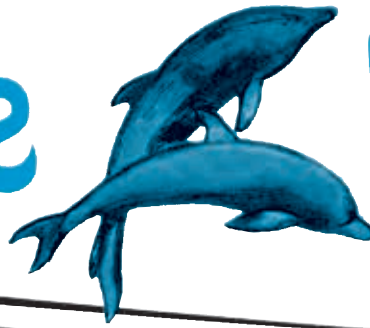


# Seashore News




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## Women's Club Home Tour "It's a Shores Thing!"




See a recap on pages 8-9.



### Legacy at the Shores

*Tea for Longtime Owners  
and Residents*

See a recap on pages 10-12.



### Graduates!

Send your news of high school and college graduates to *Seashore News* by May 15.

**VOTE**  
Homeowners!

Be sure to cast your vote in the NSCA Board Election before May 19.

## Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

**SATURDAY, MAY 9** from **9 A.M.** to **12 P.M.**

*Come and see our large selection of beautiful plants plus our unique Flower Shop for Mother's Day gifts!*

Open to residents and guests.  
Be sure to register guests in GoAccess.



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**TOP 1%**

Real Estate Agents in California

**#1**

Monarch Beach Homes Sold

**362+**

Keys Handed Over

**\$377+ MILLION**

Closed Transactions



**IN ESCROW - 33492 Abalone Dr !**



**IN ESCROW - 29862 Running Deer !**



**IN ESCROW - 24232 Porto Nuovo !**



**SOLD - 19 Tennis Villas \$1,450,000!**



**SOLD - 16 Saint John \$1,750,000!**



**SOLD - 23835 Bluehill Bay \$3,300,000!**



**SOLD - 29372 Christiana Way \$1,290,000!**



**SOLD - 147 Luneta Lane \$1,199,000!**



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# FROM THE HELM

## Neighbors,

As we head into the summer months, I want to update you on several key initiatives underway in our community—each centered around safety, long-term planning, and preserving what makes Niguel Shores such a special place to live.

**Security Update—Kings Security**—Beginning May 1, we will officially transition to Kings Security. This change reflects a deliberate effort to elevate the level of professionalism, accountability, and overall presence within our community.

Kings Security is not a startup or an unknown provider. Their leadership brings over 20 years of law enforcement experience, including service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and they have built their company around training, discipline, and real-world emergency response protocols.

What stood out most during our evaluation process was their commitment to **high standards and accountability**. Their officers undergo state-mandated licensing, background checks, and ongoing training to ensure they are prepared to respond appropriately in real-world situations—not just observe them.

They also emphasize communication and customer service, with a focus on being both professional and approachable—something that is especially important in a residential community like ours.

In addition, Kings Security currently services several high-end, gate-guarded communities in our area, including Monarch Bay, The Strand, and Ritz Cove. That experience matters. These are communities very similar to ours, with high expectations for both security and service.

As with any transition, there will be an adjustment period. We will be monitoring performance closely and making refinements where needed. Our goal is simple: a more consistent, visible, and professional security presence throughout Niguel Shores.

## Landscape & Water Conservation Improvements—

You may have noticed ongoing landscape changes throughout the community. In partnership with the South Coast Water District, we secured a rebate program to remove high-water-use turf and replace it with drought-tolerant California coastal plantings.

This is a long-term investment in both sustainability and cost control. While still a work in progress, the end result will reduce water usage, lower operating expenses, and enhance the natural coastal character of our community. Over time, this will be both financially responsible and visually impactful.

**Coral Trees—Preserving Our Identity**—We are also addressing an emerging issue with our coral trees, some of which are beginning to create root-related challenges.

These trees are an iconic part of Niguel Shores, and I want to be clear—I will do everything I can to preserve them wherever possible. At the same time, we must balance that goal with safety and infrastructure concerns. Our approach will be thoughtful, measured, and focused on preservation wherever feasible.

**Thank You to Rick Palmer**—Lastly, I want to recognize and thank Rick Palmer for his service to the community over the past two years as our Chief Financial Officer.

Rick has been my wingman during this time—a steady voice of reason and a trusted partner in navigating financial decisions for the Association. It has truly been a pleasure serving alongside him, and I appreciate his commitment to this community.

Our focus remains on making smart, disciplined decisions that protect Niguel Shores today while positioning us well for the future.

—Mark Russell, NCSA President

## BOARD ACTION SUMMARY APRIL 2026

### (GENERAL SESSION)

#### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited Financial Statements for January and February 2026
- General Session Committee Minutes

#### APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2026
- Lien approvals
- Removal of trailers in beach bluff parking lot
- Tree Removal – NSCA tree on Timor Bay

- Drainage behind Amundsen Bay

- Send Overnight Parking rule change to membership for review and comment
- Construction Vehicle Registration Form
- Kings Security contract

#### TABLED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Tree Removal – Corner of Ports O’Call and Salvador Bay

#### MEETING:

- Harvest Landscape: Updates

#### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Analysis

- Management/Committee reports

### (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

#### APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2026

#### TABLED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Meeting with OCS D

#### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Update
- Legal Analysis
- Delinquency Matters
- Contracts

**NOTE:** The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance and on the website. In addition, the General Session and Executive Session agendas for the next Board Meeting will also be posted on Friday prior to the next meeting.

