

# Seashore News



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## FROM THE HELM

Spring has arrived with sunny warm weather, and Niguel Shores is once again full of activities to enjoy and landscaping/maintenance projects taking shape throughout the community. I encourage you to take time to check out the full calendar of activities organized by the Recreation Committee which include live music, various food events and of course the Niguel Shores July 4 extravaganza.

As you drive through the community, you will notice that our Cabrillo Slope project is underway and thank you for the participation of residents, fellow Board members and staff to ensure this large slope renewal is aesthetically beautiful and appropriately planted to ensure the viability of this slope following the newest (and some say very strict!) water regulations.

For those out at night, walking their dogs or just enjoying some exercise, it is evident that new lighting is being installed, and much easier to monitor our pets and safe walking. Although we did encounter a few setbacks with timing, it is full steam ahead and close to being on schedule.

A few reminders: As owners of homes in Niguel Shores, do not forget to mail your Board Election ballots to ensure a quorum and with summer around the corner, please do not forget to register or update your parking and entry permits. This will save angst and time between your guests, students home for the summer and of course the Niguel Shores staff.

—Jeannie Sticher

*Editor's Note:* The Communication Committee is always looking for interesting articles about our Niguel Shores residents. The following is just such a story that we hope you find as fascinating as we did. Also, I hope you all check out pages 14 and 15 where we celebrate National Pet Month. Since we received many more excellent pet photos than we could put in this issue I will be putting the remaining pet photos in the June issue. Enjoy!

—Karl Kuhn

## BUCKET LIST ADVENTURES

Most of us have them, especially those of us who are in or approaching retirement years. Bucket Lists, you know, those things you have always wanted to do...someday. For some, it might be climbing Mt. Shasta or even Mt. McKinley, for others, the Alcatraz Swim, perhaps it's training for and completing your first marathon, maybe just zip lining in Costa Rica, whatever, it's an adventure you put on that list. Well for Bob Russell, NSCA Board Member and Brigantine resident that list always includes sailing and that "someday" came along in November of 2015.

Bob has always loved sailing and started sailing when he was in his early teens back in Massachusetts. He and his wife Rebecca



Crew departs Dana Point

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BOB GINO

# NIGUEL SHORES | MARKET UPDATE MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

## NEIGHBORHOOD STATISTICS

THERE ARE CURRENTLY

**twelve**

AVAILABLE LISTINGS

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE

**\$1,872,689**

**59**

AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET

AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE

**2,094**

### SOLD PROPERTIES

ADDRESS	BED/BATH	APPROX. SQ. FT.	SOLD PRICE
33841 Niguel Shores	4/6	5,331	\$6,900,000
33891 Nauticus Isle	3/4	2,630	\$3,750,000
23742 Perth Bay	3/2	1,800	\$2,390,000
<b>23712 Colima Bay*</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>\$2,036,000</b>
33651 Windlass Drive	3/4	2,376	\$1,915,000
33485 Dositia Drive	3/3	2,425	\$1,900,000
23812 Dasya Circle	4/5	3,400	\$1,815,000
24166 Vista D Oro	3/3	2,200	\$1,792,000
24172 Vista D Onde	2/3	2,104	\$1,650,000
23762 Perth Bay	3/2	2,213	\$1,500,000
33741 Windjammer Drive	4/3	2,232	\$1,475,000
33671 Crossjack Drive	3/2	1,500	\$1,465,000
23942 Amundsen Bay	3/2	1,583	\$1,425,000
33715 Halyard Drive	3/3	2,250	\$1,380,000
33531 Binnacle Drive	3/3	1,853	\$1,375,000
23831 Ionian Bay	3/2	2,224	\$1,349,000
23722 Colima Bay	3/2	1,415	\$1,320,000
23822 Bluehill Bay	3/2	1,760	\$1,300,000
23835 Bluehill Bay	3/2	1,700	\$1,280,000
24172 Vista D Oro	3/2	1,963	\$1,250,000
23821 Salvador Bay	3/2	1,800	\$1,200,000
23822 Ionian Bay	3/2	1,596	\$1,130,000
33652 Halyard Drive	3/3	1,594	\$1,100,000
24121 Gourami Bay	3/3	2,120	\$1,095,000
23786 Ionian Bay	3/2	1,741	\$1,080,000
33845 Manta Court	3/2	1,511	\$1,039,000
23891 Danzig Bay	3/2	1,596	\$1,020,000
33981 Manta Court	3/2	1,574	\$985,000
23811 Cassandra Bay	3/2	1,630	\$925,000
33642 Halyard Drive	3/3	1,500	\$900,000
33965 Manta Court	3/3	1,592	\$900,000
33616 Halyard Drive	2/2	1,044	\$895,000
33554 Halyard Drive	2/2	1,268	\$890,000
33972 Manta Court	3/3	1,607	\$845,000

*23712 Colima Bay\* was the highest sale of a non-view garden home.*

For more information on active and pending listings, please contact Bob Gino. This representation is based in whole or in part on data supplied by the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). The MLS does not guarantee and is not in any way responsible for its accuracy. Data maintained by the MLS may not reflect all real estate activity in the market.

