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FROM THE HELM

Volunteerism is alive and well in Niguel Shores. It never ceases to amaze me how compassionate people are. There are homeowners who drive others to therapy or outpatient clinics, shop and cook for a bereaved family, 'adopt' a neighbor who is hospitalized, care for her pet and make sure the bills are paid. Others donate their time, enthusiasm and expertise to libraries, hospitals, schools, and to special ventures like the Beach Bluff and children's playground renewal or the "Stop the Airport at El Toro" project.

Not to forget our countless unsung - and sometimes rudely abused - standing committee members whose continuous service to the community ensures fellow homeowners fair and equal representation.

Volunteerism takes many forms. The dictionary loosely defines it as "taking actions without compulsion or obligation... of one's own accord, by free choice"

... Gifts of time, expertise, monetary contributions - all it really comes down to is caring. The busy mother/father supporting a worthwhile community project in

spite of a tight personal budget is just as generous as someone giving *pro bono* representation to a homeless person.

All of us have benefited at one time or another from someone's kindness even if we no longer think about it consciously, or the incident is forgotten. With the passage of time we tend to enhance the high points of life and wrap a fuzzy blanket of forgetfulness over past hurts. Until something jars us into instant recall. It happened to me the other day.

Like most of you, I receive a never-ending slew of requests for contributions to fix society's ills, from finding a cure for any and all diseases, to political and environmental retributions, or for solicitations to end hunger and poverty in the world. Like many of you, I try to choose my contributions based on how much really goes to the stated plight versus the administration of the requesting body and, of course, my personal preference

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OWNER FORUM BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 17,
7:30 pm

Meet the candidates for
Board of Directors 2002-2004



BOARD ACTIONS IN MARCH

From the Helm continued
of a charity, as well as what I can afford to give.

Then, last week, all this changed. Just as I decided to discard yet another solicitation letter among the monthly bills, something made me take a second look. As I read the request for a contribution of just \$15 to assuage the hunger of an Afghan child a sentence suddenly seemed to jump from the page, shattering my complacency. It reminded the reader that the requesting organization, CARE, ... "in 1945 started delivering CARE packages, filled with food and other supplies, to help survivors after World War II" ...

And the memories came flooding back: the bitterly cold winter without fuel; the precious CARE packages which kept us (a mother and her five children) alive, sent by unknown benefactors from a place called "America." And I thought: It's payback-time!

Compassion is a uniquely human trait, apparently going back thousands of years to our early ancestors who, according to recently discovered fossil evidence, cared and supported injured members who could no longer contribute to the clan's welfare.

Adam Lindsay Gordon (1833-1870) wrote in *Ye Wearie Wayfarer*:

*"Question not, but live and labour
Till yon goal be won
Helping every feeble neighbour,
Seeking help from none;
Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own."*

We hear - too much lately, it seems - of the negative side of our human nature. Yet, the *Yin* and *Yang* that defines and drives us is based on our ability to freely choose. Kudos to those who quietly care for and help others, thus enriching all of us.

A community is a living body. It thrives or is diminished in direct proportion of its members being involved, i.e., caring about each other. It is a renewable source, the younger/newer members supporting and taking over from the older citizens whose previous contributions marked the development and ambiance of Niguel Shores, a place both now call home.

On behalf of the Board of Directors
Gerlinde Duffy, NSCA President

▶ Accepted the Nominating Committee report indicating six candidates for the three Board of Director seats to be elected in May: Arnold Cordova; Mary A. Crowl; Richard H. Johns; Mary Jeffries; Kathleen Jones; and Richard A. Luedeke.

▶ Approved revised slurry seal street maintenance bids adding Broadmoor Homes.

▶ Accepted with regret the resignation of Tree View Blockage Committee member Beth Eriksen.

▶ Accepted with regret the resignation of Finance Committee member Dennis L. Halloran.

▶ Approved replacement of the telephone entry system for Manta Gate.

▶ Approved a reduced fee structure for overnight parking waivers.

▶ Authorized a spring and summer life guard schedule for the pool.

▶ Approved the Mission Statement requested by Maintenance Committee.

▶ Notarization Services are now available to residents at the Association office at the standard fee rate set by the State.

BOARD CANDIDATE RESUMES

The following resumes have been submitted by candidates confirmed by the Board of Directors for election to the Board on May 21, 2002. There are three seats available for two-year terms each.

ARNOLD R. CORDOVA

My wife, Linda, and our son, Jason, and I have lived in the Monarch Beach area since 1988. I worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for 30 years and held various executive management positions (Business unit Director-Generation Operations, power system) -power supply operations, engineering & construction and governmental affairs. I also served as a full-time Washington D.C. lobbyist for the City of Los Angeles. I'm the past Board

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Chairman of the Western Council of Constructions Consumers Association and the Intermountain Power Corporation.