**REMINDERS:** THE ANNUAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE 2nd WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Management Office will be closed on **Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day. No construction permitted on that day.

**NSCA Annual Election Update**—By now everyone should have received their ballots from Accurate Voting Services. If you have not received a ballot, or you've misplaced it, please contact Accurate Voting at (949) 556-3936 or [ballot@accuratevotingservices.com](mailto:ballot@accuratevotingservices.com) and request a replacement.

Ballots are due before May 19. They can be returned by mail or you can drop them in the ballot box at the office.

The Annual Meeting is on May 19, and registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

We need 480 verified ballots returned to hold the election if we do not reach that number, an additional meeting will be required at an additional cost to the Association.

**Financial Update**—March marked the end of the first quarter of operations for 2026. The Association's revenue was \$855,269.00 and operating expenses of \$757,091.00 with a surplus of \$98,178.00. For a breakdown of the income and expense, the Balance Sheet and Income statement have been posted on the Niguel Shores website.

**Turf Reduction**—Phases one and two have been completed and the rebate applications have been submitted to Metropolitan Water District. Once they confirm the works completed, the checks will be processed.

### Estimates in water savings through turf reduction:

**Year 1:** 20%–25% reduction—Year 1, root systems are still shallow, and plants need supplemental water to establish.

**Year 2:** 25%–35% reduction—Year 2, roots are pushing deeper and accessing soil moisture on their own, so irrigation frequency drops noticeably.

**Year 3:** 35%–45% reduction—Year 3, many true low-water-use landscapes are largely self-sustaining with irrigation becoming supplemental rather than primary. The root depth is doing the work.

**Water is only part of the story.** Here's what else changes:

**Fertilizer & Pesticide Inputs**—Low-water-use plants require less fertilizer and pesticide. Turf does, repeatedly and year-round.

**Irrigation Repairs**—Low-water-use landscapes require significantly less maintenance of irrigation systems due to lower run times and water volumes.

**Auxiliary Infrastructure**—Overwatered turf is one of the most common causes of damage to surrounding infrastructure such as curbs, asphalt edges, light pole bases, and hardscape. That damage is slow and often invisible until it becomes expensive. Removing turf eliminates that ongoing risk.

—John Muller

### NSCA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

#### NIGUEL SHORES CLUBHOUSE

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting at 6 p.m.

#### YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR

BALLOT BEFORE

POLLS CLOSE **MAY 19.**

### SEA TERRACE 2 MEETING

Mark your calendars. Sea Terrace 2 will hold their annual meeting on **May 14** at the **NS Community Center** starting at **6 p.m.**

The Sea Terrace 2 Board has several proposals for upgrading one of the green belts and our mailboxes in addition to regular updates. Looking forward to seeing all ST2 owners at the meeting!

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### ARCHITECTURE

**Water, Slopes, and Drainage**—An effective and well-maintained drainage system is vitally important for every lot in Niguel Shores. We live in an area with a high water table in a development containing a number of slopes. Water migrates to the lowest elevation, which means all of the underground water runs towards the ocean. It is a common occurrence in most coastal communities and these environmental conditions create a unique combination of risks that can compromise both the structure of a house and the land it sits on.

A high water table means that groundwater is close to the surface, especially during wet seasons. Without proper drainage, this water can accumulate around foundations leading to hydrostatic pressure, moisture intrusion and flooding in your home or that of your neighbor. Over time, excess moisture

will weaken concrete, promote mold growth and damage interior finishes. An effective drainage system will help redirect water away from your home and mitigate these risks.

**Check for Problems**—We live in an area with a challenging terrain, and drainage systems play a critical role in protecting the homes in our neighborhood. Check your drainage system at least once a year. Make sure that plantings or other materials are not interfering with proper drainage on your property. Investing in this is not only a matter of maintenance—it is a matter of safety.

—Mike Stively

### EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Summertime at the Shores: Your 2026 Lineup**—Summertime will soon be upon us with the long, sun-filled days

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and signature coastal sunsets we all look forward to. The Events Committee is excited to bring our community together with a vibrant lineup of gatherings designed for residents of all ages. From casual evenings at the Bluff to festive holiday celebrations, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

All events are open to the entire community and are organized and sponsored by the Events Committee for resident enjoyment. If you're interested in getting involved, sharing ideas, or helping plan future events, please contact the NSCA office to attend an upcoming committee meeting. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome.

**Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at the Bluff.** Residents are welcome to bring their own food and beverages. Select events will offer food for purchase, either in advance through the office or on site. Additional details will be shared on community banners, in future issues of the *Seashore News*, and through communications from the NSCA office.

**May 5—Taco Night** Kick off the season with a community favorite.

Taco tickets are available now in the office. Enjoy delicious food alongside upbeat DJ music as the sun sets.

**May 25—Memorial Day BBQ** Celebrate Memorial Day with neighbors and friends. Bring your own barbecue items and beverages. We'll provide the grills and festive DJ music.

**June 6—In-N-Out Burger Truck Night** Don't miss this always-popular event. Tickets will be available for purchase in the office. Come hungry and enjoy DJ music with the community.

**June 18, July 16, August 20—Third Thursday** New this year! Join us at the Bluff on the third Thursday of the summer months from 5:30 p.m. to sunset for live acoustic music. Bring a chair, a drink, and settle in for an easygoing evening with neighbors.

**June 5, July 10, August 7—Ice Cream Truck** Cool off with a sweet treat as the ice cream truck makes its way to the community. Times and locations will be announced. Cash sales.

**July 4—Fourth of July Celebration** This year's celebration will be especially meaningful as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country. It promises to be a memorable and historic event for the Shores.

**August 15—Band by the Sea** A beloved Shores tradition returns. Enjoy a live band, food trucks, and a lively atmosphere at one of the most anticipated events of the summer.

**August 30—Labor Day Country Hoedown** Wrap up the summer with a brand-new event. This inaugural country western celebration will feature line dancing, food trucks, and plenty of festive fun.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bluff this summer. Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and come be part of what makes the Shores such a special place to call home.

—Joy Justus



**It's a *Seashore News* tradition to honor our Niguel Shores graduates each year in the June issue. If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college in 2026, please let us know.**

You can download a form on the Niguel Shores website at [niguelshores.org](http://niguelshores.org). Please return the **Graduate Announcement Form**, along with a **photo** of the graduate, **by May 15, 2026**. Send by email to [seashorenews@hotmail.com](mailto:seashorenews@hotmail.com), or take it to the NSCA Office.

**Don't miss this opportunity to honor a graduate!**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Ask not what your July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee can do for you—ask what you can do to help the Committee make July 4, 2026 a star-spangled event to remember for you and your family!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee has exciting plans for our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration. Committees are meeting with volunteer chairs to organize a full day of memorable events building on the long-time July 4<sup>th</sup> traditions that we are famous for here in the Shores, and incorporating new events as well.

We are asking resident volunteers to serve on one of our committees, whether it's to be part of planning the Grand Parade (think music, banners, prizes, fire truck, and maybe even pets!), Games in the Park, Hot Dog Lunch, or Barbeque at the Bluff. There are many ways you can become involved and everyone is welcome.

We are also asking community members to consider becoming **Resident Sponsors for \$100**. We are fortunate to have received sponsorship commitments from many local business partners here in the Shores. However, there is also the opportunity for you and your family to join in the grass-roots efforts to make this a celebration to be remembered.

Resident sponsors will receive **name recognition on Niguel Shores website, a commemorative T-Shirt, social media thank you post, and name inclusion in a full page Thank You in the *Seashore News***. Sponsorship forms are available in the Niguel Shores office along with volunteer sign-up sheets.

Next up, join us for our second **ORGANIZATIONAL OPEN HOUSE/HAPPY HOUR** on **Sunday, May 17** at the

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**Clubhouse from 3 to 5 p.m.** If you have already volunteered, you will get details on your volunteer commitment. For those who have not yet volunteered, this will be the perfect time to step up!

Finally, we want to give a SHOUT OUT and huge thanks to those local business partners who have committed their support to this celebration:

- PLATINUM SPONSOR: **Harvest Landscape Enterprises**
- GOLD SPONSORS: **The Wine Experience, Ricker Construction, SC Carts**
- SILVER SPONSORS: **Cora Berkery, Steve Celotto, Geoff Dunlevie, Connie McKibban, Kathy Samuel, John Yocca**
- COMMUNITY BUILDERS: **Orion Construction, Stud Construction, Zoch Real Estate Group**
- NIGUEL SHORES SUPPORTERS: **Castaway Landscaping**

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact [niguelshoresjuly4thcommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:niguelshoresjuly4thcommittee@yahoo.com) or reach out to **John Chis** at (949) 933-3734.

**The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Nation** is a momentous occasion, a once-in-a-lifetime event. **Join your fellow residents by becoming part of this special community celebration!**

—Michelle Ralph and Patti Staudenbaur

## LANDSCAPE

The Landscape Committee has recently approved the budget and plans for completing the landscaping around the Niguel Shores Clubhouse and tennis court areas. The new landscape project will incorporate the approved plant palette and provide a more cohesive appearance to the clubhouse grounds. We anticipate work to be completed by the end of June.

