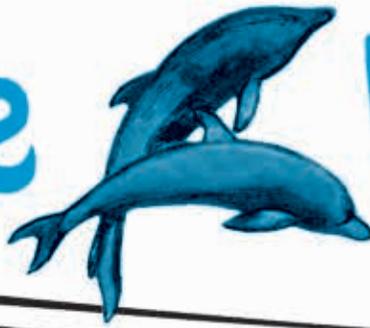


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FROM THE HELM

Below are some of the projects either underway or slated to begin this year.

Mercator Slope: Renewing the Mercator Slope is top on our list in 2015. This is one of the largest slopes in the Shores and is overdue for a renovation. The approach to the design will be to renew the bare and dead areas of the slope, upgrade irrigation as required, all in the most economical manner consistent with long term functionality. This project will start sometime in March.

Turf Reduction: The turf reduction project that we presented to the community last fall is now under way. You have probably started to see the areas of turf that are brown and dying. Some have asked “Why are we doing this?” The cost of water will continue to increase and South Coast Water offered a rebate plan that pays us \$2.00 a square foot for turf we remove. The estimated cost of removing the turf, planting new landscape, and upgrading our irrigation is \$2.25 a square foot. The opportunity to improve our landscape with new plantings leaves us better prepared for future increases in the cost of water.

Gate House: In the last *Seashore News* I wrote by January 1st the project would be completed. Well I was wrong and this month will simply say... *By the time you receive this newsletter the Gatehouse project SHOULD be completed.* Seriously the project did run longer than anyone projected. Anyone who has done a remodel has experienced delays and/or one delay often leads to another. The good news is the new gatehouse looks great.

This article is being written on January 15th and I’m going out on a limb and saying the gatehouse will be completed by end of January. Of course I also picked Oregon in the College Football Championship.

Monuments: We are working on bids to upgrade our Mariner Drive entrance monuments and also the other entrances into our community. The result will be a great look that ties in with our office, community center and new gatehouse.

The staff and previous boards have done a great job in recognizing areas of our community that need renovation and or replacing. We welcome homeowners suggestions to new projects that we might consider in the future.

—Bob Russell

OUR LANDSCAPING CONTRACTOR — HARVEST

You see them all over this community in their white trucks with the orange Harvest emblem on the door. The subject of this month’s feature article is to inform this community of the scope of the work that is performed by our landscape contractor—Harvest Landscape Enterprises.

To begin with let us understand the area within this community that Harvest is contracted to handle, maintain, replant, refurbish and beautify. The total area within Niguel Shores Community Association (NSCA) covers approximately 180 acres, from the Beach Bluff up to the Marlinspike Drive, from Niguel Road over to Selva Road and Selva Road and La Cresta to Via Capri/Via Del Cielo. Roughly 60-70% of that acreage is community landscaping, and therefore area



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In working with the Niguel Shores staff for the last year and a half, I have seen how valued and essential each person is to the success of this community. As most of you know, many of the staff has been here for years and longevity of employees is definitely a positive. In an effort to honor these staff members a recognition form has been generated and is available in the management office and online. If you would like to recognize an employee that has gone above and beyond, please complete a form and return it to me to let the staff know they are *Dolphinately* appreciated. Remember employees are important and appreciate your recognition.

Annual Meeting and Election—Call for Candidates

It is time to begin preparing for the Annual Meeting and the election of Board members. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This year the terms of Directors Pat O'Brien and John Dougherty are concluding, so there are two (2) positions open for election. The term of office is two years. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a candidate, the first step is to complete the Nomination Form (**Call for Candidates**) that is included in this issue and return it to the NSCA Office by 5:00 pm Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Do you recognize what a wonderful community you live in? Are you committed to keeping Niguel Shores the "hidden jewel" that it is and even making it better? If so, please consider running for a position on the Board and ask yourself this question:

What makes a good Board member?

There are many types of homeowners that want to serve on the Board of Directors – those with personal agendas (I want to get my friend to do the landscaping), those with large egos (I want to be King/Queen), and those who truly want to give back to the community. No matter what drives the person who wants to serve on the board it is not something that either the candidate or the owners selecting their new board should take lightly.