I hold an MBA from Pepperdine University; BSME in Mechanical Engineering from California State University Los Angeles, and a California Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer License. I have served on the Board of Directors for Sea Terrace Town homes Association 1 and Board of Directors, Treasurer, Tennis Villas at Monarch Beach Homeowners Association.

It would be an honor to serve on the Board to provide the leadership to improve our quality of life in the Niguel Shores community. I will work on your behalf to ensure that your association dues are spent in the most cost effective manner to maintain and improve our community property at a high standard and to support projects/programs that meet the changing needs of our community. I believe that community involvement—exemplified by the strong volunteer working committees—is important to shaping the vision of our community. I will dedicate myself to serve you by sharing my business and engineering expertise, setting community priorities, objectively assessing major business decisions and infrastructure expenditures, and providing sound judgment in solving community problems.

MARY A. CROWL

Shores owner for 28 years. Native of Illinois, graduate in management from University of Illinois. Brief work history before marrying and spending 15 years overseas as a corporate wife. Had many years of experience working on boards of various volunteer organizations. After returning to the U.S. I had ten years work experience at Northwestern University as office manager and budget director for the 100 plus staff of the Department of Development. Retired to Niguel Shores part-time in 1991 to a home we purchased in 1974 and full-time in 1996.

Member Niguel Shores Womens Club and Niguel Shores Board of Directors. Friends of Dana Point Library Board Member, newsletter editor and library bookstore volunteer. Dana Point Historical Society Board Member.

As an incumbent member of the Board, I continue to be interested in the long-term well-being of this community. The sometimes unseen maintenance of

our infrastructure must be a priority as well as the outward beautification of our surroundings. Our amenities must be maintained in top condition and our environment must be safe. Our reserve funds must be adequate. These issues require diligent attention and I believe that it is the duty of the Board members who serve on behalf of all residents to insure that these conditions be met. We do have a highly desirable place to live and I want very much to keep it that way for a long time to come.

MARY JEFFERIES

I have lived and owned in the Berkus, Broadmoor and currently Atlantic Garden Homes since 1972. I have worked in real estate sale and marketing. I am a member of Rotary Club International. I am active in the community and would like to help the quality of living in Niguel Shores. Help to keep the dues in line, add to the beauty and image of Niguel Shores while being a single voice in the neighboring community.

RICHARD JOHNS

Ceacy and I have lived in Niguel Shores for 19 years. It has been a very happy experience. My objective, if I am elected to the Board, is to do everything I can to keep this area the desirable place it is now.

One factor that is unique with the association is the relatively low assessment. We all hear stories of communities that have a monthly similar to what we pay quarterly! It would be a high priority, if I were to be elected to the Board, to hold costs down as much as possible.

Running the Niguel Shores Community Association is a substantial task that requires all elements of management skills. I believe I have a business background that will enable me to make a contribution. I have a MBA from Stanford. My career was in the printing business. I worked at the Times Mirror Press, Pacific Press and then I was Senior Vice-President of World Color Press, which is the biggest printer of monthly national magazines in the US. At this company, I originally was the Vice-President of Marketing and then became Senior Vice-President of Administration, which directed Finance and relations with lenders.

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KATHLEEN L. JONES

Owner in Niguel Shores for twenty-two years. Born in Pasadena, graduate of the University of Oregon in journalism. Reporter and magazine editor. Member of PTA, Tennis clubs and teams, volunteer for San Juan Institute, Santa Margarita High School.

Former chairman of Niguel Shore's Recreation Committee. Block captain for emergency drills, *Seashore News* distributor, member of anti-airport campaign.

Many people live in the shores despite it's rules, not because of them. I would like to take a less punitive approach to dealing with residents, especially those with children. To paraphrase "a board which governs least governs best." I would like to see less bureaucracy and more efficiency in the shores.

RICHARD LUEDEKE

I regret I have found it necessary, for personal reasons, to withdraw my name from the slate of candidates for the NSCA Board of Directors.

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

GATE CHANGES

By the time you receive this newsletter the Cabrillo Isle Gate should be operating by the new barcode, along with Mariner and Selva gates. The card reader is still an alternate available at the Mariner gate until the Garibaldi and Manta gates are converted. The Manta gate will be the next gate scheduled to add the barcode scanner and an arm gate to discourage follow-through vehicles. Also, TV camera monitors now cover the Mariner, Selva and Cabrillo Isle gates, with a continuous recorder so that if there is a problem, we can verify what is happening.

Residents are reminded that the gate operating cycle must be completed before another car enters the gate, which means **THE GATE ARM MUST COME DOWN BEFORE THE BARCODE CAN ACTIVATE A NEW CYCLE. NEVER FOLLOW A VEHICLE THROUGH UNTIL THE ARM GATE HAS COME DOWN.** While the monitoring cameras were being installed, two cars had the gate arm come

down on them because the drivers did not wait for the gate cycle.

