

# Seashore News



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## FROM THE HELM

As we welcome the new board members, I want to take this opportunity to thank the departing Board members, Sue Kichline and Sam Johnson, for their leadership and dedication to the community both during their term of office and for their many other contributions to Niguel Shores over the years. I am pleased to be the Board president for the coming year and feel confident that the Board will continue to work together in the best interest of the Community.

Over the past several months two topics, the Landscape Master Plan and the implementation and enforcement of our architecture rules, were major concerns to many members of our community.

With respect to the Landscape Master Plan, we have heard the concerns of those who say that we should proceed with caution on the funding of large landscape projects. At the same time, we also realize there is a need to make improvements in our community's landscaping in light of such factors as water conservation and slope preservation.

After consulting with experts and holding open meetings on the renovation of the Nauticus slope, we approved the project and it will be completed in the upcoming months because it is consistent with the above factors.

As to future Master Landscape projects, they will proceed over a period of years at a speed dictated by the necessity of the project and the financial health of the community.

With respect to the Community's architecture rules, we have heard the concerns of residents for protection of ocean views, privacy, and community ascetics in relation to home remodels and new construction in our community. We also understand the need for our residents to be able to make improvements to their homes. The Architecture Committee will

continue to improve its policies and procedures to assist owners with remodels and new construction that follow our rules and regulations which are intended to preserve natural views, privacy, and the architectural harmony of the community.

— Pat O'Brien

### 2012-13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Pat O'Brien—*President*  
John Dougherty—*1st Vice President*  
Bob Russell—*2nd Vice President*  
Steve Stewart—*Treasurer (CFO)*  
Steve Leonard—*Secretary*

### BOARD LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS:

*Architecture Committee*—John Dougherty  
*Communication Committee*—Steve Stewart  
*Finance Committee*—Steve Stewart  
*Landscape Committee*—Steve Leonard  
*Maintenance Committee*—Bob Russell  
*Recreation Committee*—Bob Russell  
*Traffic & Safety Committee*—Steve Leonard  
*View Preservation Committee*—John Dougherty

## MEET OUR NIGUEL SHORES 2012 GRADUATES

A few months back, we wrote about **Emily Carlson**, one of our Niguel Shores graduates this year. As you may recall, Emily played water polo at Dana Hills High School and is now planning on attending University of California, Irvine and continue playing water polo for UCI's very well regarded women's team. Below you will read about a few of our other outstanding young residents who are finishing up their high school careers and looking for-



Emily Carlson



Collin Griffitts

ward to taking their next very exciting steps.

**Collin Griffitts** was born and raised right here in Niguel Shores. He attended St. Anne's school in Laguna Niguel from preschool through the 8th grade. Collin is graduating from J Serra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano.

Collin describes growing up in The Shores as "really mellow". Collin's family originally lived on Manta Court, however; as their family grew they

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# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## MAY 10, 2012 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2012
- Special General Session Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2012
  - Camp Hobbledehoy instructor contract
- Proposal for installation of speed bumps at Selva entrance gate and Cabrillo entrance gate
- Proposal for Mariner gatehouse concept drawing
- Proposal for Nauticus slope landscape project

### DISAPPROVED: none

### HEARINGS/MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal of Architectural Committee disapproval of remodel project

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master Landscape project
- Manager's report

### TABLED:

- Landscape proposals

## MARCH 10, 2012 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial reports
- Executive Session Committee Minutes
- Settlement offer for one delinquent account

### APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2012
  - Authorization to file complaint against one delinquent account
- Suspension of privileges for one account

### DISAPPROVED: none

### HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal status report
- Manager's report

### TABLED: none

## MAY 15, 2012 ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING:

### APPROVED:

- 2011 Annual Election Meeting Minutes
- RESULTS: See included insert for election results

**NOTE:** The NSCA Board of Directors meets the 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY 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 Agenda for the next Board Meeting will also be posted at noon on the Thursday prior to the next meeting.

**REMINDERS:** OPEN FORUMS ARE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH GENERAL SESSION MEETING (6:00 P.M.). THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

# GM REPORT

**New Board Meeting Schedule:** The Board meetings for the coming year will be held on the *1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month*. The next scheduled General Session is June 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

**Annual Meeting/Election:** Congratulations to the new Board of Directors (see cover page). For those homeowners who were not able to attend the Annual Election on May 15, the official election results are located on the certified report prepared by the Inspector of Elections which is inserted in this issue of the *Seashore News*. It is also posted on the website. The CC&R amendment did not pass – it required 481 yes votes to pass.

**Office Hours Change:** As noted in my article last month, starting June 1, the NSCA office will no longer offer Saturday hours. After evaluating the use of the office during the Saturday hours and the cost of staff time, the Board made the decision to eliminate these hours. The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Renovation of the Nauticus Slope:** The Board reviewed the five contractor bids submitted for the renovation of the Nauticus Slope at the May 10 meeting and Harvest was awarded this contract. The project will take approximately 12 weeks for demolition, grow & kill, irrigation and planting. The Board selected Mosaic Consulting to provide the project management for this renovation.

**Recreation Activities:** Congratulations to the Recreation Committee for the successful Cinco de Mayo event this year. 330 tickets were sold and, from the reports that I received, everyone had a great time. Thank you to the Committee for all of their hard work, plus thank you to the community for supporting their efforts. We all look forward to the upcoming events: "In-N-Out" Truck on June 16, the all-day 4th of July celebration and the Gourmet Food Trucks on July 28.