We are pleased to share that Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the current turf reduction project have been completed. Committee members continue to monitor Harvest's progress and request additions or modifications as needed.

Currently, the large planter near the play equipment in our Community Park has been affected by groundwater causing the tree and other plantings to struggle and die. With Harvest's help and recommendations from an arborist, we are exploring options for replacing the tree and plants with other types that can tolerate the excessive water conditions.

—Landscape Committee

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

While we are in the heart of spring, the Maintenance Team anticipates a busy summer when all our amenities are in high use. In order to be ready, the Niguel Shores Maintenance Committee meets regularly with our **Facilities Manager, Bob Everson**, to ensure our community remains the architectural and recreational gem we all love. Our meetings

typically focus on high-profile renovations, but our most recent session provided a look at the sheer volume of work happening quietly behind the scenes. We were surprised to learn that the maintenance team completes between **600 and 700 projects monthly**, many of which are handled so efficiently they never even reach the Committee's formal attention. This incredible output happens while the team simultaneously manages major infrastructure upgrades, supports our numerous resident clubs, and prepares for the wonderful special events we enjoy throughout the year.

To keep our facilities in top shape, the team has asked us to pass along a few important reminders regarding the Community Center. If your club or event requires the use of the room's audio system, please **submit your request in advance** of your meeting. Most importantly, we ask that you **do not touch the AV equipment**. The system is professionally preset for the room, and manual adjustments can cause lasting damage. If you encounter a technical issue, please contact the maintenance staff directly for assistance.

Additionally, for the safety of our youngest residents, please ensure you **do not prop the Community Center gate open**. This gate serves as our **Child-Safe Pool Fence**, and leaving it unsecured is not only a safety risk but can lead to Health Department violations and hefty fines for the Association.

**Bluff Tables**—The grass in our community is watered using reclaimed water. The old tables at the bluff were directly on the grass and the tabletops were solid. In a health-related issue, SCWD informed us the tables would need to be removed or replaced with tables with an open tabletop design so no standing reclaimed water would remain on them. This is because the water or its residue presents health risks if it comes in contact with food and is ingested. The wooden tables are mounted on concrete, so they are not affected. The new tables were a much cheaper solution than installing concrete bases for all the old tables.

**Thanks, Bob**—Finally, we want to extend a special thanks to **Bob Everson** for his recent ingenuity regarding the community spa. The refinishing process took longer than anticipated due to strict recirculation requirements mandated by the local Health Department. When bids from outside companies to rectify the issue started coming in at **tens of thousands of dollars**, Bob devised a brilliant alternative. By diverting lines from the bubbler jet system, he was able to meet all Health Department requirements and reopen the spa at **a fraction of the cost** with a wonderful result. We are incredibly grateful to Bob and his staff for their tireless efforts in keeping Niguel Shores running smoothly!

—Geoff Dunlevie

# CLUBS

## MEN'S CLUB

April was a banner month for the Niguel Shores Men's Club, marked by a sophisticated shift in scenery and a high-profile visit from local leadership. On **April 7**, we stepped away from our usual breakfast routine for our first luncheon at **The Wine Experience in Dana Point**. Approximately 35 residents and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and four excellent tastings of **two white and two red wines** curated by our host, **Michael Davis**. As a knowledgeable wine Sommelier of the highest order, **Michael** shared his extensive expertise with the group, making for a truly educational and social afternoon. It was a wonderful event, and members can be assured we will be planning more of these fun luncheons in the future.

Our second meeting was a special evening event featuring **Supervisor Katrina Foley** as our guest speaker. Because the event was open to all Niguel Shores residents, we had a great turnout to hear **Mrs. Foley** provide updates on the **Dana Point Harbor renovation** as well as several interesting projects currently impacting the City and County. Attendees enjoyed wine and appetizers while engaging with the Supervisor on these important local issues.

Looking ahead to May, we return to our morning hot breakfasts with two excellent speakers scheduled. On **May 5**, we hold our annual **Mother's Day Celebration**, and we invite spouses and significant others to join us for breakfast and a presentation by **Jason K. Sicklick, MD, Professor of Surgery and Executive Vice Chair of Research at UC San Diego Health**. Dr. Sicklick has prepared an extensive presentation for our group. Following this, on **May 19**, we will host **47th District Congressional Candidate Michael Maxsenti**, who will share his views on critical issues including the **Economy, Public Safety, and Education**. We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings!



Michael Maxsenti

—*Geoff Dunlevie, Men's Club President*

## GARDEN CLUB

**Our Meetings**—The Garden Club is celebrating springtime with some wonderful guest speakers and activities. In April we heard a very informative presentation from Master Gardeners Laurie Menosky and Beth Renz about essential gardening topics including plant propagation and pest control.

This month, **Ruben Flores of Laguna Nursery and Vision-scape**, will share his ideas for creating a garden that emanates tranquility and splendor using a variety of elements, such as

hardscape, lighting, plants, antiques, garden art and structures.