MANTA GATE

The telephone dialer directory was recently replaced at the Manta gate because the screen was not always readable. It was sent into the factory, which took two weeks, but still continued to be a problem. We are trying to standardize the equipment and thus the unit was replaced with a brand that has a local factory for repairs. Unfortunately, the new unit required new numbers for each owner and a change in the dial procedure. Each property received letters indicating the new call-in procedure and your new numbers. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by the change but hope the standardization of equipment with a local supplier will reduce the times the gates must be left open for service.

PERCEPTION VERSUS REALITY

Staff is working to improve our service and image to Niguel Shores residents. Things can happen that are out of our control, but leave the image that we are not doing our job. Shortly after the Selva Gate was opened, it stopped operating one morning and several individuals commented that another job had been poorly handled. Actually what happened was SDG&E had shut off power to do maintenance work without notice to the office. Also, on several occasions the gates were left locked open. The police and fire department have special "Knox Box" keys that allow them to open any gate. When they come in on an emergency call, the first response vehicle usually leaves the gate locked open for additional ambulances, police or fire vehicles. They sometimes forget to close the gate because they exit at a different gate. Rumors have also circulated that in an emergency the gates cannot be opened. Actually, when there is no power the gates can be manually pushed open, or in the case of the retractable teeth gate there is a battery backup that retracts the teeth and leaves the gate open. My reason for reviewing the above is that negative rumors seem to rapidly spread and become reality, when the facts are often difficult to get out.

PARKING WAIVERS

The Board has reduced the proposed fees for parking waivers to a filing fee of \$25 and an annual

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renewal of \$10. The proposed fees would become effective after July 1 for the application fee, with the annual renewal fee being in January of each year. Parking waivers permit owners to park their cars on the common area overnight (between hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am) if approved by the Traffic & Safety Committee, based upon the number of cars registered at a residence compared with the garage and driveway parking spaces available to the owner. The purpose of the fee is to offset costs of processing permits, maintaining records and enforcement verification. There is no fee for temporary waivers (under 60 days) due to residence remodeling or other short-term activities.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION NOTICE

In April, the notice of the annual meeting, proxy and ballot will be mailed to all owners. At this time, there are six candidates running for the three open seats on the Board of Directors. This is each owner's opportunity and responsibility to select the people who will determine the future of the community. The Board members volunteer their time, energy and ability to the running of Niguel Shores. Please show your support by returning the annual meeting proxy and voting for the candidates of your choice.

NEW MAINTENANCE MANAGER

A welcome to Bill McCall, who started last month as the Maintenance Manager. Niguel Shores is almost thirty years old and thus is in need of increasing maintenance and replacements. The Maintenance Committee volunteers have provided great assistance in monitoring items needing attention, and Bill will be able to follow through on their projects. We have generally been in a reactive mode and it is our desire to become more proactive, anticipating maintenance schedules rather than just responding as things break. There are some major challenges such as the replacement of deteriorated underground wiring, and the problem of finding fixture replacement parts that are no longer manufactured. Bill worked many years for a Newport Beach waterfront development and thus has experience with similar problems.

CHECK OUT YOUR CONTRACTORS

The California Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB) is designed to protect consumers from dishonest and unqualified contractors. Before hiring a

contractor, owners should check the information available from the State Licensing Board online at: www.cslb.ca.gov. Beginning in July, under new legislation (SB135) the public will be able to learn of the date, nature and status of all complaints that have been referred for an accusation or investigation due to a possible violation. In addition, it is always wise to check out recent references.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Board President Gerlinde Duffy received the recognition of being the *Community Association Board Member of the Year* from the Orange County Regional Chapter of the national Community Associations Institute. The annual award is presented to a community association board member (homeowner) who has made a significant contribution through a singular effort and promotes a sense of community. In addition to her four years service as a Board member, officer and committee liaison, she developed and continues to implement an emergency disaster plan for Niguel Shores. The next emergency preparedness exercise is planned for April 20. Thank you, Gerlinde.

EMAILS & QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICE

Following are answers to questions from emails received at nscagm@msn.com, written requests received at the office or from the recent owner surveys. I may summarize or generalize the question.

Why don't we reduce costs to a minimum by constantly re-assessing contract pricing and more bidding? Contracts are reviewed annually and often are put out to bid. Some pitfalls to bidding every year are that unsuccessful bidders often will not continue to bid on projects, reducing competition, and low bidders may not provide a quality service. If you have a good contractor there is little incentive to do quality work if they know that the next contract will be awarded only on price. Bidding can also be costly in that detailed specifications have to be drafted and bids analyzed. Contractor changes can be difficult because there is a learning curve about the operation and unique problems of the site. It is staff's responsibility to keep current on changing costs that may affect contracts, such as governmental mandates and product or other important costs. Generally, you get what you pay for.

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Why hasn't the Stonehill Gate been opened? This is a Board policy decision, probably related to cost. An additional factor could be City requirements, due to the proximity to the Niguel Road signal. For a gated community of our size, Niguel Shores has more gates than most and shorter driving distances to a gate.