Board members must pay attention and be willing to make hard, and often times unpopular, decisions. When owners agree to serve on the Board they accept the responsibilities that go along with the position. There is a serious commitment to time and to being accountable to the Association. Board members act on behalf of the whole community and members who do not have that vision can end up being the Association's worst nightmare. Boards, in

order to be successful, have to be able to step back and see the "big picture". They have to be ready to make the tough decisions and to support the decisions of the majority of the board after the votes are taken. Some of the key traits of successful, productive boards are:

- Good Board Members have read their governing documents.
- Good Board Members are prepared for the board meetings.
- Good Board Members are professional in their dealings at all times.
- Good Board Members act in good faith and do not promote personal agendas.
- Good Board Members keep confidential information confidential.
- Good Board Members welcome and participate in education and training.
- Good Board Members think before they act.
- Good Board Members set overall policy and let management and staff implement those policies.
- Good Board Members constantly seek ways to improve effectiveness.
- Good Board Members are fair and consistent and don't selectively enforce.
- Good Board Members understand the value of professionals and listen to them.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you will find to volunteer your time. If you are interested in running for the board or would like more details about the responsibilities of a board member, please contact me at mmiller@niguelshores.org or a current board member.



**WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**

From the Niguel Shores Staff

—Marla Miller

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

JANUARY 7, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2014
- 2015 Chairperson for Maintenance Committee and Finance Committee
- Investment Committee Member
- Instructor contracts for fitness, water aerobics and tennis
- Annual Meeting timeline
- Committee member list
- Gatehouse extras
- Tree removal on Kara Bay and Windjammer Drive
- Landscape reserve expense
- Seaward Isle covenant

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- GMU pavement drainage evaluation
- Board policy for construction hours
- Resident correspondence
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Berkus Homes reclaimed water irrigation

JANUARY 7, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2014

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Violation Hearing: Damage to Common Area

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

JANUARY 21, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2014
- 2015 Chairperson for Architectural Committee, Landscape Committee, Recreation Committee and Investment Committee
- Small claims filings for two matters
- Lien filing for two delinquent accounts

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Mosaic Consulting Inc.: Mercator Isle and Cabrillo Isle slopes

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Proposal for beach bluff landscape/irrigation repair
- Resident correspondence
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

JANUARY 21, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2015

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

***NOTE:** The NSCA Board of Directors meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted. The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance. In addition, the General Session and Executive Session agendas for the next Board Meeting will also be posted on the Friday prior to the next meeting.*

REMINDERS: THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPE

This all-volunteer committee meets once a month to review the state of the community landscaping within Niguel Shores Community Association (NSCA). Because there are basically 8 unique landscape areas within NSCA, each of these areas are monitored by a Landscape Committee member who lives within the prescribed area. On a monthly basis the members walk through their assigned area along with the General Manager, Marla and with the supervisor from Harvest, Ignacio. During this monthly inspection needed landscape maintenance is noted and then reported in the Committee meeting.

Although each designated area has some common landscape issues found in all the area there are often different landscape requirements as well. One of the most common items noted is weeding, which is not too hard to understand especially after rains arrive. Another common issue reported is the matter of dead plants, dead bushes, or dead trees. Trying to understand why these landscape plants have died is a never-ending process. As many NSCA members have known since this development started, there is the presence of an underground water problem. In some area this underground water is very near the surface and plants have a hard time surviving in that wet area.

Some of the problems reported this month and scheduled to be worked on—Fill in red geraniums on Amundsen Bay; Cut back the roses in planters in the Custom Homes area; Remove dead branches on tree leaning over and touching ground below Marlinspike; Clean out the V ditches in Sea Terrace II. A number of Homeowner requests are being done. These are just a few of the tasks to be worked on.

—Karl Kuhn

MAINTENANCE

A New Clock for our Community Center Patio was required. George Cooley, Facilities Manger, explaining that our clock above the fireplace on the patio (next to the pool) had failed, was beyond repair and a new clock purchase was required. For those of you who use the pool, you know how important that clock is! George's plan was to find a few options, get together with Marla and me, and we would collectively agree on the purchase. As a Maintenance Committee member, I decided to help George find one. I think volunteerism is very important to our community and George will gladly accept any help that is offered.

