

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

The Turf Reduction project is nearing completion and will be finished by mid March. You may have noticed the changes at our Beach Bluff Park. South Coast Water (SCWD), as part of the turf reduction, requested that we make changes that will prevent water run off from our irrigation. The result is a great new look throughout the parking areas. You also will notice the area next to the gate that goes to the beach where we added a new concrete landing area. This area has been a source of water run off that SCWD has insisted we eliminate. Knowing that many use this area as a drop off, our management along with Harvest, came up with this great looking solution that met SCWD request.

Starting in March a major renovation of the Mercator Slope will begin. Making sure our many slopes have plantings and irrigation necessary for slope stability is an ongoing focus of The Master Landscape plan. The cost for doing a single large slope is expensive and can take 2-3 months to complete. For this reason we have spaced out these large projects.

When we plan a landscape project we always want it to look great but we also look at ways to improve our



Bluff Drop-off spot

irrigation, save water and prevent water run off that would eventually find it way to our beautiful ocean.

Now that our gatehouse is completed we will be working on a new look for the median strip and upgrading the monuments at the entrance to Mariner Drive.

—Bob Russell

VANDALISM – IT INCREASES OUR COSTS

It is hard to believe that in our beautiful community we would find vandalism even the minor amount that has happened. But in this article I will present the minor amount of vandalism that has occurred in Niguel Shores (N.S.) in the last couple of years. Please be aware we are not talking about a



Broken Street Signs

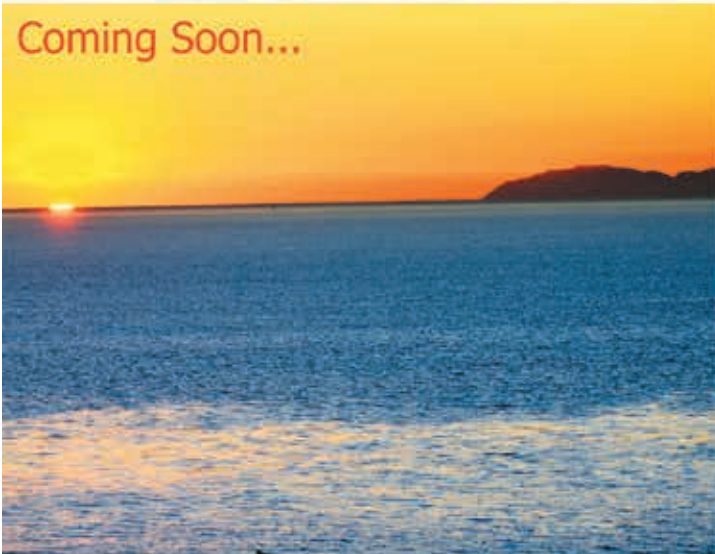
major invasion of vandalism. However, any vandalism requires that our Maintenance Department must spend time removing or restoring the damaged area. That effort means other maintenance jobs either have to be delayed or in some cases redefined to compensate for the effect of some types of vandalism.

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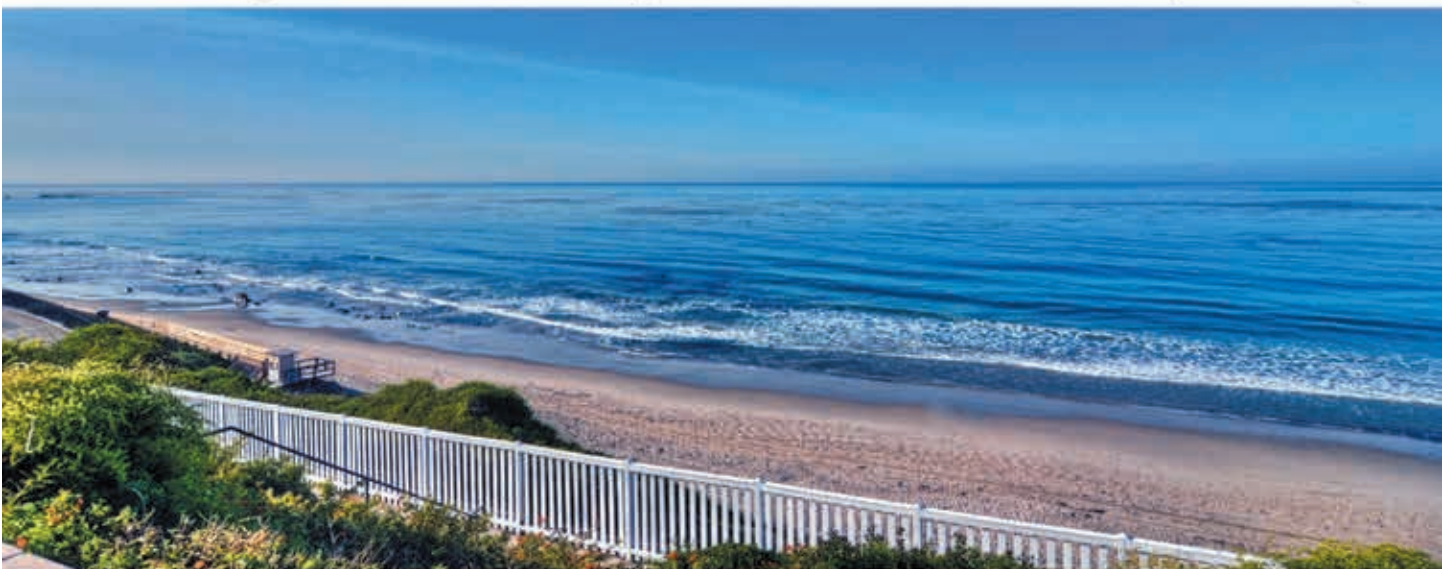


