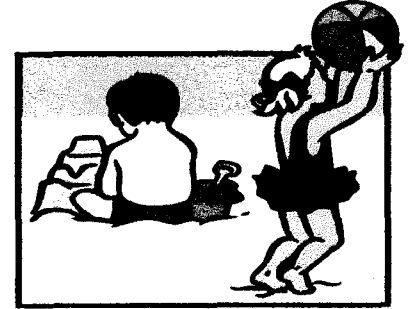


Sierra Recreation Association



June 2005 Newsletter



President's Corner

This newsletter will be a combination of the May Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting which were scheduled relatively close to one another this year. Well, it looks like we went from winter to summer in the blink of an eye. What happened to spring? We didn't see a lot of it, but thank goodness Mike, our caretaker, saw it coming and was prepared. The lake is full and the beach looks wonderful. Picnic tables have been cleaned, refinished and primed for those great summer afternoons of food and fun. Mike had additional sand delivered for both the lake as well as the playground equipment. The Park is looking the best it has ever looked. Thanks Mike for all the hard work; the condition of the Park is an example of your dedicated efforts. We, the Park residents, couldn't ask for anything more.

The final meeting of the 2004 – 2005 Board members was a long one but a productive one. Unfortunately, the Board will be losing four of its members and only one of them is seeking re-election. We wish the three members leaving us the best of luck. You did a fantastic job this year and I want to thank you for all your help. Your cooperation made my job a lot easier.

The annual Father's Day Fishing Derby is almost upon us, and you need to mark your calendars. The fishing derby will be held on June 18th and starts at 8:30 A.M. Youngsters 15 and younger are qualified to participate. There are twelve fish this year that have been tagged. The first fish caught with a tag will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Toys-R-Us compliments of Mike Ford. The remaining eleven tagged fish that are caught will be awarded \$25.00 gift certificates from Toys-R-Us compliments of very generous Park residents. At 12 noon, there will be the picnic which includes hot dogs, beans, cookies, and drink. The cost for the young anglers is free and \$1.00 for everyone else. After lunch the prizes are awarded to the super star anglers, and everyone receives a gift. In addition, there will be a raffle with gifts provided by a multitude of Park residents. If you would like to donate to the raffle, please drop the gifts off at the lodge Saturday morning. The money collected from the raffle helps offset the costs for the fishing derby as well as other recreational activities conducted throughout the year. The fishing derby makes for a great weekend and encourages all of our residents to share in the fun, food, and friendship. Hope to see you there!

The issue of the playground equipment was discussed during the May Board meeting and it was agreed that this item should be discussed at the Annual Meeting. If you haven't noticed, all playgrounds throughout the state have replaced their equipment with PVC material equipment. The issue of replacing our playground equipment was presented at the Annual Meeting and the members agreed to have the equipment replaced. In addition, the areas that surround the new equipment will be furnished with safety material that drastically prevents injury if a child was to fall off the equipment. The Board will borrow \$30,000 from the timber fund for the purchase of new equipment and this money will be paid back with an additional \$20.00 assessment attached to our annual assessment. We will remove the equipment sometime this summer; when time permits.

Speaking of assessments, the general membership voted to continue the assessment at \$545.00 this year. The only difference is that \$20.00 will go to the timber fund for the repayment of the loan for playground equipment rather than the pine needle reserve fund. I must say, we are the most fortunate residents living in the Sierra Nevada. Where

can you find such a beautiful place to live or visit and not cost you an arm or a leg? The fact that we only pay \$545.00 a year and yet have the best water, additional security, maintained roads, and the best caretaker a community could ask for is simply unbelievable. Please keep these issues in mind when inviting guests into our park. We have rules and we ask that you follow these rules and inform your guests of them also. A copy of the rules will be sent out in the next newsletter. We ask that you post them in your residence in order that anyone visiting will have access to them and be familiar with the Park rules. Dogs are a very important issue and they must be on a leash at all times, and they must be kept away from the lake at all times. ATV's are not allowed on our roads; please trailer them in as well as out. You must realize that in order to leave the Park via the back roads, you have to traverse our property. Please respect our property and the conditions we set for its use.