How hard can it be to find an oversized outdoor clock... easy, right? Thus began an odyssey through a myriad of web sites and countless emails back and forth between George

and me. This went on for days. We both spent immeasurable hours on this project and continued to come up with no viable candidates.

We were told the original clock was now a *discontinued item* so that option was quickly off the table. Every selection we found was either the wrong size or not for outdoor use. We finally chose one that seemed to fit our criteria, but then upon further research, we discovered it had terrible reviews... back to the drawing board! Oh, I forgot to mention that cost was all over the place. We saw clocks ranging in price from \$69 to \$500.

Long story short...we FINALLY chose one! It is slightly smaller than the original one, but rated for outdoor use and with good reviews. The cost is \$105, which was attractive compared to all we had seen. I just hope it lasts a long time... don't want to go through this again!

—Suzanne Enis

RECREATION

The committee elected new co-chairman, now looking forward to 2015 to be a year for everyone to enjoy. The new co-chairmen are: Chrissy Rausch and Courtnay Van Dijk. The dates of all the year-planned activities will not be listed at this time, but you are in for a year for all ages to have a good time.

Feb 28: Movie in the Park at 6:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Celebration 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

April 25: Garage Sale 9 a.m. to Noon

Watch for details about these events. Plan to attend and enjoy these events planned for you and your family.

—Carol Yocom



Sunday, February 15th

Niguel Shores ClubHouse

Social 6:00 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Happy New Year!!

Many old friends and some new friends got together for Potluck in January and we all had a good time. We hope Potluck Lovers can join us and spread the love on Sunday, February 15th.

Please bring \$1, your table service and a beverage of your choice. You are also asked to contribute a main dish, salad or dessert to share for our always-delicious buffet. Former attendees will receive an email invitation and we would like to have your reply by Wednesday, February 11th.

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If you are new to Potluck, we would love to have you join us. Please call Ann Christiansen at 248-1962 or Irene McDonald at 481-3035. We would be happy to take your reservation and answer any questions you may have.

—Irene McDonald

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

All construction work at the front gate should be completed by the time this paper *goes to press*. This upgrade has a lot of positives. Aside from enhancing the image of our community and caring for the basic comforts of our guards, there will be a new wiring system that will allow more effective computer usage. Just one of the streamlined programs will allow security personnel, in the very quiet hours in the early morning an ability to patrol our streets. This will provide a deterrent to crime and allow for better overnight parking enforcement. In the past these personnel have been virtually anchored to the gate, with virtually no traffic coming in, just waiting for a visitor that seldom arrived. Now, if an unexpected or late arriving guest shows up during these off hours, they will be able to telephonically contact the guard.

The guard will be able to verify the guest's identity, check records, and inspect appropriate identification via a television system. Security personnel will then be able to give appropriate assistance, which may or may not include allowing entrance to our community. If needed, the guard will respond to assist with any complication that may arise.

Guest Lists:

Especially during the construction phase of the gatehouse, residents were most understanding and cooperative with temporary detours. However, during the same time frame more than a few visitors became frustrated and then irate when they found that they were not on their purported host's permanent or temporary guest list. When they could, security personnel would attempt to telephonically contact the concerned host, but quite a few times there was no answer to the call. Needless to say, these folks had to be turned away while in a less than positive mood.

Along this line, this is a great time to check our permanent guest lists and update them. We are allowed five permanent guests in addition to permanent or temporary service providers/contractors. Please return the yellow and pink forms sent from us to the office listing both guests and contractor/service providers. For special events, temporary passes are available for entrance at the Mariner Gate. Up to five may be authorized by a resident by telephoning or

notifying the gate up to the date of the event, or up to nine by submitting a written/electronic list to the gate. Should ten or more guests be expected, a written or electronic list must be submitted to the office at least three business days before the grand occasion. (Refer to Rules and Regulations sections 6600 and 6607)

Insurance:

Just a friendly reminder, it is against both the state law and our rules and regulations to drive either a golf cart or neighborhood electronic vehicle in our community without a driver's license. Additionally, a juvenile driver without a license jeopardizes their potential of even getting one once they are cited. One more thing along this line, any vehicle driven by an unlicensed driver is subject to being impounded by the police for thirty days. Needless to say, more than one underage person has been detected driving recently. I doubt that a family's car insurance would cover an accident involving an unlicensed driver operating such a vehicle.