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2015 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION DATES

A reminder that nominations for the Board candidates need to be submitted to the NSCA office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10. Candidates can still run for office after this day, but they will miss the cutoff date to be formally listed on the ballot that is mailed out to homeowners. If you love this community and want to keep the Association running effectively and efficiently, please consider serving on the Board and offering your time and commitment for a great purpose.

Please mark your calendars for Meet the Candidates Night scheduled for Wednesday April 14 at 6:00 p.m. This provides an opportunity for homeowners to hear from each candidate and ask questions. This year we have scheduled the Meet the Candidates Night prior to mailing the ballots so everyone can be prepared to vote once the ballot is received. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

SUMMER CAMP

As many of you may already know, the instructors for the summer camp previously known as Camp Hobbledehoy have decided not to continue. Although the instructors are not going to be continuing the camp the Board was approached by a resident to organize and host the camp. At the meeting on February 18 the Board agreed that this camp would continue and Nancy Vos will be in charge of the summer camp for children here at Niguel Shores. The tentative dates for this camp will be June 29 through August 21. If you are interested in signing your kids up for the camp, watch for further details in upcoming issues of the *SeaShore News*.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER

Last month my article explained what makes a good board member so I thought I would give you a little insight on working with a professional manager. A professional manager works closely with the Board and as the Board sets policies and establishes a direction for the Association, the manager sees that the policies are implemented.

A few ways the professional manager assists the Board includes:

- **Managing human resources:** compliance with Equal Employment guidelines, payroll, reviews and hiring.
- **Coordinating with association contractors:** landscaping, streets, gates, patrol service, janitorial, electrical,

architect, etc. Including proposals and screening of association contractors.

- **Advising the Board of regulatory issues and compliance requirements:** fair housing procedures, fair debt collection practices, FCC regulations.
- **Coordinating member/Board communication:** posting notice of meetings, newsletter/website postings, receive official communication on behalf of Board.
- **Managing office operations:** accounts payable and receivable, bookkeeping, filing.
- **Managing association finances:** budgeting, assessment collection, reserve analysis, pursuing delinquencies.
- **Working with accountants and auditors** to maintain the association's financial viability.
- **Working with insurance companies** to file or settle claims.

A qualified manager will work productively with the Board to help them preserve the community assets and provide assistance with operational and financial matters. All managers at this community take on the professional role of managing the community and their department in accordance with direction from the Board.

ROTH CAPITAL EVENT

The Roth Capital Event will be held on March 9 and 10 this year. The event will be much the same as past years going from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and the live music playing from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. each of the nights. The set up will take place March 4 and 5 and the south portion of the Salt Creek parking lot will be closed during this time. Tear down will be completed no later than March 13. As in previous years there will be tents, a stage for music and entertainment, lighting, food and beverage services. This is an important event for the City of Dana Point and every effort has been made to minimize the effect on the Niguel Shores residents.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Association staff. We will be glad to help you or direct your questions to the proper staff member so that your questions are answered in a timely manner. The Association office staff is looking forward to assisting you.

