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#### FROM THE HELM

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. Charles K. Clark, first vice president NSCA, tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors on February 6, citing time constraints and other commitments.

Mr. Clark has served our community tirelessly for more than 20 years in various capacities. He was Board liaison to three committees and spent an extra-ordinary amount of his time and expertise in updating the homeowner records for the SafeHouse Mariner Gate System. His "institutional memory" (he has been a Niguel Shores' homeowner for more than 20 years) and knowledge of the CC&R's, Bylaws, and Rules and have been a steady reference for all board members.

We appreciate all he has done for NSCA and wish him well in his future endeavors.

#### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

On reading recently about the massive hurricanes on planet Jupiter (its 300-year-old Great Red Spot storm, twice as wide as earth, is about to interact this month with another massive turbulence - a com-

bination of three separate storms), I felt blessed being a resident of our beautiful blue planet.

However, my self congratulatory rumination was short-lived when I read FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) headline for Community and Family Preparedness Program: " Disasters: Creating a Culture of Preparedness", reminding me that even disregarding man-made disasters - our planet's basic elements of earth, water, air and fire are essentially primeval forces when unleashed. Terra firma can become anything but; life-saving drops of water can turn into lethal flashfloods or tsunamis; the gentle summer breeze can turn into a deadly hurricane, typhoon, or blizzard; fire, the giver of warmth, security, and the cradle of civilization is still seemingly untamable in its fury.

So, let's be prepared.

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OPEN BOARD MEETING March 20 7:30 pm From The Helm continued

Our annual NSCA DISASTER DRILL will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00am to 12 noon. There will be a national/regional update on disaster preparedness on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR, an attend-must for all block captains, street leaders, specialty team captains and concerned homeowners. Please, mark your calendars now!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Gerlinde Duffy, NSCA President Coordinator, NSCA Disaster Preparedness



#### **BOARD ACTIONS**

- ▶ Received the resignation of Charlie Clark from the Board of Directors.
- ► Approved Mission Statement by NSCA Landscape Committee.
- ► Accepted with regret the resignation of Maintenance Committee member Bob Sewell and appointed Myron Miller to the Committee.
- ▶ Appointed Ray Furst and Sheila Furst to the Recreation Committee.
- ▶ Appointed Steve Leonard as Chairperson for the Beach Bluff Study Committee and members Janet Mackaig, Jerry Milner, Lori McNaught, Tracie and Brian Sullivan, Don Beaver, Robert Enger and Jerry Moon.
- ► Approved Revised Architectural Regulations and Guidelines as recommended by the Architectural Control Committee.
- ► Approved revised bar codes which will become the vehicle identification decal, including the fee schedule for additional decals.
- ► Authorized purchase of three bar code readers for Cabrillo, Garibaldi and Manta gates.
- ► Approved Revised NSCA Rules and Regulations and authorized printing and distribution.
- ▶ Appointed Jerry Milner to the NSCA Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Charlie Clark, effective March 1.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

#### VEHICLE BAR CODE DECALS

The Board has approved a change in the vehicle entry and identification policy that will make the bar code decals the only NSCA vehicle decal. As the gates are being converted to bar code readers, bar codes will open the gates and the bar code number will become an identification method. The blue windshield decal has been used for many years to identify vehicles, but there was no way to deactivate the decal when people moved or changed cars. The bar code can be deactivated and it will also reduce the paper work and record keeping. The blue sticker will continue to be used until all five gates are converted to bar codes, which hopefully will be later this year. Selva and Mariner gates are now operated by bar codes and Cabrillo Isle is currently being converted. Garibaldi and Manta gates will require some additional work in order to avoid having owners with bar codes wait for the guests using the dial-in connections, which could block gate entry. Also, the arm gates are being added to eliminate follow-through vehicles. Two bar codes are available for each owner at no charge, with additional or replacements costing \$20 each.

#### REMINDER WARNING FOR VEHICLE GATES

Residents are reminded that the gate arm has a cycle that prohibits following a car through. The gate operating cycle must be completed before another car enters the gate, which means THE GATE ARM MUST COME DOWN BEFORE THE BAR CODE CAN ACTIVATE A NEW CYCLE. NEVER FOLLOW A VEHICLE THROUGH UNTIL THE ARM GATE HAS COME DOWN. A "STOP" bar is being painted on the pavement next to the bar code reader to remind drivers not to pass by the reader until the arm gate is closed.

#### SELF-SUPPORTING SERVICES

In order to control Association operating costs that affect assessment fees, efforts are being made to have special services or programs become self-supporting. When a service is available to all owners, the costs are passed on to owners through the annual assessment. When a service is for a specific owner, such as home

remodeling or granting an exception to rules, offsetting fees are being recommended to make the service self-supporting.

#### POOL TEMPERATURE

The office continues to receive complaints about the swimming pool temperature not being maintained at the 80 to 82 degrees. There were some exceptionally cold winter days and nights that brought the pool down to 77 degrees. There has also been a problem on Sunday nights when we did not have staff to cover the pool, leaving Monday mornings at a 77 degree temperature. We now may have someone to cover the pool on Sunday night. The situation has been reviewed by the Maintenance Committee and a report is on file at the office. It comes down to cost, as the pool pumps and heating are shut down between 8:00 pm and 2:00 am due to the high cost of energy. The hours of heater operation are purely an economic matter. misconceptions are that the new solar heating is not doing the job, and that the gas heaters need to be turned up higher. The solar heating is a supplementary system to reduce gas cost; it does not replace the heaters. The pool heaters do not have burner levels; they are either on or off.

