

# Sierra Recreation Association

September 2001

## PARK NOTES

Residents should not get into water boxes except to turn their water on or off. Any changes in your system should be okayed by Board of Directors to assure that it will not contaminate our system.

There has been a problem with people making "repairs" in their water boxes. This should only be done by the Park Managers. If some repair is needed in your water box, call the Caretaker 586-3098. When someone else tries to repair something in the water box, bacteria gets in our water and we have to chlorinate the system. No one likes the taste of chlorine in our normally great tasting water.

REMINDER: There is a greater than ever danger of fires now, and some fires burning not far from us. Be very careful with barbecues at your home or cabin and with cigarettes. There is not supposed to be any burning in the Park. If you see anyone burning any trash, brush, limbs, anything -- call the California Department of Forestry (CDF) immediately. **The number is 586-3362.** Keep this number handy.

ANOTHER REMINDER: There are to be NO DOGS in the lake. The water in the lake is still safe to swim in (if dogs are kept out of it), but it is very shallow, so just swim. Don't dive!

ONE LAST CHANCE -- Are there any people, besides the 4 who have already responded, who would like to get the newsletter by e-mail. Norrine at [nrocyle@ainet.com](mailto:nrocyle@ainet.com) and let her know. If we don't have a whole lot more people who would like the newsletter by e-mail, we'll just drop the idea.

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**CARETAKERS NUMBER: 586-3089**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Next Board Meeting	Sun. Oct. 14, 2001
Holiday Dinner	Sat. Dec. 08, 2001

## SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The second Saturday is a Business meeting. The Fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 P.M.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

For instance, a woman invited a number of people to dinner on a very hot day. When they were ready to eat, she asked her 3 year old daughter if she would like to say the blessing. The little girl was shy and told her mother she didn't know what to say. Her mother said, "Just say what you hear Mommy say" So she bowed her little head and said, "Oh, Lord, why did I invite all these people to dinner on this hot day? Amen."



Said a young lawyer to his associate, "I feel like telling the judge where to get off again." "What do you mean...again?" "Well," said the lawyer, "I felt like it last week, too."

A little League coach called over one of his players to explain the principles of sportsmanship. "We don't believe in temper tantrums, screaming at umpires, using bad language, or sulking when we lose," he said. "Do you understand?" The boy nodded. "All right, then," said the coach, "Do you think you can explain it to your father jumping around over there in the stands?"

Anyone involved in genealogy might appreciate the following:  
Cemetery: A marble orchard, not to be taken for granite.

Crazy: A relative term in my family.

Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin?

Research: What I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing.

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

Searching for lost relatives? Win the lottery!

Floor: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 9, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Robert Snell.

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

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) the minutes of the August 12, 2001, meeting were approved as corrected to delete the phrase about vehicles in the meadow.

Correspondence: Notice from Roger & Victoria Smith and Brian & Erin Parker that the property at 25127 Deborah has been sold to Jacques & Barbara Martinet; letters from Howard Hartvickson concerning their leach field, Rebecca Hoffner regarding her assessment, and Charles Varvayanis concerning water disinfectant; grant deeds transferring property on Rebecca from William Hensel to John & Katherine Lafayette, and on Abraham from Dorothy Tarkington to John G. Campbell, Jr., and Donna Campbell; and a notice from the State concerning the California Minimum Wage.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: Several breaks in pipes and water boxes were repaired. The water box problems were caused by property owners working on plumbing in the boxes. Home owners are not allowed to do any plumbing in the water boxes. Bacteria gets into the water system every time there is a break and the water system then has to be chlorinated. The water system is getting old. We need to start getting information about what needs to be done to the system. During the previous month, 1.1 million gallons of water was used.

Roads - Snell: George Reed has finished the patching. Cracks near the gate will be filled by the Park managers.

Buildings - Smith: Bids on a new furnace for the shop were obtained because the old furnace is worn out. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.), it was agreed to accept the low bid by Steve Lavagnino for a new heater for \$1,820.41.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell had called about walking around the park and looking at what cleaning needed to be done around cabins for fire prevention purposes.

