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DEADLINE

For March SEASHORE
NEWS FEBRUARY 15

OWNERS FORUM
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 19
7:30 pm



FROM THE HELM

We all remember the old saw, "time flies when you're having fun." Well, I must be having a lot of fun 'cause I can't believe we've already gone through the first month of 2003.

About five years ago the Board of Directors gave a little party to thank all the residents of the Shores who contribute time, effort and expertise as volunteer to help make the Shores a good place to live. As we listed the volunteer activities, we were amazed at how many people participate. We ended up with almost 200 volunteers at the party.

Since then we've created a few new activities and over the next few months I'll try to identify and thank these new volunteers.

The first new thing that comes to my mind is the Niguel shores web page. Forest Owen reserved our internet address several years ago and then Jeff Beresford and Bernie Fornadly created the site and Bernie maintains it. He puts the *Seashore News* on the site every month. I want to thank the three of them for providing this additional communication tool.

And I want to thank all of you for your patience while we've been making repairs to the pool and deck and restrooms. In one way it's

unfortunate that we've had some beautiful weather while the pool has been closed. But we've all enjoyed the good weather otherwise and I'm sure the results of the repairs will make the closure worthwhile.

Jerry Milner
NSCA, president

BOARD ACTIONS

► Mary Crowl was appointed to Chair the 2003 Nominating Committee.

► Roy Dohner was appointed as Chairman of the *Ad-Hoc Community Center Renovation Committee*.

► The Board approved the Finance Committee's appointment of a Contract Review Committee consisting of Keith Carlson, Dick McKaig and Sam Johnson.

► A proposal from the accounting firm of Keyhan Hewitt to conduct the 2002 annual audit was approved.

► The Board approved Landscape Committee recommended forms for non-standard homeowner planting in common area. These forms apply to residents that have already planted non-standard landscaping and also to those who plan on doing so.

Board of Action Continued...

- ▶ Decision to install decorative tiles painted by residents was postponed. It will be taken into consideration in conjunction with formulation of a master plan for development of the Community Center.
- ▶ Malfunction of the Mariner resident gate caused by the late afternoon sun was discussed. Maintenance was assigned the task of solving the problem.
- ▶ The Board approved installation of signs at the Selva and Cabrillo entrances that re-direct visitors to the Main Gate.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

With the appointment of Roy Dohner as Chairman of the Committee, preliminary planning is expected to begin soon. Input from residents, committees and NSCA clubs will be included early on during the planning stages. Progress on the Community Center Renovation project will be an ongoing informative part of my monthly update throughout the duration of the project. Stay tuned!!

BEACH BLUFF RENOVATION PROJECT

The rendering of the proposed bluff renovation continues to be on display at the NSCA office. It has been revised for added clarity and repositioned in the window immediately after entering the gate to the Community Center in order to be seen more clearly. If you can come by during normal business hours, office staff will be happy to take it out of the window for your closer scrutiny. Please stop by and have a look. You have until February 15 to communicate your comments in writing to the members of the Board. They will review your thoughts and suggestions on the matter before making a decision on the final plan for the area.

MEGAN'S LAW

An article in the *Orange County Register* on January 8 advised that Orange County has the lowest rate of registered sex offenders of any major California county and the third lowest among all countries.

California's Megan's Law, based on a New Jersey statute, allows public access to information of the residency of registered sex offenders through local law enforcement authorities. Further information can be obtained from the Aliso Viejo Sheriff's substation at 425-1801 or the San Clemente Sheriff's sub-station at 361-8224. An appointment can also be made to visit

the sub-station for computer access to the database providing the location of persons required to register. The data is updated on a quarterly basis and is a source of information about the presence of the individuals in any neighborhood.



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Ficus trees should not be planted in yards because of their invasive root systems. They will cause damage to walkways, driveways, water and sewer lines.