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owned their own sailboat for 20 plus years and they are experienced sailors. About a year ago a good friend called and told him that he and his wife had just purchased a 58-foot sailboat, *La Zuccherina*. They were planning to sail from San Francisco to Florida by way of the Panama Canal and invited him to go along with them. The plan was that they would set out from San Francisco with a stop in Dana Point pick up Bob and then travel on to Florida. The trip would take approximately 60 days.

It was, according to Bob, “the trip of a lifetime”, and although he was concerned about being gone for that long a period, Rebecca was supportive and so Bob agreed. It was a trip that would take them from Dana Point down Mexico’s Pacific coast, into El Salvador, Costa Rica, then through the Panama Canal, into Honduras, Havana, Key West, Florida and finally arriving in Punta Gorda, Florida. Approximately 60 days at sea! Up to this point, the longest trip he had been on was a 20-day sail. However, he was optimistic and looked forward to the adventure.

Another sailing buddy, Rick, had agreed to go along as well. It was a tough time of the year to be gone for both Bob and Rick, it meant leaving their wives and families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, however, this was a trip Bob had always wanted to do, and you know one of those Bucket List trips. So after a couple days of final preparations and some repair work on the boat’s alternator, they set sail from Dana Point on November 13th, with a plan to arrive in Punta Gorda about January 12, 2016.

The *La Zuccherina*’s first stop was Ensenada, Mexico. This was an important stop because it was where they would pick up their necessary documents allowing them to sail in Mexican waters. They had sailed all night to get to Ensenada and just as they were approaching the harbor, they spotted what appeared to be a Police Boat headed directly for them. The boat turned out to be the Mexican Navy; they were armed with machine guns and wearing full body armor, a little intimidating to say the least. Several Navy crewmembers actually boarded the *La Zuccherina* and demanded to see each crewmember’s documentation, which they had not yet obtained. It took a bit of scrambling, however, they were able to satisfy the Navy Patrol. It crossed their minds that the Navy’s reaction was a bit of an “over kill”, but as they later found out, this was in fact the morning of the terrorist attacks in Paris and needless

to say all military were on high alert. Once everyone was able to present the required passports they were allowed to continue into the port of Ensenada. While in Ensenada the crew had a chance to re-connect with a longtime friend, Pete, who has been living on his boat in Ensenada for the past several years, Pete by the way, is 90 years old and still enjoying a sailors life down in Ensenada, Mexico.

Their next destination was Magdalena Bay, which was 460 miles away on the western coast of Mexico. The voyage to “Mag Bay” turned out to be a bit more adventurous than anticipated, as they encountered 45-50 knot winds and “GIANT” waves. This caused them to change course and seek a safe haven at the closest land they could find, which was San Quintin in Baja, Mexico. The boat had sustained some minor damage, which required them to stay put in for a few days. Back on course, they continued their journey, finally making it to “Mag Bay” four days later. Once they arrived, however, they noticed that the boat’s batteries were not holding a charge and that the alternator was not working at all! They needed to get to Cabo San Lucas to get help in repairing these problems; however, they had to depend primarily on the wind to take them the 160 miles to Cabo. Once in Cabo, they were able to stock up on supplies and get some help with replacing the dead battery and repairing the alternator. Hurricane Sandy, meanwhile seemed to be headed directly for Cabo, giving them some serious rain and big swells, but veered off Cabo’s course allowing them to be free to set sail for



No swimming advised here

Mexico’s mainland. The forecast called for some 25 mph winds and moderate seas, so they pulled out of the Cabo Harbor at about 1 pm. Unfortunately, after several hours at sea, winds and waves picked up considerably and they were forced to head back to Cabo.

