

Seashore News



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JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Schedule:

- 8:00 - 10:30 am** ClubHouse Pancake Breakfast by Men's Club
10:00 am Flag Raising
10:15 am Red, white and blue Neighborhood Parade
11:00 - noon Games in the Park
11:30 am Hot Dogs Poolside with all the "fixins" served by the Women's Club in the ClubHouse
12:00 noon Sandcastle Registration on the Bluff
3:00 pm Sandcastle Judging on the sand
4:00 - 9:00 pm D.J. on the Bluff
5:00 pm Sandcastle Awards on the Bluff
5:30 pm BBQ ready for grilling on the Bluff—come picnic together with friends and neighbors

—Nancy Tinnes / Event Chair

Hope
to see
you all
there!

SAND CASTLE CONTEST

Registration at the Bluff at 12:00 noon

All participants must register at the sign-up table to receive their numbered flag which is to be displayed in the sand at their sand creation on the beach.

Two Categories:

1. **SAND FLEAS**...kids & teens (no adults)
2. **SAND TRIBES**...all ages/must include adults

Judging will be based on: Creativity, imagination, originality, and sculpting skill and detail.

Judging begins at 3:00 p.m. on the beach. Awards announced at the bluff at 5:00 p.m.



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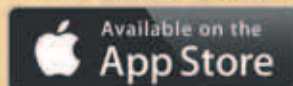
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FROM THE HELM

The **Mariner Entrance** enhancement project, currently in progress, consists of three phases: landscape replacement, gatehouse refurbishment, and updated monuments/street lighting. The landscape phase is complete and a normal rainy season should aid in growth of the new plantings. As this was a large area we have found several areas that need some additional plants. By next spring the Mariner entrance should be in full bloom.

The second phase, our gatehouse remodel has been approved and is scheduled to start work on September 8. The remodel will bring our gatehouse up to standards needed to handle the tech equipment used today, more aesthetically compatible with our community center, and with additional space needed for storage and improved sanitary conditions.

The last phase is the monuments at the entrances of all our gates. These are in discussion and we should be approving a design for the updated look and scheduling work very soon.

The **remodel of the gatehouse** is expected to take 45 days and will create some congestion when entering and leaving through the Mariner Gate. The plan is for the Mariner Entrance to stay open throughout the construction

by setting up a temporary gatehouse. We are working with the construction company to minimize congestion and complete the project as quickly as possible. We will send out notices to all homeowners a week before the project starts with information on how best to navigate during the project.

Summer is here and the use of our great facilities by residents and guests will increase. Our community ClubHouse, pool area, and Beach Bluff Park are truly exceptional and at peak times during the summer can be crowded. A few tips to make use of our common areas more enjoyable are: Sharing tables and benches at the Beach Bluff is a great way to meet your neighbors. Keep pets on a leash. No smoking in our public access areas. Skateboarding in our Beach Bluff parking is not allowed as it is a safety issue for our kids and drivers. Residents are responsible for their guests and should advise guests of our rules. Guests must park in the upper parking lot at the Beach Bluff. Vehicles parked in lower lots that do not have a resident bar code will be towed.

A reminder that on the 4th of July our Beach Bluff Park will be packed and **guests will not be able to use the guest parking at the Beach Bluff parking lot.**

—Bob Russell

GM REPORT

It is that time of year again and as always the 4th of July at Niguel Shores is an amazing celebration thanks to the combined efforts of the Recreation Committee, the Men's Club and the Women's Club. On behalf of everyone, a huge thank you goes out to those outstanding volunteers for their time, energy and efforts dedicated to making their community a wonderful place to live! Without each and every one of you this would not be the huge success every year!!!

Camp Hobbledehoy: I mentioned this last month, but remember that Camp Hobbledehoy will be coming soon!! If you are looking for a great summer activity for your children ages 6 to 12, sign them up for Niguel Shores own day camp – Camp Hobbledehoy. This is the 15th year for Camp Hobbledehoy with the leadership of Craig Dunn, Ryan Crane and Peter Chance. The camp will be going for six weeks this year beginning July 7 and ending August 15. If you wish to sign up for the camp, you can contact the instructors directly at (949) 395-1351 or go onto camphobbledehoy.blogspot.com.

FOBS: Please remember to bring your FOB to gain entry to the Community Center complex. We have had several individuals wanting to “just get buzzed in” or asking

the pool monitor to open the gate “just this once”. Although it is easy to hit the gate button for access, it is just as easy to bring your FOB with you and avoid being turned away, making it a win-win for everyone.