**Camp Hobbledehoy:** Are you looking for a great summer activity for your children ages 6 to 12? If so, sign them up for Niguel Shores own day camp—Camp Hobbledehoy. This is the 13th year for Camp Hobbledehoy with the leadership of Craig Dunn, Ryan Crane and Peter Chance. The camp has a seven-week schedule: June 25–June 29—no camp the week of July 4th; then July 9 through August 17. If you wish to sign up for the camp, pick up a flyer in the office or have one emailed to you. You can also contact the instructors directly at (949) 489-3447 or go to [camphobbledehoy.blogspot.com](http://camphobbledehoy.blogspot.com)

**Important Rule Reminders as Summer Begins:**

- **Enforcing Rule 6406 Beach Parking—Guests Parked at the Beach Lot**—Please take care to make sure that

your guests have their passes properly displayed on the vehicle dashboard and that they are parked within the designated upper parking tier as posted when visiting the Beach Bluff Park. Guest vehicles found without a properly displayed pass or found parked outside of the top parking tier are subject to tow one hour after a citation is issued per Rule 6440.

- **FOBS and Security**—This is a friendly reminder to bring your FOB to gain entry to the Community Center complex. We have a friendly, customer service oriented staff who wants to be helpful - but as of June 1 they will not be allowed to “just buzz you in” if you forget your FOB. To keep from putting staff in an unwanted situation, remember to bring your FOB or provide one for your family members and guests.

- **Pool Monitors**—From Memorial Day through Labor Day, pool monitors will be assigned to the community center pool area to enforce the rules and regulations. The Association does not provide lifeguards, so persons using the pool and spa do so at their own risk. Persons under 14 years of age must be attended by and under direct supervision of an adult 18 years of age or older when in the pool/spa areas. Pool and Spa Rules are posted in the area, but please review rules 5102 and 5103 to ensure everyone’s enjoyment of the facilities.

*We have many wonderful fathers’ living in this community and we would like to take a moment to say:*

**“Happy Father’s Day from the Niguel Shores Staff!”**

—Deborah Baker

## WELLNESS – Keep the Weight off for Good. . . .but How??

Losing weight in America has become a national pastime. . . I mean seriously. Probably each one of us meets at least one person daily that informs you that they are on a diet of some sort. They run the gamut. . . hard boiled eggs and iceberg lettuce, cabbage soup, green tea and a myriad of other “programs” that claim to provide us with tools we need to lose that weight. Hopefully, some of these Americas make a well thought out choice based on safety and truly clinically proven results.

But let’s fast forward to that point where someone has lost the weight, regardless of how they did it and they actually want to keep it off. They love how they look and feel, perhaps their doctor is also thrilled and they’ve even gotten off some costly medications for various overweight driven diseases. So what do they do now? Well here are a few tips that should be helpful. If you are already practicing these, great!! If not add them to your daily regimen for long lasting results. . . .or share them with a friend or loved one who has made the choice to reach a healthy weight.

For starters, eat breakfast every day within one hour of waking. Numerous studies, over time prove that breakfast eaters weigh less than their non-breakfast eating counterparts.

Include exercise in your day every day. If you hate exercise, well

then consider exercise optional. . . .but movement mandatory!! We were designed to move? It builds muscle, and increases your metabolism so that you burn calories even when you are reading a book!!

Be sure to surround yourself with those people who will support the new you! We all have family and friends who will support us, as well as those who will sabotage us. . . . stay away from the saboteurs!!

When making food choices, seek out low fat choice, they are always your best bet. Read labels and become aware and mindful of what you are eating.

Remember that you are an individual. There is only one you and what works for another person may not be the same as what works for you. We all have different likes, dislikes, varying caloric needs, in addition to activity abilities. Consider these as you strive to maintain your weight.

At last, but certainly not least, monitor your weight. If you have a scale, jump on it at least once a week. If you don’t have a scale, find that perfect pair of slacks or jeans that when you put them on and they fit comfortably, you know that you’re at a healthy weight.

Hopefully these tips will help you and yours enjoy life even more with your friends and loved ones. . . it is the relationships that make life rich and there is no greater gift than being fit and healthy enough to truly appreciate them.

To Your Health!!



**If you would like to make a comment or suggest a topic please send an email to . . .**  
*Sharon Stewart RN, Certified Health Coach — [sharonstewart@cox.net](mailto:sharonstewart@cox.net).*



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## LANDSCAPE

All the Niguel Shores neighborhoods and common areas have been visited by Management, Harvest Landscape and the area representative. Again, the Committee would like to thank Deborah Baker, George Cooley and Harvest's Nate Bonghanoy and Nacho Chavez for this valuable time together.

Harvest has been at Niguel Shores for six months. Most of the needed work, trimming, thinning, mowing, mulching, maintenance schedules, planting and color change at the gate entrances, has already been started by Harvest. At the same time, Harvest continues to maintain our irrigation system and to establish a water budget based on the week-to-week usage. For work not covered under Harvest's general contract, proposals will be submitted to Management and/or the Board and approved based on the budget.

Now that summer is almost here, enjoy those beautiful sunsets at the beach bluff.

—Ellen Dovey

## MAINTENANCE

A fairly normal month in Niguel Shores for the Maintenance Department. The FOB gate at the Beach Bluff Park stopped working. The gate fails on the weekend when we don't have staff on site to make the repairs so the Maintenance Manager comes in the morning to open the gate and again at night to lock the gate. Monday, we find the problem. The fix requires pulling about 500 feet of new wire. Fortunately, due to some good planning when the bluff park was rebuilt, the cable is in the conduit making it much easier to replace.