Also, Boston ivy vines and creeping fig vines should not be planted on walls or fences. They will invade roofs and sidings, will make good homes for rats, and are particularly impossible to remove when the area needs painting.

Twenty 15-gallon trees were planted recently on the Leeward slope to add to the twenty-six trees already planted there last year. These are part of the replacement trees for the diseased eucalyptus trees that were removed from the slope. There are different varieties with eventual heights that are easier to control.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED BY FEBRUARY 7

Management has noted some homes with holiday decorations still in place.

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

The Board thanks those residents removed their decorations during January.



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Effective January 1, all parking waivers issued to date expired and must be renewed. If you have not done so, contact Silvia in the office ASAP so that the decal will not be deactivated.
2. Power Outage: Loss of electricity can disrupt timers causing sprinklers, lights and other items to be out of sync. Be sure to check them every time there is a power outage.
3. Vandalism: Recently, someone entered the community via the Selva gate, and traveled up Windward, over Marlinspike, down Niguel Shores Drive, and out the main gate, leaving tire marks in the grass in the common area. If you have any information regarding this senseless act, please contact the office. Your help is needed.

SHORES BLOTTER

1. Atlantic Ave.- Jan. 12. Burglary reported.
2. Brigantine Drive-Dec. 30. Vandalism reported
3. There were five responses to house alarms going off in the community.

BOARD CANDIDATES DEADLINE

February 24 is the deadline for the Nominating Committee to submit recommended candidates for confirmation at the Board meeting on March 5. Then candidates will be introduced to the community at the April 16 Board meeting and their resumes printed in the April issue of the *Seashore News*. In May, the two-year terms of two Board members will be filled by election the Association's Annual Meeting. The terms of Jerry Milner and Ron Lackey will be expiring. A schedule of the key dates for the election process and a candidate's resume form are available in the Association office. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a candidate, please stop by the office and fill out a candidacy form.

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 except in Feb., Nov., and Dec. when due on the 15th of the month.

CITY COUNCIL TAKES AWAY HARRY OTSUBO HONOR, THEN RETURNS IT.

Harry Otsubo, owner of Dana Point Nursery, and a NSCA resident, has lived in Dana Point since the 1950's. Throughout these years Harry was a prominent and active participant in the development of city parks and recreational activities. In 1987 his peers honored him by naming a park on Golden Lantern the "Harry Otsubo Community Gardens." It was well deserved.

Recently four members of the new City Council (Wayne Rayfield voting "no") showed their ignorance of the city's history by re-naming the park, leaving the Otsubo name out. At the next meeting of the Council over 150 voters gave an earful to the Council, demanding the Otsubo name be placed back on the sign. The Council quickly reversed their previous decision and voted 4-0 to restore the honor (with councilman Joe Snyder conspicuously absent).

Harry was supported by many of his Niguel Shores neighbors, including Forrest Owen, Don Johnston, Dick Mackaig and Steve Stewart, a high school student who postponed doing his homework until late at night!

If there is a moral to this story it might be "All's Well That Ends Well," or it could be "Don't Mess With Niguel Shores Residents!" Anyway, the crisis is over. Congratulations Harry.

Dick MacNair

MENS CLUB GOLF

Twenty-six players gathered for our initial outing of 2003 at San Juan Hills Golf club on January 14. Team format was best two balls net. Results are given below. Jerry Pearl almost captured both closest-to-the-pin honors. His tee shot on #14 was a foot or so from the pin, but was edged out by Bob Enger, who placed his shot a few inches closer

Mens Club Golf continued...

Wonderful effort by both golfers.

Results at San Juan:

Two teams tied for first place with 19 under par scores of 123. The tie breaker on the 10th hole resulted in the following:

First Place: Dave Ontiveros, Ed Bouffard, Bob Converse, and Peter Rask.

Second Place: Bob Enger, Gene Lachel, Ian Ross, and Fred Standefer.

Scores for the other foursomes ranged from 126 to 134.

Closest to pin honors went to Jerry Pearl on #7, and to Bob Enger on #14.