Golf Carts: There is a common occurrence among beach communities that grows considerably during the summer months—golf carts! They're everywhere. And why not? The weather is beautiful, the beach is the place to be, it's easy to just throw everything into the golf cart and cruise through the community. This community has embraced the golf cart as a way of life but, as with everything in a planned community, there are rules that go along with the operation of golf carts, and with good reason. Although we would like to think that everyone will exercise good judgment while behind the wheel, the truth is....well we all know what the truth is. So here's a little help for those who find it tedious the flip through the 100+ pages of the Niguel Shores ‘do this, don't do that’ (a.k.a. *The Rules*):

- *Who can drive a golf cart in Niguel Shores?* = A person with a valid driver's license.
- *Can I drive my cart on the wrong side of the road?* = No, a golf cart must follow the same rules as a car.

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

JUNE 4, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2014
- General Session Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2014
 - Consulting Architect Agreement
- Appointment of Len Beebe to the Maintenance Committee
 - Election results
 - Proposed rule changes
 - Geotechnical services

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Harvest Landscape

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Delinquency report
- Master Landscape project
 - Gatehouse project
 - Monument signs
 - Mariner entrance lighting
- Two correspondences from homeowner
 - Manager's report

TABLED:

- Opt out form

JUNE 4, 2014 BOARD MEETING:

(Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2014
- Executive Session Organizational Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2014
- Emergency soil import/export proposal for slope repair

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Appeal of violation of Rule 4112 and Rule 4121
- Two (2) hearings for violations of Rule 6405

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Financial reports

TABLED: none

JUNE 18, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited April 2014 Financials
- Federal Income Tax Returns
- State Income Tax Returns
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2014
- Updated Litigation Disclosure Statement
 - Appointment of Sue Kichline as Finance Committee Chairman
 - Membership opt out form
 - 2014 Budget Preparation schedule
- Referral of one (1) account to legal counsel for collection
- Bid for Mercator slope landscape removal (demolition)
 - Bid to replace pool deck
 - Bid to purchase copy machine

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Mosaic Consulting, Inc. (Mercator slope project)

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Monument signs
- Mariner entrance lighting
 - Aerial photo
- Landscape maintenance revocable authorization
 - Manager's report

TABLED: none

JUNE 18, 2014 BOARD MEETING:

(Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2014
- Dismissal of one (1) property from Association cross complaint

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Suspension of privileges for delinquent assessments

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Referral of one (1) account to legal counsel for collection

TABLED: 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, JULY 2, 2014

- *Can I enter the parking lot through the exit only, because it is closer to my home?* = It is extremely dangerous in a golf cart to enter through the exit. Carts are small and difficult to see if a car is leaving the parking lot.
- *Where can you drive a golf cart in Niguel Shores?* = On the street only (not the sidewalk, landscaping, half on the curb, etc.).
- *Where can you park a golf cart in Niguel Shores?* = In a marked parking space, a driveway or a garage (not on the sidewalk, landscaping—you get the idea).
- *Can I load up my golf cart with 15 of my closest friends and tow 4 other people behind me on the way to the beach?* = No and NO!

If you have any questions about the Niguel Shores ‘do this, don’t do that’ of golf cart operation, your friendly management staff is always happy to help. Just give us a call any time.

Beach Bluff: It’s summer...finally! What better place to celebrate the best season ever, but the Beach Bluff? Over the past few years the desire to hang out at the Bluff has definitely increased. In order to keep the easy-going vibe there, here are a few things to keep in mind before making the trek down:

- Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. Unfortunately if you are not down at the Bluff with your

guest(s) they will be politely asked to leave. And as the signs state, guest parking is restricted to the upper parking tier only (enforced by towing).

- Parties are limited to less than 20 people (including you, other residents, guests, caterers, etc.—everyone that is down there to see you counts). If you would like to have a party that exceeds 20 (but not more than 36) then contact the NSCA Management Office for assistance.
- Skateboards/go carts/scooters cannot be operated in the parking lots or on the sidewalks. It’s just not safe. We don’t want to see anyone get hurt and ruin their summer. Unfortunately if we see this type of activity we have to make it stop immediately so we are asking parents to please help us out.
- Barbecue coals cannot be tossed in the landscape or in the standard trash containers.
- The City of Dana Point has promised us that the public restrooms will be open until sunset. The Association will provide temporary restrooms at the Bluff for July 4th and the Summer Bluff Concert events. If you find that the public restrooms are closed prior to sunset please feel free to contact the City of Dana Point.

Have a very safe and Happy 4th of July!!

—Karen Decker & Marla Miller

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Defibrillator Saves Man’s Life at Game: When a man collapsed from a heart attack during a senior citizen basketball tournament at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, two starkly different things saved his life: luck & technology.