The lights were out on Salvador for a few days. Here, like most of the older installation in the Shores, the bare cable is buried without the protection of conduit. To replace cable requires a lot of digging. In this case the short was under the sidewalk which meant removing the sidewalk, replacing the cable (this time with conduit) and then pouring new cement.

The arson fire a couple of months ago burned the furniture and damaged the deck and stone around the ClubHouse fireplace. Maintenance made some temporary repairs so the area could be used. Last week the contractor finished the final repairs and new furniture was delivered. We are pleased with the quality of the repairs and how well they were able to match the appearance of the old and new concrete. We are also pleased to learn that the perpetrator of this fire chose to plead guilty and is now the guest of the State of California and will be for the next 16 months. A special thanks goes to our Maintenance Department, Security Service and the Office Staff. Following is a quote to George Cooley from the Fire Investigator. "Thank you

SO much for all of your key assistance. It was the information you and your co-workers gave us that made this case so strong that neither accused nor his attorney wanted to take a chance in court with a jury".

—Jack Christiansen

## RECREATION

Yes, this is In-N-Out Month and then, coming up, the 4th of July. Taco Night was a good family night.

**In-N-Out:** Mark Saturday June 16 on your calendar—5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Remember what a big crowd there will be. Buy your tickets now for \$10 in the office. We will have the DJ again with music for everyone.

**July 4th:** See all the activities listed in this issue and join your neighbors and friends on this special celebration day that the Committee is providing for your enjoyment.

**Food Truck and Sweet Truck evening:** July 28—a cash only time. A new experience for the community. The DJ will again be there for your entertainment.

The Dana Point community is offering again the AARP Driver Safety Program (55 alive). Classes held July 25 and 26. Call 949 496 4252 for more details.

The Senior Program has trips planned to casinos, the Candlelight Pavilion/Claremont and Walt Disney Concert Hall. Call 949 496 4109 for details.

No replies to our request for volunteers to help with the Beach Bluff BBQ. Enjoy the time at the Bluff without the group BBQ until we have volunteers to help.

—Carol Yocom

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

I notice that the spikes from the many agapanthus that are planted throughout our community are bursting with white and blue blooms. This is a sure sign that summer will soon be here, and the school year will be drawing to an end. With that, many families in our community will host graduation parties or simply welcome guests who wish to enjoy all the amenities our area has to offer. Along this line, please remember to **update your guest list** as every single guest, in every car, must be registered at the gate. Also, please remind your guests that if they drive their vehicles down to the bluff area, to park in the designated "**Guest**" **parking area**. Guests who park in areas designated for residents will have their cars impounded. There have been some folks abusing our hospitality and firmer measures are necessary.

Now that the weather is heating up, there is more and more outdoor activity. I am sure most of you have seen plenty of **skate boarders** scooting up and down our streets

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and in common areas. A lot of them are actually pretty good. It is not uncommon to see them do an “Ollie” or the more advanced skaters doing a “Kasper 360 Flip” on the more level areas. A couple of the young adults have tried the “Gymnast Plant” but couldn’t pull it off. We will probably never see this stunt done here in the Shores as it requires a great deal of expertise. The only person around here that could probably do this is the top dog of all skaters, Pat O’Brien. He and his buddies, Tony Hawk and Kareem Campbell, could do it, but they won’t. The reason is simple; it is against our rules to ride a skateboard on our streets and common areas. Skaters would be best off perfecting their moves in a designated skating area.

Skateboarding can result in injuries, but the potential of injury is often minimized with protective gear. However, in every instance it is a major safety risk and judgmental error to be towed on a skateboard behind a car, truck or golf cart. Believe it or not this has been occurring on Niguel Shores Road. If you see this activity please let our staff know so that we can identify those involved, and some sort of intervention can be taken for the well-being of these poor souls.

More and more folks are complaining about dog waste on sidewalks and grassy areas. Please pick up after your pet as it is the healthy and right thing to do. We have also received complaints about dogs running loose and subsequently attacking other dogs. Our city codes and community rules require that **all dogs, when outside, be on a leash.** Your spirit of cooperation with this will be appreciated by all. God Bless.

—Tim Murphy

## WEBSITE

Your Niguel Shores website just exceeded 100,000 visits. The original and continuing concept for this website is a communication resource for all residents. The Board, Management and the various committees and clubs want to hear your concerns, opinions and suggestions and the web makes this convenient. Comments from all residents are posted within 24 hours and can have a real impact on a particular issue.

If you are new to Niguel Shores, you may find the website especially helpful because all the committees, clubs, activities and upcoming events are listed. You will also find the necessary information regarding dates, times and whom to contact. You can even get the daily weather report.

So, log onto [www.niguelshores.org](http://www.niguelshores.org). Be one of the next 100,000 visitors...and post a comment. Also, enjoy the lovely photos...

—Matt Northrop, Patti Staudenbaur and Ellen Dovey

## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

- 8:00 - 10:30 AM Niguel Shores Traditional great Pancake Breakfast (provided by the Men’s Club)
- 10:00 AM Flag Raising with the “Young Marines”
- 10:20 AM Neighborhood Patriotic Parade
- 10:45 - NOON Games and tattoos in the ClubHouse Park for one and all
- 11:30 - NOON Sand Castle Registration at the Bluff
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM Hot Dogs and all the fixins at Poolside (provided by the Women’s Club)
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM DJ at the Bluff Park
- 5:00 PM Sandcastle Awards at the Bluff
- 5:30 PM BBQ at the Beach Bluff

—Nancy Tinnes

## Sand Castle Contest



**Registration will be at the Bluff at 11:30 a.m.** All participants must register at the sign-up table to receive their numbered flags. The flag is to be displayed at the sand creation on the beach.