Health & Safety - Hague: Fires and the dangers of more fires is very bad now. There should be no more shooting in or near Park property and no burning of any kind. If anyone sees someone burning in the Park, they should immediately call the California Dept. Of Forestry. The County Environmental Health Dept. said if they had photos of leach lines, gray water or sewage that is leaking, they would be able to do something about it. The water in the lake is still safe, but it is very low. No diving is allowed because it is too shallow. There was a report of someone having a dog at the lake.

Equipment - Brown: We need two new tires for the backhoe and an extra set of chains for the plow and backhoe.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for last months amounted to \$12,208.03 and Timber Fund bills were \$1,801.23. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

Park Manager's report is attached to the original minutes.

New Business: By motion (Brown/Coleman, unan.) Mr. Hartvickson's request to continue to use some Park property for his leach field was approved. A set of rules for using Park property for a Fire Camp were discussed. By motion (Smith/Coleman, unan.) the "Parameters for Fire Camp Use" were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on October 14, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Norrine Coyle, Secretary



CHECKS DISBURSED FOR SEPTEMBER 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
09/09	10041	Signs Right Now	Signs for lake & entrance 256.80
09/09	10042	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Road base & delivery 146.25
09/09	10043	AquaLab	Water testing 160.00
09/09	10044	Pacific Bell	Telephone 58.91
09/09	10045	AT&T	Telephone 22.79
09/09	10046	Acordia of California	Workman's comp. 583.00
09/09	10047	Village Mail & Postage	Newsletter 52.96
09/09	10048	Roger A. Brown	Legal fees 1401.40
09/09	10049	Zaks	Supplies Shop 6.69
09/09	10050	Bank's Glass	Maintain Buildings 427.43
09/09	10051	DEBCO Automotive	Maintain Equipment 30.86
09/09	10052	PG&E	Electric 1222.41
09/09	10053	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety 145.80
09/09	10054	General Plumbing	Maintain Water 722.26
09/09	10055	Twain Harte Lumber	Shop & Water 173.35
09/09	10056	USBank - Taxes	Taxes-Payroll 1287.20
09/09	10057	Employment Development	Taxes-Payroll 115.92
09/09	10058	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 675.00
09/09	10059	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
09/09	10060	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 639.47
09/09	10061	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
09/09	10062	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 639.48
09/09	10063 *	California Reforestation	Logging \$816 / Herbicide \$848 1664.00
09/09	10064	Richard Bonner	Mileage 34.00
09/09	10065	USBank	Payroll Deductions 175.00
09/09	10066 *	Franchise Tax Board	Timber tax 985.00
09/09	10067	George Reed, Inc,	Maintain Roads-roadbase 140.48
09/10	10068	Robert Snell	Mileage 51.75
09/10	10069	Norrine Coyle	Mileage 49.68
09/10	10070 *	Deena Hague	Mileage 51.75
09/10	10071	Gregory Brown	Mileage 93.15
09/10	10072	Randy Tolbert	Petty cash & mileage 140.47

TOTAL MONTHLY BILLS \$12,208.03

\* Timber Expense # 10063 \$816.00  
 10066 \$985.00  
 Not included in monthly \$1801.00  
 Expenditures Total

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Long Barn, CA 95335

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

U.S. Postage Paid  
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Permit #2  
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**Attachment B**  
**TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA STANDARD FAILURE**

Dear Customer:

The bacteriological quality of the drinking water served by the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Water System during the month of July 2001, did not meet the drinking water standards specified in Section 64426.1, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Water samples collected during July 2001 showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The System was disinfected and flushed. Water samples collected after these procedures were completed tested negative for total coliform bacteria. Therefore no special precautions were necessary on your part.

The cause of the positive samples has been attributed to recent breaks in distribution lines and subsequent repair.

The California Department of Health Services (Department) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes which distribute the water, and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The Department has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliforms to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Systems collecting fewer than 40 samples/month that have more than one coliform-positive sample per month are in violation of the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code and Title 22 California Code of Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed. Consumers wishing more information should contact the System at

209-586-3098

9-12-01  
Date

RANDY TOLBERT  
ODD FELLOWS WATER SYSTEM  
Contact Name  
System Name