A player on the opposing team who happened to be a retired heart surgeon rushed to help. And, a quick-thinking city employee grabbed a seldom-used life-saving device that medical experts recommend all public places have: an automated external defibrillator.

The AED is a portable electronic device that diagnoses cardiac irregularities and treats them with electric shocks designed to help the heart re-establish its regular rhythm. You see them at Disneyland. You see them at Costco. You see them at the mall. The retired surgeon, performed chest compressions as the community services coordinator grabbed the AED from a nearby office and attached it

to the victim’s chest. Players gathered around, shouting encouragement.

It takes a few seconds for the machine to analyze the heart attack and assess the proper shock, which can seem like an eternity to a victim’s loved ones. The victim responded to the shocks, his color came back and his heart could be seen beating. Medics arrived as breathing was restored.

The community center has two automated external defibrillators.

Using an AED: Automated external defibrillators are user friendly devices that untrained bystanders can use to help save the life of someone having sudden cardiac arrest. Here are steps in the process:

- Before using the AED, check for water near the person who needs help. If necessary, move the person to a dry area before delivering shocks.
- Turn on the AED’s power. The device will give you step-by-step instructions on a screen and through voice prompts.

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- Check that the wires from the electrodes are connected to the AED and make sure no one is touching the victim.
- Apply the pads as illustrated on the instructions
- Press the button to activate the shock.

—Kent Wellbrock

LANDSCAPE

California's Drought: We are sure you are all aware of the fact that California is in a drought situation. Our water company, South Coast, has divided its district into two sections. Each section has a specific time and days to water our yards. Niguel Shores is in the section to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

This is the first time in 15 years that 100 per cent of California is under drought conditions ranging from moderate to severe. Seventy-six per cent of the state is experiencing extreme drought conditions. Twenty-seven per cent of the state has a level of dryness that is exceptional. The lack of rain the past three rainy seasons has affected every part of the state.

We ask all of you to adjust your sprinkling systems and also watch your household use of water. This is not the first time California has experienced this problem. Together we can save water and still keep our gardens green.

—Janet Traver

MAINTENANCE

It's all about the right tool!

Following the June 12 meeting of the Maintenance Committee, the committee received this email: "The maintenance staff would like to thank the Maintenance Committee for approval of the purchase of an electric jackhammer." *George*

Our maintenance guys were so thrilled about this new purchase that they may as well have been small wide-eyed children receiving a much longed for toy from Santa Claus. The difference, however, this is not a toy and is much more needed than just wanted.

The need to remove old coach light post concrete bases and install new ones with new post clamps is ongoing. In the past, this project has required many man-hours and heavy physical labor just to remove the concrete. The new jackhammer demolished the concrete block in two minutes as opposed to the use of our small Hilti jackhammer which took 30 minutes just to create a groove, but still left the block intact.

A little known fact! I was told at Dunn-Edwards that when making your paint purchase at their 32061 Camino

Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano location, if you tell them you live in Niguel Shores they will give you 40 per cent off. Thank you Steve Leonard for the tip!!

—Suzanne Enis

RECREATION

It is our fabulous 4th of July celebration. You've seen the schedule of events on page one. How lucky we are to live in this community that celebrates the 4th of July for everyone. We appreciate all the volunteers that make this happen.

There are some more dates to mark on your calendar for events at the Bluff you do not want to miss.

July 19: Food Truck Night is not going to be food trucks but **food service bars**. Cash only—no tickets. Sliders area, pasta bar and cupcake bar. This is something new and I am sure you will enjoy the different choices of food. Time is 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with D.J. music. Bring your beverage and cash.

August 23: Our Bluff Concert this year will be "Flocks of 80". Tickets are \$10 in the office. Tables bought for 10 can be reserved. Bring your own snacks and beverage. Time will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come ready to dance and enjoy.

August 31: Bluff BBQ for Labor Day. The grills will be provided. Bring your beverage and food to BBQ. Time is 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. End the summer with friends and neighbors around the BBQ grill.

You can see there are activities planned as always for you to enjoy in this wonderful community.

—Carol Yocom

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

The summer solstice has come and gone and we find ourselves in the midst of summer. In just a few days we will be celebrating the Fourth of July which will be the most festive day of summer in our community. We start off with what some believe to be the best pancake breakfast on the West Coast, followed by a colorful and fun parade that rivals any other like it. This, believe it or not, represents only the beginning of a fun packed day with games, contests, barbeques at the Bluff, swimming in the pool and the beach, in addition to dozens of private gatherings. Of course, the day is capped off with the multitude of fireworks displays that are visible from vantage points in the community.