Be On The Look Out For:

- Children playing in street after sunset
- Operators of vehicles (golf carts) towing skate boarders after sunset;
- Children operating electric carts and bicycles;

Overnight Parking:

More emphasis is being placed on overnight parking violations. Chronic violators are having their cars towed away.

Please remember to lock your cars when parking. It reduces the risk having your valuables stolen. God Bless.

—Tim Murphy

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All of a sudden the days seem to be getting a bit longer and the sun is shining, giving us a good excuse to get out and enjoy our beautiful community. If you are a follower of the community website, www.niguelshores.org, you have read about the completion of our wonderful new pool deck, new landscape projects and about the just completed guard house at the Mariner entrance. Our website is a convenient way to stay up to date on what is happening in Niguel Shores and in the surrounding community. You can even access *Beach Cam* to check out the surf and weather conditions directly from our website!!

By identifying www.niguelshores.org as a favorite on your computer, you can access our gate login, directly from the website to manage your guests and service providers.

If you haven't checked us out yet, now is the time!!

—Patti Staudenbaur

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club met on the January 19. Once again the hospitality team of Ruth Levitan, Chris Daley, Carmen Murphy and Lee Sweeny did a great job providing a variety of tasty small bites.

Our guest speakers were Gabriella Guidry and Crysta Dickson. They gave a very informative presentation of organic gardening and its many benefits, both towards the growth of very healthy flowering plants, herbs, vegetables, and fruit trees but, more importantly to our environment. They showed how one could make compost tea for our personal use.

Compost tea is an effective, low strength, all natural fertilizer that can be used for seedlings, garden plants and vegetables. It suppresses fungal plant diseases. The tea brewing process extracts, and in some cases, grows and multiplies nutrients and beneficial bacteria and fungi from the compost and suspends them in water in a form that is quickly available to the plants.

What do you need?

A five-gallon bucket, a stir stick, water and a few shovels full of mature garden green waste. Do not use fibrous agave leaves or palm fronds.

Fill bucket to about one third full with tap water that has been sitting out for few days to eliminate the chlorine. Use compost from the bottom of your pile, where the organic matter has decayed the most. Fill the bucket to within an inch or two from the top. Stir this mix well and repeat the mixing a few times a day for a week.

Good exercise for the arms! Continue this process for a week, at the end of which, simply strain the mixture using burlap, a mesh screen or any kind of strainer. What you will be left with is a magical liquid gold fertilizer. See the difference in your garden and feel good about going green!

If you do not want to go through the trouble but would like to explore its use, you can contact Gabriella Guidry of Ella's Garden at (949) 310-9460 or email her at: gabriella@ellsgardens.com. She can provide you with the necessary supplies that would make it very simple to implement.

Why do cowboys always die with their boots on? So they won't stub their toes when they kick the bucket!

—Laks Sehgal

MEN'S CLUB

Members offered their sincere condolences to Mac Brown on the recent passing of his wife, Paula. A Life Celebration service remembering James "Woody" Woodward was held on January 11, 2015. Woody was a long-time Head Chef for the Men's Club breakfasts and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our condolences were extended to his wife, Katherine.

The Guest Speaker at the January 4 meeting was Richard Daugherty, the current President of Lensmasters of Costa Mesa, a sub-group of Toastmasters International. In a previous professional life, he was a computer programmer and project manager, but now has returned to his true love, photography.

He presented a wide variety of photography tips, all valuable to us amateur photographers: you don't need an expensive camera to take decent photos; size up your subject, move around to avoid including unwanted clutter in the background; be mindful of the light – morning or later in the day will produce the best pictures; when shooting a moving object, for example, a running horse, move the camera to follow the subject's movement.