—Marla Miller

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 4, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2015
 - 2015 View Preservation Committee Chairman
 - Updated Litigation disclosure Statement
 - Finance Committee Recommendation for disbursement of surplus
 - Delegation of funds
 - Proposal for Mercator Slope
 - Proposal for Cabrillo Slope
 - VDLA contract proposal for Cabrillo Slope
 - Mosaic contract proposal for Cabrillo Slope
 - Tree removal on Windjammer Drive

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal of visible portable basketball hoop (Rule 3135)
 - Harvest Landscape presentation

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Breakers Isle walkway repair
- Berkus Homes reclaimed
- Real Estate Agent for property listing
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

FEBRUARY 4, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2015

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

FEBRUARY 18, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2015
 - Date for election
 - Appointment of Chanel Roehner to the Recreation Committee
 - Proposal for Gatehouse extra
- Updates to Employee Handbook – reflect 2015 laws
 - Sign policy
 - Summer camp
- Breakers Isle walkway/stair repair

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Summer Camp
- Appeal of decision regarding tow charges

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Real Estate Agent and insurance coverage
- Coach light recommendation
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

FEBRUARY 18, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2015

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

The Finance committee is happy to announce that 2014 was a good year. Total spending for calendar 2014 was in line with the 2014 budget. While larger legal expenses were forecasted in 2014 this did not happen due to delays in the litigation for revetment issues. The unspent special legal funds have been rolled over into 2015 when it is expected to be used up. Income was better than anticipated due to architecture fees, gate access fees, and interest exceeding expectations. Because of the hard work and diligence of all NSCA committees and NSCA staff overall expenses were kept in check. A small surplus was moved to reserves. Thank you all for doing such a wonderful job!

We are very fortunate to be living in a community that has very little bad debt. Thanks to all NSCA members for your continued support in paying your association dues.

We look forward to 2015 being another wonderful year for Niguel Shores.

—Sue Kichline

MAINTENANCE

We are now seeing the turf reduction project coming to fruition throughout our community. Attractive plantings have replaced our sod in specifically chosen areas and they lend an aesthetically pleasing look to our overall landscaping. One major change has occurred at our bluff area adjacent to the asphalt by the gate opening to the path to the beach. This change has nothing to do with new plants. We now have concrete steps and platforms in this area. Preparation for this job required implementation of wood framing prior to pouring the concrete. Because of curves in the design,



Example of Kerfing

kerfing of the wood framing was used on the boards to achieve the desired shape.

What is “kerfing?” (See attached photo) Kerfing is cutting a series of kerfs (cuts) in a piece of wood in close proximity so that the wood can be curved. This method accomplishes a reduction in stock thickness, while allowing room

(between the cuts) so the wood can bend back on itself. The depth of the kerfs and their spacing are the important factors and are variable. Deep kerfs, closely spaced are used for the sharpest bends. If the kerfs are too deep the wood will crack and conversely, if they are not deep enough, the wood will not bend. Kerfing should only be done by crosscutting. It may split the wood if the cuts go with the grain. Another important element of successful kerfing is even spacing of the cuts. Almost any saw can be used for this, table saws, circular saws, jigsaws, and even a handsaw will do the job. A radial arm saw is the most ideal for long sections.

The final step of the project will be calling upon our Maintenance staff to install attractive skateboard deterrents.

—Suzanne Enis

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This is a must read: Important to Know

The chances are that if enough of you read this it will result in lives being saved!

Blood Clots/Stroke: They now have a Fourth Indicator —The Tongue

Stroke: Remember the 1st Three Letters S.T.R.

Stroke Identification:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall —she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Jane’s husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital—at 6:00 PM Jane passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don’t die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. Totally!! He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Recognizing a stroke:

Remember the 3 steps, **STR**. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

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S. *Ask the individual to **Smile**

T. *Ask the person to **Talk** and speak a simple sentence (Coherently) (i.e. Chicken Soup)

R.*Ask him or her to **Raise** both arms. If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New sign of stroke—Stick out Your Tongue! If the tongue is **Crooked**, if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Opportunity knocks. The Emergency Preparedness Committee will coordinate another CPR/AED class for Niguel Shores residents on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at our Community Center activities room. The first class was a resounding success with professional certification for each participant.

Learn how to potentially save a life with updated CPR/AED techniques along with other first aid techniques. The fee, paid in advance by check in the amount of \$45 at the Niguel Shores office when you register, covers instruction/training and your certification.

Please give this **Opportunity** serious consideration to prepare yourself for that unexpected emergency of a heart attack, choking incident, stroke or possibly an individual in a drowning situation. Register early to insure your spot in the class.

