

---

**Sierra Recreation Association**

---

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND****BBQ & PICNIC****Saturday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. Bingo (Lodge Hall)****Sunday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M. BBQ (Picnic Area)****President's Corner**

Summer is coming to an end and it has been one fabulous summer for all of us. The Park has experienced a multitude of visitors, both residents as well as guests. There has been an enormous amount of new owners and they have enjoyed the beauty of our wonderful Park. As all of us know, there is no better place in the Sierras than our Park. Unfortunately, due to the drought, the Board of Directors had to close the lake early this year. The creek that feeds the lake has pretty much dried up causing the lake to become stagnate and unhealthy. The Board of Directors is sincerely sorry but felt that the safety of our residents was more important than taking the chance of someone getting injured or ill. It would have been nice to have the lake available for Labor Day Weekend but the weather has not cooperated with us.

Our caretaker, Mike, has been extremely busy getting the Park ready for the final weekend of the summer. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated individual who puts his heart and soul into our Park and its well being. The front gate has been repainted and the gate house has been sprayed with sealant in preparation for the winter months. A new white line has been painted on the road on the exit side of the front gate. We have had several water breaks around the Park, but Mike has been very diligent and repaired them with little loss of water. The Park has several vacant lots that are scheduled for construction in the very near future. It appears, however, that both of these lots are without water. The Board of Directors will decide what must be accomplished and attempt to keep any inconvenience to other residents to a minimum. If you have had the opportunity to venture down to the picnic area, you would have observed a dramatic change with all the tables having been stained and a total refurbishing of the horseshoe pit. If you have not had the opportunity, please come down and take a look at our world class horseshoe pit. It might be fun to have a horseshoe tournament on Sunday of the Labor Day weekend during the picnic. The picnic begins at 11:00 A.M. Remember, if your last name begins with the letters A thru I, bring a salad, letters J thru Q, bring a hot dish, and letters R thru Z bring a dessert. Please bring your own drinks and settings. The Board of Directors will provide the charcoal. This will be our last chance of the summer to meet our new residents and visit with our old friends. Bingo with all proceeds being donated to next year's fishing derby will be held Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M., please bring a dessert to share. See you there!!!!

Bob Cloak, Vice-President of the Board, has started class for his water license. The class is eighteen weeks long. I'm sure Bob will have little trouble with the class as he is a retired math teacher and a very concerned individual regarding our water quality in the Park. Thanks for the dedication and effort, Bob.

One last item that needs to be mentioned concerns the homeowners' assessments. Unfortunately, we still have eighteen homeowners who have not paid their assessments. I find this fact very difficult to understand because our Park is the best homeowners' Park anywhere in the Sierras. Not only is our Park the best but probably the least expensive for the services we provide. Our Park operates strictly on the assessments collected from the homeowners. If you wish not to see your name published in next month's newsletter, I highly suggest that you make your payment immediately and that includes the penalty fee for late payment which now includes two months of late fees.

Have a wonderful Labor Day and we hope to see you at the picnic.

Michael Rainwater, President

**Caretaker's Corner**

Mike has been very busy this month including the installation of a new water line on David and the repair of several water service valves. Mike investigated and prepared a report with options for connecting water service to two new construction sites that at the present time have no water supply at all. He also began the process of labeling and recording the location and purpose of all water valves in the Park. He helped Aqua Labs perform the annual and five year testing of wells. He also scheduled the garbage pick-up and continued with the watering of the apple orchard. Mike has started preliminary work on the installation of an outdoor light for both the sand shed and garbage dumpster area. Mike has finished the repair of the Lodge floor next to both the front and rear doors. The picnic tables have been cleaned, sanded, and stained and again, if you have not inspected the new horseshoe pit, you need to check this out! Not only is the horseshoe pit greatly improved, Mike installed a safety barrier and a viewing bench. (The only thing we need now is an ice cooler!!!) By the way, the total cost of this project was \$24.00; thanks to Mike's ability to scavenge materials. Great job Mike and thanks for the dedication and hard work you give to our Park.

#### **Board of Director's Meeting August 22, 2004**

Present were: President Michael Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, and Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members: Charles Aston, Tom Clark, and Robert Snell. Absent and excused members: Secretary Norrine Coyle, Greg Brown, and Sean Kasper.

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Rainwater at 8:30 A.M.

Members before the board: Mike Van Gundy and Eric Canales. Mr. Canales asked if the Board would accept some playground equipment as a donation to the park. Mr. Canales presented the Board with a picture of the equipment and the Board told Mr. Canales that we would be very happy to accept his donation.

Correspondence: Letter from Gorden & Lorraine Nicholson donating \$25.00 (tagged fish) towards next years' fishing derby. Letter informing the Board of a large hornet nest located on Goliath. Letter from the Rural Water Association asking for renewal of membership. Letter from SBC indicating that we need to renew our contract concerning the pay phone outside the Lodge. Letters written by President Rainwater to Tuolumne County Building Dept. concerning water connection and Dish Network concerning installation of a Dish satellite. Received a letter from Mr. Davis approving the cost of \$1,000 for an audit of last year's financial activities.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Water – Bob Cloak – Water used during the past month was 1.67 million gallons. Due to two new construction sites, it will be necessary to attach into our 4 inch water main at one site and a 2 inch cabin line on the other site. Both lots are without water at the present.

Roads – Robert Snell – The cold patch needed to repair several areas within the Park should be purchased from Simunaci when they come to work on the 4 inch water main on Esther. Simunaci would have this material available at a reasonable cost and save the Park the cost of delivering this material.