#### STREET LIGHT CONVERSIONS

The first phase of a street light retrofitting has been contracted. The change to a more energy efficient lighting will reduce the Association's monthly utility bill and is the result of a study and recommendation by the Maintenance Committee. The cost of approximately \$122 per fixture should be recaptured in under three years. The first 50 fixtures to be converted will be all the lights in Sea Terrace Townhomes II and the Villas, and the street lights on Niguel Shores Drive. There will be two more phases when funds permit.

#### OWNERS' SURVEY

The results of the January survey are attached at the end of this newsletter. Survey forms are still being received, but the summary of the first 41% responses should be of interest. I have done similar surveys in two other large associations, but Niguel Shores was unique

The number of written comments lack clear consensus on many items. I am reading every survey, which is time consuming because of the substantial comments and the range of suggestions. Often the

comments are conflicting in that a reduction in the Association assessments is wanted while at the same time more services are requested, such as reducing the officers at the Mariner Gate while at the same time having officers call residents when guests arrive. It is a real challenge for any Board of Directors to provide responsive operations when there is not a clear consensus. In the next few months I will attempt to respond to some of the questions raised in the survey.

### EMAILS AND QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICE

In order to respond to recurring questions or issues, I hope to end my monthly column by answering questions from e-mails received at <a href="mailto:nscagm@msn.com">nscagm@msn.com</a>, written requests received at the office or the recent owner surveys. I may summarize or generalize the question.

Why do maintenance men need a car and radio? The maintenance men do not have Association cars. Because they work throughout the community and have to carry tools and replacement material, they do need their own vehicles for transportation, and they receive a mileage allowance based on Federal IRS rules. Communication is very important in order to know where they are working and to deal with emergencies. We have recently changed to using cellular phones rather than the radio. Phones will be cheaper, reach greater distances and not need to be as disruptive by being on all the time.

Why do things take so long to get done? Why can't there be more owners' involvement in Association operations? Not having a specific situation I cannot give a more detailed analysis, but one of the reasons things may take longer is the amount of committee involvement in NSCA decision making. Most Board actions come through owners' volunteer committees, which may only meet once or twice a month. Thus there can be a major obstacle to meeting both criteria of getting things done quickly and owner involvement. Most Board business is concerned with running a \$2,000,000-a-year business. The Board elections are the opportunity for owners to determine who makes the decisions on their behalf. Society in general continues to become more complex with increasing environ-

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mental rules, governmental regulations, permits and processing delays and inspections, which slows getting things done.

How long after the holidays can Christmas lights be left up? All holiday decorations must be removed by February 7.

CJ Klug

# TIME TO RENEW ALL SERVICE PERMITS

SERVICE PERMITS for service providers and vendors, other than construction workers, will be issued by the NSCA Office for the six-month period beginning April 1, through September 30.

The GOLD Service Permits will expire March 31, and will be replaced with a NEW WHITE Service Permits. The old gold permits must be replaced no later than April 14. The application is attached to this issue of the *Seashore News*.

If all existing permit data are still current, you need only complete the top portion of the application with the resident's information, and then sign the bottom portion of the form in the signature BOX.

If this is a new request, or the service provider's information has changed in the past six months, complete Section 1, 2, or 3 for each service provider. Each household is entitled to six Service Permits.

Return the application to the NSCA business office in person, by mail to: 33654 Niguel Shores Drive, Monarch Beach, CA 92629, or by fax to 949/831-0116. The permits may be picked up in the NSCA business office. by the resident or the service provider on or after April 1, but no later than April 14.

#### CONTRACTOR AND/OR SUBS PERMITS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Contractor and/or Subs Time Limited Service Permits will expire March 31, 2002. Time Limited Service Permits will be valid for up to one calendar quarter at a time, and will be reissued each calendar quarter for up to two calendar quarters only – unless a special request is made and approved by management.

If your contractor and/or subs will be at your home for more than one day, please use the attached blue application to request *Time Limited Service Permits*. The Mariner Drive gate officer will not accept phone call authorizations or written lists for contractors and/or subs who will be working at your home for more than one day. We appreciate your help in keeping guest traffic moving at the Mariner Drive gate.

Time Limited Service Permits must be picked up by the resident from the NSCA Office on or after April 1, but no later (than) April 14. The resident will be responsible to distribute the permits to the service personnel and to renew the permits on a calendar quarterly basis



#### VEHICLE RULES UPDATES

As announced recently, certain vehicle rules have been updated and were adopted as amended by the Board of Directors at their February 06, 2002 meeting. The updates are attached to this issue of the *Seashore News* so they can be included in your set. Briefly:

Rules 6511 and 6512 have been amended to coincide with the issuance of the new bar code decals. Please note changes –

- ▶ Owners vehicles must be registered to the owner named on the deed, but do not have to be registered to the property address
- The bar code decal will be the only form of access for and the only form of id on each vehicle
- ► Each household is entitled to **five (5) decals** *total* to be shared by owners, resident household members, and tenants if the house is rented, as they choose
- ► Each owner is entitled to two free bar codes. Additional bar codes may be purchased for \$20 each for a total of five bar codes for qualified household residents.





#### TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Entry gates at Mariner, Selva and Cabrillo Isle: Residents are cautioned that when you enter the community, after another car let the gate cycle re-set itself. The gate arm should come down and the red/green light should turn red before you insert the key card or pass the bar code reader. It is important that the gate cycle be completed for each car for the equipment to work properly.

Pedestrian gates at Selva and Cabrillo Isle entrances: just a reminder that these gates are locked 24 hours a day requiring the use of an access device to open.

Rule 6405-Overnight Parking: The patrol continues to cite a number of resident vehicles and/or vehicles with no visible identification parked on the streets between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am in violation of this rule. Multiple offenses could result in a hearing before the Board of Directors.

#### KEEP CAR GARAGED

The Dana Point Neighborhood Watch Program reminds all residents to use their garage for their car/s and not for other items to avoid a vehicle burglary or possible vandalism.



#### **VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

Letters are welcome and limited to 200 words typed if possible, including name, address and phone number of writer. Refer to NSCA Rule #5221.2,3. Submissions due on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the

#### **PARKING WAIVER CHANGES**

Why is there a "parking waiver" issue?

Because, the ASSOCIATION attempted to solve a "parking problem issue" BY INITIATING WAIVERS.

Why has there ALWAYS been a parking problem? Because:

There is no language in the Association rules that limits the number of vehicles a Shores property owner can own.

The builders of homes in the Shores provide homes with and without driveways.

The Association rules do not permit overnight parking by owners in the common areas.

Additional rules were enacted to solve the problem of owners who have no driveway and more than two cars, or have more cars than garage/driveways. These rules state:

Residents must park cars in the garage, and then on the driveway. And, if additional parking is required.

An owner may apply for a waiver, which allows the owner to use the common area for overnight parking.

The waiver was initiated to remove an inequity in the Association rules. If the waiver is a financial burden, then find another solution or eliminate the overnight parking rule, but don't increase the Association dues in the guise of fees.

> Sincerely, Don Crawford

# SOLAR HEATING OF COMMUNITY POOL

We heartily commend the officers of NSCA for their wisdom in installing a solar system to heat our swimming pool. This community is probably the first in California if not in the whole country to do so. Our common area is already watered with recycled water.

In light of what is happening in our country, we need to explore and invent alternatives to save energy, and basic resources like water. In Israel, we noticed that most if not all homes have solar energy systems. In South Korea, all taxis and many cars use LPG.

May we suggest that our community be again the first in the nation to install solar energy systems in our homes. This surely would cut our gas bills and our dependence upon Middle East oil. What do you think?

Herman L. Reyes



#### **POTLUCK**

DRINKS-FOOD-PLEASURE. Just come and bring your favorite hot dishes, salads or desserts and be prepared to have fun with neighbors and friends while sharing St. Patrick's Day foods and the pleasure of spontaneity. Happy hour starts at 6:00 pm. Diner is at 7:00pm. Bring your own silverware, plates, glasses, your beverage and \$1 per person.

Those planning to attend who are not on the current calling list should contact the host listed below. See you on the March 17.

A-F	Wanda Bunker	240-5840
G-M	Georgiana Emery	493-4145
N-Z	Mary Williams	248-7164

#### LIFEGUARD HOURS SPRING BREAK

Spring Break for Niguel Shores' public school children is the week following Easter – April 1 through 5. A lifeguard will be on duty at the community center pool during Spring Break week. A lifeguard will be on duty daily, Saturday March 30 through Sunday April 7, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Please remember – While in the pool area, children... under six years of age MUST be under the direct supervision of an adult other than the lifeguard at the all times. Swim diapers are required for children who are not toilet trained or who are likely to have an accident in the pool.

Keep your fingers crossed, and wish for warm, sunny weather this year. Think good thoughts on behalf of the school children in Niguel Shores, so they can make the most of their vacation days in April!



#### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED BY FEBUARY 7

Management performed a review of the community and noted some homes with holiday decorations still in place.

It is very important that the decorations be removed by February 7. Sometime during that week management will tour the community and send hearing letters to those who have not removed their decorations. The Board feels that allowing five weeks after the holidays to remove decorations is sufficient.

The Board appreciates those residents who have made an effort to remove their decorations during January.

#### PAINT A TILE

Paint a tile at the Niguel Shores playground opening celebration. The tiles will be installed on the outside shower wall. It's great fun for you, your family and your friends to see your family tile every time you go to the community center. We have 43 tiles done. We need 80 –100 to cover the wall. We're half way through! The next planned tile painting day is at our playground celebration day March 24. The donation is \$25. The donation benefits the Family Club and the Recreation Committee (which is paying for our playground celebration). Looking forward to painting a tile with you!