—Kent Wellbrock

Chairman: Emergency Preparedness Committee

RECREATION

The new co-chairman and new member, plus the committee, have a busy fun year planned for everyone. One of the loves of Niguel Shores is the opportunity everyone has to enjoy the activities provided for all ages.

Mark your calendar and plan to come to celebrate that fun day with the Irish—**St. Patrick's Day.** Since March 17 is on a Tuesday we will celebrate on Sunday.

March 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Those famous corn beef sandwiches and beer will be there for everyone with cookies, plus Irish humor for all. As you enjoy the food and beer donations are appreciated.

April 25, Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Reminder we will be celebrating **Cinco de Mayo, Sunday May 3**

Memorial BBQ will be **Sunday May 24.**

In and Out night will be **Saturday, June 13.**



I know it is getting closer than we think to summer and then our big July 4 celebration.

See you March 15 with your lucky 4-leaf clover and Irish Smiling Eyes.

—Carol Yocom



SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Niguel Shores ClubHouse

Social 6:00 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Come join your neighbors and celebrate St Patrick's Day. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. You also need to bring your choice of beverage, table service and \$1 to cover incidental expenses.

If you have attended Potluck before you will receive an email invitation. Please respond whether you are coming or not.

If you have never been to Potluck before, please come and join your friendly neighbors. We always welcome new faces. Call Ann Christiansen at 248-1962 or Irene McDonald at 481-3035. We will be happy to take your reservation and answer any questions you may have.

—Irene McDonald

WWW.NIGUELSHORES.ORG

Our community website is a quick and easy way to stay informed about what is happening in Niguel Shores. By visiting niguelshores.org, you can stay up to date on office or facility closures, maintenance projects, as well as reading about social events happening in the community, such as our long standing **Sunday Evening Potlucks**, where neighbors, new and old, are welcome to join in a relaxing and delicious potluck dinner and catch up with their friends and neighbors in our Club House. The website also has the details about our annual **St. Patrick's Day Social**, this year the event takes place on **Sunday, March 15, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** The Recreation Committee actually hosts this event, providing traditional Irish food and libations on the patio at our Community Center. Come join us for what is always a fun afternoon!!

If you are interested in becoming more involved, there are numerous ways to do so. Our community is run by wonderful group volunteers, who give of their time, energy and talents to help Niguel Shores remain the wonderful, vital community it is. Please consider joining one of our many committees that contribute so much to Niguel Shores. Presently, the website

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has posted the announcement and application for Board candidates. Our General Manager, Marla Miller would be happy to discuss this opportunity with you. If you are interested, now is

the time to STEP UP!!! Please keep reading and sharing your ideas with us!!

—Patti Staudenbauer

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GARDEN CLUB

Caring for Gift Plants

It happens during the holidays. Someone, like a neighbor, goes out of town and leaves you with their gift plant to care for. Or, more frequently you are the recipient of a gift plant in exchange for being a fabulous host.

If you absolutely had to group gift plants into a single kind of care category that would help them survive. Here it is:

1. Put them in a window that receives morning sun and afternoon shade
2. Do not overwater. Check the moisture level of the plant every five to seven days. Only water when the top one half inch is dry.
3. Use room temperature water. Consider the plant is growing in an overly warm environment in your home. Shocking the roots of the plant with ice cold water will create plant stress.
4. Water your gift plant in the sink and let it drain completely before you place it back in the window.
5. Remove all the cellophane and bows that prevent the plant from draining.
6. To prolong blooms keep the plant outside in dappled shade until you are

The meeting this month is on a Thursday, March 19, when Dr. Faizal Waffran will talk and demonstrate the care and nurturing of Cymbediums, including how to divide the Cymbediums.

Ready to entertain.

Friendship: A friendship can Weather most things and thrive in thin soil, but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small, silly presents every so often, just to save it from drying out completely. Happy Gardening.

—Jerry Koppang

MEN'S CLUB

Members were informed that Don Ellis has been stricken with sudden onset Alzheimer's disease. Don has been a long time member of the Men's Club, and we wish the very best to Don and his wife Mary Elin.

The Club was fortunate to have two outstanding speakers in February.

Our speaker at the February 3 meeting was Ms. Berenika Schmitz, the current Executive Director of the Dana Point Symphony Orchestra. This remarkable musical group, in only its fourth year of existence, has been entertaining sold out concerts at St Edwards just a stone's throw away from Niguel Shores. Ms. Schmitz brought with her the first violinist of the Orchestra, Ms. Yang Bartolotti, who received sustained applause from the members in attendance.