The January 20th meeting was special. Guests were invited to hear our guest speaker, Marty Brounstein,

author, lecturer, historian, and educator. Mr. Brounstein spoke to us about the catastrophic events of World War II in Europe, and the plight of the Jews under the Nazis' domination. He has written a book called *Two Among The Righteous Few: A Story of Courage in the Holocaust*. In his presentation he brings in a lot of the history of WW2, what it was like to live under Nazi Occupation, and how ordinary people coped with it.

The focus of his book is a young Dutch couple with 5 children who saved the lives of at least two dozen Jews. If you go to Jerusalem to visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, you will find their names in the Garden of the Righteous Few, a place of honor memorializing those non-Jews who risked their lives and the lives of their families to provide safe haven to their fellow Jewish citizens. How many of us would have the courage to place ourselves at such risk knowing that it could result in the loss of our own lives?

Mr. Brounstein has a very personal connection with this couple, because he married Leah, the daughter of a couple who were provided safety in their home, and the BrouNSTEINS have visited that family on several occasions.

A number of persons in the audience recounted their own families' experience with that reign of terror.

For those people who were not fortunate enough to attend Mr. Brounstein's presentation visit YouTube site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmNL4GFGHR0>. His book is available on Amazon.com.

—Morry Meadow

WOMEN'S CLUB

Come meet Bella, a three-year-old Golden Retriever and Therapy Dog, and her handler, Bob Jones, on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Women's Club luncheon! The fun starts at 12:00 noon.

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Bella (see her picture on page 15) is a member of **Therapy Dogs International**, allowing her to visit hospitals, assisted living homes and other facilities to provide comfort and companionship to those who need it. Bob has been a TDI member for the last 13 years. He was instrumental in starting the Pet Therapy program at St. Joseph's Hospital and in 2012 he was awarded the *Values in Action* Award for his service. He also is an Evaluator for TDI, testing dogs and their owners to see if they qualify for certification. Bob, who has MS and uses a scooter to

get around, will visit each table so you can meet Bella in person.

Therapy Dogs International is the largest organization of its kind with more than 24,750 dogs/handlers. Another successful TDI program is *Tail Waggin' Tutors*. This is a program where children can practice reading skills by reading to dogs in the friendly surroundings of their local library. Bob will explain these programs to us and share his experiences with them.

The theme this year for TDI is **Paws a while for Love**. We hope you can join us and pause awhile with Bella

and Bob to learn about a truly wonderful and worthwhile program.

Look for your e-mail invitation on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Please answer by noon on Sunday, February 8, 2015. You will be notified by email if it is your turn to bring a salad for 10-12 people. The luncheon fee is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

For information on joining the Women's Club, please contact Marian Kennedy at rgkmek@yahoo.com or Marilyn Pappas at mmpappas5@yahoo.com.

—Ginny Nevitt

ACTIVITES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for a lively game of Bridge. We welcome all residents who enjoy Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner; we will take care of that, so please consider joining us. For more information, please call Helen at 949-496-4230.

Our recent winners are:

January 7 Pouri Fowzi, Helen Campbell and Jeanne Bookai

January 14 Dorothy Horany and Pouri Fowzi

—Helen Campbell

FILM AS LITERATURE IN THE SHORES

The Emeritus Film Class offered by Saddleback College Emeritus Institute starts a new semester in our ClubHouse on Monday, January 26. We are blessed to have this class in Niguel Shores where there are so many of us who are no longer able to drive to local movie theaters due to the various physical problems that come with advancing age.

Susan Hecht, an engaging and knowledgeable teacher, leads the course. She guides us into critical thinking as she introduces each film, explaining what we should look for as we watch it. At the end of each movie she leads a stimulating discussion of the film. Everyone is invited to participate in this discussion.

In the past few years we have learned how creative directors, writers, actors and cinematographers, can bring words and images to life. Each semester the course focuses on a common theme that runs through many films. It may be prejudice, determination of the characters, a plot involving a force from the beyond, love with complications, or what may happen to one

on the road. Some of the films are familiar; others are strange and new to students in the class.