Please join the Recreation Committee to open our newly renovated playground On Sunday, March 24. Festivities will begin at 1:00 pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and refreshments will be served. Children and adults can enjoy magic, face painting and karaoke. A magician will perform tricks and make balloon hats! Fun and games will be led by our new after school program leader, Lawrence. Also have fun painting tiles for the pool shower wall. Please call Tracie Sullivan at 443-0322 if you have any questions.

#### FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE

The Festival of Whales Parade will be March 9°. It will start at Dana Hills High School at 10:00 am and end at La Plaza Avenue. Cox Cable will be filming the parade. They will be narrating the history of Niguel Shores as we pass on parade.

It's great fun for the children, their families and adults. Usually the participants all wear a Niguel Shores T-shirt and hold wooden sticks with seagulls and dolphins on the end. We have a big boat with Niguel Shores written on it. The boat doesn't have a bottom so we need strong adults to carry it along. It always seems that our entry makes the front page of the Dana Point News.

We have a great committee planning this event. Please join us by calling the NSCA office.



#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Yea! The after school program has started again. We have found a great after school leader. His name is Lawrence Gacho (known as "Nacho" by the kids). He is a junior at Capistrano Valley High School. He is full of fun and great ideas.

The program follows the Capistrano School District calendar, which means there is no program on school holidays. It starts at 3:30 pm and ends at 5:30 pm. Remember, it is for school age children whose parents feel their children can be left at the park without them. Lawrence does supervise them, but the children are free to come and go.

A special thanks to all the residents who have supported the Family Club and fundraising activities to pay for the After School Program. A big thanks to the Niguel Shores Board for helping with the cost of the program too! See ya there!

# <u>CITY COUNCIL TV CH 30</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Start 6:00 PM Recess 6:30 PM Resume 7:00 PM



# EARLY SPRING TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION

There are tennis players out there who are anxious to have another tournament. So, we are going to have a tournament followed by an exciting exhibition arranged by Rick Conkey. The scheduled date is Sunday, March 17, starting at 11:30 am for tournament play followed by the exhibition at 2:00 pm. Rick Conkey and his partner Steve Adamson have been offering group tennis lessons here in Niguel Shore since last fall. They have been well-received by both junior players and adults. In the exhibition they will be joined by Chris Tontz, who has been ranked in the top 100 players in the U.S., and Vince Allegre, who is from France and recently reached the doubles finals in a tournament for Southern California club professionals. The exhibition will start at 2:00 pm on Court one and is open to all Niguel Shores residents and their guests.

Players who would like to play in the round robin, mixed doubles social tennis tournament should plan to sign up in the office by Thursday, March 14. They can sign up as a couple or as a single. Single players will be paired-up by the tournament committee. There will be a limit of 24 players for the tournament so early sign-ups are a good idea. As usual, there will be a \$1 dollar charge payable the day of the tournament to cover the cost of balls and refreshments. There is no charge for the exhibition.

#### **TENNIS**

Veteran coach Rick Conkey and former touring pro Steve Adamson will be providing the instruction for classes beginning March 6 through May 22. Classes will be offered to Adults (Beginning, Advanced Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced) and Juniors (5-8, 9-12, and 12-18 years). The 12-week session is offered at a cost of \$180. Registration forms are available in the NSCA business office.

#### And ... MORE TENNIS

USA Team Tennis league play will be coming to Niguel Shores soon! If you are interested in playing on the Niguel Shores team, contact Rick Conkey through Pacific Coast Tennis at 949/472-5504. League play is on Thursday, March 7 through May 30 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If you are a Junior novice 12 or under, you can also contact Rick at pacificcoasttennis@hot mail.com.



#### GARDEN CLUB

Our president, Teri Sweeney, welcomed the large group of people that attended the first Garden Club meeting of the year. Teri informed the crowd that we were in for a special treat, and she was right.

The first guest speaker of the day, Jerry Pearl, gave a very interesting and thorough demonstration on caring for *Cymbidium*. Jerry informed us that we live in the perfect climate for growing these beautiful plants. We held a drawing, and three lucky people each won a beautiful large orchid plant supplied by Jerry.

Our next guest, Bob Borland, gave a demonstration on caring for and sharpening garden tools. He was even kind enough to gather up our garden tools, take them to his house to sharpen them, and then deliver them to each person at their home. A big thanks to both Jerry and Bob!

For our March 18, meeting we will have a resident of Niguel Shores and certified master gardener, Mr.

Dan Johnson, share his knowledge of succulents and the best way to grow them in our area.

Remember our meetings are held the third Monday of the month at noon, and all residents are welcome to attend.

Garden tip of the month. Is your yard looking a little sad these days? This is a great time to put in a few pansies, primrose, *nemesia* or sweet william; these will last well into the summer. You will enjoy them and so will your neighbors.



#### WOMENS CLUB

The next Womens Club meeting will take place on March 14 and will feature a presentation by Mr. Ulrich Krauer, general manager of the St. Regis Hotel. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, followed by a short business meeting and the program. If you have not received a call and wish to attend or would like to cancel a reservation, please call Betty Steinwinter at 240-4462.

The April 15 meeting should be of interest to all members. The guest speakers will be candidates for election to the NSCA Board of Directors.