Weather and boat repairs warranted that they stay in Cabo longer than anticipated, however, by about day 19 now of their trip they were leaving Cabo and heading to Bahia Navidad, a two or three day trip south. Once they arrived in Bahia Navidad, a beautiful resort, they noticed an old familiar problem had reappeared, you guessed it, the alternator had stopped working. They found another mechanic to try to help with the alternator and hopefully be their final fix. The following morning, with the newly repaired alternator, they were off and running, or so they thought, the *La Zuccherina* suddenly came to an abrupt stop; they had run aground into a sandbar. Unfortunately,

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# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## APRIL 13, 2016 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2016
  - Resignation of Laurel Livesay from the Communication Committee
  - Resignation of Jerry Koppang from the Architectural Committee and Rules Committee
  - Appointment of Jeff Kessler as member of the Finance Committee
- Appointment of Bob Ryan and Pat O'Brien as the Architectural Committee Chairs
- Investment Policy Recommendation from Finance (Investment) Committee
  - Lien filing for APN 672-051-48
- Emergency Review: Lien filing for APN 672-041-33
  - Fiore Racobs and Powers legal retainer agreement renewal
  - Reserve Study agreement
- Storage unit rental for storing maintenance items
- Emergency Review: Spa light replacement

**DISAPPROVED:** none

**APPEAL / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:** none

**REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:**

- Tree removal Atlantic Avenue and Gourami Bay
- Correspondence to Board
- Manager's Report

### TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Tree removal and concrete repair Hobart Bay

## APRIL 13, 2016 EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Executive Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2016

**DISAPPROVED:** none

### HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Hearing for Violation – Rule 4113/4121
- Hearing for Violation – Rule 5102.11/ CC&R Article IX, Section 15
- Hearing for Violation – Rule 6405
- Hearing for Violation – Rule 6405/6430.5

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

**TABLED/CONTINUED:** none

*NOTE: The NSCA Board of Directors meets the 2nd 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, MAY 11, 2016  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & ELECTION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

*Ata Arman, M.D.*

Retired Surgeon

Resident on Windward Drive since 1996

*"Sure I wave the American flag.  
Do you know a better flag to wave?  
Sure I love my country with all her faults.  
I'm not ashamed of that, never have been,  
never will be."*

*—John Wayne*

their timing was especially bad, because there was no hope of going anywhere until high tide, which was about 6 hours later. After a great lunch and taking some consolation in learning that many sailors had encountered the same sandbar, they were off again.

Hoping all their problems were behind them, they had a smooth night of sailing and woke up to a beautiful show of dolphins, but also, a loud strange sound coming from the engine and a large oil slick behind the boat. The transmission had imploded and it looked like their troubles were not over yet. Checking their charts, they saw that the closest bay was near the small village of Caleta de Compos. To complicate matters, there was zero wind, so they had to resort to running the engine for just a few moments at a time. Upon arrival in the tiny bay, their worries were far from over. Caleta de Compos, was a bit of a scary place, known for drug cartel murders and they were the only boat in the bay. After a less than restful night they found a local fisherman who took them into town where they hoped to get some help with the engine. Unfortunately, the most they were able to come up with in the tiny village was some transmission oil which they hoped would keep them going until they reached their next destination of Ixtapa.

They set off the next day just before sunset, hoping for favorable winds, since they could not use the engine. The winds were very light, just barely enough to keep them moving and they felt they were going nowhere fast. The boat's captain finally decided to run the engine for short 15-minute intervals, while he positioned himself in the engine room and hosed down the engine. After several days of drifting at sea with no motor and almost no winds they finally made it to the Ixtapa Marina. They were praying for a permanent fix for their engine problems and everyone in need of a refreshing swim. As noted earlier, the crew was just not catching a break, as they were about to go for that



We want Croissants

swim, they spotted the warning signs CROCODILES!! NO SWIMMING!!

After several days in Ixtapa, they learned that the parts needed to repair the boat would take at least a week. Both Bob and fellow crewmember Rick had to think seriously about their future on this trip. Ixtapa was the only port with an international airport for many miles and the chance of getting to Panama before year's end did not look good. So, sadly, Bob's Bucket List trip had to come to an end. As he retells the events of the trip, he has no regrets. He experienced some wonderful sights, whales at 25 feet from the boat, hundreds of dolphins putting on a show, fresh sushi almost daily, lots of adventures and misadventures along the way.

The owners of *La Zuccherina* were able to travel a bit further, replacing first the alternator and eventually the transmission; however, once they arrived at Panama, they too decided to take a break from the trip. They packed their bags, found a dock at a local marina and left *La Zuccherina* in Panama. They headed home to Florida, this time by airplane! They plan to regroup later this year and sail the boat back to Florida. As for Bob, he still loves sailing and isn't taking anything off that Bucket List!!  
—Patti Staudenbauer

## GM REPORT

### AUDIT MAILING:

As required by the Governing Documents and Civil Code, the membership mailing of the annual audit was mailed the latter part of April. VanDerPol and Company, an independent CPA firm, audited the Association financials for the 2015 fiscal year and this report is provided to all members of the Association. Please take a few minutes to review this information. The Association is in good financial condition and the Board has adopted an excellent plan to continue funding the Reserves appropriately.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTS:

#### ■ CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR BOARD.

The candidates that are currently running for the Board of Directors are **Al Glatt, Bob Russell and Jeannie Sticher**. Please submit your ballot as soon as possible to help achieve quorum and fill the Board positions. Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered to Accurate Voting Services, 23322 Peralta Drive, Suite 4, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 or presented in person at the annual meeting prior to the polls closing. **We will not be able to accept ballots at the Association office.**

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## ■ ANNUAL MEETING MAY 17, 2016.