Thought for the Month: Always throw clubs ahead of you. That way you don't have to waste energy going back to pick them up.



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 speaker on February 4 will be Scott Witmore CPA, who will give a tax update with emphasis on retirement planning.

On February 18, Tony Forester, president of the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society, will be speaker. The subject will be the rancho period of Orange County.

All men of the community are welcome to participate the Mens Club meetings, golf, and many outside activities. If you are not a member, please come and visit, be a guest and sample the fellowship.

2003 HOME TOUR

The 2003 Womens Club Home Tour will take place on Thursday, April 3. Reservations cost \$15. The "smallest" to the "largest" homes will be featured, and a catered gourmet luncheon will follow at the Community Center. Bring a check to the next Womens Club meeting or take it to the Association office in a clearly marked "Home Tour" envelope. Tickets are limited to 70 members on a "first come" first served basis.



WOMENS GOLF

Niguel Shores Womens Golf has welcomed three new members to start off the New Year. One of them, Judi Finch, will be a hostess for lunch this month. Golf Fun Day will be Monday, February 10. To play in a foursome on that day (if you are not already signed up) please call Joan Beyer at 496-1428. For lunch and the meeting only, please call Judi at 240-7400. Members will play nine holes of golf at Aliso Creek Golf Course and return to the multi-purpose room for lunch and a brief meeting. One piece of business: dues are due.

In January, one foursome was "red hot." The foursome which was really a threesome of Margaret Banerian, Marlene Lynch and Gretchen Rask had the best team score. Margaret Banerian also had the low gross score and low putts and Gretchen Rask had two birdies. Other winners of the day were Esther Benedict, low net, and Judy Boitano with the longest drive.

Along with Judi Finch, golfers welcomed Jill Braun and Ursula Hornbarger into the group. Ursula is coming back after several years' absence. If you are interested in playing golf in a "Fun Day" atmosphere, please call Margaret Banerian 661-5307 or Pat Johnson 661-2818, membership chairman and president respectively.



WOMENS CLUB

On February 13, go on a virtual safari to the Dark Continent with Jerry and Barbara Milner. The program will feature their trip to Africa. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. A short business meeting will be followed by the Milner talk.

A reservation is necessary for the luncheon. If you are a member of the Womens Club and have not been contacted by Monday February 10 and wish to attend, please call Irene Hopson at 488-3830.

Womens Club continued...

Residents or homeowners in Niguel Shores are invited to join the Womens Club. To become a member call Lee Sweeney at 661-5924.

The board will meet at 4:00 pm on February 6 in the conference room.

RECIPES NEEDED

There is a shortage of recipes for the community cookbook. There are many fine male and female cooks in Niguel Shores who should share their prized recipes. The cookbook proceeds will go to a project in the community.

Print your recipe(s) and put them into an envelope marked "RECIPE/WOMENS CLUB." Include your name and telephone number. Drop the envelope at the Association office or call Karla Sanders at 496-8413 or Barbara Eissfeldt at 496-5855, and one of us will pick up your completed recipe(s).

COOKBOOKS MAY BE PRE-ORDERED

At \$10 per book they are a bargain. The previous cookbooks were snatched up quickly. Reserve now so you won't be disappointed. Request your copy through the office, e-mail to nscookbook@cox.net, fax to 493-9853, or call Karla Sanders at 496-8413 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Leash your pet.
Clean up the residue.
NSCA RULES 9101; City of
Dana Point
Ordinance, 10.06.050



GARDEN CLUB

January's meeting focused on Roses. Our guest speaker was Diane Weber of Armstrong Nursery in San Juan. Diane shared a wealth of information on how to prune and care correctly for the many types of existing roses. She also brought a few rose related items that were raffled off to several "lucky" club members. A big thanks to Armstrong and Diane!