All women residents/homeowners are invited to join us. If you are interested in becoming a member, you may call Lee Sweeney at 661-5924.

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 4:00 pm in the conference room.



#### WOMENS GOLF

Fun day will be March 11, for the Niguel Shores ladies who play golf. We will meet for nine holes of golf at Aliso Creek Golf Course at 8:00 am. If you have not signed up, please call Margaret Brugger, 493-1438.

She will add your name to the group. If you wish to join us for lunch and the meeting to follow, please call Joan Beyer at 496-1428. You are invited to become a member of Niguel Shores Womens Golf. A phone call to either of these ladies, or to the president, Pat Johnson 661-7148, is all it takes.

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In February, these were the winners on a beautiful day made for golf. Holder of low gross score for the day was Gretchen Rask. Holder of the low net score for the day was Margaret Brugger. Birdies were made by Lavonne Borland and Gretchen Rask. Lee Sweeney won the prize for the longest drive. Barbara Brabeck was closest to the pin on #6 hole and Linda Ross was closest to the pin on #8 hole. The team of Pat Johnson, Linda Ross and Ceacy Johns won the game of the day.



#### **MENS CLUB**

The Mens Club of Niguel Shores meets in the multi-purpose room at 8:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, a short business meeting and a guest speaker.

There will be no meeting of the Mens Club on Tuesday March 5 since this is Election Day and the Niguel Shores' Community Center will once again be used as a voting place. **Remember to vote!** 

Our speaker on March 19 will be David Frost, former major league pitcher, who will be sharing with us some of his baseball experiences and updating us on the California Angels' prospects for the coming season.

We hope that all men of the community will take the opportunity to hear our speakers and consider participating in the Mens Club meeting, golf, and many outside activities. If you are not a member, please come and visit us. Be our guest and sample the fellowship.



#### MENS CLUB GOLF

Golf events were scheduled at Aliso Viejo & Shorecliffs golf courses during this report period. The weather was great for both events, with team play conducted at both courses. Aliso Viejo event was 1 best ball on par 5's, 2 best ball on par 4's, and 3 best balls on par 3's.

Aliso Viejo Results: Team Play

First place: The team of Dave Ontiveros, Fred Standefer, and Jack Sweeney took first place with a sizzling 111, (31 under par).

Second Place: Don Ellis, Bob Converse, Bill Murphy, and Boyd Van Ness finished 4 shots behind the leaders with a fine score of 115.

Third Place: Honors went to Jerry Pearl, Jack Broering, Jack Christiansen, and Myron Miller, who finished 1 stroke behind the second place team with an equally fine score of 116.

Closest to the pin was won by Jack Sweeney on the Ridge course #8, and on the creek course #2, the first ever tie for closest to the pin between Don Ellis and Peter Rask.

Shorecliffs Results: Two best balls (net)

Twenty-four golfers teed off at world famous Shorecliffs on a beautiful day.

First Place: Team of Roy Dohner, Dave Latham, Archie Pugh, and Joe Santos with an amazing score of 112.

Second Place: Honors went to the team of Don King, Ed Bouffard, Jack Christiansen and Bob Seddlemeyer. Their score was a respectable 118.

Closest to the pin awards were earned by Archie Pugh on #7 and Fred Standefer on hole #15.

<u>Thought for the month:</u> The best thing that can be said about golf is that it isn't compulsory.

#### WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Join us for bridge every Wednesday at 11:45 am. Newcomers are welcome for March play. Call Regina Brevik at 661-8176.

#### Recent Winners:

<ol> <li>Regina Brevik</li> <li>Marie Milliken</li> <li>Joan Sullivan</li> </ol>
3. Joan Sullivan
February 13  1. Mary Bethard  2. Jean Freeman
2. Jean Freeman
3. Jeanne Wadkins



#### **PAGE TURNERS**

For our March 16, meeting we will be reviewing *Seabiscuit, An American Legend*, by Laura Hillerbrand. Ann Christiansen will lead the discussion. Ann has been in touch with a member of the community that is related to the owner of Seabiscuit. Her comments should add

a personal touch to our enjoyment of the book. We will meet at the home of Vivian Cox (33771 Windjammer) at 10:30 am, ready for immediate discussion. Linda Ross will assist Vivian. Please bring a sandwich, which will be shared by all, and served around 11:30 am for lunch.

All residents of Niguel Shores who enjoy reading are invited to join us. We are a casual group who enjoy talking about the books we have read; there are no other requirements or qualifications. Reservations are not needed, but if you have any questions, please call Gretchen Rask at 489-2259.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

On Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm the Friends of the Library will sponsor a program by local historians Don Burnes and Alice Baum of the Dana Point/Capistrano Beach Historical Society. They will present a program entitled "Dohenys and Capistrano Beach: The Untold Story." The program is based on their book of the same title. The authors have done extensive research on Dana Point history, architecture and the Doheny family. Reserve the date for a fascinating look at our local history.

On February 26 the Dana Point Library began a teen poetry contest for grades 7 to 12. Applications are available in the library and poems must be submitted to the Information Desk by April 1. Encourage your teens to enter.

