beginning to have problems. Everything else is running O.K.

Recreation - Aston: We got the two permits for the fishing derby. One permit cost \$42, and the fee was waived on the other permit.

Finance - Townsend: Total bills were \$6,810.33. We received \$80.00 for an assessment paid in advance for 2005-06. Gate receipts were \$170. A check for \$250 was received for rental of the lodge hall. Several people have donated money for the fishing derby. By motion (Rainey/Aston, unan) it was agreed to pay the bills.

Old Business: Robert Snell will do some more checking on prices for a generator. Tom Clark has talked to the insurance agent about the report that is to be mailed to the property owners.

New Business: The needle delivery and burning is going well. Our burning has been inspected by the Air Pollution Control Board which approved the way we are doing it.

By motion (Clark/Rainey, unan.) Sean Kasper was removed from the Board because he is no longer a

member of an Odd Fellows lodge and not qualified to be a Director.

There was a discussion of budget items to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. By motion (Rainey/Clark, majority, Townsend-no) it was agreed to continue the \$20 water assessment as a part of the annual assessment. The \$20 assessment for grinding pine needles will be dropped, making the basic assessment \$505 plus the \$20 water reserve assessment, a total of \$525 per lot.

Tom Clark will talk to the insurance agent about what the insurance premium would be for insuring the water tanks and wells.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be May 21, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norrine Coyle, Secretary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-01-05	413	Employment Develop	Taxes – Payroll	\$ 82.26
4-01-05	414	US Bank	Taxes	\$ 857.24
4-01-05	415	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$1,110.71
4-01-05	416	Michael Rainey	Payroll	\$ 219.05
4-01-05	417	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
4-15-05	418	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$1,251.18
4-15-05	419	Michael Rainey	Payroll	\$ 175.25
4-15-05	420	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
4-16-05	11374	A & A Portables	Health/Safety	\$ 74.63
4-16-05	11375	Sonora Insurance	Bond Renewal	\$ 255.15
4-16-05	11376	Postmaster	Member Commun.	\$ 250.00
4-16-05	11377	Twain Harte Lumber	General Park Maint.	\$ 509.72
4-16-05	11378	Eric Carlson Acc.	Accounting Service	\$ 360.00
4-16-05	11379	Waste Management	Garbage	\$ 658.53
4-16-05	11380	SBC	Telephone	\$ 18.98
4-16-05	11381	SBC	Telephone	\$ 51.44
4-16-05	11382	Roger Townsend	Postage	\$ 3.70
4-16-05	11383	PG&E	Utilities	\$ 537.29
4-16-05	11384	M. Caropreso	Medical	\$ 181.00
4-16-05	11385	Phillip Rainey	Gate Supplies	\$ 82.00
4-16-05	11386	Mike Caropreso	Office Supplies	\$ 32.20

**Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association's
Annual General Meeting
May 29th, 2005**

Sign In starts at 8:00 A.M. – Meeting starts at 9:00 A.M.

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association
P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, CA 95335, Phone and Fax (209) 586-3098

Dear Park Member,

This is the **OFFICIAL NOTICE** regarding the **Annual Meeting** to be held at the place, date, and time stated below:

Place: Odd Fellows Sierra Park Recreation Hall

Date: Sunday, May 29, 2005

Time: 9:00 A.M. (Sign in to begin at 8:00)

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Call the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
3. Invocation
4. Conduct Homeowner's meeting and Recreation meeting concurrently
5. Reading of minutes of last annual meeting
6. Communications
7. Committee reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a. Maintenance budget & assessment for 2005 – 2006
 - b. Purchase of generator (Well 6)
 - c. Other new business (Pine Needle Info.)
 - d. Election of Board of Directors: Three 3-year terms

Odd Fellows please bring your current paid Lodge dues receipt. You cannot vote without it.

Your vote is important in selecting our directors for the coming year and in determining our assessment for the next year. Enclosed with this letter is the proposed budget for the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year with the 2004 – 2005 figures for comparison. If you are unable to attend, please send a proxy with a friend or mail it to the Board of Directors at the address shown above along with a copy of your current paid lodge dues receipt.

Sincerely, Board of Directors
Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association

2005 ANNUAL MEETING PROXY STATEMENT

2004 Annual Meeting Minutes: Approve reading of the minutes Disapprove reading of the minutes

Vote to elect three (3) Directors:

<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: <u>Tom Clark</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate: _____

Proposed 2005 – 2006 annual budget and assessment:

Approve the proposed 2005 – 2006 budget and assessment
 Disapprove the proposed 2005 – 2006 budget and assessment

All other matters that may come before the annual meeting for a vote: Yes No

If no instructions are marked above, the person authorized below will vote as he or she sees fit:

I authorize _____ to vote as directed.

Please send a copy of your current paid-up dues receipt of your Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodge

Member's Signature

Date

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association
2005 – 2006 Proposed Budget

2004 – 2005 Budget

2005 – 2006 Proposed Budget

Accounting Service	\$ 7,500	\$12,500
Auto Mileage Expense	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,150
Bank Charges	\$ 50	\$ 50
Employee Benefits	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,760
Fishing Expenses	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Fuel	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000
Garbage	\$13,500	\$12,000
Gate Expense	\$ 500	\$ 500
Health & Safety	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Insurance General	\$33,790	\$35,300
Maintain Building	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Maintain Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Maintain Roads	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500
Maintain Water	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Maintain Roads – Capital Exp.	\$ 0,000	\$30,000
Maintenance General	\$10,000	\$ 2,000
Member Communication	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300
Office Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 400
Payroll – Labor	\$69,500	\$45,000
Permits & Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500
Professional Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Recreation Expenses	\$ 900	\$ 900
Supplies Rec. Hall	\$ 360	\$ 360
Supplies Shop	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000
Taxes – Payroll	\$ 5,700	\$ 3,800
Taxes – Property	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Tax & License	\$ 300	\$ 300
Telephone	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Utilities	\$12,600	\$13,000
Water Testing	<u>\$ 3,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
	\$201,150	\$193,920

2005 – 2006 Proposed Incomes:

Assessments:	\$505 x 364 =	\$183,820
Rental Income:	\$575 x 12 =	\$ 6,900
Fish Derby Income	=	\$ 1,200
Gate Income	=	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
		\$193,920

Water Reserve Fund: \$20 x 364 = \$7,280

TOTAL ASSESSMENT: \$525.00 2005 - 2006

Reserve Fund Accounts & Balances as of 5-1-05:

Water Reserve	\$ 39,093	Road Reserve:	\$19,788
Timber Reserve	\$529,619	Equipment Reserve	\$35,739

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