**Choice of sand sculpture is up to you. Each creation will be judged in two categories:**

1. Creativity, imagination and originality
2. Sculpting skill and detail

**In pursuit of fairness, there will be three new categories this year:**

1. Sand Fleas – children ages up to 12 (no adults)
2. Sand Hoppers – teenagers 13 to 19 (no adults)
3. Sand Tribes – families/groups – all ages (must include adult(s))

**Judging will take place between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.** Awards will be announced at the Bluff BBQ at 5:00 p.m.

—Suzanne Enis

## GARDEN CLUB

**Plant Sale:** The club held its annual plant sale at the ClubHouse on Saturday, May 19. A huge crowd turned out, and left loaded with a large variety of plants. Our thanks to Dana Point Nursery, Green Thumb Nursery, Plant Depot, Armstrong Nursery and Harvest Landscape for their generous donations of plants, materials, tools and gift certificates. If you missed this popular event, be sure to mark your calendar for next year's sale.

**June Meeting:** The Club will celebrate another successful year when it holds its famous end-of-year Beach Bluff Bar-B-Q and Pot Luck from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on June 18. In addition to the savory victuals (from the Latin, *victus*—nourishment) that will be enjoyed with relish (or mustard), the newly elected officers will be installed for their two-year terms: President—Jerry Koppang; Vice President—Irene Hopson; Secretary—Melanie Wilcox; Treasurer—Karl Kuhn.

**Do you know the difference between corms, bulbs, rhizomes and tubers?** Most gardeners do the same thing: We all tend to lump together plants that grow from bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers and call them all bulb plants. Plants like tulip, iris, crocosmia, lily, daffodil, and more have these swollen parts that are the

underground storage rooms for the plant. Calling them all a bulb is not exactly accurate, but do you know what the difference really is? Bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers are all considered geophytes. Geophyte is the collective term for the type of plant structure that stores water and nutrients in an enlarged underground part of the plant. Most gardeners tend to refer to most geophytes as simply bulbs because, well, bulb is easier to say and remember than geophyte.

**Recognizing a Bulb:** If you look at a bulb, it resembles an onion, because an onion is actually a true bulb. Bulbs have layers (remember, think onion). Bulb plants include tulips, narcissus, alium, amaryllis, blackberry lily, caladium, canna and lilies.

**Recognizing a Corm:** A corm is a geophyte that is an enlarged, solid base. If you cut open a corm it is solid, unlike true bulbs that are marked by layers. Corms can be propagated by cutting the corm into sections and planting. Each corm section will then root and grow a plant. Crocosmia, crocus, anemone, and gladiolus are all examples of corm plants.

**Recognizing a Rhizome:** Have you ever dug up and transplanted your iris plants? Bingo! You've seen rhizomes then. Rhizomes are those swollen stems on the iris that grow

horizontally underground. They grow shallow and will put out leaves and shoots. Besides the iris, other rhizome plants include ginger, ferns, Venus fly-trap, bamboo, Chinese lantern. Like corms, rhizomes can be broken or cut into sections for propagation. When planted, each section will grow and develop leaves and shoots.

**Recognizing a Tuber:** Now we come to the tubers. Tubers are pretty much those plants that are geophytes but don't really fit in as a bulb, corm or rhizome. Tubers are generally separated into two categories - stem tubers and root tubers. Stem tubers are formed when underground parts of the stem swell (like potatoes and begonias) while root tubers are formed when root sections swell (like dahlias and cassavas). Common tubers would be potatoes, gloxinia, dahlias, begonia, cassavas, cyclamen.

The next time you are faced with a geophyte, be sure you know the proper terminology and don't just call it a bulb.

"In the spring, at the end of the day,  
you should smell like dirt."  
—Margaret Atwood

—Morry Meadow

## MEN'S CLUB

The Niguel Shores Men's Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for an 8:00 a.m. breakfast



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Men's Club President, George Schramm and speaker Lisa Bartlett, former Dana Point Mayor and current City Council member.

in the ClubHouse and an informational speaker or presentation.

On Tuesday, May 1 we had "Captain" Dave of Dana Point's Dolphin & Whale Safari. "Captain" Dave provided us with photos and videos of whales and dolphins that inhabit our local waters. His main focus was to raise awareness that nearly 1,000 whales and dolphins are dying every day from fishing gear entanglement.

Tuesday, May 15 Dana Point City Council member, Lisa Bartlett was our guest speaker. Ms. Bartlett reviewed current events in our city and also

discussed the various projects that are in the planning stages. Focus was on the fact that Dana Point is one of the few California cities in excellent financial shape.