It's no surprise that we will have quite a few guests coming into the community to not only enjoy our company,

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but the day, and of course the amenities. In terms of safety and security issues this will be the busiest day of the year. **Additional security personnel will be on duty** to assist with traffic, parking and security issues. However, we need each resident, with guests, to help to ensure that whole day goes smoothly.

With that we have several requests: Remind our guests that on the Fourth, **only residents are allowed to park in registered areas within the community.** Spot checks have determined that during busy summer months a vast majority of people using the pool are guests and many are unaware of the rules. With no lifeguard on duty, please ensure that children under 14 years of age are accompanied by an adult in the pool area. It not only is a good safety practice, but one of our rules.

Have everyone **lock their cars.** The few thefts from vehicles have occurred over the years have been from unlocked cars and generally around holidays. Last and maybe most importantly, where possible, take **responsibility for the conduct of our guests.** I say this because a significant number of the negative conflicts at the gate involve uninformed and/or belligerent guests. At the same time an obvious minority of guests tend to show a disregard for our rules and regulations as evidenced by the number of citations they receive. Last year they accounted for 84 per cent of all those issued.

Have a great Fourth of July and safe summer. God bless...

—Tim Murphy

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July is certainly going to be a busy month here in Niguel Shores. We start off with our annual and always fun 4th of July Celebration. For those of us who have lived in the Shores for a while, this is an event that we all look forward to every year. For those of you who are new to our community, it is an event you will not want to miss. It starts with the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast and it ends with barbequing and dancing at the Bluff while we wait to see if we will see one of the many firework displays visible (sometimes!!) from our Bluff Park. For a full and up to date listing of times and events, check out www.niguelshores.org. All of the day's activities are listed right there on our website.

In addition to the 4th of July celebration, summer is a time when many of us entertain family and friends. Please be sure to log your guests in via our website, it is quick and easy and avoids delays at the gatehouse for your guests and for our security staff.

Also, please check out the website to read about new rules regarding guests, parking and picnicking at the Bluff. There have been some recent rule changes, these were mailed to all homeowners, and are also available for your review on our website. If our June weather is any indication of what July and August will be like, it sure seems like we can all look forward to a beautiful summer. Stay safe and enjoy our wonderful community!!

—Patti Staudenbaur

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club ended another eventful year with an outdoor barbecue lunch at the Bluff on Monday, June 16. I speak for all members when I thank Linda and Jerry Koppang along with Gunjan Anand for putting together such a great spread. All the members participated by bringing their own signature dishes for the event. There was plenty to eat and drink. To go with all the homemade salads and desserts, the Barbecue team of Bob, Al and Tom, provided everyone with what we call in the old country, veg and non-veg burgers! Each burger customized to the individual's liking!



Current and past officers of the Garden Club: (l to r) Jerry Koppang Karl Kuhn, Irene Hopson, Lakshman Sehgal, Carmen Murphy, Gunjan Anand, Melanie Wilcox, Francine Stout & Christine Daley.

Since man cannot live by just partying, here are some gardening tips:

- Don't plant for today, but for three

years from now. If your garden looks perfect today, it will look crowded three years from now.

- Use boiling water from a tea kettle or vinegar from a spray bottle to kill weeds.
- When planting, press the soil down firmly around the rootball. Big air pockets are deadly.
- Spend 80 per cent of your gardening budget on the soil and the rest on the plants.

Since you will not be getting any more tips until September, enjoy basking in the sun (with sunscreen) or in the shade in our idyllic environment, but keep an eye out for weeds and spent flowers and be ever ready to provide additional water when needed.

Finally, since we had lots of different salads at the Bluff party, the question is: What is a honeymoon salad? Lettuce alone with no dressing! Have a great summer.

—Lakshman Sehgal

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MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meeting on June 17 was well attended. Jack Sweeney's Cooking Team did their usual excellent job, as did the setup and cleanup helpers. The Sunshine Committee reported that Sean Tierney and Ian Ross are ailing, and we wish them both a speedy and complete recovery.

The 10th Annual Del Mar Races Getaway, scheduled for August 14 is sold out, but because there may be last-minute cancellations, interested persons should contact Jack Sweeney at 661-5924.

Carl Kukkonen informed the members that he has linked up with the Sisters of Calcutta in Nicaragua, and is gathering used clothing for their missionary work there. Shores residents are invited to donate their "pre-owned" clothes and Carl will arrange for transport to Nicaragua. Small sizes are preferred.