We come away with a new understanding of the little subtleties that a director or writer has introduced. These nuances may lead to the discovery of some new insight on the human condition, or illustrate a simple truth such as love conquers evil. We are grateful that we have this class in the Shores and we hope that it will continue here to entertain and educate us. We thank Saddleback College Emeritus Institute for bringing this class to the Shores. And a great big thank you to our teacher Susan Hecht for her insightful leadership.

—Laurel Livesay

PAGE TURNERS

Two of the PageTurners' book clubs will be reading and discussing *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor for our February selection. The Monday afternoon group will meet February 23 and the Thursday group will meet February 26.

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.

This book looks like an interesting read and hopefully will promote lively discussions. For more information about Page Turners you can contact: Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net- 496-9546.

—Lisa Buchner

ACTIVITES

LIBRARY NEWS

The following is a list of programs and events for February 2015. The library will be closed for President's Day, February 16 and Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 2015.

Toddlers and Preschool:

Toddler Storytime. Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 23. 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. This event is for children 18-35 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver. It is held in the Community Room, walk-ins welcome.

Preschool Storytime. Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 23. 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. This event is for children 3 to 5 years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. It is held in the Community Room and we welcome walk-ins.

Children All Ages:

PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers. Monday, February 23, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. This event is

for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Your children will love the high energy and antics of the Sunshine Readers! The wearing of pajamas is encouraged but not required.

Children School Age:

Read to a Dog. Saturday, February 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area. No pre-registration required. Walk-ins welcome.

Special Valentine Storetime. Saturday, February 14, 11:00 a.m. to Noon. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area. No pre-registration required. Walk-ins welcome.

World of Wolves. Sunday, February 1, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

—Karl Kuhn

The Friends of the Dana Point Library will have a *closet* sale of used books the second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come get bargain books.

—Karla Sanders

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

On January 13, 2015 we had our monthly tournament at Tijeras Creek in Rancho Santa Margarita. The course was in great shape, the weather was perfect. The game was *Two Best Net of 4 Balls*. Only the 2 lowest net scores counted on each hole. This format makes Teams very competitive no matter what your level is.

First Place Team: Charlie Clark, Mike Roberts, Dennis Rosene, and Joel Levin

Second Place Team: Roy Dohner, Morry Dohner, Mike Baskin, and Larry Wellikson

Closest to the Pin on hole # 5 Kent Wellbrock

Closest to the Pin on Hole #16 Jack Sweeney

Our next tournament in February 10, 2015 will be at Arrowood Golf Club in Oceanside. To sign up to play email Roy Dohner at roy@dohner.com.

MEN'S CLUB SPECIAL RULES — Ball Renounced in Flight

A player who hits a long, high drive that immediately travels in a clearly undesired direction may disown the ball while it is still in flight and instantly tee up and hit another without assessing a stroke for the first wayward shot, but he must begin his swing at the second ball before the first ball hits the ground, and he must remain in continuous motion throughout this procedure, thereby establishing that both shots took place during a single unbroken period of ball-striking during which he hit duplicate balls concurrently using a dual movement and a double-action swing, rather than hitting a pair of individual balls consecutively with two separate and distinct swings.

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

Damp, damp, cool, cool heavy air. The ground was still wet from yesterday's down pour, and electric carts weren't allowed, so we ended up with only nine players, including guests Kathy Aldrian and Chris Beaver's daughter Linda. The game of the day was simply golf chosen by Captains Lee Sweeney and Irene McDonald. After a few holes the sun was shining palely. Joining us for lunch were Chris Beaver, Ceacy Johns, Joan Beyer, and Ruthie Stahl.

Winners of the day:

Low gross with a score of 44 . Judy Jones

Low putts with a score of 15 . . Judy Jones

Low net with a score of 29 . . . Kathy Aldrian

Closest to the pin on #. Judy Jones

Longest drive on #9 . . . tie Pam Strayer & Marlene Lynch

Did you notice that Judy Jones was star of the day?!

Next FunDay will be Monday, February 9. Captains are Val Mitchell and Marlene Lynch. Let's wear red and be happy Valentines.