A major event sponsored by the Men's Club is the *Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast*. This year it will be on Wednesday, July 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the ClubHouse. The cost of the breakfast is only \$4 per person and the Men's Club members will be providing the manpower and cooking the wonderful pancakes and grilled sausage, along with fresh fruit, juice and coffee. This event is a great way to get our 4th of July festivities started and gather together with the members of our community. Profits from the Breakfast go to help fund the Men's Club Scholarship Fund, which awards three scholarships to outstanding students attending Dana Hills High School.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Breakfast and welcome new members to join our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

—Al Thome

## WOMEN'S CLUB



June is the annual Tea and installation of officers for the coming year. The Tea will be on Thursday, June 14 at noon in the ClubHouse. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite cup and saucer to enjoy a cup of tea with sandwiches and dessert. Past presidents are invited to pour at the tea and summer dresses and hats should be in abundance. You will receive your e-mail invitation on June 7 and are asked to please reply by June 10.

The slate of officers for 2012-13 is as follows: President, Lyn Long; Vice President and Program Chair, Nancy Tinnes; Treasurer, Barbara Milner and Secretary to be announced. This slate is to be voted on and a formal installation will be conducted by Ceacy Johns. Please join your fellow members in this annual Women's Club event. This is the final gathering until our new year begins with lunch on the 13th of September. Don't forget to pay your \$10 dues now so you will be sure to have your name in the new directory. (Please take your check to the office.)

—Mary Crowl

## ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We would like to invite you to come and have a fun day of bridge. We are not professionals or experts and we are not up on all the latest conventions; however, we do play a passable and enjoyable game. Please try to set Wednesdays aside for Bridge rather than doctor's appointments!! We meet at 11:00 a.m. and are usually finished by 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a sandwich or a snack. Call Helen at 496-4230 for more information and let the games begin!

#### Our latest winners:

April 18 Frieda Baskin, Jeanne Bookai, Helen Campbell  
April 25 Patricia Conway, Dorothy Horany, Frieda Baskin  
May 2 Dorothy Horany, Margaret Brugger, Helen Hodges  
May 9 Helen Campbell, Frieda Baskin, Kay Wittmack

—Helen Campbell

### PAGE TURNERS

All Page Turners will meet on Monday, June 25 at the ClubHouse to select our eight books for next year.

**12:15 p.m. — Light lunch** for those who signed up ahead of time.

**1:00 p.m. — Voting.** Bring your printed lists of the 24 possible titles, circling your eight choices. There will be no discussion at the meeting. Lists will be collected, tabulated and returned.

**1:30 p.m. — Book exchange.** Bring a new or gently used unwrapped book. We'll draw numbers and if you brought a book, you'll take home a new title!

The eight winners including the September selection will be announced. Our next meetings will be September 24 and 27.



## ACTIVITIES

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For more information about Page Turners: Karla Sanders karlajoe@cox.net, 496-8413 — Monday morning. Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net, 661-6267 — Monday afternoon. Lisa Buchner: Lisabuchner@cox.net, 496-9546 Thursday afternoon.

—*Diane Hearne*

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Dana Point Library is calling for volunteers for the 2012 **summer reading program** for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 25 through July 29. Teen volunteers are especially needed and welcomed. Pick up your application and learn more about this fun summer program at the Dana Point Library.

**Reading to Annie:** Thursday, June 14, 4:00 p.m. Annie is a specially trained therapy dog who loves to hear stories. Open to kids of all ages.

**Foreign Film Friday Movie: *Amador*,** June 15, 7:00 p.m. An award winning film from Spain.

—*Ellen Dovey*

## OREO BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club met May 16 at the home of Norton Schwartz, where Curt Swanson led us in a discussion of the book *Arguably*, by the recently deceased Christopher Hitchens. The book is a collection of thirty five articles written over the past few years with a vast range of subjects including the Founding Fathers, Abraham

Lincoln, Mark Twain, the Ten Commandments, John Kennedy, etc. The writer is an iconoclast and provocateur in his approach; most notorious for his advocacy of atheism. While most of the group found Hitchens' articles arrogant, autocratic, unnecessarily pedantic, but otherwise, readable, his usual reading audience holds him in high esteem.

—*Norton Schwartz*

## THE SOCIETY FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE

Friday May 4 the Society for Civil Discourse met at the library to discuss the history and goals of Planned Communities. Joe Ross led the discussion where it focused on reducing the needs for auto transportation and the corresponding advantages and disadvantages of density in housing. Past failures in subsidized high-rise apartments were analyzed along with elements that made affluent high-rises a success. Recent state legislation that discouraged environmental unfriendly development was reviewed. Current planner's concepts were to build transportation lines and centers in areas of low population and let the economics of development follow those lines and centers.

The next meeting, Friday May 18, discussed "Is Real Science Only for Liberals and are Conservatives Stuck in the Mud of Bad Science?" Areas explored were: Darwinism vs. Intelligent Design; Global Warming vs. It's All Overblown; Oil Drilling Fracking Ruins the Water Table vs. It's Really OK; The Proposed Oil Pipeline Will Ruin the Water vs. The More Oil for Everybody the Better!!

—*Norton Schwartz*

## SPORTS NEWS

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### MEN'S GOLF

April 24 had us playing at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club. It was a beautiful warm day at this great course. The format for the tournament was "Combined Net Foursome." Flight A winning team was Roy Dohner, Dave Ontiveros, John Monson, and Bob Gutknecht. Flight B winning team: Gary Katsuki, Woody Woodward, Boyd Van Ness, and Barry Daniel. Closest-to-the-Pin on #4 was Al Thome and on #13, Gary Katsuki.