#### CHILDREN CORNER:

Spring storytime for pre-school children will run from March 13 through April 24 at 10:30 am on Wednesdays. Stories, songs and puppets will be featured. Family pajama storytime is held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The Food for Thought Program, sponsored by In-N-Out Burger, continues through March 17. Readers should stop by the Library for a bookmark, read five

books, validate the bookmark and win a free hamburger. A reader may repeat three times. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

The president of the Friends, Bill Sheperd, is a member of the sub-committee of the City Council, which is handling the proposed library expansion. Plans are underway to carry forth this highly needed and desirable project.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ADS**

Items for Seashore News ads must be submitted by the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month together with a check payable to NSCA (\$3 for a maximum of 30 words). Advertisers must fill out a form available at the Association office. Neither NSCA nor the Seashore News assumes responsibility or liability of quality of goods advertised. See Rule 5525.

FOR SALE: Sofa bed and ottoman. Round rattan side table, glass top. Pine dresser and mirror. The Hallorans 388-4910.

FOR SALE: Power golf cart. Powakaddy, good condition, includes battery and charger. \$285. 949 493-3949.

FOR SALE: Two gravesites in the old section of El Toro Memorial Park. Block 11 Lot 4 A. Gentle hills and the charm of a country cemetery. \$2,000. 949 493-1611.

COMPUTER LESSONS WANTED: Niguel Shores couple looking for high school whiz to give computer lessons. Hours flexible, good pay. 240-7015.

FOR RENT: Indian Wells Condo, sleeps 4 only, available March 15-22. Tennis tournament, St. Patrick's Day, Art Show. Amenities, kitchenette. NO PETS, SMOKING. \$600 + \$100 refundable key with deposit. Call Dave 760 568-2998.

WANTED SUMMER RENTAL: Need a July vacation rental in NSCA that sleeps six. Call Grandma. 248-0841.

WANTED SUMMER RENTAL: Family of five living in London wants to rent house in Niguel Shores for the month of August. References include Niguel Shores owners. Call 248-2902.

WANTED TO BUY: Home in Niguel Shores. Minimum 3 Bedrooms. Ocean view a must. Can pay all cash unless seller wants to carry loan for steady income. No agent calls please. 489-3392.

#### **NSCA DIRECTORY**

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#### ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS

Following is a summary of the responses to the January 2002 survey of Niguel Shores residents. It is difficult to summarize the many comments and there as not generally a consensus, so only a few representative subjects are listed.

Total response as of 2/5/02, was 397 out of 960 lots, or 41%.

- 1. What was the major factor in your choosing to live in Niguel Shores? Location 278; Beach 227; Climate 109; House design 54; Gating 86; Other 17. Comments listed views, quality of life, investment, nearby family and activities.
- 2. What do you like MOST about living in Niguel Shores?
  Often listed the same items as marked under question #1; location and beach, plus friendly people, security, quiet, well run, sense of community, safe, privacy, recreation and social activities.
- 3. If you could CHANGE one thing about Niguel Shores, what would you do? Many comments with little consensus and often conflicting views. Reduce cost, increase services, improve landscaping and color, eliminate parking restrictions, enforce rules, upgrade homes, more friendly environment, more families, fire GM & Board, hire management company, better security, eliminate gates, tighter gate controls, new rommunity center, open Stonehill gate, another pool and spa, less restrictions, resolve conflicts between neighbors, improve Beach Bluff, increase rec center hours, get rid of complainers, better phone at gate, staff be more responsive, control pets, plant more trees, take out trees that block views, control access, less security, less rules, more beautification.
- 4. The enforcement of the CC&Rs is a major responsibility of the Association, which could be improved by: More enforcement 59; Less enforcement 19; Changing the CC&Rs to make them more flexible 101; Leave as is 167.

  Comments generally dealt with desire to make improvements easier, fewer rules, eliminate overnight parking restrictions, simplify rules, better enforcement, protection of privacy and views, common sense enforcement, enforce rules or change.
- 5. Are gate access restrictions a concern? Yes 108; No 200; No Opinion 23. Comments ranged from take out gates to stricter access control, reduce number of gate personnel, make officers more friendly, officers now doing a better job, open beach access, do away with fobs, keypads rather than fobs, open Stonehill gate; get automatic readers at all gates; gate officers should call residents when guests arrive, and complaints of guests refused entry.
- 6. How do you arrange for admitting guests at the Mariner gate? Phone 305, Fax 41, Drop off note at gate 19. Is this overall been satisfactory? Yes 254, No 31.

Comments ranged from rude gate officers to doing a much better job in last six months, phone message too long, be able to by pass message, permit more guest lists, permit email, get faster system, too many personnel changes at gate.

- 7. After reading the SEASHORE NEWS do you feel adequately informed about Association issues? Yes 334, No 18, No opinion 20. What would you add or change to improve the SEASHORE NEWS? More articles on people living in Niguel Shores, publish Board minutes, earlier delivery time, data on crime and vandalism, do away with, too much detail, comment/questions section, promote debate, classified ads, don't lecture, email, page on outside events.
- 8. Do you have access to and use the internet for information? Yes 215, No 124 Have you accessed our web page: <u>niguelshores.org</u>? Yes 53, No 277. Many commented that they did not know there was a web page, compliments on it, add community update, put on newsletter, use to pay assessments, eliminate personal material.
- 9. How would you rate Association common area maintenance:

Appearance- Good 261, Fair 65, Needs improvement 56.