Guest Speaker for the meeting was Mr. Ben Allen, a Volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Because his wife has this disease, he has intimate knowledge of the ravages of the disease, and the toll it takes on family caretakers. Mr. Allen answered many insightful questions at the conclusion of his talk, and received a hearty round of applause!

Our regularly scheduled first Tuesday of the month meeting will be

skipped due to the upcoming Fourth of July festivities, but the next regular meeting will be held July 15. The Men's Club is looking forward to hosting its 20th annual, world renowned, Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast in the Shores ClubHouse, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. All residents and their friends are invited, and the Men's Club looks forward to seeing you there.

Bonus attraction on the Fourth: If you missed out on buying the Niguel Shores Logo apparel last time around, we'll have samples of shirts and jackets on hand at the breakfast, and will be taking orders. Payment in cash is requested.

Success is getting what you want...
happiness is wanting what you get
—Dale Carnegie

—Morry Meadow

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club Installation Tea was held on June 8 with a bounteous table of tea sandwiches, fruit and other delicacies. New officers were duly installed and everyone is looking forward to the new Club year beginning in September.

Best wishes to all for a glorious summer.

—Mary Crowl



Women's Club Officers for 2014-15 (l to r) Co-President Diane Hearne, Co-Vice-President Ginny Nevitt, Treasurer Florence Taslitz and Secretary Kathy Ogden. Absent are Co-President Lisa Buchner and Co-Vice-President, Gloria Weintraub.

A GOOD DEED INDEED

Used clothing donated by Niguel Shores residents (as the result of an ad in the *Seashore News* by Noreen Kukkonen) was delivered by Carl Kukkonen and thankfully received by the Missionaries of Charity in Granada, Nicaragua. The order, founded by Mother Theresa in Calcutta India, operates a school and soup kitchen for street children, and provides shelter for abused girls and families in need. Anyone in the community who has additional clothing—children and small adult sizes—can contact Noreen Kukkonen 949-248-2711 or email: ndk@cox.net.



Karl Kukkonen presenting the donated clothing to one of the Missionary nuns in Nicaragua

Beach Cleanup

Please volunteer to help keep our beaches clean! We need more residents to assist us in protecting our beaches and ocean.

Email me or call me to volunteer. I have bags and pickers from the OC Parks Department.

cherylmccarthy@yahoo.com
or 818-620-8390



Carol's Cuisine Corner

*I know it is BBQ time at home, but lets go out now and then...
Mexican, Peruvian, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Irish,
Casual American, we have it all.*

Carlos: Mexican, Taco Tuesday, Lobster Wednesday.
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. 34224 PCH, Dana Point
496-4470

Ricardo's: Mexican, Happy Hour all day Wednesday
and Thursday. 493-4941. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to
10:00 p.m. 32082 Camino Capistrano, San Juan
Capistrano.

Inka Mama's: True Peruvian, Happy Hour 7 days a
week 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. plus all day Sundays. Hours:
11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. 821 Via Suerte # 104, San
Clemente. 369-6262.

Peking Dragon: Chinese, 34171 PCH, Dana Point,
493-9499. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Choya: Japanese, Lunch specials 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Open until 9:00 p.m.
32545 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, 488-0933.

Gin Kai: Japanese, Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Open 7 Days. 34143 PCH,
Dana Point 240-2004

Casanova: Italian, Happy Hour 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner
3:30 to 10:00 p.m. 33585 Del Obispo, Dana Point 496-0992

Patsy's Pub: Irish, Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Happy Hour daily 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. 28971 Golden
Lantern, Laguna Niguel 249-2604.

Chaparosa Grill: Tropical twist, Happy Hour 3:00 to
8:00 p.m. at the bar. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
30271 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel 363-9888.

Stillwater: Casual American, Hours: Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Happy Hour 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Weekend brunch 11:00 a.m.
24702 Del Prado, Dana Point 661-6003.

Shwack Beach Grill: American, Hours 7:00 a.m. to
9:00 p.m. 24502 Del Prado, Dana Point, 218-2731

There is a nice variety available. Try them as you enjoy the summer. Bon appetite, Carol Yocom

ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. We welcome all Niguel Shores residents who enjoy a friendly game of bridge with a friendly group of neighbors and friends. Please call Helen at 949-496-4230 and we will give you all the details. Looking forward to new residents and players joining us!!