Annual dues were collected and rosters are being made for attendees. Any new members as of February and thereafter will be added to a semi-annual roster. We welcome you to come and join others interested in gardening. Membership co-chairs are Karen Linger 481-9898 and Janet Dohner 489-9385.

For our February 17 meeting, we will travel to Mystic Gardens in San Juan. Mystic Gardens is a newer nursery that specializes in pottery, landscaping services and beautiful planting in a lush and unique setting. Members can bring a sack lunch to eat afterwards at the park across the street. If it's a rainy day, we will meet at the community center for a gardening "gab session." With the mild weather we're having, it's a perfect time to get out and visit a nursery in the off season. You might get an idea for that awkward spot in your yard come spring!

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Men and women interested in playing party bridge are welcome to join the group each Wednesday at the Community Center from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Call Marion Evans (661-3248) or Kay Wittmack (661-8177). Winners since last *Seashore News*:

December 18

1. Dorothy Knauf
2. Helen Stevenson
3. Helen Campbell

January 8

1. Dorothy Knauf
2. Marie Milliken
3. Helen Campbell

January 15

1. Kay Wittmack
2. Edie Tisch
3. Dorothy Knauf

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners will meet on Monday, February 17 at the home of Marilyn Pappas. Barbara Crist will provide the light refreshments at 10:00 am with the book discussion to follow.

Betty Steinwinter will lead the discussion of *Carry Me Across the Water* by Ethan Canin.

The March meeting has been cancelled, but no books will be omitted because of this change. The revised list will be available at the meeting.

DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES

It's time again for the Festival of Whales Parade. The Parade will take place on March 8. It's great fun to walk the parade with family and Niguel Shores neighbors. The children carry dolphins and seagulls attached to poles. There is a Niguel Shores boat that several people carry as part of the parade. A volunteer is desperately needed to head the Niguel Shore's effort. Please call Gay Powers at 444-0885.



PRESIDENTS' DAY POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Potluckers, Presidents' Day will soon be upon us! Celebrate our presidential legacy by letting the red, white, and blue prevail! Come one, come all! Bring your own splash for 6:00 pm Happy Hour and sign up to bring potluck for dinner at 7:00 pm. You will need silverware, plates, and glasses. \$1 per person.

A-E Linda and Ian Ross
248-3408

F-O Anita Geyer
496-7843

P-Z Kathy and Woody Woodward
493-2382

DANA POINT LIBRARY NEWS

One City - One Book: Dana Point reads "*Two Years Before the Mast*" in 2003. The author, Richard Henry Dana, gave the city its name, a fact that should inspire all to read his book, both for historical and literary content. The Friends of the Library is collaborating with four other organizations in Dana Point to sponsor this One City - One Book reading project like those successfully adopted in other cities. Niguel Shores resident and retired librarian, Mary Ida Phair, has instigated this project and inspired many people to participate. A number of activities and programs are planned. Watch for announcements in the Friends' and other newsletters and in the Dana Point News. And, READ THE BOOK. Paperback copies are available at the bookstores and through the Dana Point Historical Society (248-8121).

Children's Library: The Friends of the Library have provided funds to buy new books. There are many new paperbacks in the Children's Department, which will soon have cataloged records and may be placed on hold from a home computer just like hardbacks.

Look for a date soon for the In-N-Out Burger bookmark campaign. Receive a bookmark, read five books, validate the bookmark and return to In-N-Out for a free hamburger. Details in the library.

Family Pajama Storytime Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm. The library will be closed on February 12 and 17.

Dana Point Library 496-5517
Bookstore 489-3956
33841 Niguel Road
Dana Point CA 92629

NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Items for *Seashore News* ads must be submitted by the 17th of the month except in Feb., Nov., and Dec. when due on the 15th of the month. Include 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 of liability of quality of goods advertised See Rule 5525.

For rent: Available March - Ocean side of street, great views, Halyard Drive, three bedroom, two bath, one story, no pets, no smoking. Please call Iris Robin (626) 795-9155