On May 17th, registration will begin at 6:00 pm in the Community Center and the Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm. A few things to remember when voting:

- Only individuals listed as the legal owners of the property (members) may vote
- Each property gets three votes (three Board seats open), and
- You must sign the outside envelope in order for your vote to be valid

Your vote is very important and must be received to establish quorum. The ballot must be received by the Inspector of Elections by May 16, 2016 (or you can bring it to the annual meeting) to be counted towards quorum.

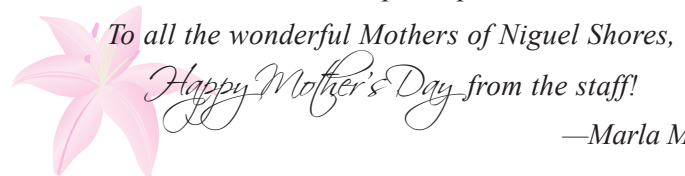
## INTERNS:

We are currently using two interns from the UCI Extension program. These students are working on two different projects for the Association. Deepika Kalaignan is from India and investigating options for data storage. We are required by law to maintain many documents and have numerous boxes in various locations. We would like to

streamline this by scanning these boxes of documents and storing those that need to be stored. The other intern is Cansel (Jon) Uzun from Turkey. Jon is working with George on street sign options. We have tried to figure out ways to use our unique signs, but have them lit up so they show up at night. Jon will be investigating alternatives and presenting them in the near future. These two individuals have joined us for a ten week period. We welcome their skills in helping us with these projects.

## CABRILLO SLOPE:

As you may have seen, we have begun construction on the renovation of the Cabrillo slope. This is the slope that runs between Cabrillo Isle and Breaker's Isle streets. Harvest started demolition the middle of April and if all things work out this should take about 90 to 120 days to complete. As with all slopes it is a process, but will be nice when it is all cleaned up and planted.



—Marla Miller

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## ARCHITECTURE

### 10 Tips to Making Sure Your Contractor Measures Up from the Contractors State License Board

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, the urge to make home improvements increases. With that comes the task of selecting a contractor to assist with larger projects (once you've received AC approval, of course!). The following tips in helping to select a contractor were published by the Contractors State License Board website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)).

1. Hire only state-licensed contractors.
2. Check a contractor's license number online at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or by calling (800) 321-2752.
3. Get at least three bids.
4. Get three references from each bidder and review past work in person.
5. Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand the terms.
6. Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
7. Never pay more than 10% down or \$1000, whichever is

less. Don't pay in cash.

8. Don't let payments get ahead of the work.
9. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including all payments.
10. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.

—Karen Decker

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

I realize you couldn't possibly give me 100% credit for the brilliant and informative articles I submit monthly for the *SeaShore News*, BUT, I'm OK with that IF you read them and pay heed to the tips, suggestions, and very valid direction each provides to keep us safe and aware of possible threats that we face from both natural and man-made dangers.

On April 2, The Orange County Register published an article entitled "FAMILY 911—In case of Emergency, create a security plan to protect and find your loved ones." The article suggests the critical need of what we need to know about the whereabouts of our family members when a

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natural disaster or violent event occurs. On an average day, our children are at school or day care, and Mom and Dad are at work, at home, or running errands. During or after a crisis, parents often rush to their kids' schools to retrieve them. The 911 emergency phone lines are probably tied up and cellphones calls might not go through. Things can, OR WILL, be chaotic.

San Bernadino, Sandy Hook, an Earthquake, (how about Japan or Ecuador in mid-April?), power outages, or many other unexpected events that DO HAPPEN. Just watch the evening news almost everyday. PREPARATION is a powerful way to help squelch those fears. Create a communication plan and discuss it with your kids (and extended family) several times a year.

Parents should (MUST) learn about their school's disaster-response plans, as well as how to create a plan where each family member understands how to follow a pre-determined plan of contacting one another and having them know where to go until an all clear is issued.