Our recent winners are:

- May 21 Jane Olson, Mary Anne Theisen, Grace Nycum
- May 28 Helen Campbell, Judy Bates, Jane Olson
- June 4 Dorothy Horany, Maryann Theisen
- June 11 Kay Wittmack, Helen Campbell
- June 18 Lee Farrell, Jane Olson

—Helen Campbell

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Oreo Book Club meeting was held at the home of Mike Harrod on June 18 where we discussed the book

Last Child in the Woods, by Richard Love. The discussion was led by Diane Hearne and it was decided, in spite of the book's recommendation, that we had enough tree houses in America to last us for a good time into the future. We also recommended against keeping goats as pets if you were going to make a meal of them later on. Some decided that nature was stronger than nurture and that our youth would soldier on in good stead regardless of poor parenting and the lack of tree houses. The next book to be reviewed will be *The Golden Shore—California's Love Affair with the Sea*, by David Helvarg. Curt Swanson will host on July 16 at 1:30 p.m.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Summer reading will take place in the anteroom of the ClubHouse on July 28 and August 25 at 1:00. The books to be discussed will be *The Art Forger* in July and

Travel Tidbits . . . India

When one brings up India, people probably think of cows and call centers! But there is lot more to India than that. It is a country whose history dates back more than 7,000 years. The wedding ceremonies that you may have seen or heard about date back to 3,500 B.C, written in Sanskrit, one of the oldest written languages of the world. India consists of 29 states, 40 major languages and 1,600 dialects, spoken by a population of 1.2 billion people. In the recently completed election, over 800 million were eligible to vote.

Visiting India is like visiting Europe. Each state has its own language, culture, music, art and cuisine. No other country grows and uses more spices than India. But do not worry, America has arrived. McDonalds and Pizza Hut can be seen in all the big cities! Continental and Italian cuisine is available in all the hotels. Don't be surprised, though, if you find a little Indian spice sprinkled on your pizza or into your burger patty. English is widely spoken and understood, the unexpected benefit of British colonialism! Hindi, India's most widely used language and its national language, is spoken and understood by about 40 percent of the population.

To visit India, one has to go with an open mind and a desire to see and learn. Some sights, sounds and smells may be jarring, but once one gets beyond that, one can experience the richness of its culture and history. They are used to tourists and you will find them to be extremely hospitable and friendly.

Like the U.S., India is home to all the religions of the world. I saw more Christmas trees in Mumbai last December than I see in Orange County! From 900 AD to 1947, India has been occupied by Muslims from the Middle East, the Moguls from Central Asia and the British, Dutch, French and Portuguese. Alexander the Great did come too and so did the Romans, the latter primarily for trade. Indian culture covered a large part of Asia from Afghanistan and parts of Iran to China and Japan in the Far East. Buddhism was taken back from India to China around 700 AD by Chinese scholars. Many of the names in Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia have a Sanskrit origin. Angkor Wat in Cambodia has one of the biggest Hindu temples in the world!

You will get to see many magnificent palaces in the northern part of the country to beautiful temples in the south. The Taj Mahal, a monument to love, is quite spectacular. Many places of worship are situated along the Ganges, a river considered holy and which originates from the glaciers in the Himalayas.

Now that you are excited to get on a 22 hour flight to India, a couple of tips. The best time to visit is between November and February. For the first time visitor I would recommend going with a tour group. Tauck does an outstanding tour of India. To endear yourself to the locals, greet them with "Namaste" while holding your palms together and taking a little bow! If you have taken a yoga class in this country, you will know what I am talking about. Enjoy your trip!

—Lakshman Sehgal

ACTIVITIES

Tell the Wolves I'm Home in August. The titles for the next reading year are:

September: *The Devil in the Grove* – Gilbert King

October: *Rules of Civility* – Amor Towles

November: *A Christmas Memory*– Truman Capote

January: *Flight Behavior* – Barbara Kingsolver

February: *My Beloved Word* – Sonia Sotomayor

March: *So Big* – Edna Ferber

April: *The Glass Room* – Simon Mawer

May: *The Hundred Foot Journey* – Richard Morais

September – May meetings are held on the fourth Monday or Thursday afternoons. For information: Diane Hearne (Monday afternoons) Phearne4@cox.net, Lisa Buchner (Thursday afternoons) lisabuchner@cox.net.

—Diane Hearne

LIBRARY

Temporary Relocation of the Friends of the Dana Point Library Bookstore

At the end of June 2014 the Friends-sponsored replacement of the skylights began at the Dana Point Library. During the construction, the library building and parking area will be closed. The Friends Bookstore will move to 34189 Pacific Coast Highway for at least July and August, thanks to the generosity of Vickie and Joe Scala, owners of this building and the Tavern on the Coast Restaurant. The building is where Aussie Mobile Pet Grooming used to be located. On July 1 there is to be a relocation celebration from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Book donations will continue to be welcome at the new location starting July 1.