**Our Popular Annual Plant Sale**—Our biggest event of the year is our **Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9** from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the **Clubhouse**. The event is open to residents and guests, so be sure to register your guests in GoAccess for entry.

**New this year**—Since the sale falls on Mother's Day weekend, we're opening a special **Flower Shop** on the Clubhouse patio. You'll find beautiful flower arrangements and gift plants in all shapes and sizes—perfect for a Mother's Day surprise.

**A banner year for plant selections**—Thanks to generous support from local nurseries, we'll have a wide variety of healthy plants including vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, ferns, shrubs, hanging baskets, and plenty of succulents and drought-tolerant California natives. Garden Club members have also been busy propagating their favorite plants, so there will be something for every garden.

**More than plants**—We'll also have a wonderful selection of pots, garden ornaments, vases, note cards, and other garden-related items. In particular, we've collected some beautiful large patio pots from residents who have moved — perfect for refreshing patios and courtyards.

**Shop early!**—Doors open promptly at 9 a.m. and the best selection goes quickly. Prices are very competitive, well below most local nurseries.

Proceeds from this plant sale help support our community and environmental efforts, including a horticulture scholarship at Saddleback College, the Penny Pines Reforestation Program, education programs, sustainable agriculture initiatives at The Ecology Center, along with other conservation-focused nonprofits across California.

We hope to see you at the Plant Sale on May 9!

—*Judi Palladino*

## WOMEN'S CLUB

**Luncheon and Community Update**—Looking ahead to **May 14**, the club is excited to welcome guest speaker **Melissa Muraira, Director of Community Services for the City of Dana Point**. With more than 20 years of experience, Melissa brings incredible energy and passion for creating programs that connect the community. She will give us the inside scoop on all the exciting happenings around our beautiful coastal city.

**Wine, Cheese and Connection**—Our **Wine and Cheese Happy Hour** in April was a wonderful success. Guests enjoyed lively conversation, lovely wines, and a beautiful



Melissa Muraira,  
Director of  
Community  
Services, City of  
Dana Point

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charcuterie grazing table—all set in the charming garden graciously hosted by **Danielle Kuhn**, owner of **Gigi's Supper Club** and **Giana's Restaurant**.

**Kickoff to Summer**—Next month's meeting promises lots of fun! **Kickoff to Summer Camp** is on **June 11** from **12 noon to 2 p.m.** at **Niguel Shores Sports Park**. The event, led by **Anna Kwit**, promises food, music, games,

raffles, and more! Watch your email for more information!

**Membership Dues**—We are now collecting membership dues for the September 2026 through July 2027 club year. The dues are \$125 payable by check to Niguel Shores Women's Club. You can fill out a membership form in the office or pay in person at the May 14 and June 11 meetings.

—Karey Palmer

## WOMEN'S CLUB HOME TOUR 2026

**It's a Shores Thing!**—Ask anyone who attended the **Women's Club Home Tour** on April 9, and you are sure to hear rave reviews about the fabulous event.

**A Day of Inspiration**—More than eighty club members gathered for the tour, enjoying light bites, a catered lunch, marvelous raffle prizes, and tours of six beautifully curated homes. This year's theme, **Inspiring Spaces: It's a Shores Thing**, celebrated not only inspiring interiors, but the friendships, connections, and shared moments that define the spirit of Niguel Shores.

**The Homes**—Each residence offered a unique glimpse into life by the coast. We are grateful to the gracious homeowners who kindly opened their beautiful homes to us:

- *Seas the Day* — **Julie and Kevin Tomkins**
- *La Bonne Vie* — **Gigi and Wayne McDonnell**
- *My Forever* — **Marietta Hannigan**
- *House of Mirth* — **Toni Anne and Bob Mitsch**
- *Castle by the Sea* — **Patti and Terry Liebman**
- *Beebe Cottage* — **Carol and Len Beebe**

**A Raffle to Remember**—This year's raffle featured 18 exciting prizes. As **Marnie Olia** called out the winning tickets, lucky members eagerly dashed off with

amazing items in hand. The grand prize **Golden Ticket** was a three-hour Duffy cruise. Other highlights included an Italian feast basket, a crocheted afghan by **Cathy Tyson**, several wine-themed baskets, dining gift cards, infrared sessions, and a tourmaline necklace by **Mary Solomon**.

**With Gratitude**—Special thanks to our generous supporters: **Cole's Carts, Coastal Kitchen, Culture OC, Brenda Gino, Moulin, Nikki Jullien Cookies, Project Social, Pure Pilates, Tess Rodriguez, Starbucks, Skin & Body Care by Lynelle, The Sunshine Stop, Cathy Tyson, and White T Boutique**.