CJ Klug

RESPONSE TO SURVEY

Since several items were mentioned in the Manager's Survey of Niguel Shores Residents regarding improvement of the *Seashores News*, the editor will attempt to address each one in this and in future issues.

Regarding the suggestions to include more articles about people living in the Shores and welcoming new residents: All new homeowner arrivals are offered a form from the office to fill out to give information about themselves and their families. This triggers a follow-up call from a Communication Committee member (currently Laura Ranks) to gain more information and fill in the blanks so that a welcoming article will be included in the *Seashore News*.

Obviously not all new homeowners take advantage of this opportunity, what with all the stacks of paper they are given at the same time! There is no time limit on submitting the form; in fact, anyone out there who would like to come forth with interesting information about themselves is welcome. Submit to *Seashore News* in the office by the 17th of the month and please keep the word count to under 200.

In coming issues: board minutes, delivery times, crime and vandalism, excessive detail, comment/questions/debate, classified ads, e-mail, outside events.

John Dickerhoff, Editor

Leash your pet
Clean up the residue

**NSCA RULES 9101;
Orange County Ordinance, Title 4**



MORE RULES UPDATES

As announced recently, Rule 6405 (parking waivers) has been updated and was adopted as amended by the Board of Directors at their March 6, 2002 meeting. Rule 6101 (pedestrian gate access devices) was also updated as amended by the Board of Directors on March 6, 2002. The updates are attached to this issue of the *SeaShore News* so they can be included in your set of rules. Briefly:

Rule 6405 has been amended to add fees for parking waivers –

A one-time \$25 application fee per waiver requested for more than 60 days

In addition, a \$10 annual fee per waiver renewed

Rule 6101 been amended to coincide with the opening of the newly renovated Selva gate and added pedestrian gates. Please note changes –

-Resident students attending RH Dana Elementary School (proof is required) may be issued one additional device per household for a fee of \$10 regardless of age, which will be activated at the Selva Gate only

Please take the time to read each updated rule carefully, so that when you arrive at the NSCA Office, you are fully prepared to make your request.



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Extra patrol: The board has authorized an extra patrol during the day for the spring break/school vacation which is from April 1 through April 5. In the past this has reduced the number of incidents throughout the community. Also, residents are reminded to be extra careful this week as you drive about the community for the safety of our youngsters.

Disaster preparedness drill: A disaster preparedness drill will be held on Saturday, April 20. If you would like to volunteer, leave your name at the office. For details on this drill, see the article in this issue.

SHORES BLOTTER

► Nauticus Isle-March 6: About 2:00 am, the police responded to a call that voices were heard at an unoccupied house. When they arrived, officers observed 3 to 5 subjects fleeing to the area of the beach parking lot, where they lost contact with them.

► Niguel Shores Drive/Capstan-March 9: At 9:30 am the police responded to a traffic accident at that location.

► A young boy seen by a member of our community knocking off sprinkler heads along Selva with a bat was challenged but the challenger backed off because of the bat.

► Selva gate arm was broken off recently. Our camera caught the culprit-a delivery truck!

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MOCK DRILL

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

SCENARIO: EARTHQUAKE AT NSCA

All block captains, street leaders, and specialty teams and volunteers will meet in the MPR at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 18 to receive a national/regional update on disaster preparedness, discuss required community response and prepare for Saturday's drill according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines. See flyer at the back of the *Seashore News* for details.

Questions? Call Gerlinde Duffy at 661-9416.

LANDSCAPE

Recently, thirty-seven infected, misshapen, and/or poorly located eucalyptus trees were removed from the slope/greenbelt area on Leeward between

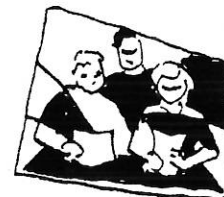
Spinnaker and Marlinspike. The remaining trees were laced out as they are every few years. A plan was drawn up by Shawn Wendt to add colorful trees to the area. The plan adds 99 trees, most of which have colorful blooms that will arrive at different times of the year. The sizes of the new trees will at maturity be compatible with their location, a consideration often overlooked by landscape architects. Twenty-six of these new trees have already been planted and more will be added as funds allow. To keep costs down, the trees will be of five and fifteen-1:00 Communications

Comte.gallon size. This will also allow us to give them the shape we want early in their life. We hope this area will develop through the years as a beautiful area that folks will be attracted to.

"809" WARNING

Received by a member of our community on e-mail from a friend, the following: "Important information provided by AT & T."

Do not ever dial (from your phone) area code 809. A scam message is being promoted by a variety of means urging people under false reasons to call that area code, which is located in the Bahamas. Like the "pay-per-call 900 numbers" the 809 code caller can be charged over \$2,400 per minute, as it is not covered by U.S. regulations. You could end up having to deal with a foreign company that argues that they have done nothing wrong.



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 17th of the month

SELVA GATE

The Selva road back gate looks great! It looks better than some of the main entrances to other nearby communities. Another plus for the Shores. Our thanks to those who made it happen.