—Karla Sanders

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

We had a great tournament on May 27 at Arrowood Golf Club in Oceanside. The weather was great and the course in fine shape. The game that day was "Combined Net Foursomes". Net total scores of each team.

First Place went to the team of Bob Russell, Curt Bartsch, and Bill Verbrugge. Second Place went to the team of John Monson, Bill Johnson, Mike Roberts, and Charlie Clark. Closest to the pin went to Bob Russell on #3 and Kent Wellbrock on #11.

The next Tournament was on June 24 at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Corona. This is a great course and new to our golf tour. On July 22 we will be visiting one of our favorite courses, Talega in San Clemente.

Backspin: An amateur was talking to his golf pro. Amateur: "How do you get so much backspin?" Pro: "Before I answer that, tell me, how far do you hit a 5 iron?" Amateur: "About 130." Pro: "Then why in the world would you want the ball to spin back !?"

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

June gloom arrived on June Funday and the low marine layer continued for seven holes until there were patches of blue sky; the sun greeted us on the ninth hole. The game of the day was a scramble, won by team #2 (Judy Boitano, Val Mitchell, India Rouse, Terri Matrisch, and Liz Kelsch). Other winners: closest to the pin on # 8, Liz, longest drive, Val, and birdie, Judy.

Niguel Shores Women's Golf has been in existence since 1984. One of our founding members, Maggie Waterman, played her last game several years later. In about 1990 the Maggie Waterman Memorial Tournament was established in her memory and honor. Since then more of our members have passed on to that great Fairway in the sky. The name was changed to the Annual Memorial Tournament. The 22nd will be played on July 14.

Our Heavenly Golfers in alphabetical order: (*indicates charter member) Beverly Auld, Bernice Bonestell, LaVonne Borland, Roselyn Bressell, Fern Brooks, Lorraine Bruns, Peggy Bucci* Marge D'Amico, Marge Dea, Millie Deffebach, Fran Magwood Ewing,* J. A. Goodman,* Marguerite Horne, Rose Marie Lawson,* Betty Lewis, Phyllis Luengen, Betty Mullen, Marian Pearl, Jane Pendergast, Louise Pretzinger, Gretchen Rask, Lydia Reeve, Cecily Scroggins, Evelyn Stevens, Billie Teachout, and Lucy Van Elzakker. After the tournament the fallen are honored with toasts at the luncheon.

Golf captains on tournament day will be Lee Sweeney and Marlene Lynch. Luncheon captains are Ruth Stahl and Joan Beyer. August golf captains are Barbara Brabeck (493-9399) and Joanne Webb. (498-5329) Call them to cancel or join the game of the day. Our ranks have dwindled. Any new takers?

Did you know: A good drive on the last hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game!

— Liz Kelsch

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Cathy and Al Lavayen

At the *Seashore News* Committee Meeting in early June, Editor Mary Crowl and I decided we would like to know more about a Niguel Shores neighbor who grew up in our little community, Cathy Lavayen. When I called Cathy she graciously agreed to be interviewed. As soon as I started to make notes of her life I realized that I should be writing about Cathy's whole family! So here goes:

Cathy was born in Santa Monica, the daughter of Stephanie (“Stevie”) and Dick Erkeneff, who bought their home on Windjammer in 1972. Cathy was 7 years old and was excited to see that the Pacific Ocean was right below our Bluff. She was soon swimming there every day that Mom or Dad could be there to watch her. She soon joined and excelled in the Junior Lifeguard program. Stevie also signed her up for a summer program for children that Cathy says even had an overnight campsite in a corner of our park, near the original Clubhouse.

Sound education and close association with the ocean were very important in this whole family. In junior high school Cathy was on the swim team and also competed in her freshman year at Dana Hills High. She graduated from high school in three years, and went on to UC San Diego and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Math and Business in four years. Very soon after that she met and fell for a handsome young guy from South America who also just happened to have a house in the Shores.

Cathy's future husband, Al, was born in Bolivia, to Basque and German parents. Both his grandfather and his father had gone to the US to get their engineering degrees at UC Berkeley and both had worked for Standard Oil. Al's family moved from Bolivia to Peru when Al was five years old. He developed his own swimming skills on the beautiful beaches in Peru. When Al was one, the family moved to the U.S., first to Salt Lake City and, later, to Redondo Beach. When it was time for college, Al attended San Jose State where he played on the water polo team and earned his undergraduate degree.

Then he went on to USC for a master's and PhD in Physical Therapy. He is now a clinical professor in Physical Therapy at USC and Chapman University.

Shortly after graduating from USC, Al started his own business, Lavayen Physical Therapy and, in 1986, bought a house on Spinnaker here in Niguel Shores. That led, of course, to a fateful meeting with Cathy, who he not only married but also hired to help run the new venture. It's been a very successful partnership.