Heard on the course: "*My game is so bad, I had to have my ball retriever regripped.*"

Golfer – I'd move Heaven and Earth to get a good score on this course.

Partner – Try Heaven. You've already moved most of the earth.

—Liz Kelsch, 661-5802



Carol's Cuisine Corner

Valentine's Day, February 14. The day of romance dates back to 5th century. It has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia. This means you and your love should go to an Italian restaurant to enjoy the food, evening and one another. Choose one from the list, but remember you must call for reservations.

Luciana's, 24312 Del Prado,
Dana Point. 661-6500.
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*Enjoy the Italian meal with your love one.
Bon Appetite! —Carol Yocom*

Travel Tidbits . . .

“The World is a book and those who do not travel read only one page” —St. Augustine

Are you planning a trip out of the country this year? Better check your passport. Although valid for ten years, many countries now require you to have at least six months “left” on your passport or they will deny you entry. To be safe, it's best to apply for a new passport once you've passed the nine-year mark. Not every post office accepts passport applications but Dana Point does, so it is easy for us. Another thing to check is how many blank pages do you have in your passport. Some countries require you to have at least four blank pages.

Have you cruised north to Alaska and on arrival in Seward wish you could continue on *to see what's out there?* Well next year you can. On August 16, 2016 a Crystal Cruises ship will leave Seward on a voyage that will stop at Kodiak and Dutch Harbor (both fun little towns) as it goes down the peninsula. (You can even go wine tasting at the Kodiak Island Winery). A sharp right turn takes the ship to Nome, through the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas and across the *top* of Canada to Ulukhaktok, Cambridge Bay and Pond Inlet, then across the Labrador Sea to Ilulissat, Sisimiut and Nuuk in Greenland. They head south again with stops in

Bar Harbor, Boston, Newport and finally New York. What a trip!! What an adventure!!

Half a world away is Malta, composed of three tiny Mediterranean islands, Malta, Gozo and Comino. Sitting in the center of the Mediterranean just 58 miles south of Sicily, Malta is one of the smallest countries in the world. If you are looking for a quiet getaway, Malta is easily accessible. It offers ancient towns, archaeological sites, beaches, diving and spectacular scenic vistas. Valletta, the capital, is the most concentrated historic area in the world, 320 monuments in 3 square miles. Medina (4,000 years old) is a fine example of an ancient walled city. Seven megalithic temples date between 3600 BC and 2500 BC. They are the oldest freestanding structures in the world.

The world is full of wonderful possibilities. All you have to do is get up and go.



—Barbara Milner C.T.C.,
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Jerry and Nadine Allen

Right off the bat I direct your attention to the accompanying picture of this month's Meet Your Neighbors—Jerry and Nadine Allen. Notice the statement they make in the picture that they feel passionate about while they enjoy their frequent walks on our beautiful beach. I am referring to their use of their own reuseable bags, labeled accordingly, for picking up litter and helping to keep our beach beautiful. They would love to share that activity with like-minded residents, so why not join them. It helps the environment!

On with their story. Jerry was born in Brandenburg, Kentucky, but spent his college years at the University of Cincinnati where he majored in Chemical Engineering. After 3 years, he decided he needed to see the bigger world, so he joined the Air Force. He became an Officer and was sent to California. Meanwhile, Nadine, a 4th generation California girl from the Bay Area, was attending UC Berkeley, studying Spanish and Portuguese.

They met on a blind date in Sacramento in 1963 when Jerry was training as an Air Force B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer at Mather Air Force Base. They married in 1964 and headed north to Spokane, Washington, where Jerry spent many hours airborne in the B-52s and was eventually sent to Thailand during the Vietnam War. In 1971 they headed east with their two daughters to Dayton, Ohio, where Jerry attended the Air Force Institute of Technology. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's in Electrical Engineering there. Next was a 2-year stint near Boston where he was a test engineer for the Advanced Airborne Command Post Program that converted the Boeing 747 into a flying Command Post for the US President and SAC generals. The Allens were next transferred to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama for Command and Staff College. Jerry also enrolled in Auburn University and received his MBA in 1975. Nadine also graduated from Auburn, receiving her B.A. in English.