Ms. Schmitz announced that the Orchestra is planning four concerts during April, May, June and July; tickets are a bargain at \$15 to hear some terrific music by some very talented musicians. Ms. Schmitz also announced that two season passes would be awarded to each of two Men's Club members via a drawing, the winners to be announced at the Club's next meeting. The lucky winners were

Tim Murphy and Sean Tierney who accepted the tickets enthusiastically!

The speaker at our second meeting of the month was Thomas Bees, Investigator for the La Habra Police Department and a specialist in the nefarious crime of identity theft. ID theft is becoming more and more prevalent, and he gave some real-life examples of such crimes and other scams. He urged everyone to be aware of the devious methods used to steal from unsuspecting citizens. While seniors, over the age of 50 represent only 15% of the population, they are 30% of those victims. He urged us all to be vigilant and suspicious of unsolicited offerings, especially of emails and telephone calls that promise *great deals*. Remember, *If it's too good to be true, it probably isn't*. Mr. Bees' topics were of such interest, that he stayed on 30 minutes after the end of the meeting to answer questions.

Men who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do! — Isaac Asimov

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

—Morry Meadow

WOMEN'S CLUB

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker at the March 12 luncheon, the principal investigator of *The 90+ Study*, Dr. Claudia Kawas, M.D., Professor of Neurobiology & Behavior and Neurology at the University of California, Irvine. Last year many of us watched as Niguel Shores resident and

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Women's Club member Ruthy Stahl was interviewed on *60 Minutes* as part of its report on *The 90+ Study*.

People over the age of 90 are now the fastest growing segment of the population, however, little is known about these pioneers of aging. Dr. Kawas will discuss findings from *The 90+ Study*, a population based sample of more than 1,600 people aged 90+, and share lifestyles and other lessons from individuals in their tenth decade (90-99) and beyond. You won't want to miss this very interesting and informative presentation.

The Women's Club luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 12 in the Clubhouse at 12:00 noon. Look for your



Dr. Claudia Kawas

email invitation on Thursday, March 5. Please RSVP by noon on Sunday, March 8. You will be notified by email if it is your turn to bring a salad for 10-12 people. The cost of the luncheon is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

To acknowledge and celebrate our

members who are 89 and older, we are waiving their \$3 attendance fee; they also do not need to bring a salad if it is their turn to do so. Please indicate on your email RSVP, or tell your telephone caller, if you qualify for these waivers. You need to have been born in 1926 or earlier! Proof of age at the luncheon check-in table will be most appreciated.

For information on joining the Women's Club, please contact: Marian Kennedy at rgkmed@yahoo.com or Marilyn Pappas at mmpappas5@yahoo.com. For those joining in March, membership dues will be reduced to \$5 for the rest of the 2014-2015 club year.

—Gloria Weintraub

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BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Club meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and we would welcome you to join us. We play casual, All-American Bridge, so please don't hesitate because you may not know the rules. We are a fun group and have a great time playing and enjoying plates of different kinds of food that our members share. If you enjoy bridge and are interested in joining us, please call Helen at 949 496-4230. Sadly, one of our original long time members, Kay Wittmack, needs to take some time off. We will miss you Kay, and hope you will come down and visit us very soon.

Our recent winners:

- January 21 Judy Bates, Helen Campbell and Margaret Brugger
- January 28 Helen Campbell, Doris Deal and Jeanne Bookai
- February 4 Lee Farrell and Grace Nycum
- February 11 Doris Deal and Ceacy Johns
- February 18 Rita Lappel, Freida Baskin, Dorothy Horany

—Helen Campbell

LIBRARY NEWS

The following is a list of programs and events for March 2015. All events held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins welcome.

Toddlers and Preschool:

Toddler Storytime. Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 24.

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. This event is for children 18-35 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime. Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. This event is for children 3 to 5 years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Children All Ages:

PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers. Monday, March 30, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. This event is for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Your children will love the high energy and antics of the Sunshine Readers! The wearing of pajamas is encouraged but not required.

Children School Age:

Tween, Teen:

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, March 2, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Teens, tell the library what you want. From books to programs. Snacks will be provided.

Tween Scene: Thursday, March 19, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tweens ages 9-12, want to build your own parachute or make snow? Come for hands on experiments and projects.

Special Whale Storytime. Saturday, March 14, 11:00 a.m. to Noon. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area.