**The Team Behind the Tour**—This event was made possible by the dedication of the **2026 Home Tour Committee** consisting of **Barbara Barrett (Chair)** and her outstanding team: **Renee Bowser, Dianne Cahill, Jeannie Campanaro, Nancy Capelli, Julie Chis, Diane Dale, Cathy Dube, Marlene Goldfarb, Marietta Hannigan, Irene Johnson, Paula Maier, Julie Murphy, Robin Neuwirth, Marnie Olia, Sue Palmer, Kris Perry, Carol Pontremoli, Rebecca Russell, Melinda Samsel, Carey Smith, Mary Solomon, Cynthia Talley, Tami Vitale, Steve Barrett**.



# WOMEN'S CLUB HOME TOUR 2026



## Six Fabulous Homes to Tour



## Carpool Drivers, Cars, and Carts



## Catered Lunch, Friends, and Fun



## Unique Prizes and Happy Winners



# SPOTLIGHT — THE LEGACY TEA

## THE NIGUEL SHORES HISTORICAL COMMITTEE HOSTED AN ELEGANT LEGACY TEA

in April for the community's longtime residents—and what an enthusiastic group turned out for the event! Over 100 owners and residents from Niguel Shores early years enjoyed an afternoon sharing memories, indulging in teatime treats, hearing more about our neighborhood's history, and learning of plans for the future.



# SPOTLIGHT — THE LEGACY TEA

**COMMITTEE** Mary Crowl, Historical Committee Chair, welcomed the group and introduced **Co-Chair Heather Harding** and members **Suzanne Enis, Sandy Homicz, Kathy Samuel, Sandi Stauffer, JoAnne Webb,** and **Laurel Yocca** who have been gathering owners' stories, photos, and memorabilia for the community's historical archives.



**SPEAKERS** Several guests shared their stories, and slides showing Niguel Shores past and present rolled on the screen throughout the afternoon. Guests were encouraged to fill out information cards with their information and stories.



**GATHERING TOGETHER** At the closing, many owners from the 1970s, 80s, and 90s gathered for group photos with happy smiles and renewed appreciation for this place we all call home.



**CHAMPAGNE TOAST** **Tarun Anand, Jack Webb,** and **John Yocca** lent their hands uncorking a case of champagne bottles. Then Board President **Mark Russell** raised a champagne toast to the honored guests, many of whom were original owners from the 1970s.



**PRIZES** A prize of fine champagne went to the earliest resident in attendance, **Carole Daly**, who was presented with a certificate by **OC Supervisor Katrina Foley**. An additional number of early residents received booklets featuring Niguel Shores scenes and memories from 1970 to 2026. Everyone attending received keepsake key chains saying **"You Make a Difference"** in reference to the years of effort they put into making Niguel Shores the jewel on the coast that it is today.



**THANKS** Special thanks went out to **Harvest Landscaping** for donating to fund the afternoon; to committee members

**Tarun Anand, Mary Crowl, Suzanne Enis, Heather Harding, Sandy Homicz, Kathy Samuel, Sandi Stauffer, Nancy Tinnes, JoAnne Webb,** and **Laurel Yocca;** to **Suzanne** for the table decor; and to neighborhood volunteers **Seanna Harding, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Gigi McDonnell, Marni Olia, Karey Palmer, Kris Perry, Carey Smith** for helping at the event.



# SPOTLIGHT — THE LEGACY TEA

## LEGACY TEA – AN AFTERNOON STEEPED IN FRIENDSHIP, BREWED TO PERFECTION!

More than 100 longtime residents attended the NS Historical Committee Legacy Tea in April. Some are pictured here sending good wishes to the entire Niguel Shores community for a future as gratifying as the past.

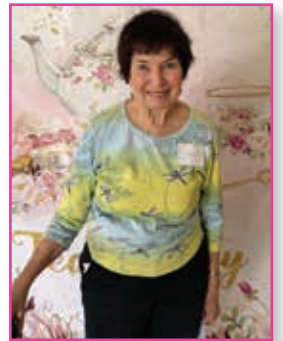


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# ACTIVITIES

## BRIDGE

I love the month of May. The April showers we thought were over somehow continue to bleed into May, so the month brings refreshing flowers and greenery. For another thing, I really love Mexican food so I relish Taco Night on Cinco de Mayo. I still remember most of my teachers' names and will think of them the first Tuesday of May, National Teachers Day. And please don't let us forget Mother's Day, since our mothers taught us so much – including how to play cards. Then, the last Monday in May is Memorial Day. Those of us who were in the military remember the people we served with and those who no longer are here. As a Nation we are thankful for those who came home to their families and loved ones, and we pray for all the people in military service across the world. It is a very special Day and May is a very special Month!