*Diana Rainforth
Bob Kelly*

A HEARTY VOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the many people in Niguel Shores who will benefit from your persistence in the effort to banish the threat of airplanes from our skies, I would like to thank that great quintet that battled so diligently on that front for the past several years.

*Thank you Dick Mackaig
Thank you Dick MacNair
Thank you Jerry Milner
Thank you Forrest Owen
Thank you Ed Adams*

You did an outstanding job for us in helping pass Measure "W" and I shall think of you as I continue to enjoy my quiet days in this pleasant and amiable community. Bravo!

Mary Crowl

"W" VICTORY

Your patience, and support, for the long fight against the construction of an international airport at El Toro has apparently concluded. Victory is sweet. More than a hundred Niguel Shores residents contributed time and talent knocking on doors, collecting names at the library, at markets, and at events within our own community. Several hundred of you generously opened your checkbooks as well. Every successful effort needs a few who are willing to lead. Among these were Forrest Owen, Dick Mackaig, Ed Adams, Jerry Milner, and yours truly.

Many of you have gone out of your way to thank us, but from our side of this substantial effort, you (Niguel Shores residents) have been the real heroes in this successful effort. We genuinely appreciated your continued support throughout these last six long years.

Due to recent successful fund drives, any leftover contributions will be directed to fighting litigation. When the on-hand money has been used, it may still be necessary to ask for added contributions in order to maintain Citizens for Safe and Healthy Communities (CSHC) which is nwt the surviving organization representing South County.

Dick MacNair



AFTER SCHOOL

PROGRAM

Join us at the After School Program! We are having loads of fun with our new recreation leader, Lawrence. The After School Program meets every school day from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!! Lawrence provides fun ideas and fun games- all that's missing is you!

DOROTHY DUDLEY AWARD

It is that time again – nominations for the Dorothy Dudley Award are due. The Dorothy Dudley Award was established in 1980 to recognize those individuals, within the community, who over the years have volunteered and contributed time, knowledge, and service for the benefit and betterment of Niguel Shores Community Association.

Please submit all candidate suggestions, in writing, to the NSCA business office no later than April 24, 2002. The following guidelines are to be applied in considering potential recipients of this award:

1. Cumulative service given benefiting NSCA – service is not to be based solely on one "spectacular" offering
2. Variety of activities the individual or couple has engaged in over the years
3. Services rendered to NSCA as a whole, not a particular club, group, or committee

For each candidate, please make sure to list all accomplishments and other reasons why you are nominating each person or couple.

The Board will make their decision at their May 1 meeting, so that the award can be inscribed prior to the annual meeting on May 21.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your input.



In Memoriam
GERTRUDE V. MERRITHEW
1912-2002

SOUND OF MUSIC

The Recreation Committee invites you to join your neighbors at a summer fun musical at Saddleback College.

Saturday, August 3 3:00 pm.
\$23 per person (group reserved)

LUNCHEON (optional)

Before the show, join us for a luncheon at

La Diplomate Euro Bistro

Time: 1:00 pm

Price: \$12 each incl. tax

RESERVATIONS

Visit NSCA Office or call 493-7430

Leave check and requests made out to Don Beaver please by May 15.

Tickets and information will be forwarded to you.

Note: Season ticket holders with that date are invited to join us for lunch if desired.



POT LUCK

"Pot luck is a regular meal available to guests for whom no special preparations have been made." That's according to Webster. At Niguel Shores, it's a friendly, monthly, Sunday supper where you bring a favorite hot

dish, salad, or dessert to share with neighbors and new friends. Bring your own silverware, plates, glasses, and your own beverage for happy hour at 6:00 pm. Dinner or supper is at 7:00 pm - cost \$1.00.

If you are on the calling list, you will hear from the hosts for April. If you are new or not on the calling list, please call one of the people listed below. Plan to attend April 21.

A-F	Helen and Doug Campbell	496-4230
G-M	Betts and John Flynn	363-9580
N-Z	Lee and Jack Sweeney	661-5924



In Memoriam
JACK ERIKSON
March 19, 2002

CAMP HOBBLEDEHOY

Camp Hobbledehoy (Ryan, Craig, and Peter) will be returning for the summer of 2002! We are eagerly anticipating another fun filled summer of crafts, games, and trips to the beach. Our goal, which will be tough, is to top all summers we have spent at Niguel Shores by making this one the best yet. We plan on providing a fun and safe summer the children of Niguel Shores will never forget.

Since we can't wait until summer to see familiar faces and run wild at the park, we will be providing a free spring break teaser. This will be held on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm for all kids who are interested in coming to Hobbledehoy this summer. Parents are invited as well, but be aware that we may insist that you participate in the fun. During this time, we will also provide pre-registration for the summer of 2002.

If you have any questions please call us at 436-1011 or 489-3447.



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has been a very busy group lately. Many members of the club have carpoled together to attend the Rogers Gardens classes held in Newport Beach. The class on growing and using herbs was very interesting and informative, as was the class "all about roses." Rogers is very generous with their fun and free classes, which almost always include free door prizes.