—Karl Kuhn

BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

The Friends of the Dana Point Library asked permission

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from the Niguel Shores Board to place a book kiosk in the lobby of the Clubhouse (See picture on Page 15). It was installed on January 30 and is now stocked with books. The books are \$2.00 each and there is a box with a slot at the top of the kiosk for exact amounts of money. When books are purchased The Friends will restock. Check often for new books. Enjoy the read.

—Karla Sanders

OREO BOOK CLUB

We reviewed the book *Why Jews Rejected Jesus* by David Klinghoffer. Rich Schwartz led the discussion and cited the author was writing from an orthodox point of view, which does not represent all Jewish points of view. The author's thesis was twofold. First, to accept Jesus did not conform to traditional Jewish legal framework and second, Jesus did not conform to the Torah dictum of the Messiah coming—being a direct line from King David and accompanying a world conquest and peace.

Spiritually, there was a great distance between the Jewish concept of salvation on earth, in the here and now and the Christian concept of salvation in Heaven. While all Jewish belief segments do not conform in all aspects, the Jewish belief system both now and in past centuries does not allow for one human, however presented, to represent a path to salvation.

The next meeting will be at the home of Norton Schwartz on the third Wednesday in March, where the book *The Boys*

in the Boat, by Daniel Jones Brown, will be discussed.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Two of the Page Turners' book clubs will be reading and discussing *So Big*, written by Edna Ferber. The Monday afternoon group will meet March 23 and the Thursday group will meet March 26.

A classic Americana story, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and widely considered to be Edna Ferber's greatest achievement, So Big is a classic novel about turn-of-the-century Chicago. It is the unforgettable story of Selina Peake DeLong, a gambler's daughter, and her struggles to stay afloat and maintain her dignity and her sanity in the face of marriage, widowhood, and single parenthood. A brilliant literary masterwork from one of the twentieth century's most accomplished and admired writers, the remarkable So Big still resonates with an unflinching view of poverty, sexism and the drive for success. (3.98* Good Read Classic).

This book is the one classic we have chosen to read. Those of us who have read it earlier in our lives will enjoy revisiting the book and looking at it from a more mature perspective. Others will be reading it for the first time and we will all discuss why it is considered a classic.

For more information about Page Turners you can contact: Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net- 496-9546.

—Lisa Buchner

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

On February 10 we had our monthly tournament at Arrowood Golf Club in Oceanside. The course was in great shape, the weather was perfect. The game was *Team Tin Whistle*. In Tin Whistle a point system is used where a net bogey is 1 point, a net par is 2 points a net birdie is 3 points, and net eagle is 4 points.

First Place Team: Charlie Clark, Mike Roberts, Gary Katsuki and Boyd, Van Ness with 123 points

Second Place Team: Dennis Rosene, Paul Wager, and John Monson with 115 points

Third Place Team: Kent Wellbrock, Matt Kelliher, Curt Bartsch, and Bob Russell

Closest to the Pin on hole # 3 Roy Dohner

Closest to the Pin on Hole #11 Bob Russell

Our next tournament on March 10 will be at Eagle Glen Golf Club in Corona. This is a great course with spectacular elevated views and well worth the drive.

To sign up to play email Roy Dohner at roy@dohner.com.

Golf is a game in which you yell fore,
shoot six and write down five

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

Another great day happened for us. It was warm, sunny, and a little gusty. Fifteen golfers, most brightly in red, gathered to celebrate our Valentine Tournament. Even the deer scampered out by the first green. We hadn't seen them since Fall. One was smaller, an addition to the group?

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The game of the day, chosen by Captains Val Mitchell and Marlene Lynch was Valentine inspired. We were given gifts called “sweethearts”. We could claim 1 putt on one green even if we had three. We could have one Mulligan, and we could deduct two strokes from one hole.

Winners were:

Teams 1 & 2 tied with a 28

Team 1 (Marlene Lynch, Lee Sweeney, Val Mitchell)

Team 2 (Joanne Blanchard, Judy Jones, Irene McDonald, Kathy Aldrian)

Low gross: Judy Boitano 38

Low net: Terri Matrisch 30

Low putts”. India Rouse 13

Chip ins: Barbara Brabeck & Terri Matrisch

Closest to pin on #6. . . . Judy Boitano

Closest to pin on #8. . . . Val Mitchell

Longest drive on # 9 . . . Joanne Blanchard

On the last hole a beautiful blue bird played with the last group, flirting with us.