A very important issue was brought up during the May Board meeting and again during the General meeting which pertained to the Boy Scouts lawsuit. During both these meetings, I read a resolution drafted by our attorney. This resolution was written based upon the agreement of both parties involved to the settlement of the lawsuit. In summary, the Boy Scouts maintain the right to use Wheeler Road and Jordan Way West in order to enter their property. In addition, the Boy Scouts will be paid \$40,000, of which \$25,000 comes from our insurance company and the remaining \$15,000 will be paid by the Park. When the final resolution is filed and payment is made then we can finally put this issue to rest. It has been a long, difficult situation and I apologize for not keeping you abreast of the situation, but our attorney felt it was necessary until the final agreement was made. Let's hope the future brings a better relationship between the two parties.

Getting back to some good news, we will be paving Deborah this summer. We were pleasantly surprised with the quote from George Reed who will be doing the paving. The cost will be approximately \$30,000 and this is a very good deal. Any resident wishing to have their driveway paved at the same time that Mr. Reed's equipment is in the Park should contact Mr. Kelvin Yee, phone number 209-984-5202 or on the internet at kelvin.yee@georeed.com. I understand he is very difficult to contact so start now and don't give up. The Park has no information as to the cost they will be charging for driveways. They will only be in the Park once and the tentative timetable for them to do our paving was mentioned as possibly in August. We will keep you up-dated as to when they finalize the date and notify you as soon as possible. Please check the sign in the lodge parking lot as the newsletter only comes out once a month and this prevents us from notifying you immediately.

Another piece of good news that presented itself at the General meeting was the approval of the purchase of a generator for Well #6. This issue has been in the works for over two years, and with all the hard work of both past and present Board members it has come to a conclusion. What was most impressive was the fact that the corporate members voted to fund the purchase from the timber fund with no additional assessment passed on to the homeowners. This is what makes our Park such a wonderful place to live. Thank you corporate members for your generous assistance for helping make the Park a better place. We, the Board, only ask that you be patient and understand that there are a lot of research and paper work that must be completed before we purchase and install this very important piece of equipment. We want to be completely correct before the final decision is made. We will diligently work on this project and place it as our number one priority.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CDF Fire Prevention Officer will be in the Park on Monday June 20th to inspect our lots for pine needle clean up. Please remove all debris, slash, and pine needles within 100 feet of your residence or to your property line. If your property line is only 20 feet from your residence, then just clean the 20 feet. However, if your property line is 50 feet from your residence, then you must clean all the way to your property line.

Several other items that need mentioning concern our water tanks. These tanks have not been inspected recently. The Board will be contacting several contractors regarding the inspection of these containers. The Board will notify the homeowners when this inspection will occur and ask that you either conserve your usage of water or plan on not visiting the Park. The inspection will be for a very short duration. We will plan this during a time of the year when the Park has a minimum number of visitors and after the fire season.

One last item that needs mentioning is the billing of assessments. The Board approved the hiring of Carlson's accounting to bill our assessments as well as pay our monthly bills. When you receive your assessment bill this year, the return address will be to Carlson's Accounting. The Board asks that you please respond as soon as possible with your payment. If the accounting firm has to continue sending out reminders; it will become more expensive for the Park. Remember, if your assessment becomes delinquent, the cost is \$25.00 per month for every month you are late. Please pay your assessment immediately.

The Board approved the purchase of a newer truck for our caretaker. The old Park truck was beginning to cost more in repairs than what it was worth. Within the next month, a newer truck will be purchased for the caretaker that will save in repair cost as well as fuel and insurance.

In closing, I would only like to say that our Park is a wonderful place to visit or live in. This Park is owned and operated by a corporation that must consider every ones needs yet consider no one special. The Board works extremely hard to provide the best for everyone but there comes a time when some residents will not be happy with our decisions. The Board does the best it can, but protecting the majority is our prime concern. Any inconveniences that might arise are necessary and that we ask that you be patient in order that we complete the necessary improvements as quickly as possible. Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you at the fishing derby.