Buildings – Tom Clark – The phone booth outside the lodge has been disconnected and Tom would call SBC and have it reconnected. The windows in the lodge need washing and it was discussed as to who is responsible for cleaning the inside of the Lodge. All parties that use the lodge would be contacted and asked to help maintain the inside of the Lodge after their use. An estimate for signs and the purchase of these signs was tabled until Sept. in order that Robert Snell checks on other estimates. The old snack building located in the picnic area has a large number of bikes stored inside and by motion (Clark/Snell, unan.) that these be removed and donated to a local charity. Tom indicated that there are several dead trees in the park and Mark would be in next week to give us an estimate on the removal of these trees. Tom informed the Board that the Lodge capacity is 120 people.

Timber – Roger Townsend – Contract has been signed for the timber harvest and the cutters will be in on Monday, August 23, 2004 to start the timber harvest.

Health & Safety – Sean Kasper – President Rainwater reported that the lake has been closed due to the water becoming stagnated. The Board agreed that Labor Day weekend will be the last chance for anyone, with a license, to fish the lake. Individuals under the age of 16 are allowed to fish without a license. On Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the lake will be drained.

Equipment – Greg Brown – Tractor will be picked up for a scheduled maintenance.

Recreation – Chuck Aston – Charcoal and lighter fluid has been purchased for the Labor Day Weekend.

Finance – Roger Townsend – During the past month, a total of \$56,107.45 has been deposited from assessments, gate income, and payment from a contractor due to damages caused by said contractor. There are 18 lots past due on their assessment totalling \$10,485.42. The bills for

the month totaled \$34,881.23. \$20,000.00 was owed to Roger Brown, Park attorney, and President Rainwater was going to contact Mr. Brown concerning this bill and ascertain what the insurance company has paid to Mr. Brown in addition to what the Park has already paid.

Old Business: President Rainwater reported to the Board that a new workmen's compensation policy had been approved by the Board via telephone contact and would save the Park \$1,500 a year in premiums. The company is Zenith and was recommended by our insurance company. Tom Clark indicated that it would take approximately 300 feet of wire to install a light at the sand shed and he would get a cost regarding this project. An update regarding the new water line on Wheeler and David was presented to the Board and the completion has resulted in all homeowners having the proper water boxes in front of their residences on Park property.

New Business: A job description concerning the caretaker's position was presented to the Board by President Rainwater and the Board members were asked to review this description, and at the next Board meeting, a discussion would be held concerning this information. A reminder for the Labor Day Weekend activities was announced and it was suggested that we might have a horseshoe tournament on Sunday. A motion was made and passed unan. to approve a pay increase for Mike Caropreso. In addition, a second motion was made and passed unan. to provide medical insurance for Mike Caropreso and his wife. The policy for medical insurance and deductible payments will cost the Park an additional \$32.00 more than what we previously paid for medical coverage per year.

Other: Tom Clark announced that he has a new e-mail address: [clarkscabin@earthlink.net](mailto:clarkscabin@earthlink.net) and new fax number: 586-3001.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M. The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2004, at 8:30 A.M.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Rainwater, President

**Checks Disbursed thru August 23, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/20/04	357	Employment Develop.	Taxes/Payroll	\$33.11
7/23/04	358	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$694.47
7/23/04	359	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$50.00
7/24/04	11208	Caldwell Ins.	Insurance	\$2,157.00
7/30/04	11209	PG&E	Utilities	\$1,072.85
7/30/04	11210	Eproson House	Gift Certificate	\$50.00
8/06/04	360	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$830.47
8/06/04	361	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$50.00
8/06/04	362	State Compensation	Insurance	\$359.90
8/06/04	363	US Bank Taxes	Taxes – Payroll	\$679.52
8/06/04	364	Employment Develop.	Taxes – Payroll	\$58.39
8/20/04	365	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$796.73
8/20/04	366	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$50.00
8/22/04	11211	SBC	split	\$77.97
8/22/04	11212	Roger Brown	Professional Serv.	\$20,689.18
8/22/04	11213	Dept. of Health	Maintain water	\$521.00
8/22/04	11214	Ruth Townsend	Postage/office sup.	\$58.29
8/22/04	11215	Village Mail	Member Commun.	\$254.83
8/22/04	11216	General Plumbing	Maintain water	\$537.21
8/22/04	11217	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Bldg.	\$28.07
8/22/04	11218	Waste Management	Garbage	\$1,038.64
8/22/04	11219	J.S. West Propane	Propane	\$42.46
8/22/04	11220	A & A Portables	Health/Safety	\$247.71
8/22/04	11221	State of Calif.	Filing fees	\$20.00
8/22/04	11222	Michael Van Gundy	Assessment	\$25.00
8/22/04	11223	Roger Townsend	Mileage	\$100.00
8/22/04	11224	Michael Caropreso	Employee Benef.	\$408.94
8/22/04	11225	Zaks	Supplies Shop	\$65.83
8/22/04	11226	Eric Carlson	Accounting Serv.	\$1,365.73
8/22/04	11227	Angels Pest Control	Maintain Bldg.	\$120.00
8/22/04	11228	Charles Aston	Recreation	\$15.00
8/22/04	11229	Tom Clark	Mileage	\$200.89
8/22/04	11230	Tom Clark	Health/Safety	\$96.53
8/22/04	11231	Aqua Lab	Water Testing	\$908.00
8/22/04	11232	PG&E	Utilities	\$1,177.51
				<b>\$34,881.23 Total</b>

**Sierra Park Lodge #376  
Lodge Meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.**

**Rebekah Sierra Lodge Meeting  
Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.**

There was a man who had worked all of his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." And so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him. Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a minute!" She had a box with her, she came over with the box and put it in the casket. The undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away. The friend said, "Mary, I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband." The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I'm a Christian, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him." "You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!!!!?" "I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association  
P.O. Box 116  
Long Barn, CA 95335

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

U.S. Postage Paid  
Bulk Mail  
Permit #2  
Long Barn, CA 95335