The next tournament was on May 8 at the Talega Golf Club in San Clemente. This course has lots of challenging hazards and our golf group found every one of them. We had 13 golfers and the format was "Tin Whistle Team." First Place team: Roy Dohner, Morry Dohner, and Dick Grabham. Second Place: Jack Sweeney, Charlie Clark, and Peter Rask. Third Place: Bob Russell, John Monson, and

Kent Wellbrock and Fourth Place: Bob Gutknecht, Boyd Van Ness, Blair McDonald, and Jon Cobain. Closest-to-the-Pin on #8 and on #17 was Dick Grabham

**Priorities:** A husband and wife go to a counselor after 15 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a rage, listing every problem they had in the last 15 years they've been married, and she goes on and on and on. Finally the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman, and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and says "That is what your wife needs at least three times a week, can you do that?" The husband says, "I can bring her in Mondays and Fridays, but on Tuesday I play golf!"

—*Bob Russell*



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Niguel Shores ladies who golf together had a “Fun-Day” in May at Aliso Creek Golf Course. What a little hidden gem of a place. We noticed a group of ladies in pink golf shirts from the Beverly Hills Golf Club there. Later, we noted a contingent of men from Minnesota playing in a tournament. The Niguel Shores ladies have been playing at Aliso Creek for about 30 years. In those earlier days, the course was known as “Ben Brown’s” and Mrs. Brown watched us tee off from her house up the hill from the first tee.

The golfers who showed off their talent in May were: Judy Boitano with her closest to the pin drive on hole #6; India rouse with a tee shot on hole #8 that put her

ball closest to that pin; Gretchen Rask who out drove everybody on hole #9; and the foursome of Judy Boitano, Marge Foster, India Rouse and Brenda Tuckley who won the Scramble-Game-of-the Day by a handsome margin.

We will have our next Fun-Day on Monday, June 11. The golf captains for the day are Liz Kelsch, 661-5802 and Barbara McKlveen, 715-9437. If you have yet to discover this little gem of a golf course, you are invited to come and see for yourself. Play with us. Call one of the golf captains and ask to be added to her list of players for June.

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—Ceacy Johns



## Carol's Cuisine Corner

*It is time to have guests for the summer. Let them enjoy some of the restaurants close by as well as our city of Dana Point. We have so many in the area, some on the water and many different types of food. Hope this will help you to entertain this summer.*

**The Ritz:** 880 Newport Center, Newport Beach, 949 720 1800. Hours 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. After 35 years they will be closing next year. Enjoy this first class opportunity in décor and food. Closed on Mondays. I love their salmon and liver and onions, plus any salad, especially seafood. Desserts to share a must.

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**Old Vine Café:** at The Camp area in Costa Mesa, 2937 Bristol, 714 545 1411. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner Tuesday to Saturday 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Camp has other interesting restaurants and wine, LAB No 2. Old Vine Café is very small with an unusual menu. They have 4 or 5 course prix fix meals including wines, also very good small plates with a variety of items, such as tongue, scallops, pastas, etc. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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*I know your guest (and you) will enjoy any of the suggested restaurants. Bon appetite. —Carol Yocom*

decided to move to a larger home on Brigantine Bay. He spent lots of time wakeboarding and surfing at both Strand and Salt Creek Beaches as well as enjoying the pool here in Niguel Shores. There was always something fun going on for Collin in the Shores, lots of kids, lots of block parties and of course the 4th of July!!

When Collin was in the 7th grade at St. Anne's school he started playing Lacrosse for the school's team. He eventually joined a club team and continued playing lacrosse in high school at J. Serra. Collin was seriously committed to playing lacrosse and thought he would play throughout high school and possibly college. However, during the summer of his junior year in high school he decided to sign up for summer Crew Camp. He was really just curious and wanted to learn more about the sport. That summer camp was a turning point for Collin. He eventually gave up Lacrosse, a very difficult decision at that point in his high school career, to focus on Crew. Crew is an Olympic sport, the team members ride in long narrow boats with 8 rowers. Collin now belongs to the Newport Aquatics Center, where he is a member of their Novice Rowing team. Crew is a serious commitment for Collin and requires almost all of his time. He typically travels to Newport Beach five or six days per week to attend grueling practices from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Afterwards he returns home to complete homework well into the evening.

Prior to discovering Crew, Collin was unsure of what his college plans would be. He admits he did "procrastinate" with the college application process. However, once he joined the Crew team, his decision became pretty clear. Collin has decided to attend Orange Coast College where he will try out for their Crew Team and begin to study architecture. Orange Coast College has the only Junior College Crew program in the United States. Collin hopes to transfer to a four-year university to complete his degree and continue rowing at a four year school.

Collin's parents share his passion for Niguel Shores; he says "They love it here!" His parents are also enthusiastic supporters of Collin's sport. They travel to watch his team participate in competitions, most recently to Sacramento to compete in the Southwest Regionals. Collin has a younger brother, Christian, who is now a freshman at J. Serra and he has picked up the lacrosse stick to follow in Collins footsteps.

According to Collin, J Serra is a great school, fairly strict, and the academic work can be challenging. When we met, Collin was down to his last three days of school with graduation right around the corner. He will start next year living at home and commuting to Orange Coast College and of course, Newport Aquatics Center. Congratulations Collin!!



David Narel

**David Narel:** David has lived in Orange County all of his life, however, when he was about 10 years old his family moved to Niguel Shores. David's family lives on Dosina in the Berkus homes. Growing up in Niguel Shores was lots of fun for David. Everyone was very friendly, lots of kids and of course the **beach!** David was one of the original Hobbledehoy Camp members and also participated in the Junior Lifeguard Program. David graduated from St. Edward's Catholic School in Dana Point, where he played flag-football and basketball, however, David's real passion was baseball. He played little league baseball all through his elementary and middle school years, first in Laguna Niguel and later in Capistrano Beach.