More Air Force assignments included Chief of Nuclear Hardness and Survivability for the MX and Minuteman Missile Systems at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque and at Norton AFB in California. In 1981 Jerry joined Sandia

National Laboratories in Albuquerque for a career that spanned more than 30 years. His professional resume is long, so I will just name a few of his many responsibilities: Senior Manager of Weapons Firing and Safety, Senior Manager of Energy and Environment, Director for Congressional Relations, Director of Satellite Programs, and Director of Field Intelligence. As an Emeritus of Sandia, Jerry was on the original technical staff of the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Many honors have come his way but none were more rewarding than receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the National Reconnaissance Office.

While Jerry's career was indeed full and rewarding, Nadine also continued her interest in languages by teaching Spanish in elementary school in Albuquerque. She also was an Aquarium docent there for 10 years. She began a 30-year career working in the travel business, and managed a travel agency for 12 years. She and Jerry were able to travel to all the continents except Antarctica, and even hosted many groups on cruise ships.

In addition to being world travelers, they are avid scuba divers, novice sailors who have sailed in Australia's Whitsunday Islands, and hiked, camped, and backpacked in younger days. Jerry's other hobbies include underwater photography, golf, and most recently, stand-up paddleboarding. Nadine enjoys gardening, turtles, art, live theater, and opera, and is a perpetual student of The Great Courses.

In 2012 Jerry & Nadine decided to downsize from their big adobe home and *orchard* of 6 apricot trees, 6 peach trees, 2 apple trees, and 2 cherry trees in New Mexico. They wanted to live in a coastal climate with a year-round growing season during their retirement years. After looking at Florida and Hawaii, they happened upon Dana Point and fell in love with Niguel Shores. They purchased in the Villas on Vista Grande and are now full time residents. They are happy to be part of our community and so far have joined the Men's Club, Garden Club, Dippy Dolphins, and the Ocean Institute. But their most favorite pastime is walking that beautiful beach!

—Karl Kuhn



Jerry and Nadine Allen

that Harvest must cover with their work crews. An important feature of those 180 acres of homes is that there are 9 distinct subsections —Berkus Homes, Broadmoor Homes, Custom Homes, Breakers Isle, Sea Terrace I and Sea Terrace II, Atlantic Garden Homes, Shores Garden Homes, and Villas. Add to that the Beach parking area.

Harvest has three separate crews that are assigned specific areas to handle. One crew handles all areas from Breakers Isle up to and including Ports-O-Call. A second group covers the area from the bridge (PCH) up to Marlinspike Drive, obviously the largest area to cover, A third crew handles Sea Terrace II and the Villas and many of the homeowner requests.

Each of these crews receives work assignments for their areas on a two or three week bases depending on input from the Homeowners Request Form (HRF), Landscape Committee and/or their own supervisors. Remember besides the landscaping inside the walls of the NSCA Harvest also cares for all the landscaping on the outside of our community perimeter walls such as along Niguel Road, both sides of PCH, our entrance Mariner Drive, etc. Of course the time of the year, i.e. the seasons, and the weather has an important impact of what is worked on. Obviously, these crews cannot be in every street, every week of the year. They do work a 5-day week and many overtime Saturdays.

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A view down Atlantic Street.

first week in March, snail bait every fourth week in the winter and spring and select herbicides applied every week as needed. Continued every week is such time consuming tasks as weeding and irrigation inspections. While Harvest does a diligent job of inspecting our irrigation system your help is always appreciated if you see an errant sprinkler. Contacting the office quickly will help conserve our precious water. Irrigation repairs are an ongoing activity as a result of leaks, malfunction and unintentional or intentional (vandalism) member action.

An important activity, to keep our community looking beautiful involves the flower changes, which also involves dead head flowers removal, cut back rose bushes, and trimming overgrown or dead trees.

Now that you better understand the important landscaping activity within Niguel Shores I urge you to enjoy its beauty, wait as new plantings have time to mature into vibrant scenery and don't hesitate to fill out a homeowners request form (HRF) or contact the office with any landscaping issues.

—Karl Kuhn

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