Our meeting on April 15 will be held at The Plant Depot in San Juan Capistrano from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Brent Kittle, owner and operator of The Plant Depot, will hold a small class (just for us) and give us a tour of his nursery.

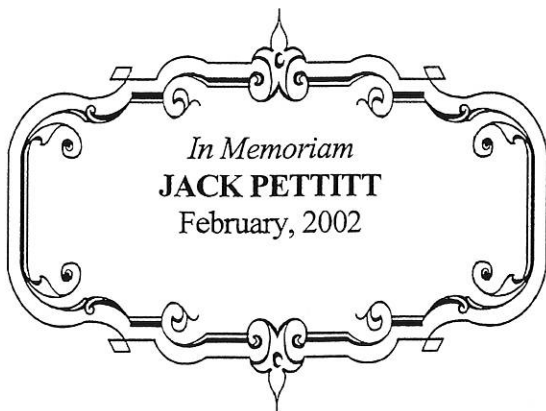
Remember: April 22 is Earth Day. Be kind to yourself and your earth on that day. Play in the dirt, plant some flowers, and pull some weeds!

Garden Tip of the Month: Aphid control. Gary Masouka from Laguna Hills Nursery says it takes more than a hundred times more pesticide to accomplish insect control with a systemic insecticide than can be accomplished with a direct spray. Do your environment and Orange County beaches a favor and spray plants for aphids only as needed. A strong splash of water from the hose often works just as well.



FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE

A fun time was had by all who participated in the Festival of Whales Parade. Niguel Shores was proudly represented in the Parade. The Hoklotubbe Family designed a great T-Shirt for us. The Recreation Committee generously paid for our T-Shirts. We thank all who came to watch us in the parade. A special thanks to all who participated in the parade with us. Special recognition to the Davis Family, Hoklotubbe Family, Beresford Family, Power/ Davis Family and the Friday Preschool Group.



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 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 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!



TENNIS RESULTS

The early spring tennis tournament and exhibition took place on a cool and cloudy Sunday, March 17. In the round robin tournament, three ladies tied for 1st place: Cathy Allen, Miriam Roehlk and Lisa Hartman. Gaye Vaughn was second and Helen Campbell was third. On the men's side Jim Webb came in first, Robin Roehlk was second and John Dickerhoff was third. In a well-played, fast-paced men's doubles exhibition, Steve Adamson and Bill Howie defeated Rick Conkey and Vince Allegro 6-2 and 7-6. The next social, mixed-double tennis tournament is scheduled in June.



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.

The speakers on April 2 will be Martha and Ed Elliott, representing the Guide Dogs of America. Come and hear about this wonderful program and meet their current dog in training.

On April 16, the candidates for NSCA Board of Directors will be making a brief presentation in support of their candidacy and be available to answer questions. Come and meet these community volunteers who, if elected, will lead and guide Niguel Shores over the next several years.

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 outings were held during this report period at El Toro on February 26 and Encinitas Ranch on March 12. Format at El Toro was individual play with points given for eagle, birdie, par and bogey. Team play was conducted at Encinitas Ranch with best ball (gross) recorded on each hole for the front nine and best ball (net) on the back nine.

El Toro Results:

"A" Flight-Bob Borland took first place with a fine score of 38 points. Don Ellis was second at 34 points.

"B" Flight-Bob Converse won this flight with a neat effort of 40 points. Jack Sweeney took second, 1 point behind Bob.

"C" Flight-Dave Ontiveros won this flight with an outstanding 45 points. Boyd Van Ness was second and had a total of 40 pts.

Don Ellis won both closest to the pin honors.

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Encinitas Ranch Results:

First place-The team of Bob Seddelmeyer, Jack Broering, Gene Lachel, and Myron Miller fired a nice 63, nine under par, to finish first.

Second place-Don Ellis and his team of Bob Borland, Dick Johns and Carl Printz were second, 1 stroke behind the winners. Of note is the fact that Don Ellis fired a superb 35 (1 under par) on the front nine.

Closest to the pin honors were taken by Lee Writer & Archie Pugh.

Thought for the month: Never bet with anyone you meet on the first tee who has a deep suntan, a one-iron in his bag, and squinty eyes.



WOMENS CLUB

The next Womens Club meeting, April 11, will feature a program presented by Dana Point resident John Chaffetz, author of *The Personals Predator*. Mr. Chaffetz will address the issue of security for women. His book deals with personals ads and how women can protect themselves when responding to them. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, followed by a short business meeting and the program. If you would like to make or cancel a reservation, please call Betty Steinwinter at 240-4462.

The program previously scheduled for April has been moved ahead to May 9. The guest speakers will be candidates for election to the NSCA Board of Directors.