Once it was time to decide on a high school, David and his family chose Dana Hills High School. The transition from a small private school with 60 students in his class to a large campus like Dana Hills, which at the time he was a freshman, had close to 4,000 students, was not an easy one. However, David looks back and is very happy he made that choice.

David had always wanted to play baseball in high school and at the beginning of his freshman year he went out for the freshman team. Unfortunately, David did not make the team. That freshman year was a very long one for David. He played water polo and swam to keep in shape; however, he also continued to work on his baseball skills. He learned that he needed to improve his skills and he worked hard to do just that. David went out for baseball again at the beginning of his sophomore year, and this time he made the Junior Varsity Team. David started pitching for Dana Hills during his junior year and eventually ended up pitching on the Varsity Team his senior year.

When it came time to selecting a college, David had several choices. He was admitted to Cal Poly Pomona, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside and Cal State Long Beach. David decided on the University of California Santa Cruz. While attending Dana Hills High School, David participated in the Health and Medical Occupations Academy. David's family has long had an interest in the medical field, David's Grandfather was a Medic during World War II, his cousin is a Pediatric Neurologist and his sister is a junior at UC San Diego, and is majoring in Human Biology. His decision to attend UC Santa Cruz was based in large part because of the degree program in Bio-Medical Engineering. David also plans on continuing to play baseball at UC Santa Cruz on their Club Team.

During high school several things really influenced his success both academically and athletically. David took a physics class during his junior year and his teacher, Mr. Ritscher, sparked his interest in physics. The following year, David

enrolled in AP Physics, with the same instructor and feels Mr. Ritscher encouraged him to work hard and do well. David's baseball coach, Tom Saris, at Dana also motivated him to work on his skills and continue playing the sport he loves.

David is very excited to be finishing his senior year at Dana. He has had lots of fun; however, this year has also been lots of work. The day we met David had just completed the last of three AP (advanced placement) tests and he was very happy to be done. David will graduate with honors on June 20. He looks forward to finishing his senior year, with Senior Day at Knots, Graduation, Grad Night and of course the Prom.

David and his family are heading off to Europe this summer for a three-week vacation in July and the rest of the summer he will spend relaxing and getting ready for UC Santa Cruz. David says he will definitely miss Niguel Shores, his many friends at Dana and of course his parents. However, he is ready for his next adventure. Congratulations David, your hard work and perseverance has paid off.



Tori Usgaard

**Tori Usgaard:** Tori grew up in Laguna Niguel and moved to Niguel Shores in 2010. She and her family love Niguel Shores, the people are friendly and it is a wonderful community. Tori and her mom, Cherie, and her older sister, Lexi, live on Sidney Bay with their dogs. Tori attended George White Elementary School and Niguel Hills Middle School; she is about to graduate from Dana Hills High School. During high school Tori became involved in the HMO Academy, a special academy for students who are interested in careers in the medical field. Tori liked the fact that the classes are a bit more focused and the instructors are excellent. Tori is considering a career as a Physician's Assistant and feels the HMO Academy will help build a foundation for that field.

When Tori was younger she played soccer, and when she entered high school she participated in cheerleading. One day after cheer practice a teammate suggested she try out for the Track and Field Team at Dana. Although Tori had planned on participating in cheer for four years, once she made the track team things changed. Tori has been on the Dana Hills High Track and Field team for the past four years. The team requires a significant time commitment and Tori has excelled in her sport. She realized that, in addition to good (excellent really) grades, you also needed something else to make it into a good university. For Tori, that something else is the heptathlon, an event where athletes participate in seven events in Track and Field over a two-day period. Tori applied and was accepted to UCLA, CAL Berkeley, UCSD, UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara. After weighing all of those incredible options, she decided to attend

Santa Barbara. In addition to a better scholarship offer, it was also the school both her parents graduated from. Tori's sister, Lexi, is completing her junior year at CAL Berkley.

Tori has also just completed her AP testing and she is looking forward to enjoying the last of her senior year. She will be graduating a Valedictorian on June 20 but, before that, she is ready for all the fun these last few weeks have to offer, especially the Prom. Tori said she has "not missed a dance, there's just too much fun." As for her summer plans, she is looking forward to earning some extra money by babysitting, especially here in Niguel Shores (look for her advertisement in this month's SSN). Tori will be sad to leave Dana Hills, but, she feels she is ready to move on and try living independently. After spending some time with Tori, I am inclined to agree. Congratulations Tori!!