### Our Bridge Winners:

**3/18:** Terry Liebman won 1st by a commanding lead! Stuart Monroe squeaked ahead of Bill Imbriale who trailed for 3rd.

**3/25:** Jim Pinola was excellent and came in 1st; Muriel Kraszewski and Glenda Wilson tied for 2nd.

**4/1:** Bill Imbriale came out of hibernation and took 1st; Judy Pellerin commanded 2nd; Mike Oliva trailed at 3rd.

**4/8:** Terry Liebman after a vacation of two weeks on the leader board in March, came in 1st; Bob French, husband of our fearless leader Betty, came in 2nd; Lesley Boyer was close behind in points at 3rd. All three were within 300 points of each other and over 1000 points ahead of anyone else.

**4/15:** Absolutely bewildered Mike Oliva skated into 1st (probably because Terry L and Bill I were absent), Muriel Kraszewski surprised no one and landed in 2nd; and (no stranger to the leader board) Jim Pinola came in 3rd.

We are always looking for new players and welcome former players back. Give **Betty French** a call at (949) 312-2556 or just stop by on Wednesdays and we will sign you up for the following week. We play from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are blessed with Girl Scout cookies and even some home made cookies and cake.

—Mike Oliva

## PAGE TURNERS

**This Month's Selection**—Page Turners members are reading *Isola* by Allegra Goodman this month. The book is described as "... a historical fiction novel based on the true story of Marguerite de la Rocque, a 16th-century French noblewoman who was marooned on an island off the coast of Canada with her lover and nurse." It will be



## IN MEMORIAM

### Paul Clive Strauss

July 1944 – March 2026, Resident of Cassandra Bay

Professionally, Paul practiced dermatology in South Africa and was vice-president in research and drug development in the US pharmaceutical industry.

Paul enjoyed a variety of interests including woodworking, hiking, travel, birdwatching, geology, reading, and science. He took part in the Audubon Christmas bird count and coastal cactus wren survey. He was a longtime volunteer at Friends of the Dana Point Library where he served on the Board.

Paul is survived by his wife Ann, sons Nicholas and Andrew, daughter Megan, and grandchildren Leo, Maya, Sage, and Ella who all remember him fondly.

interesting to hear what members have to say about this book because the reviews that I read give very different opinions.

One reviewer says, "Goodman's sweeping page-turner is at once historical and modern, intimate and epic, personal and powerful." But another reviewer says, "The book never rises above its simple romance, survival, and injustice themes to teach us much about the history. We don't learn much about the times." Differing views usually makes for good discussions!

**Next Year's Books**—Every spring we begin the process of suggesting and voting for books to read during our next "book club year." (We still follow the old September-June schedule.) Members suggest books for consideration and give short summaries. We usually have about 24 books from which we vote to select the nine we will read as a group. It is very interesting to see all the different books suggested by our 40 members.

**Membership**—If you would like more information on Page Turners book club, please contact one of the coordinators: **Lisa Buchner** at [lisabuchner47@gmail.com](mailto:lisabuchner47@gmail.com), **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at [samwrsi@cox.net](mailto:samwrsi@cox.net) or myself, **Frances Ozimec** at [fozimec@cox.net](mailto:fozimec@cox.net). We always welcome new members.



—Frances Ozimec

## FRIENDS OF DP LIBRARY



The Friends Bookstore at the Dana Point Library is now open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The store's constantly changing inventory of books and puzzles includes children's books for \$1 and adult fiction and non-fiction from \$2 to \$8. Many of our volunteers are Niguel Shores residents, and new applicants are encouraged. We welcome donations of gently-used items during store hours, with proceeds going to the Dana Point branch library. We invite you to drop in for a visit and browse our shelves.

—Carli Gargano

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
Celebrate Our Moms Mother's Day May 10		Remember Our Heroes Memorial Day May 25		1 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:30 Communication Committee	2  3
4 9:00 Architecture Committee 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor)		5 8:00 Men's Club 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 5:30 Taco Night		6 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:30 Bridge	7 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:00 Women's Club Board Meeting
11 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 11:00 Garden Club  <i>AC DEADLINE - 12:00</i>	12 9:00 Landscape Committee 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 12:00 Events Committee	13 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:30 Bridge	14 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 12:00 Women's Club  <i>TENNIS &amp; PICKLEBALL COURTS CLOSED 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for Cleaning</i>	15 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor)	16  17
18 9:00 Architecture Committee 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 12:00 View Preservation Committee	19 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 1:00 Historical Committee 6:00 NSCA Annual Meeting & Election	20 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:30 Bridge	21 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 9:00 Maintenance Committee	22 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor)	23  24 5:00 Memorial Day BBQ
25 <i>Memorial Day</i>  Office Closed No Construction	26  <i>AC DEADLINE - 12:00</i>	27 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor) 10:30 Bridge  <i>STREET SWEEPING</i>	28 1:00 Page Turners  <i>TENNIS &amp; PICKLEBALL COURTS CLOSED 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for Cleaning</i>	29 9:00 H2O Aerobics (No Instructor)	30  31

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

- May 5 . . . . Taco Night
- May 9 . . . . Garden Club Plant Sale
- May 14 . . . . Sea Terrace 2 HOA Meeting
- May 15 . . . . Send Graduate Information to *Seashore News*
- May 19 . . . . NSCA Annual Meeting and Election
- May 24 . . . . Memorial Day BBQ
- May 25 . . . . Office Closed for Memorial Day



## PICKLEBALL

The new pickleball court surface and sunscreens are in place, and our recreational use is up and running! Here are a few reminders and announcements for possible new users:

### Play Times

Court use is separated into different times for **Drop-in Play** and **Organized Play**. The hours for each kind of play are posted at the courts and also at the Pickleball link on the Niguel Shores website at [niguelshores.org](http://niguelshores.org).