Social media (Facebook, Twitter) provide real-time updates. Here are a few tips to make sure you have your act together if and when unexpected events happen:

- Include your kids in the emergency-planning process. Shop for your emergency-supply kit with them and make sure they know where the kits are stored.
- Learn about emergency and evacuation plans for schools, day care providers, and workplaces.
- Make sure your kids' school emergency contact cards are updated.
- Go to [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit) to learn what to equip in your in-house emergency resources.

This list of EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS goes well beyond the tips we've suggested above for protecting your loved ones. Do yourself a favor and make your own list of contact numbers, supplies, create a family understanding of what to do if various events occur, and be confident you have at least taken these precautionary steps to protect your family.

These steps apply to not only families residing in our community but to couples whose children are grown and no longer living at home, and single individuals living alone. Customize your own plan and list of what to do in an emergency. We are one big family in NIGUEL SHORES. Let's make sure we all take care of one another.

BE SAFE and BE PREPARED!

—Kent Wellbrock

## MAINTENANCE

### Maintenance Committee Assignments

One of the blessings that Niguel Shores enjoys is the many volunteers who work to keep our community beautiful and well maintained. As a relatively new resident, I have been deeply impressed that this community seems to be *sipping from a fountain of youth* because the infrastructure is repaired and updated before the effects of use, weather, and time impact the community's beauty. After expressing this amazement to many long-time residents, I discovered the secret is not magic; it is simply the hard work and good organization of our volunteers and our maintenance staff. Much of this work is planning and prioritization of the upkeep tasks, and brainstorming about ways to efficiently get the most done within the budget; however, one unique aspect of this committee is they get out of the meeting room, walk the area, and look for deterioration and repairs that can be bundled into one job. There is a maintenance committee member assigned to each area of the community who looks for light problems, utility box problems, sidewalk and street issues, water problems, drainage issues, and painting or rust problems. So if you notice one of your friends walking the neighborhood, taking selfies of potholes and clogged street drains, he or she is probably on the maintenance committee (or they just have weird photographic interests).

—Jerry Allen

## RECREATION

Have that calendar ready to put down events you want to attend in Niguel Shores, planned by the Recreation committee.

### Cinco De Mayo Taco Night - May 5 - 5:30-7:30 pm

Enjoy an evening at our bluff with family, friends, music and good food. Tickets are \$10 in the NSCA office

**Happy Hour With Scott & Bob – May 20 – 5:30-7:30 pm** Happy hour music with Scott and Bob, guitars and voices to entertain you. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy time with friends

**In-N-Out Night – June 4 – 6:00-8:00 pm** Tickets will be on sale May 9th for \$10 (only 400 available). Donna B's cookies available for purchase (cash only) and a DJ will provide entertainment

That calendar is full with so many wonderful activities planned for everyone.

—Carol Yocom

Don't forget...

### Memorial Day BBQ – May 29 – 5:30-8:00 pm

Bring your own food to enjoy with friends

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## TRAFFIC & SAFETY

### Close Calls

How long can it last? I don't remember a serious injury traffic collision occurring within our community in the last thirteen years. In most jurisdictions injury accidents normally involve one car colliding with another. However, based strictly on subjective informal complaints if we ever suffer a serious injury accident, more than likely, it will involve a vehicle striking a pedestrian. Seemingly there have been a lot of close calls involving

inattentive drivers and pedestrians near Mariner Dr. and Niguel Shores Rd. However, in speaking with a variety of people there are several other locations of concern. Traveling more than 25 MPH, which is our posted limit, is normally not the issue. It is inattentiveness by drivers, or pedestrians unexpectedly entering the roadway without exercising due caution. Be aware!

Hopefully, by being a bit more cautious we can keep our safe street record intact. God Bless...

—Tim Murphy

## CLUBS

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### WOMEN'S CLUB

Scott Schoeffel from the Dana Point City Council is our speaker on May 12. You will learn all about the improvements planned for the harbor and our downtown areas. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the work being done and what is planned for the future. Scott is an excellent speaker, so it will be very interesting.

Look for your e-mail invitation on Thursday, May 5th. Please answer by noon on Sunday, May 12th. You will be notified by email if it is your turn to bring a salad for 10-12 people. The luncheon fee is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests. Dues of \$10 are also due by June 1st so bring your checkbook. Dues are for the fiscal year June 1 to May 31 with the exception of those members 95 and older. They are free. The check should be made out to the Niguel Shores Women's Club.

For information on joining the Women's Club, please contact Marian Kennedy at [rgkmek@yahoo.com](mailto:rgkmek@yahoo.com) or Gloria Weintraub at [rdabook@cox.net](mailto:rdabook@cox.net).