Repair---- Good 223, Fair 85, Needs improvement 44.

Adequacy---- Good 223, Fair 66, Needs improvement 35.

Comment often dealt with personal items, slope near home, pool cleanliness and temperature, facilities showing age, improve appearance, contract out maintenance, add more color, better landscaping.

- 10. Do you use the MPR room, pool or recreation facilities? Yes 241, No 118. Do you feel the facilities are: Adequate 202, Need improving 71, No opinion 28. Comments suggested longer hours, remodel showers, add weight room, showing age, improve appearance, enforce pool rules, increase pool heating, add exercise equipment.
- 11. Do you have any suggestions on how the Association can better serve the Residents? Some of the comments were repetitious of the pattern throughout an individual survey, such as objecting to parking rules, wanting CC&R changes, objecting to enforcement and lastly doing away with parking restrictions. Other suggestions included: welcome new residents, less enforcement against owners, long range planning, modernize landscaping, more surveys, suggestion box, cut spending, MPR fee events, office more cooperative, improve amenities, spread out project costs, automatic assessment payments, over managed, hire outside management company, be more flexible.

#### Statistics of respondents

Owned in Niguel Shores: 1/2 years 41, 3/5 years 62, 6/10 years 37, Over 11 years 207. Persons living in household: One adult 69, Two Adults 214, Three or more adults 35,

One child 18, Two children 21, Three or more children 15.

Do you currently: Live in home 303, Rent 16, Use on weekends/vacations 35.

Home is in: Main section 304, Manta Gate 17, Garibaldi Gate 41.

#### 6511 Vehicle Gate Access Package (02-02-02)

A Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal will be issued to each validly registered vehicle upon presentation of proof of vehicle ownership or if otherwise qualified, e.g. leased car. A current Owner's Information Declaration must be on file with the NSCA office.

- A. A total of two (2) access bar code decals will be issued to the **owner** of each property at no charge. Additional access bar code decals will be issued to owners at a charge of \$20 each. Access bar code decals will be issued to **resident household members** and **tenants** at a charge of \$20 each.
- B. Defective access bar code decals returned to the NSCA office within 30 days of issuance will be exchanged at no charge. Defective access bar code decals returned to the NSCA office more than 30 days after issuance may be replaced at the NSCA office for a replacement fee of \$20 each.
- C. Fees are payable by check or exact cash.
- C. Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decals are issued to persons and their vehicles authorized in categories listed in Rule 6512, i.e. owner, resident household member and tenants. Owners, resident household member and tenants must contact the NSCA office to obtain required applications and pay applicable fees. The vehicle must be brought to the NSCA office where the staff will affix a Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal to the validly registered and qualifying vehicle. Invalid access bar code decals will be deactivated and will not be usable for future entries.

#### **6512** Access Bar Code Decals – Authorized Persons/Vehicles (02-06-02)

#### A. Owner

An owner is an individual named on the title to both the NSCA property and the vehicle.

To be eligible for a *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal*, an owner must provide a copy of the current vehicle registration for verification of vehicle ownership. The vehicle does not need to be registered to the NSCA property Address.

An owner may obtain one *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal* per vehicle registered to the owner of the NSCA property **up to a maximum total of five (5) per property in all categories**. If more than five (5) are required, a written request to the Traffic and Safety Committee must be submitted and approved.

#### B. Resident household member

A resident household member is an individual listed on the *Owner's Information Declaration* as residing at the NSCA property full-time, and whose vehicle is registered to that resident household member at the NSCA property address.

To be eligible for a *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal*, a resident household member must provide a copy of the current registration for verification of vehicle ownership and registered address.

A resident household member may obtain one (1) Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal per vehicle up to a maximum total of five (5) per property in all categories for each vehicle registered to the resident household member at the NSCA property address. If more than five (5) are required, a written request to the Traffic and Safety Committee must be submitted and approved.

#### C. Tenants

A tenant is an individual named on a fully executed and no less than month-to-month *Rental Lease Agreement* and listed as a resident on the *Owner's Information Declaration*.

To be eligible for a *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal*, a tenant must provide a copy of the current vehicle registration for verification of vehicle ownership. The vehicle does not need to be registered to the NSCA property address.

A tenant may obtain one *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal* per vehicle **Up to a maximum of five (5) per property in all categories** for each vehicle registered to the tenant. Each *Vehicle Gate Access Bar Code Decal* issued to a tenant must be renewed during the month the *Rental Lease Agreement* expires. A fully executed *Rental Lease Agreement* must be provided to the NSCA office. **There is no charge for a decal renewal**.

#### D. Non-resident family members and guests

Non-resident family members and guests may be given convenient access to the community by inclusion on the owner's *No Call List* or by gate code number where applicable.

#### E. Trust/Corporation/Partnership-Ownership

For purposes of these rules, the trustees of a trust, the officers of a corporation and the general partners of a partnership named in a recorded deed to the property will be considered owners.