A docent-guided tour of Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar is planned for Wednesday, May 1, 11:00-Noon. We will carpool from the Community Center parking lot at 10:00 am. The docent fee is \$3.00 per person. The tour will be followed by an open menu lunch at Las Brisas Restaurant in Laguna Beach. If you plan to join the tour, it is important that you RSVP to Gloria Ontiveros before April 25 at 661-5091, or e-mail dontiveros@cox.net.

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

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Fifteen eager golfers arrived early on a beautiful spring day in March to enjoy a lively round of Fun Day Golf.

The golf captains reported many smiling winners. Lavonne Borland and Judy Boitano tied for low gross. Fran King won low net. Judy, Barbara Brabeck and Jo Jackson all tied for the fewest putts. Terry Scott was closest to the pin on #6 and Lee Sweeney closest on #8 hole. Lavonne Borland scored the longest drive. In honor of St. Patrick we had a lucky mystery game which was won by Chris Beaver, Judy Boitano, Margaret Banerian and Marian Pearl.

On April 8 we will again play at Aliso Creek with check-in time at 8:00 am. Our golf captains are Pat Johnson (661-2818) and Fran King (496-1700). Please call them to make a reservation or cancellation. Our luncheon hostesses will be Margaret Banerian, Jo Jackson and Esther Benedict. Call Margaret (661-5307) to confirm or make a reservation.

We look forward to another Fun Day and hope to recruit some new members. Call Margaret Banerian (661-5307) for details.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Join us for bridge every Wednesday at 11:45 am. Newcomers are welcome. For April play call Dorothy Knauf at 240-3998.

Recent Winners:

February 20

1. Jean Freeman
2. Gloria Thraikill
3. Dolores Bootay

February 27

1. Marie Milliken
2. Helen Campbell
3. Jeanne Wadkins

March 6

1. Ann Kernan
2. Marie Milliken
3. Corinne Brunn

March 13

1. Helen Campbell
2. Regina Brevik
3. Joan Sullivan



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Week is April 15-20. Visit the library and support it by joining the Friends of the Library. You will find a membership form and a copy of their newsletter, the *Sea Scribe*, in the library. Now is the perfect time to be a Friend and follow the progress of the library renovation and expansion.

Children's Library: Spring story-time programs for toddlers and pre-school children are on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Registration is not required for this session, which runs through May 1. Spring stories and songs will be featured.

The family pajama story-time continues on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All ages are welcome at these evenings when the Sunshine Readers share stories, songs and a puppet show from time to time. Registration is not required.

Imagination Celebration: Children's artwork will be on display in the library from April 27 through May 12. If your child would like to display an artwork, please contact the Children's Librarian, Carolyn Hopkins, at the library (496-5517).

Library Bookstore: A book sale is being planned to help celebrate Library Week. The sale will be on Friday April 19 from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm and Saturday April 20 from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. Stop in for the usual book bargains and to participate in the Silent Auction of several specially selected books.

Dana Point Library
496-5517

PAGE TURNERS

For our April 15 meeting we will be reviewing *The Coldest War: A Memoir of Korea* by James Brady. Barbara Crist will lead the discussion. We will meet at the home of Robbie Wolff (33571 Brigantine) at 10:30 am, ready for immediate discussion. Phyllis Tezer will assist Robbie. 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.

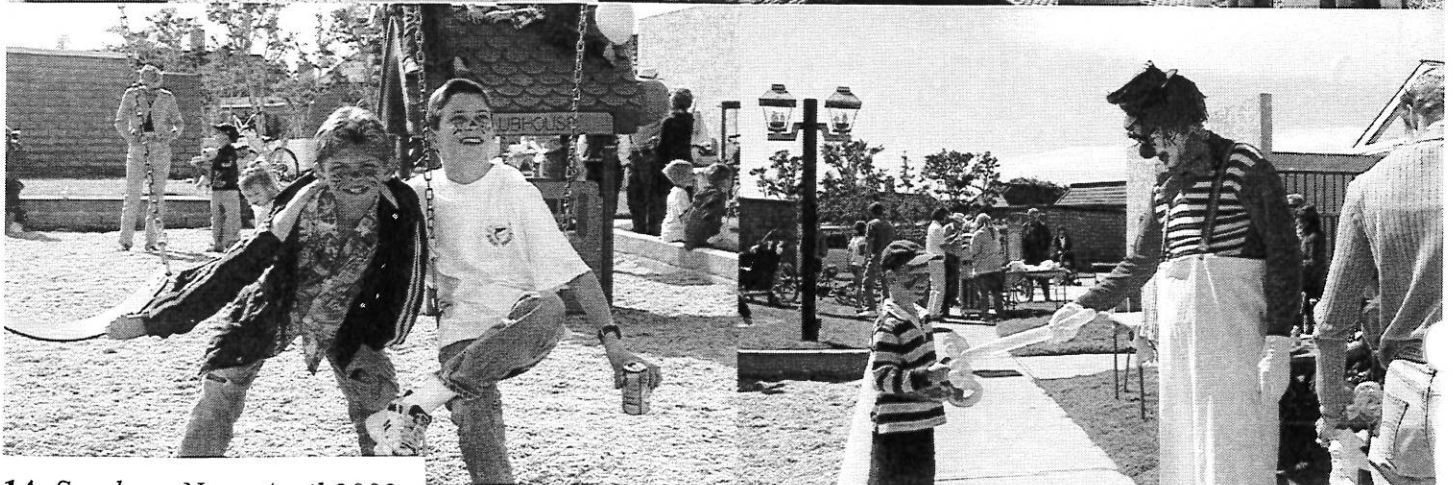
NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Items for Seashore News ads must be submitted by the 17th 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 RENT: Niguel Shores 4-bedroom home, ocean view, for short-term (month to month) rental. Newly remodeled, nice backyard, 3 full baths, formal living and dining room, family room and a playroom. 2-car garage. Available April 18. Call 240-0565 or 290-0757.