Respectfully,
Michael Rainwater, President

Caretaker's Corner

The caretaker was busy this last month. The continual rain washed away the sand from the beach. Mike had removed a large amount of sand from the lake and dragged it back onto the beach. However, the rain washed it back into the lake. Mike felt it necessary to design a drain system that would prevent the rain from washing away our beach. For several days, Mike created a drainage system that would protect our beach area. The pine needle collection continued with Mike continually making more room for additional pine needles. The burning of the pine needles was attempted but Mike was snowed out. The bottom valve to the lake was opened in order to flush out any debris that had collected on the bottom. Tables were removed from the beach area and transported to the shop where they were sanded and re-stained. The filling of the lake was completed and valves were shut down. The no diving signs were installed. Gas and diesel tanks were inspected. Mike rebuilt road signs that had been damaged during the winter months due to snow plowing. The Park had a load of sand delivered for the beach and playground. A new blower was purchased as the old one wore out during last year's pine needle pick up. Mike installed a new garbage gate closer and a rain gutter on the front of the garbage shed. The fire hydrants were flushed according to schedule. Pine needle area was closed preventing any further acceptance of needles. The Park exit gates were locked down with new locks preventing residents from dumping pine needles in the Park's back country. The sand was delivered for the beach and it was spread where needed. The Park purchased a new air compressor as the old one was no longer useable. The removal of the old compressor and the installation of the new compressor were completed. A new set of snow tires were ordered for the snow plow. Mike worked on the new Park directory sign, painting the frame and preparing to install the roof. The new snow plow tires arrived and were installed. Mike re-stocked the shop with everyday supplies for the upcoming year. The line to the water faucet, little sink, and shed in the playground was flushed. Most of all the tables in the picnic area were sanded and stained. Mike spread a fifty pound bag of lawn seed which the Park had on hand for several years. In addition, lawn food was spread throughout the picnic area and where the new grass seed had been spread. One of the swings had to be removed due to a broken chain. Water hoses were laid out and the watering of the playground began. There were a multitude of other tasks that Mike completed but too many to list. The end result was that Mike was very busy throughout May, but as usual the Park looks fantastic. Great job, Mike!!!

Lot Inspection – CDF Fire Inspection

Monday June 20th, 2005

Please have your lot cleared and ready for inspection.

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting, May 21, 2005

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

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rainwater at 8:30 a.m.

The minutes of the April 16 meeting were approved as corrected to include a statement that the culvert in the Rebekah-Deborah area was clogged.

Members before the Board: Doris Selman, Mike VanGundy, and Bill Williams.

Correspondence: Card from the Calif. Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding getting a copy of dischargers of MTBE (the Park is not on the list); letters from the California Rural Water Assn. regarding its annual meeting, about "Government Affairs Days," and about a 3-day course about operating water systems; letter from Kellogg's Supply regarding setting up an account; copy of a letter and bill from the Park's attorney, Roger Brown, to our insurance company; form from State Compensation Insurance Fund showing we had no claims during the last reporting period; letter from G.E. offering an extended warranty on the new microwave oven purchased for the hall; letter from The Zenith Insurance Co. asking for help in reporting cases of fraud; notice from Sierra Slash Facility in Twain Harte (copy has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the lodge hall); bid from George Reed, Inc. for paving work in the Park; letter from Dan Meade and Kim Wach asking for permission to hold a bingo and dessert night on the Sat. of Labor Day weekend with proceeds to go toward next year's fishing derby; letter from Todd & Michelle Strain asking permission to build a fence on their property (Board permission not needed); letter from the County of Tuolumne suspending the Park's burn permit and stopping the burning in the meadow, but stating that burning is still allowed by individual homeowners with a permit from the Calif. Dept. of Forestry and following their rules; and a letter and brochure from Bandit Industries about their stump grinders.

Committee Reports:

Water - Cloak: Water usage during the past month was 510,000 gallons. The hydrants were flushed.

Roads - Snell: He has an estimate from George Reed for doing the paving. He is still checking for information on a generator and will check with a distributor.

Buildings - Clark: A new light has been put in at the fire house. Light at the gate is working spasmodically. We are still being billed by P.G.& E. for pumps we no longer use. He'll continue working on getting them taken off of our bill. He is also still working on getting insurance on the water tanks.

Timber - Townsend: He will contact Forester Will Dorrell about getting the area that was logged cleaned up.