—Ginny Nevitt

### MEN'S CLUB

April provided us a look into the mind of an artist and a less enjoyable look at the hard decisions of managing water during drought.

Our first guest speaker, Robert Richert, gave us an exhilarating look through *A Window Into the Artist's Creative Mind*. Robert majored in Scientific Illustration after serving in Viet Nam and *learned how to apply that knowledge and discipline to the creation of art*. Thirty-four years later, he reveals that emotion combined with talent and technique, enables him to interpret the beauty of Nature. His preference is to work in the studio using his own photos for reference, rather than paint on site outdoors. Rather than interpreting a scene literally, he frequently combines multiple elements of different photos (and artistic license) to give his paintings rich detail and exciting

composition. As he executes his intricate works, he said he *feels* like an ant as he works and reworks each minute detail. We viewers were visually delighted as Robert showed us how his paintings evolve during each step. As the elements of composition, color, value (light and dark) and texture are added, the process reminded me of a time-lapse photo of a flower blossom opening. ([http://www.richertart.com/html/soy\\_01.html](http://www.richertart.com/html/soy_01.html))

We were particularly impressed as he shared how an object can be added to a scene that will stop *the eye or direct the viewer in a way critical to enjoying the scene*. A final highlight was his emotional story of one of his commissioned works that was destroyed when the owner's home burned. Robert painted them a near duplicate, but his real reward was the gratitude of the couple that now had a new foundation for their memories.

Our speakers on April 19 were our own Rick Erkenoff and Bill Green, plus Andrew Burnhart, the General Manager of the South Coast Water District. In addition to being in the Men's Club, Rick is vice president and Bill is a director on the South Coast Water District Board. We were fortunate to get a well-informed overview of the drought that we are having in California, the actions being considered by the board to provide a stable supply in the future, and the Board's rationale for upcoming water increases.

Currently, we are supplied with 90% of our water from the Colorado River Aqueduct. What about all of the water in Northern California? Fifty percent of it flows out under the Golden Gate, 40% is for agricultural use, and about 5% is available for use in the northern and 5% for the southern part of the state (additionally, southern California is on a 20% state allocation from the northern water supply). The hard facts are: we have about 7 days of water supply in nearby storage and we depend on the Colorado River. One long-term solution to this risky situation might be the proposed Doheny Ocean Desalination facility that could supply 15 million gallons a day. The Board believes the Doheny Project could be producing water as early as 2019.



# CLUBS

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Now that we are assured that the Board is forward looking and planning for the future, what about this rumored rate increase? That news is less comforting. In short, the Board has proposed a new rate structure that is based on taxing each water meter to pay for fixed costs of the operation, and paying for variable costs by setting rates for actual water used. This kind of rate structure is particularly stressing on HOAs like Niguel Shores who have invested in recycled- water irrigation, because we have a large number (66) of recycled water meters. The Cost of Service and Rate Study being prepared for the Board recommends a new \$1375 charge per 2” Recycle Water Meter on the Tax Bill. The Board’s proposal is that the SCWD customers have been subsidizing the Fix Cost of Recycle Water and only charging 90% of Potable Water rates, however due to the San Juan Capistrano lawsuit government agencies can no longer subsidize rates and must charge the actual cost of water production and delivery. There is some possibility to reduce (not offset) this impact because the Niguel Shores Manager’s office is working with the Board to find a way to reduce the number of meters and help find an equitable solution for the recycled-water cost increases.

—Jerry Allen

## GARDEN CLUB

El Nino did arrive as predicted and has helped improve the drought situation in California but we are not out of the

woods yet. Water conservation is still important to maintain and our community has received many accolades for its efforts. One interesting way to tap into further water savings in the garden is to deliver water directly to the roots. This can be accomplished by the use of the Olla, or terra cotta pot, an ancient form of localized plant irrigation. The Ollas are positioned in the ground, with just the narrow neck being visible. Water is refilled every 5 to 10 days. Once the nearby plants are established, their roots will grow towards the water source, and over time, the roots attach themselves outside of the Olla and draw water as they need. These Ollas can be purchased through a water conserving business called: Growoya.com.

Now that you have learned a way to conserve water, you can proceed happily to beautify your garden with new plants. Fortunately for you, you do not have to leave the community. The Garden Club will be holding its **Annual Plant Sale** on May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry fee- \$ 1.00 per person. Great selection of plants and gardening items that you can choose from. (cash preferred) Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Great door prizes every half hour. Beautify your garden and help the Garden Club.

*Finally, what does the letter A have in common with flowers? They both have bees coming after them!*

—Laks Sehgal

## ACTIVITES

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### BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for a stimulating game of bridge. If you are interested in joining please telephone Helen at 496-4230 and we will be glad to welcome you into our group. We usually have three or four tables depending on the number who want to play.