Cathy and Al have four children who also grew up in the Shores, all of whom enjoyed the “Hobbledehoy” day camp program in the summer, and of course, the beach. Stephanie, the oldest, is 24. She was a junior and then senior lifeguard before she earned her undergraduate degree in Strategic Public Relations and an MBA at USC. She now works as a strategic planner. Alex is 22 and an English major at USC. Following his sister's example, he's a senior lifeguard, and he also writes music and plays in a rock band. He's still exploring his future career

options. The other son, Nick, is starting his senior year at Mater Dei High School and hopes to someday become a sports broadcaster. Caroline, the youngest at 14, just graduated from the eighth grade and will start at Mater Dei in the fall. Of course, being from this family there is no doubt the two younger offspring will continue on to college.

And, what about Cathy's parents Stephanie and Dick? They still own the house on Windjammer, but they actually now live in Alaska! Cathy and Al and their kids spend part of the summer there almost every year and love it. (The key word being “summer”).

There is one more member of the family: He's Buckley, a lovable yellow lab. Cathy's mother calls him “grandpup”. Cathy thinks he needs a “play-puppy” that he can teach what's right and what's wrong. I am sure this family has shown him the value of education!

—Laurel Livesay Moonier



The Lavayen family: back row (l to r) Al, Nick and Alex.
Front row: Caroline, Cathy & Stephanie

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Q Say Can You See...

Two hundred years ago in September, 1814, a poem was written on the back of an envelope that a man, a lawyer and amateur poet, was carrying while aboard a British warship of the Royal Navy, after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in the Chesapeake Bay during the war of 1812.

But why was an American aboard a British warship during this defining battle? On a mission approved by President James Madison, Francis Scott Key and John Skinner, flying a flag of truce, boarded a British warship for the purpose to secure the exchange of prisoners, one of whom was Dr. William Beanes, an elderly and popular town physician. Dr. Beanes was a friend of Key. Key and Skinner spoke with the British Royal Fleet Admiral and Royal Army General over dinner while the two officers discussed war plans. At first the officers refused to release Dr. Beanes who was accused of aiding the arrest of British soldiers. However, they relented after Key and Skinner showed them letters written by wounded British prisoners praising Dr. Beanes and other Americans for their kind treatment.

Then, because the two Americans had heard details of the military plans for an attack on Baltimore, they were held captive until after the battle. After the above mentioned bombardment, certain British gunboats attempted to slip past Fort McHenry and effect a landing in a cove to the west of the fort (closer to Baltimore), but they were turned away by cannon fire from nearby Fort Covington, Baltimore's last line of defense.

But it was the sight of the American Flag flying triumphantly above Fort McHenry that inspired Key. During the rainy night of the bombardment Key observed that the fort's smaller "storm flag" continued to fly. He witnessed the British "rockets' red glare" as the bombs headed toward the fort and then the "bombs bursting in air". Key would not know how the battle had turned out until dawn. By dawn he saw that the smaller storm flag had been lowered and the larger flag had been raised. The larger 15-star, 15-stripe flag inspired the poem.

Key gave the poem to his brother-in-law, Judge Joseph Nicholson, who saw that the words fit the popular melody by English composer John Stafford Smith. The song was printed (two known copies survive) and quickly became popular, a popularity which continued throughout the 19th century.

The Navy recognized "The Star-Spangled Banner" for official use in 1889 and by President Woodrow



The flag in the photo above that inspired the Star Spangled Banner now rests in the Smithsonian Institution where it is carefully preserved. It was originally 30 by 42 feet but is now 30 by 34 and has 15 stars (Vermont & Kentucky had been added to the original 13) and 15 stripes as, at that time, stripes were added as states joined the union. The flag originally remained in the hands of the commander of Fort Henry whose family over the years gave away one of the stars and several pieces cut from the flag as souvenirs. Many of these pieces have been found and are in the Smithsonian but cannot be replaced on the flag because it is unknown just where they were taken from. You see in this photo that a substitute end has been added to complete the stripes.

Wilson in 1916, who ordered it to be played at military and other appropriate occasions. In the 1918 World Series, it was played during the seventh-inning stretch. This is often noted as the first instance that the anthem was played at a baseball game. The tradition of performing the national anthem before every baseball game began in World War II.

In the 19th Century other songs would serve as a *de facto* anthem, such as "My Country, Tis of Thee". However "The Star-Spangled Banner" was made the official national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931 and then signed by President Herbert Hoover.

—Karl Kuhn

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