Health & Safety - Rainey: The rain keeps washing the sand into the lake. Gates all now have locks to keep people from coming in and dumping pine needles.

Equipment - Rainwater: The compressor in the shop broke down. New tires are needed for the snow plow. All bills for repairing equipment should be paid.

Recreation - Aston: The fish for the derby have been paid for and will be delivered on June 12. The fishing derby will be held on June 18. There will be no fishing in the lake from the 12th until the 18th.

Finance - Townsend: Total bills were \$58,919.34 including the Park's insurance bill. We received another \$80.00 for next year's assessment. Gate opener receipts were \$40. Several more people have donated money for the fishing derby. By motion (Clark/Cloak, unan) it was agreed to pay the bills.

Old Business: We have a problem now, since the Air Pollution Control Commissioner has said we can't burn the needles, with what to do with them. Burying them is not an option. Tom Clark will see if he can find some way of getting rid of the needles. The park truck cannot leave the park because it has studded tires. The old truck would need new tires plus other parts. There was a discussion about purchasing a small 4-cylinder truck for the park that would be cheaper to operate than the old truck, which could still be used in the Park. By motion (Clark/Cloak, unan.) to purchase a small truck, not to exceed \$20,000, from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

New Business: Carlson Accounting firm said they would charge us a one-time set up fee of \$500 to download all of our information, would charge \$500 once a year for assessment bill mailing, collecting and depositing the assessments, and would charge \$175 per month for preparing the checks for the Park's bills. Linda Clark would be willing to do this work as an independent contractor for \$125 per hour. A motion was made (Snell/Cloak) to have Carlson do the work for two months. The motion was amended (Cloak/Snell, passed, Clark-no, Townsend - abstained) to have Carlson do the work for one year, but we will not be tied in with a contract and can take the work back if it doesn't work out well with Carlson doing it.

There was a discussion about whether the playground equipment, some of which is worn out, should be replaced by some new safer equipment. This will be brought up at the annual meeting.

Mike Rainey is unavailable now to take care of the gate cards and take phone calls. Until someone else on the Board can do it, JoJo Caropreso is handling these tasks.

Attorney Roger Brown sent the Board a resolution that we needed to approve concerning a settlement of the Boy Scout matter with the insurance company paying \$25,000 and the Park Corporation paying \$15,000. We lost the case, as far as letting the Scouts use Jordan Way West and Wheeler. By motion (Clark/Aston, unan.) the resolution was approved.

By motion (Cloak/Snell, unan.) the request from Dan Meade and Kim Wach to use the hall for a bingo and dessert in the evening of Sept. 3, with proceeds to go toward next year's fishing derby, was approved.

By motion (Clark/Cloak, unan.) George Reed's proposal to place reinforcing fabric prior to pavement for \$5,198.40 and to pave Deborah for \$24,850 was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be June 11, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norraine Coyle, Secretary

DOGWOOD REBEKAH LODGE #200

All those who wish to join our lodge here in the Odd Fellows Park have been notified. Anyone else wishing to join please call or write to Doris K. Williams, P.O. Box 158, Long Barn, CA 95335 or call 209-586-5580.

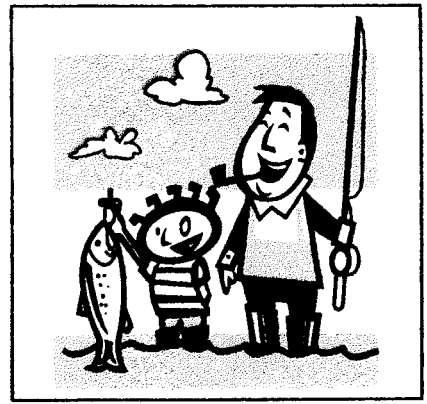
We will be instituted on June 26th, 2005 at the Sonora Lodge Hall on Dodge Street at 11:00 A.M. This will be followed by lunch at 12 noon and then initiation of new members and installation of officers for 2005.