#### **Our Latest Winners are:**

March 23 Lee Farrell, Mary Ann Theisen and Dorothy Horany.

March 30 Lee Farrell, Ruth Ay and Gloria Sall

April 6 Freida Baskin, Judy Bates and Lee Farrell

April 13 Freida Baskin, Joanie Donahue and Lee Farrell

—Helen Campbell

### AFTERNOON PAGETURNERS

The Monday afternoon PageTurners’ group will meet on May 23 and the Thursday group on May 26. The book to be discussed is *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich. For more information about PageTurners contact:

Monday afternoons: Diane Hearne: dhearne476@gmail.com

Thursday afternoons: Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net

—Diane Hearne

### OREO BOOK CLUB

We met at the home of Norton Schwartz to review his recommendation of *God’s Bankers* by Gerald Posner. The deeds and mis-deeds of some of the Popes and the clerics who ran the Vatican Bank and investments were detailed in the book. The close ties to the Fascists in Italy and Nazis in Germany during and after World War II were cited in the book, as well as the post-war involvement of money laundering and in ethically challenged investments. Some felt the Vatican and the Pope should be excused from blame because of Communist threats and different attitudes towards wartime criminals at that period of time. Others believed that the Pope and Vatican officials had lost their moral compass and still have not found it.

—Norton Schwartz

# ACTIVITIES

## LIBRARY NEWS

The following is a list of programs and events for May 2016. All events held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins welcome. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

### Toddler and Preschool:

**Toddler Storytime.** Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. This event is for 18 -35 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**Stay and Play,** Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. This event is for children of all ages accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**Preschool Storytime,** May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. This event is for children 3 -5 years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**Children All Ages:** The following events are for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver.

**Free Comic Book Day,** Saturday, May 7, as the supplies last. Enjoy crafts and activities about comic books and pick up a free comic book.

**May 4,** Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Join us for crafts and activities about Star Wars.

**PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers.** Monday, May 23, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Your children will love the high energy and antics of the Sunshine Readers!

### Children School Age:

**Homework Help.** Mondays, May 2, 8, 16, 23, 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 25, 3:30 p.m. This event is for students grades K-8 for free assistances from high school tutors on a first come, first served basis. **Homework help closed May 4.**

**Read to a Dog,** Wednesday, May 4, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and

Tuesday, May 17, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area.

**Kids Club.** Thursday, May 12, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This event is for school age children ages 5 to 8. This month will be hands on activities.

### Tween, Teen:

**Teen Time,** Monday, May 9, 16, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Ages 12-17. We are celebrating Teen Tech Week the entire month.

**Teen Advisory Board.** Monday, May 2, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Teens, tell the library what you want. From books to programs, we want to know.

**ACT Practice Test:** Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Teens ages 12-17. Take a full length mock test under realistic conditions. On line registration is required at <https://www.c2educate.com/dana-point-library/>.

**Tween Scene,** Thursday May 19, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tweens ages 9-12. This month learn about the science behind baseball.

### Adults

**Tea Time Book Club,** Monday, May 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for tea and book chats. Bring your favorite cup for tea.

**Meet the Author,** Tuesday, May 20, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Meet the author Joe De Ladurantey. He is an ex-police officer. His two new books are *Cowards, Crooks, and Warriors* and *Rock & Roll and Doo-Wop*.

**Travel Adventures with Road Scholar.** Friday, May 6, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Learn about the Road Scholars Programs of Elderhostel and see how you can travel more.

**Essential Oils for Your Health.** Thursday, May 12, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Learn about essential oils and how they can benefit you. Presented by Missy from Training Camp Fit. Please sign up by visiting or calling the library 949-496-5517.

# SPORTS

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Because of all of the recent scary weather reports we met with fingers crossed. Seven brave souls appeared, and it actually was a fairly nice day. The sun was strong by lunchtime. One of our groups even caught a glimpse of a lone deer munching away on low hanging tree limbs.

Back after several months were Joan Beyer, Ceacy Johns and India Rouse. They were all looking ready to play soon.

The game of the day was regular play. There was an April Fool's Day surprise, which we would find out at the end of play. It was the total of scores on odd holes. Val Mitchell won with a score of 27. Consolation prizes were given to Liz Kelsch and Brenda Tuckley.

### Other winners:

- Low gross . . . . . Julie Patton 41
- Low putts . . . . . Val Mitchell 16
- Closest to pin on #6 . . . . . Marlene Lynch
- Closest to pin on #8 . . . . . Julie Patton
- Longest drive on #9 . . . . . Julie Patton

Next Fun Day is Monday, May 9. Captains are Marlene Lynch (493-6494) and Claudia Marek (414-374-6474) Please call one of them to cancel or if you need to sign up.