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.

Niguel Shores Playground Dedication Ceremony March 24, 2002



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3:00 pm, 2nd Monday
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6101 Pedestrian Gate Access Devices (03-06-02)

Two types of proximity devices providing access through controlled pedestrian gates, a card and a fob, are available to residents (owners and tenants) over ten years of age. Recipients may choose the device they prefer.

All Owners will be issued one (1) device at no charge.

Owners may also apply for:

No more than four (4) additional devices issued to eligible full time residents of their household at a cost of \$10 each – *with no time restrictions*.

Then, no more than one (1) additional device issued to eligible full time residents* of their household at a cost of \$10 each – *which must be renewed, at no charge, on an annual basis. Owners may have up to a total of six (6) devices, if qualified full time residents.*

Tenants may apply for:

All devices issued must be renewed, at no charge, on an annual basis. Tenants may purchase up to four (4) of the owner eligible devices per household (for eligible full-time residents of the property rented) at a charge of \$25.00 each, \$15.00 of which is a refundable deposit.

Resident Students of RH Dana Elementary School may also apply for:

Regardless of age, one (1) device per household for a fee of \$10 – which must be renewed, at no charge, on a school calendar basis – valid September through June based on current school year calendar, activated at the Selva Gate only. Proof must be provided that resident is a student at RH Dana Elementary School.

ONLY CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT

Each household will be allowed to exchange up to two (2) devices total per year at no charge, due to malfunction. When two (2) devices total have been exchanged at no charge within one year, devices must then be replaced at a charge of \$10 each.

LOST OR STOLEN DEVICES may be replaced by application at the NSCA Office for a *replacement fee of \$25* for each device lost or stolen, payable by check or money order only. Lost or stolen devices will be deactivated and will not be usable.

UPON CLOSE OF ESCROW when selling a residence, devices issued to the selling owner will be deactivated. The purchasing owner must apply for new devices *after* completing an "Owner Information Declaration".

TENANTS' DEVICES will be deactivated and must be returned to the NSCA office upon termination of the lease / rental agreement. A \$15 *deposit refund* for each device issued to the tenant and returned, will be mailed to the departing tenant. The \$15 deposit will be forfeited without further recourse if the device is not returned within thirty (30) days of the termination of the lease / rental agreement.

Abuse of NSCA facilities or privileges may result in deactivation of all devices issued to a property.

SEE (*) under Resident Owners above:

Additional full-time resident issued an access device must provide proof of residency, which can be in the form of a valid drivers license reflecting an NSCA address or other proof of NSCA residency, for those who do not have a valid driver's license. The additional full-time resident being issued the access device must be present to receive the device from the NSCA staff member. (Per Board approval 10/6/99).

6405 Overnight Parking (03-06-2002)

Common Area space shall not be used for overnight parking of resident vehicles with decals (between the hours of *11 PM and 6 AM*), 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.

Effective July 01, 2002, the following fee schedule will be implemented for all new waivers applied for:

- A one-time \$25 application fee per waiver requested for more than a temporary period of time (i.e., more than 60 days unless extended in conjunction with an approved construction project)

Effective January 01, 2003, all waivers issued to date will expire and must be renewed annually, if still eligible. An annual renewal fee of \$10 per waiver will be implemented and charged.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO ALL NSCA RESIDENTS

**ON SATURDAY APRIL 20
Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon**

Our Community will stage a MOCK EARTHQUAKE DISASTER DRILL

Please participate by displaying an OKAY or HELP sign and cooperating with your assigned Street Leader.

If you have lost / misplaced your OKAY / HELP sign or do not know who your Street Leader is, please ask the NSCA Office Staff for assistance.

The Recreation Committee and Family Club will host a pizza lunch for all participating children (*the walking wounded*).

Earthquakes are a fact of life not only in California, but around the world. Make sure you and your family are all prepared for a major emergency by studying NSCA's Disaster Manual and participating in our drill. You should also plan escape routes from your home and a meeting place off your property, for your family members. By cooperating with us just one or two hours a year, you will stay current and up-to-date with emergency measures.

REMEMBER: *The life you save may be your own.*