**Drop-in Play** is a “show up and play doubles” system with no planning needed and a rack system to mix players after each game.

**Organized Play** occurs during NON-DROP-IN times. It is used when you plan ahead and contact players for singles or doubles at a specific time. If you want to play with specific partners or groups, you should schedule during organized play.

When all four courts are full during Drop-in Play, we use the 4 on/4 off rules after one game. The courts actually move pretty quickly, and the waiting time is minimal.

**Happy Hour**—Our warm-weather tradition of Happy Hour on the clubhouse patio occurs on the second Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Attendance has been very good in the past, and it’s a great way to get to know players in a relaxed and informal setting. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

**Email**—If you’d like to keep up with the latest pickleball news in Niguel Shores, please sign up for the *Voice of the Pickle*, which is run by our own Chris Horpel. The email address is [niguelshores.pb@gmail.com](mailto:niguelshores.pb@gmail.com)

Hope we see many returning and new players on the courts soon!

—Barb Barber

## A Few Favorite Pickleball Destinations

*From scenic coastal courts to lively resort round robins, here are some destinations worth adding to your future travel list.*

**Maui, Hawaii**—Several Shores players have discovered the lively pickleball scenes while vacationing on Maui. Courts in **Wailea at South Maui Community Park** offer a scenic and friendly drop-in opportunity. **Wailea Tennis Club** has 10 dedicated pickleball courts, with clinics, lessons and drop-in play with beautiful ocean views. **Kapalua Tennis Garden** (located at Kapalua Resort) has dedicated pickleball courts with weekly drop-in sessions and clinics. And **Waipuulani Park** is a popular public pickleball spot with eight outdoor courts at a beachfront park in Kehei.

**Naples, Florida**—“Pickleball Capital of the World”—Naples, Florida is widely recognized and referred to as the “Pickleball Capital of the World” due to its exceptional facilities, massive community, year-round favorable climate, and hosting of the **U.S Open Pickleball Championships**. There is a huge pickleball community in Naples and you can easily find hours of drop-in play as well as scheduled. The warm weather all winter makes that time of year very popular. You will find beautiful beaches and great restaurants in the surrounding area. It is easy to meet people from all over the country who love playing pickleball and having fun. **East Naples Community Park** has 64 courts and **USOP Pickleball Center** has 65 lighted courts.

**Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**—**Coastal Pickleball Retreat**—Hilton Head is one of the best East Coast pickleball vacation spots. **The Palmetto Dunes** complex alone has many courts and organized play. You will find resort pickleball clinics and round robins. Outside of pickleball there are many hiking and bike paths and, of course, the beautiful beaches.

**Bend, Oregon**—**Scenic Mountain Pickleball**—Bend has quietly become a favorite summer pickleball destination because of its beautiful scenery, strong pickleball community and excellent courts. **Pine Nursery Park** is a huge pickleball complex with 16 dedicated outdoor courts with permanent nets and lines. There is organized play through **Bend Pickleball Club** plus public drop-in games. Additionally there are lights on several courts allowing play until the park closes at 10 p.m.

Wherever our travels take us, pickleball has a way of bringing people together. As summer arrives and daylight stretches a little longer, we look forward to more games right here in Niguel Shores—followed by good conversation and a well-earned happy hour!

—Susan Whittlesley

# DANA POINT THIS MONTH



## DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

May 6 at 6 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chamber

Chris A. Lobo, 9th generation Mission Indian and former Ritz Carlton beverage director, speaks on tribal history as well as his experience crafting wine selections. Reception following.

## PEACE POLE DEDICATION

Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary and the City of Dana Point dedicated a Peace Pole in Creekside Park displaying the message, "May peace prevail on earth" in English and other languages. Rotary President **Bob Zaza**, Councilman **Mike Frost**, and other Rotarians were present for the dedication.

This is the second Peace Pole Dana Point has dedicated as a commitment to peace. The first was placed at **RH Dana Elementary School** in 2025. Other poles in Orange County can be found at **Chapman University** (Orange), **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** (Fullerton), **Temple Beth El** (South OC), **Aldersgate Methodist Church** (Tustin), **Newport Mesa Campus** (Costa Mesa), **Aliso Creek Park** (Laguna Woods), and **St. Timothy Parish** (Laguna Niguel).

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