Joke: This may be a repeat, but it is so appropriate for this day:  
"If I'm on a golf course and lightning strikes, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let Him!"

—Liz Kelsch 949-661-5802

# NIGUEL SHORES REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Sales in the Past 90 Days

Address	Bed/Bath	Sq. Ft.	Price
33902 Faeroe Bay	2/2	1032	\$817,000
24125 Gourami Bay	3/2	1764	\$1,030,000
24172 Vista D Oro #75	3/2	1963	\$1,250,000
33392 Padina Circle	3/2	1556	\$1,295,000
23831 Salvador Bay	3/3	2577	\$1,955,000
23742 Perth Bay	3/3	1800	\$2,390,000
23561 Verrazanno Bay	3/2	2800	\$3,375,000
33811 Shackleton Isle	3/3	3550	\$5,049,000

"There are currently 11 homes for sale ranging in price from \$1,100,000 to \$6,100,000 with several new listings hitting the market in the last 2 weeks. With the Spring selling season upon us, activity is picking up."

[www.Facebook.com/GeoffDunlevieProperties](http://www.Facebook.com/GeoffDunlevieProperties)

"If you or someone you know is interested in buying or selling in Niguel Shores – don't hesitate to give me a call."



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**Harbor Grill** (Seafood) Brunch  
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(Brunch) special Dessert –  
Hours 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 276-4884.  
24921 Dana Point Harbor, D.P.

**Two Left Forks** (Traditional American) Hours 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. – 489-8911. 34212 PCH, D.P.

**Club 19** (Variety) Monarch Beach Resort, St. Regis, Hours 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. 234-3685. 1 Monarch Beach, D.P.

**Stellas** (Italian) (Specials)  
Hours 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. 234-1679.  
17 Monarch Bay Plaza, D.P.

**Vue** (American) (Marriott)  
Hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch  
Entertainment. 487-7555  
25135 Park Lantern, D.P.

**L'Hirondelle** (Specials) 661-0425  
(Brunch) Hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(dinner) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
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**Cassanova** (Italian) 496-0992 Hours  
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376-2779. 1555 S. Coast Hwy, L.B.

**Chart House** (Steak Variety)  
Hours 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. 493-1183.  
34442 Green Lantern, D.P.

**Gemmell's** (Continental)  
Hours Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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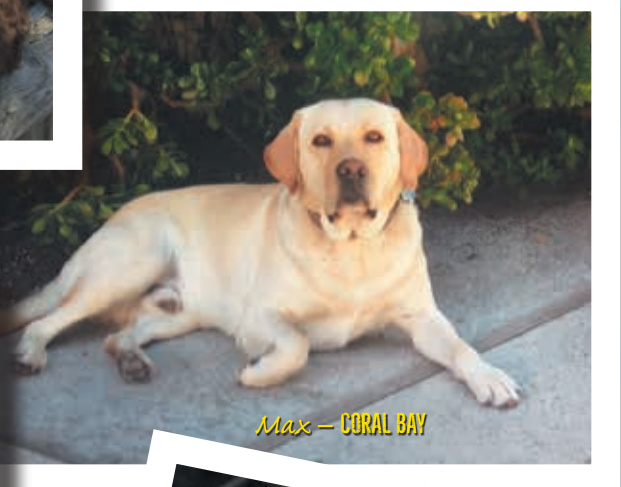
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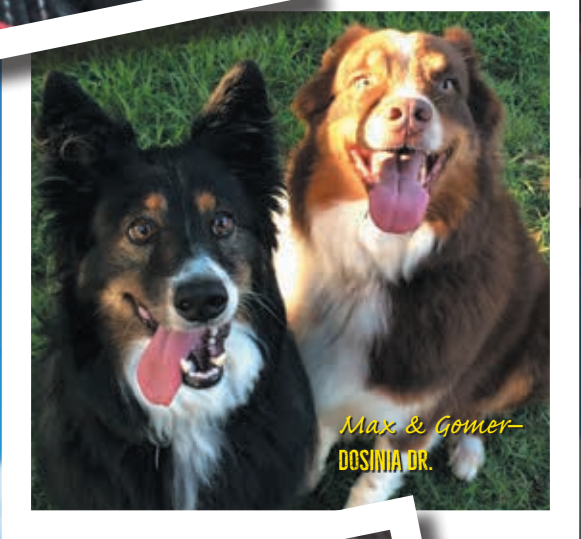
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