#### **6405 Overnight Parking** (02-06-2002)

Common Area space shall not be used for overnight parking of resident vehicles with decals (between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.), except if the number of vehicles owned by a resident and validly registered with NSCA office is such that no additional vehicles could be parked in the resident's garage and driveway – as they were originally designed for parking vehicles, or, as modified with the approval of the Architectural Committee. Then such vehicles may be parked in Common Area Space.

Common Area space is defined as all property owned or leased by the Association, and includes without limitation: the streets within Niguel Shores; landscaped areas; and turf areas.

Additional vehicle(s) to be parked in the Common Area space must be validly registered with the NSCA Office. If the resident's information is current, the resident can request a waiver which will identify the additional vehicle(s) as authorized to be parked on Common Area space overnight.

#### 3. Time Limited Service Permits - Contractors and/or Subs

Time Limited Service Permits will be issued for contractors and/or sub-contractors by the NSCA Office upon receipt of an application completed by the resident. Phone call authorizations or written lists will no longer be accepted at the Mariner Drive gate for contractors and/or sub-contractors who will be in the community longer than one day. A Time Limited Service Permit will be issued to the resident and is intended for use by service personnel who will only be at a home for a concentrated, limited time, such as: major home repairs, contractors performing exterior or interior renovations, landscape installers, pool/spa installers, etc.

Time Limited Service Permits will be valid for up to one calendar quarter at a time, and will be reissued each calendar quarter for up to two (2) calendar quarters only - unless a special request is made, and approved by management.

The number of Time Limited Service Permits which may be requested is unlimited, but must be reasonable for the service being provided. As an example, more Time Limited Service Permits would be issued for the construction of a new home, versus for the painting of a home or the replacement of a driveway. The number of Time Limited Service Permits to be issued will be at the discretion of management, with input from the resident. Calendar quarterly Time Limited Service Permits will be color-coded for easy identification by the Mariner Drive Gate Officer. On a daily basis, the Mariner Drive Gate Officer will log the number of service providers arriving for each residence, which log will assist management in determining the number of Time Limited Service Permits to be renewed the following calendar quarter.

Time Limited Service Permits must be picked up by the resident from the NSCA Office. The resident will be responsible to distribute the permits to the service personnel and to renew the permits on a calendar quarterly basis.

If your contractor and/or subs will be at your home for more than one day, please use the Application on the reverse side to request Time Limited Service Permits. The Mariner Drive Gate Officer will not accept phone call authorizations or written lists for contractors and/or subs who will be working at your home for more than one day. Time Limited Service Permits will be issued by the NSCA business office the day following your request, and must be picked up by you for distribution to your contractors and/or subs. We appreciate your help in keeping guest traffic moving at the Mariner Drive gate.

WE DO NOT NEED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE SERVICE PROVIDER. THE PERMIT IS BEING ISSUED TO THE RESIDENT. TYPE OF SERVICE LINE WILL BE LEFT BLANK FOR RESIDENT TO COMPLETE. TIME IS 7 am TO 7 pm MONDAY thru SATURDAY ONLY, PER CITY CODE.

#### 55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING CLASS PLANNED

Because it has been several years since the last 55 Alive Class was held here in Niguel Shores, another class has been arranged by the recreation Committee. It is scheduled in the multi-purpose room from 9 am to 1 pm on both Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, 2002.

The 8-hour course, which is sponsored be AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), has been renamed the "AARP Mature Driving Class". It is for people over 50, and those people who complete the course are eligible for a state mandated reduction in the cost of their car insurance. The discount is good for three years and can then be renewed by taking an update course. The cost of the class is now \$10 for each participant.

Probably the most important outcome of this class is the promotion of driver safety. It encourages people to focus on driving skills, driver responsibilities and state and local legal requirements. If you like to take the class, please complete the tear-off below and return it with a check (\$10 for each person) to the NSCA Office no later than Friday March 15, 2002. The check should be made out to "AARP". Because the class is limited to thirty (30) participants, interested people are encouraged to return the application form early.

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Return to the NSCA Office not later than March 15, 2002
NAME (1):
NAME (2):
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
YES I (we) wish to register for the AARP Mature Driving Class scheduled on Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, 2002.
HAVE/HAVE NOT taken this course previously.
A check for \$ is attached. (\$10 per person)
SIGNED:

# NIGUEL SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR TIME LIMITED SERVICE PERMIT FOR CONTRACTOR and/or SUBS

RESIDENT'S NAME:
NSCA ADDRESS:
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO.:
[ ] EXTERIOR WORK – Approved by ACC on: (Date)
[ ] INTERIOR WORK
TYPE OF PROJECT:
PROJECTED START DATE:
PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERMITS REQUIRED:
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
I understand: Time Limited Service Permits are issued to the resident for use by service personnel who will be at the home for a limited period of time. Time Limited Service Permits may be renewed for one additional calendar quarter only. The number of Time Limited Service Permits issued must be reasonable for the service being provided. Time Limited Service Permits may be picked up the day following the request, and must be picked up by the resident, who is responsible to distribute the permits to the service personnel and renew them if necessary.
X Date:
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