Our next meeting in the Park will be June 15, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. followed by pot luck with the Odd Fellow Lodge.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/29/05	4122	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$ 937.26
4/29/05	4123	Phillip Rainey	Payroll	\$ 131.42
4/29/05	4124	State Farm Bank	Payroll	\$ 50.00
4/29/05	4125	Employment Develop.	Taxes/Payroll	\$ 164.35
4/29/05	4126	US Bank	Taxes/Payroll	\$ 1,578.51
5/05/05	11387	Employment Develop.	Taxes/Payroll	\$ 281.78
5/06/05	11388	World Savings	Water Reserve	\$14,560.00
5/13/05	4127	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$ 937.26
5/13/05	4128	State Farm Bank	Payroll	\$ 50.00
5/21/05	11389	Zaks	Park Maintain.	\$ 886.43
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5/21/05	11391	PG & E	Utilities	\$ 452.69
5/21/05	11392	Twain Harte Lumber	General Park Main.	\$ 261.56
5/21/05	11393	Doherty Tire	Maintain Equip.	\$ 2,024.38
5/21/05	11394	George Reed	Maintain Roads	\$ 363.66
5/21/05	11395	Zaks	Park Maintain.	\$ 66.15
5/21/05	11396	Mike Caropreso	Maintain Build.	\$ 10.62
5/21/05	11397	Ruth Townsend	Member Comm.	\$ 26.29
5/21/05	11398	SBC	Telephone	\$ 68.41
5/21/05	11399	SBC	Telephone	\$ 19.16
5/21/05	11400	Duane St. Clair Truck	Maintain Roads	\$ 200.00
5/21/05	11401	Mike Mowers	Needle Expense	\$ 683.16
5/21/05	11402	A & A Portables	Health/Safety	\$ 74.63
5/21/05	11403	Calif. Reforestati	General Park Maint.	\$ 1,469.87
5/21/05	11404	Angels Pest Control	Maintain Buildings	\$ 130.00
5/21/05	11405	M. Caropreso	Employee Benefits	\$ 181.00
5/21/05	11406	Waste Management	Garbage	\$ 774.37
5/21/05	11407	Eric Carlson	Accounting Service	\$ 450.00
5/21/05	11408	Aqual Lab	Water Testing	\$ 228.00
5/21/05	11409	Robert Snell	Health/Safety	\$ 206.16
5/21/05	11410	J.S. West Propane	Propane	\$ 617.51
5/21/05	11411	Caldwell Ins.	Park Insur.	\$29,944.85

Reserve Accounts as of April 30, 2005:

Water Reserve:	\$53,653.00	Timber Reserve:	\$530,582.00
Road Reserve:	\$19,788.00	Equipment Reserve:	\$35,963.00
Needle Reserve:	\$7,280.00		



Annual Father's Day Fishing Derby

Saturday June 18, 2005

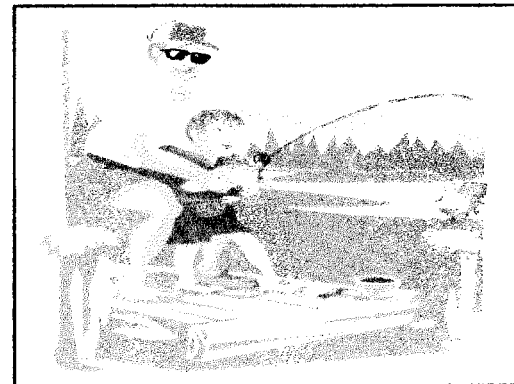
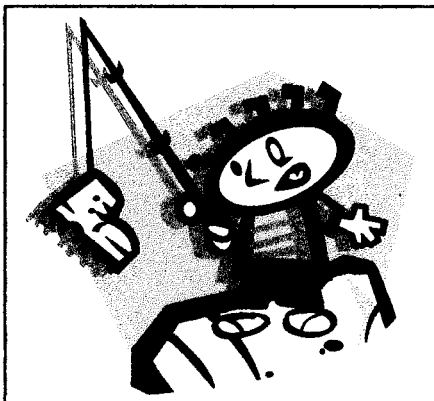
Starts at 8:30 A.M.

Fifteen Years of Age or Younger

Prizes and Gifts for Everyone

**Picnic at 12 Noon (Hot Dogs, Beans, Soda, & Cookie)
\$1.00 for Adults – Participants Free**

Raffle after Lunch



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