—Patti Staudenbaur

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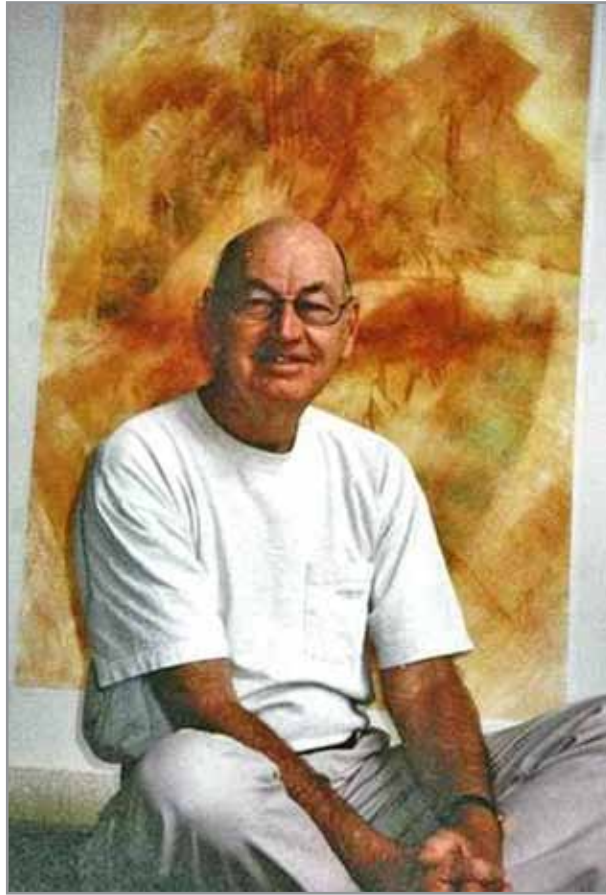
## John Hall

I wonder how many of our residents have noticed the paintings and photographs on the walls of the meeting room at the ClubHouse? Recently, I took a closer look and was impressed by the talent and creativity that is displayed there. All of the art is done by our neighbors. I was especially looking for work by John Hall, who was to be the subject of this month's column. I found a very colorful painting of sunset colors. The artist's signature confirmed that it was indeed by John Hall.

John met me at the ClubHouse for an interview. In John's youth he had a strong interest in art and majored in the subject in high school and in his first year at UCLA.

John interrupted his college career when he joined the Navy and was accepted for flight training. He became a carrier pilot aboard the carrier Philippine Sea near the end of the Korean War. He related some of his experiences landing on a carrier in heavy seas. He said the carrier doesn't just move drastically up-and-down in rough weather, it swivels back-and-forth sideways, presenting the pilot with a scary challenge on every landing. He survived though, and earned a Navy scholarship to continue his studies at UCLA. John switched his major to general business administration. He soon met another Biz-Ad major named Barbara, and the two were married before they both graduated three years later.

John went on to earn his MBA in industrial management at USC, and



John Hall

held many executive management and consulting jobs in the following years. Early in this period, he and Barbara found the new community of Niguel Shores, and they moved here in 1971, making them two of the earliest residents here. Their daughter, who grew up in the Shores, is the Manager of Providence Speech & Hearing Clinic in Newport Beach.

John eventually retired and went back to his first love, art. For the last 30 years he has followed his heart, finding joy in painting, first in watercolors, (producing about 700 of these), then in acrylics. Color is his inspiration and his principal design element. His work is in private collections throughout the United States, Western Europe, and in New Zealand. Asked about how he works, he says "I think intuitively—I don't

think about it, I am in the process." He enjoys the sharing of his painting with others, because he believes that sharing is a learning opportunity.

John taught classes in painting for many years but found that teaching regular classes takes so much time in the planning requirements it was keeping him from actually painting, so he stopped doing formal courses. John, however, is a natural teacher and during our chat he found himself showing me how to use some of the many art-related apps on his iPad. He actually paints on the device, and then prints out the ones he likes. He has hundreds of these. After listening to him, I wanted to rush home and order the beginning apps. "Brush Strokes" is one and "Sketchbook" another. I want

to experiment with these marvelous teaching tools.

Many of John's paintings are of sunsets in the Taos, New Mexico area. John keeps going back there for intensive studies and is absorbed by the spirituality he feels there. You can find John's painting on our website, [www.niguelshores.org](http://www.niguelshores.org). John is also the artist owner of the Cove Art Gallery in Laguna Beach and supports "Art for Kids," a charity that distributes art materials to children in hospitals. He is an avid reader and a member of our Oreo Book Club, the "serious" book club. He is also a member of the Society for Civil Discourse. John occasionally leads that group in discussions.

We could all learn a lot from our neighbor, John Hall.

—Laurel Livesay





# Travel Tidbits . . .



**The mighty Mississippi**—that ole man river—he just keeps rolling along. Armed with a copy of *Huckleberry Finn*, I spent a week recently rolling along with the river reliving the days of the great paddlewheel steamboats. When the explorers and, later, the new settlers began to push west, the going was tough. There were no paved roads or super highways. But once they reached the mighty rivers they could float and thus began a great era of expansion for our country. The “boats” progressed from simple rafts to floating “mansions” and, in more recent times, became a very popular segment of “cruising”. Unfortunately the large steamboats have been absent for the past few years due to the poor economy. However, the *American Queen* is back, christened by Priscilla Presley, she offers all the amenities of a boutique hotel and the excellent cuisine of Chef Regina Charboneau, famous for her award winning night club and restaurants in San Francisco. With complimentary soft drinks, bottled water, Starbucks coffee, ice cream, meal time wine and beer, and hop on hop off bus tours in port, it was a very laid back week. Starting in Memphis with a tour of the city, a visit to the Peabody Hotel duck march, lunch of “gator gumbo” on Beale Street and a tour of Elvis’ mansion, the next days on deck offered time for *Huckleberry* and enjoying scenes along the river. During the rest of the week there were opportunities to visit the Audubon State Park and museum in Henderson, the Slugger Baseball Museum and the excellent Frazier International History Museum in Louisville, the Kentucky Derby race track and enjoy small towns along the river. And there was music, music, music with Harry James’ Orchestra, Bluegrass music from Dr. Elmo and various other entertainers. If you are looking for a change of pace and a week or so away (without going too far) you might want to consider “rolling down the river.”



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