The next Funday is Monday, March 9. Dress in green this time as a St. Patrick’s Day is being planned by Captains Helena Keeshen (661-2391) & Liz Kelsch (661-5802). Please call one of them to be included or to cancel.

Question: “How do you like my game?” Answer: “Oh, it’s a good game, but personally, I prefer golf.” Question: “Why IS the game called golf?” Answer: “Because all of the other four letter words were taken.”
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— Liz Kelsch

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Joe Muller

Your Niguel Shores neighbor, Joe Muller, is one of the three new Dana Point City council members sworn in last month. Joe Muller and his wife Laura bought their home on Shackleton Isle in 2011 and moved in with their nine-year-old twin sons, Jeffrey, and William, in 2012.

Joe was born in Des Moines Iowa. His early education was in Davenport, Iowa. After graduating from the Wisconsin with a degree in chemistry, he went to work as an environmental chemist. Later he moved into sales, helping to develop products for his customers. Eventually he switched to educational software sales, working with state and federal agencies, helping to place software into classrooms across Wisconsin.

Dallas, Texas was his next destination, where he worked in waste management. This is where he met Laura, his future wife, in 1994. They were shooting pool in a tavern in Dallas. It must have been a good game, because it led to their marriage in 1997. Laura is a Baylor University graduate with a degree in finance. She now works for the Capital Group in Irvine.

When their twin sons were born, Joe retired from his work to help Laura raise them. He started his own property management firm and used this firm to manage the family investments.

I asked Joe about his vision for the future of Dana Point. He said he is business oriented, and believes that there is a need to encourage more of the thousands of people who visit Orange County everyday to make Dana Point their destination. *Dana Point needs more fine retail shops and upscale restaurants that will benefit the residents with additional sales tax revenue contributed by visitors*, stated Joe.

Joe’s first vote after being sworn in was in favor the building of the Meridian project in Town Center. While there are still controversial issues involving the plan, including parking, Joe believes there are solutions that will make the project a valuable success for the city. One of their last legislative actions before the new city council members were sworn in, the former city council approved the Meridian project which had been controversial because the original planned building was to high and it would have obscured the views of long term residents behind the building. Meridian took away the top floor of the plan so it could be approved.

I asked Joe about parking at the Meridian project, which has been one of the questionable issues with the project, and he responded that the plans include solutions to that problem. The lack of parking spaces was mitigated by the fact that employees of the Meridian building stores will be required to park in part of the under utilized area of the garage. The upper level will be used for public and commercial customers with a three-hour limit from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

As other issues that may not be solved easily come up, Joe says that the new city council is working together to solve any problems that arise. Joe's business background and experience will certainly help with the solutions.

Joe finished the interview saying that he and Laura were extremely happy to have found Niguel Shores and making it their home with their twin sons.

—Laurel Livesay



Carol's Cuisine Corner

Food brings us together. This is for lovers of food with friends. Orange County is having a Restaurant Week, March 1 to March 7. Many restaurants will have specialty prices for special dishes to see the chefs culinary styles, for lunch and dinner. This means you must have reservations.

Bluewater Grill, 630 Lido Park Dr., Newport Beach, 675-3474, Hours; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Orange Hill, 6410 Chapman Ave., Orange, 714 997-2910, Hours; 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mozambique, 1740 S Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 715-7100, Hours; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MiCasa, 22322 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, 633-9538, Hours; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

True Food Kitchen, 451 Newport Center, Newport Beach 644-2400, Hours; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pascal, 31451 # 103 San Juan Capistrano, 488-0031, Hours; Bakery and lunch. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner, Thur./Fri./Sat. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Morton's the Steakhouse, 1641 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana, 714 444-4834, Hours; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Cedar Creek, 26860 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano. 240-2229,

Hours; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nirvana Grill, 303 S. Broadway, Laguna Beach, 497-0027, Hours; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Fig and Olive, 151 Newport Center, 877-3005, Hours; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Watermarc, 445 S. Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, 376-6272, Hours; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Red O, Fashion Island, 718-0300, Hours; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

*Many other restaurants will have Lunch and Dinner specials during Restaurant Week.
Bon Appetite! —Carol Yocom*

Travel Tidbits . . .

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

CRUISE NEWS

If you are a fan of very large ships with many entertainment opportunities you will be delighted to hear about the additions planned by Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Lines. Royal Caribbean, adding to its Celebrity brand, has signed a letter of intent to build two 2,900 passenger, 117,000-ton ships for Celebrity Cruises for delivery in fall of 2018 and early 2020. These vessels will be a little smaller than Celebrity's newest ship, the 126,000 ton, 3,030 guests Celebrity Reflection.

