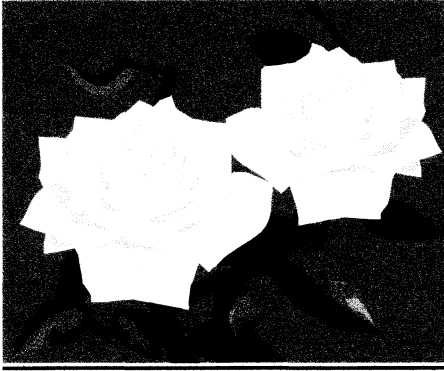


Sierra Recreation Association

September Newsletter



In Memory of Richard Bonner
Dec. 30, 1934 – Sept. 15, 2004
Homeowner, Odd Fellow, and Board Member who was
truly dedicated to his family, friends, and our Park. He will
be sincerely missed and our deepest sympathy goes to his
wife, Glenda, and family.

President's Corner

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! That's what 86 different people wished they could have yelled; however, only 17 got that privilege of screaming those fantastic words and receiving \$15.00 or \$30.00 for their diligent efforts watching those numbers appear or disappear on their scorecards. If you were one of those unlucky people, like me, you had a second chance to win something in the raffle drawing. There were one hundred different prizes available for the raffle. After ninety-five numbers had been called, I finally hear one of my numbers and I venture toward the prize table only to find a very limited number of gifts left. I guess Presidents don't get any respect these days. **ONLY KIDDING!!!!!!** I did get plenty of dessert to eat. After the seventh game of bingo, we took a break and had coffee or punch and a choice of numerous desserts with many of us going back for seconds. This event was so well organized and orchestrated, you couldn't help but enjoy the evening. Very special thanks to Kim Wach, Dan Meade, and his wife Christy for providing us with an outstanding evening that was both entertaining and enjoyable. These three people worked extremely hard to provide us with the opportunity to interact with one another. I was told by Dan that they are already starting to collect raffle prizes for the next bingo night. Oh, by the way, the most important fact was that these three hard working, dedicated homeowners donated \$400.00 to next year's fishing derby. That's what I call a successful evening for everyone.

Oh, the sounds of a BBQ!!! "Hey Clark, you better get over here, something is burning!" "I got a ringer!" "That salad is delicious, what's in it?" "Where did my steak go?" "Mom, can I go play?" "Nice to meet you, and it was a fun day." The picnic area came to life with nearly 100 people who socialized, dined, and relaxed with their neighbors. The soft sound of country and western music provided by Dorothy Goff made the experience even more memorable. It was nice to see neighbors meeting one another and enjoying the splendor of our wonderful park. For those of you who could not find the time to join us; you missed a very pleasurable afternoon. Maybe next year, you can find the time to meet your neighbors and enjoy the park the way it was meant to be enjoyed.

Rumor around the Park has it that a resident of the Park found a candle burning in some pine needles. If this is true, there is a proper procedure that one should follow when an incident of this nature occurs. Please, any resident finding a situation of this stature should immediately notify the Park caretaker and/or a Board of Director. The situation could very well be a criminal matter that would need the immediate attention by the Sheriff's Dept. and local fire department. This is a very serious matter and should not be ignored or left unreported. Everyone's safety and investments are important factors; doing the right thing is important to everyone.

There are some M.I.A. (missing in assessment) homeowners in our Park. The Board has diligently tried to find and collect from these individuals who seem to have gone into hiding. The Board does not wish to place these

homeowners on **The List**. The last notification is being sent out and if we don't receive your assessment soon; then **The List** will be posted. The daily operations of the Park depend on these assessments.

In closing, we, the homeowners of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, truly feel the loss of Mr. Richard Bonner and we send our sincere regrets to Mrs. Richard Bonner for her loss. Mr. Bonner will never be forgotten and this Park owes him a great deal of gratitude for his many years of hard work and dedication to this Park.

Respectfully,
Michael Rainwater, President

Caretaker's Corner

During the past month, Mike was able to get the backhoe in for its major servicing and additional repairs. He prepared the ground work for the water repairs on Esther and Deborah and made all the arrangements with Simunachi to install and repair the new water lines. Prior to this repair work, Mike had to make-up flyers for all homeowners who would be without water during the construction. Mike checked on someone discharging a gun inside the Park and was able to determine who the responsible individual was. Picnic area was cleaned up for the BBQ party and Mike organized the lodge for the bingo night. There were two garbage pick-ups arranged and Mike caught a resident dumping illegal material into the dumpster. In addition, these same homeowners were contacted by Mike concerning their use of an off street quad. Mike is working on the bar ditch maintenance which is a major project before winter arrives. The water repair and bar ditch cleaning kept our caretaker extremely busy this month. Mike reminds all you homeowners to prepare to winterize your homes as the weather is changing.

Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2004

Attendance: President Michael Rainwater, Vice-President Robert Cloak, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members Present: Chuck Aston, Sean Kasper, Members Absent Excused: Tom Clark and Robert Snell, Members Absent Unexcused: Roger Brown

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

Members before the Board: pat Monahan and Doris Selman. It was mentioned that Hwy 108 Fire Safety Council Communities have to have a wild fire plan in order to qualify for grants. Mrs. Monahan attends the meetings representing the Cow Creek area. We need to have someone representing the Park. It was decided that Mrs. Monahan would also represent the Park. If she is unable to attend, one of the following would represent the Park: Roger Townsend, Sean Kasper, and if he agrees, Mike VanGundy.

Correspondence: Letter to Louis & Helen Fortman re. 25497 Rebekah parking pad; copies of 2 letters from Roger Brown to C.N.A. Insurance Co. in New York City; Letter to Carolyn Mann for permit for electricity at 25144 Deborah; application to Blue Shield on 9-1-04 for medical insurance for the caretaker; survey from Scottsdale Indemnity Co., notice of water quality conferences by Hach and Rural Community Assistance Corp.; card from SBC re. Long distance calls rate increase; and a change of address for California Rural Water Assn.

Committee Reports:

Water – Cloak: Water used during the past month was 1.3 million gallons. He is continuing to work on getting water to lots on Rebekah and Esther. When Simunacci comes in to do the work, the water will be off in that area for 24 hours. Condor did an estimate of the cost of putting a water line to the main tank several years ago however; in the mean time, engineers who design water systems all have said it is not needed. The pumps will be operated at night, and if chlorination is necessary, it will be done at night.

Roads – Snell: President Rainwater said we have learned that it will be cheaper to get a load of cold asphalt materials ourselves rather than have Simunacci bring it up when he does the water line repairs.

Buildings – Clark: President Rainwater said Tom is working on getting the wire to the sand shed so we can install a light in that area.

Timber – Townsend: Timber cutting by the water tank and David is finished. They also logged some more near Three Links Camp to extend the fire break and complete the 200,000 board feet needed to fulfill our minimum requirement of board feet. The grinder is going to be brought up to clean up the areas where logging has been done. The estimate of 200,000 board feet of

lumber was met. Some trees along Wheeler have been cut but we do not know who cut them. (It was determined that PG&E had requested those trees be cut.)

Health & Safety – Kasper: Sean thanked people for slowing down. Watch out for kids walking down the road from where the school bus lets them off at the Highway and Wheeler Road. The lake is closed but has not been drained in case the water is needed for fighting fires. It may be too shallow for helicopters to use. Sean will determine the best way and best price to clean the silt from the lake once it is drained. He will also get information about propane and diesel generators.

Equipment – Brown: President Rainwater said the tractor has been serviced. The master cylinders were leaking and had to be rebuilt.

Recreation – Aston: The Labor Day functions went well. About 70-80 people attended the potluck. The Bingo games raised \$400.00 for the fishing derby. Rolls of table cloth were left over that can be used for future dinners. The next function is the holiday dinner. By motion (Aston/Kasper, unan.) it was agreed to change the date of the December Board Meeting to December 11, which is the date of the holiday dinner.

Finance – Townsend: Since the last meeting, assessments in the amount of \$4,445 have been paid plus \$49.08 for late charges. Income received: water reserve, \$180; pine needles, \$180; Bingo, \$400 for the fish derby; Federal tax refund, \$5,200; utilities, \$37.55. Bills totaled \$10,876.30. By motion (Kasper/Cloak, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. The list of homeowners who have not paid their assessments was provided to President Rainwater.

Old Business:

Doris Selman said some of the women who live in the Park have been cleaning the hall for the last 3 years. She wondered if that should be the caretaker's job. The President fined some people for dumping inappropriate materials in the dumpster. Roger Brown, the Park's Attorney, sent a bill for the Boy Scout litigation for \$63,388.16, of which C.N.A. will pay \$47,607.91, leaving a balance of \$15,780.25 for the Park's portion of the bill. Pat Monahan said they have sprayed the hornet nests at their place. The pay phone has been repaired. There are five dead trees in the Park which will cost about \$450.00 to remove. Board unan. approved to have Mark remove the trees. The new Job Description for the Park Caretaker was discussed. By motion (Kasper/Aston, unan.) it was approved, but may need to be amended depending on requirements of Blue Cross Insurance.