If you are a Jimmy Buffett fan you will want to consider a fall Eastern Caribbean cruise on Norwegian Cruise Lines ship Norwegian Escape. A Jimmy Buffett's Margaretville restaurant will be a complimentary eatery on board. Also, Buffett's 5 O'clock Somewhere Bar will be located on the Waterfront, the boardwalk style indoor-outdoor area on Norwegian ships.

The trend of cruise line consolidation goes on. As mentioned above, Royal Caribbean owns Celebrity and now



Smaller ship – Island Sky



Celebrity Reflection

Norwegian Cruise Line has purchased Oceania and Regent Seven Seas Cruises (favorites of those of us who are not so fond of the very large ships).

Speaking of smaller ships. Do you remember the original Renaissance ships? Small, intimate jewels. A few are still operating, used by adventure companies in remote destinations. Do you remember Windstar Cruises and

their wonderful sailing yachts, and the thrill of watching the sails go up as the loudspeaker played **1492**. Their ships the *Wind Spirit* and *Wind Star* carry 148 guests each. They have now expanded by acquiring three former Seabourn vessels. The 212 passenger all suite ships will be totally re-furbished and I'm sure enjoyed by many who prefer smaller to larger.

—Barbara Milner C.T.C.,
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Not surprisingly, one type of vandalism occurs on the outside of N.S. proper. It appears that the lettering on the monuments on Garibaldi and Manta Court corners are a desirable target. Since those corners on Selva Road are easily accessible, and the least traveled by passing cars as opposed to the high traffic Mariner or Ritz Drive entrances, they offer an easy target by those who might think it funny or just plain mischievous to remove one of the letters. Affect: extra cost and wasted man-hours.



Repaired Street Sign and Dolphin

We have all seen and heard about the use of spray paint to beautify (sic) some easily exposed walls during the night. Inside N.S. that is indeed a very rare event.

However, we did find evidence of such an artistic expression on the inside of the block wall on Marlinspike Drive. Since there was landscaping that had blocked the view of the wall and covered the graffiti, we are not sure how long it was there and only discovered it when the landscaping was taken down. In any case our Maintenance crew spent many hours, first by using a pressure wash which did

not remove all the black paint, then by researching for a removal solvent that resulted in having to purchase an expensive chemical which did remove the remaining graffiti followed by another pressure wash. Affect: extra cost and wasted man-hours.

Another costly impact to N.S. is the vandalism on our internal street signs. Over the last few years' street signs have been totally broken off or partially broken off. In some cases the dolphins have been broken or removed and the street signpost ripped out of the ground. The work required to replace the street signs involved routing out new signs, repairing broken signs with carefully disguised brackets, remounting the signpost, and repainting. Affect: extra cost and wasted man-hours.

Sometime pool chairs have been dumped into the pool or spa which can chip or nick the plaster.

Lastly, the following action is not really vandalism but does present a future cost and possible a safety issue. The practice of jumping up and down on the ends of the bluff table seat boards results in the start of cracks under the edges of the seats. Eventually these cracked edges may break off.

It was not my intent in writing this article to alarm our community about vandalism in N.S. but to keep everyone informed how such activities impacts all of us.

—Karl Kuhn

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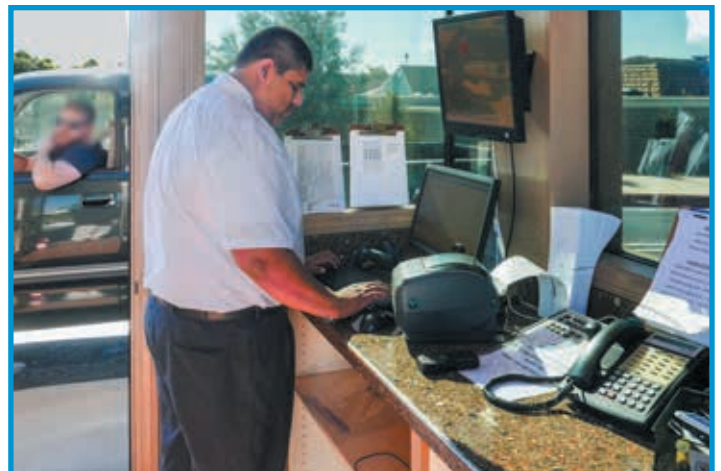
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