New Business:

President Rainwater asked that each Board member make a list of the duties he or she feels the committee they head should perform and turn them in next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05a.m. The next meeting will be on October 16, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norrine Coyle, Secretary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Payment</u>
9/03/04	367	Mike Caropresso	Payroll	\$849.56
9/03/04	368	State Farm Bank	Payroll Ded.	\$50.00
9/03/04	369	State Compensation	Insurance	\$383.90
9/03/04	370	US Bank	Taxes – Payroll	\$757.41
9/03/04	371	Employ. Develop.	Taxes – Payroll	\$70.64
9/04/04	11233	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Buildings	\$319.32
9/04/04	11234	Postmaster	Member Commun	\$250.00
9/17/04	372	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	\$977.16
9/17/04	373	State Farm Bank	Payroll Ded.	\$50.00
9/18/04	11235	PG&E	Utilities	\$872.76
9/18/04	11236	Waste Management	Garbage	\$812.94
9/18/04	11237	Village Mail & Print	Member Comm	\$63.71
9/18/04	11238	A & A Portables	Health Safety	\$145.31
9/18/04	11239	J.S. West Propane	Propane	\$43.51
9/18/04	11240	MidState Rental	Maintain. Equip.	\$130.00
9/18/04	11241	MidState Rental	Maintain. Equip.	\$1,836.31
9/18/04	11242	California Reforest	Timber Expense	\$2,186.62
9/18/04	11243	Eric Carlson	Account Service	\$435.00
9/18/04	11244	SBC	Phone Bill	\$62.78
9/18/04	11245	Ruth Townsend	Office Supplies	\$38.64
9/18/04	11246	Mike Caropreso	Petty Cash	\$25.69
9/18/04	11247	Mike Caropreso	Emploee Benefits	\$278.36
9/18/04	11248	Roger Townsend	Mileage	\$100.00
9/18/04	11249	Charles Aston	Recreation	\$89.50
9/18/04	11250	Mike Caropreso	Petty Cash	\$47.18

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Annual Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2004**

The Board is extremely sorry for this document being so late but due to circumstances beyond anyone's control this is the earliest that we were able to publish this information.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00A.M. by President Fred Coleman.

Board Members Present: President Fred Coleman, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Member Roger Townsend; absent and excused Greg Brown, Sean Kasper.

There were 61 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and a total of 83 in attendance which exceeded the amount needed for a quorum.

The pledge to the flag was led by Tom Clark. The invocation was given by Richard Wheeler.

By motion (Elsie Manning/Bob Hintz, unan.) the minutes of last year's meeting were approved as mailed.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: The President announced that Gary Scarborough was terminated on Thursday, May 27, 2004. He also mentioned that mountain lions and rattlesnakes have been seen in our area. The needle pick up is going well. Next Sunday will be the last day to put needles out for pick up. It costs \$2,000 to bring Grover's grinder up the hill. We will be sharing the cost with three other areas.

Committee Reports:

Water – Selman: The report was read by the Secretary. Water consumption for the year was 11,737,700 gallons. The samples of our water have been clean and pure. The President said he had found several people who have water licenses as a back up. There was one water break on Abraham. There was a discussion about a generator to pump water in cases of emergencies. Richard Bonner said there is plenty of money in the Equipment Reserve to purchase a generator. We also need to put in a chlorinator. We must keep up our water system or the State will take it over.

Equipment – Brown: The President said there are no big issues on equipment. We are looking at 2 to 4 tires on the snow plow.

Roads – Snell: He said we have been trying to keep up the roads in the park using part of the timber funds. There will not be any work done on roads this year because of the lack of funds.

Health & Safety – Kasper: The President read Sean's report. He's asking people to slow down. The level of the lake is extremely low already this year. Samples of the water are being taken to be sure it is still safe. Dogs are not allowed in or near the lake because of the danger of contamination. Watch out for rattlesnakes.

Recreation – Townsend: Roger thanked Darlene Helmer, Norrine Coyle, and Ruth Townsend for the cookies for the meeting. The report on last year's fishing derby indicated 92 registered, 113 fish caught. There was about \$2,400 in donations. This year's fishing derby will be on June 19 at 8:30 with lunch at 12:00. We had the Christmas dinner and St. Patrick's dinner and both were successful. He thanked all who donated prizes for the fishing derby. He would

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Tom Clark. Pat Monahan asked that the votes be cumulated. (On his proxy, Ed Smith had also requested that votes be cumulated.)

Elections results were:

Michael Rainwater 44

Norrine Coyle 42

Bob Cloak 33

Charles Aston 32 and will complete the vacant 2 - year term

Tom Clark 27 and will complete the vacant 1 - year term

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Sierra Park Lodge #376
Lodge Meetings held 1st & 3rd Wednesday
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