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FROM THE HELM

For those of you who weren't at the Owners' Forum on February 19, let me bring you up to date on the proposal to make some changes at the beach bluff.

A month ago we modified the plan that had been posted for several weeks at the Community Center to make it easier to understand. And we left it there for all to see until the end of February.

We received twenty-four written comments, some negative, some positive, and some with suggestions. Several people at the meeting made comments and asked questions.

The individual Board members have reviewed their comments and letters. At our meeting on March 5 we'll decide on what changes to make to the original design proposal. Then we'll have a new sketch made and posted at the Community Center and ask, again, for your written comments and suggestions. The Board will consider those written comments and suggestions and make any changes that seem appropriate. We should have a final plan by the first of June.

Please remember, this is the first phase in what may be a two or three year project. First of all, we

don't have available all the money that would be needed for a bigger project at one time. And secondly, we want to see how people use the area after we've made some changes. We will keep you informed and give you the chance to comment and suggest at each step of the way.

As you know, at the mid-month Owners' Forum meeting the chairman of each committee reports on the activities of that committee. John Dickerhoff of the Communication Committee announced that after fifteen years as chairman he is stepping down. He'll stay as a member of the committee.

On behalf of the other members if the Board, I want to thank John for all the hours he has dedicated to providing the *Seashore News* to the residents and absent owners of Niguel Shores. We're glad you're staying on the committee, John, and we thank you for your leadership.

Barbara and I enjoy getting out and walking throughout different parts of the community almost every morning. There is an exception to our enjoyment, however. And that is to see dog excrement in a new location almost every day. The Association provides plastic bags at the community center and at the beach bluff to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Continued From the Helm...

**OWNER FORUM
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 19
7:30 pm**

The vast majority of dog owners do care for their pets properly. But it seems there are always a few who feel that the rules and common courtesy do not apply to them. Please – clean up after your dog and help keep our Association property safe and attractive.

Jerry Milner
NSCA, president

BOARD ACTIONS

► The Board authorized reserve funds for resurfacing the pool and spa and selected two qualified contractors for further negotiations prior to awarding the contract.

► The Board approved a suggestion from the Finance Committee to appoint a Finance sub-committee consisting of Dick McKaig, Keith Carlson and Sam Johnson to review and assist in negotiating major contracts.

► The Board formally adopted a policy that states Association property may not be removed from Association premises and loaned to residents for private use including MPR equipment and furniture.

► Janet Dohner was confirmed as a member of the Recreation Committee.

► The Board confirmed that the NSCA office will be open on Good Friday (formerly a NSCA holiday) but will be closed all day on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (both formerly closed only half day). There are no other changes in the long-standing holiday schedule.

► The Board approved a request to display a Whale Festival banner from the NSCA Bridge for two weeks preceding the event.

MESSAGE FROM MANAGER

COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT: Preliminary planning for the project is under way. The first meeting of the *ad-hoc* Community Center Renovation Committee will be held during the last week of February. The next step is for the committee to visit nearby up-scale communities to review and assess their facilities to obtain preliminary ideas for the NSCA facilities. This phase will commence in March. Watch for the next update in the April issue of the *Seashore News*.

BEACH BLUFF RENOVATION PROJECT: An update on this project will follow in the April issue of

the *Seashore News*. The Board wishes to thank the residents who took the time to submit a written suggestion. Each one was reviewed by the Board members and then discussed at the February 19 Board meeting. Due to an early deadline for this issue of the newsletter, I am not able to provide any additional information in this issue.

POOL/SPA UPDATE: The pool will be closed for resurfacing on Monday, March 10. It will re-open on April 11. The spa is closed and will not re-open until April 11 due to electrical problems and because the deck needs to cure before it can be re-sealed. It will also be re-surfaced when the pool is done.

TIME TO RENEW ALL SERVICE PERMITS

The NSCA Office will issue *SERVICE PERMITS* for service providers and vendors other than construction workers for the 6-month period beginning April 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003.

The *GOLD Service Permits* will expire March 31, 2003, and will be replaced with *NEW WHITE Service Permits*. The old gold permits must be replaced no later than April 14, 2003. The application is attached to this issue of the *Seashore News* or you can also download it from our website at: www.niguelshores.org.

The office needs to update all service passes. Each household is entitled to six *Service Permits*.

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



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Committee continues to work on beautifying the community and appreciates the kind comments.

New homeowners can be overwhelmed with the amount of paperwork they receive.

Landscape Committee continued...

However, everyone should read section 4100 and 4200 of the NSCA rules. Knowing these rules could prevent homeowners from inadvertently planting trees, etc. that are not allowed in certain areas.

Please pay special attention to rule 4211: "Members must not add, remove or change planting in any of the common area or front yards or slopes maintained by the Association's Landscape Contractor without the approval of the Landscape Committee. Unauthorized planting will be removed at the discretion of the Landscape Committee."



SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

There is currently an opening on the Finance Committee. The qualifications are those who have accounting background or business background, which emphasize financial areas. Meetings are monthly on Friday at 3:00 pm. For those interested, please leave a brief resume with the controller Ivy Hsia in the Association office and you will be contacted.

Dick Mackaig,
Finance Committee Chairman



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

1. Rule 6405- Overnight Parking: The security patrol continues to cite a high number of resident vehicles with no visible identification parked on the street between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am in violation of this rule. Multiple offenses could result in the vehicle being towed away.

2. Electric Scooters and/or Gas Engine Scooters: Per the California Vehicle Code (CVC) these are defined as a bicycle and subject to the rules and regulations as such. Some of these rules are noted as follows:

► When riding at night, the vehicle must have authorized lamps and reflectors.

► The operator must not be under the age of 16 years and must wear a helmet.

► The scooter shall not be ridden on any sidewalk.

For the safety of all concerned, please ride in a responsible manner. For a complete text of the vehicle codes, see Silvia Reynoso in the NSCA office.

RECREATION COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

Big plans are in the mill for recreation activities for this year. Potlucks will continue through April, and Beach BBQ's will start on Memorial Day weekend hopefully with our new replacement grill.

Karla Sanders will be the committee chair for our usual large Fourth of July activities, but will be able assisted by Janet and Roy Dohner and a large number of other volunteers who make this a wonderful day for our community.

In August we are planning an outdoor old-fashioned band concert with In-N-Out burgers and other goodies. Just like the good old days. This will mark our 30th Anniversary and rededication ceremonies will be held. Other activities such as garage sales, the Camarata Strings, a Saddleback Theater musical, an evening of Italian flare, with dancing.

A 100th birthday party for Dale Baltimore at the November potluck and a Christmas program make for a busy year. If you are interested in helping with any of these events call Bob Borland 248-1493.

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.

I think we should leave the parking at the Beach Bluff as is. Parking close to the beach is a premium. Have you ever tried to park next door at Salt Creek? Some days they park up by the Tennis Club & the hotel on Niguel Road. Remember when they wanted to put parking on Niguel Road so they would not have to walk so far to the beach? I bought here, because I could get parking close to the beach. I want to park as close to the beach as possible. I think we have enough grass on the bluff now.

Voice of the People continued...

When the summer comes and the holidays are here, it is hard to get a place in the parking lot as it is full. Take the money that would be wasted on the bluff and refurbish the community center and make more parking at the community center. When the Women's Club has a meeting, we are wall to wall people and parking is terrible. I think there are some better places to put our money. Then we will not have to cut the budget on things that need to be done. Why waste money, and then have to turn around and have our Association dues go up.

Irene Hopson

FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE

Don't miss the Big Parade on March 8 starting at 10:00 am. It will be on Coast Highway this year starting at Selva Road - you will be able to walk to get there and not have to worry about parking. There are 114 entries, 271 automobiles, and 1,600 people in the Parade. Niguel Shores is planning an entry. There will be a street fair in the plaza right after the parade. Don't miss this important Community event.



POTLUCK

Please come and help celebrate spring on Sunday, March 30 for happy hour and fellowship at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Please note the change of date. Bring your favorite hot dishes, salads, or desserts to share. You will also need to provide your own silverware, plates, glasses beverage and \$1 per person.

A-E	Ann McCreery or Carol Yocom	487-0495 248-2740
F-O	Harriet and Lee Writer	493-6196
P-Z	Dee and Don Johnston	248-7148



WOMENS CLUB

Feeling adventurous? On March 13 travel under the polar ice cap with retired Captain Bill Wolff. He was in the Navy for 24 years, many as a nuclear submariner. He has a fascinating slide show presentation.

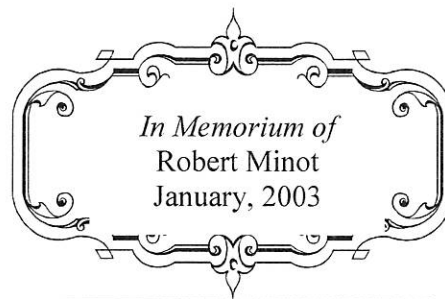
A reservation is necessary to come to the luncheon. Members of the Womens Club who have not been contacted by Monday, March 10 and wish to attend the luncheon, may call Irene Hopson, 488-3830. Luncheon will begin at 12:30 pm.

Womens Club Home Tour. The home tour scheduled for Thursday, April 3, has a waiting list. To be put on the waiting list or to get a ticket if you have already paid, please call Marion Evans at 661-3248.

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

On May 2, a tour of the "Art Alive" Exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park is planned. Over 100 floral designers will have live arrangements that closely resemble exhibited masterpieces. The club will carpool to Balboa Park and lunch nearby. The cost for the exhibit will be \$7. Deadline for payment is March 13.

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



**Pool closes on March 10
Reopens on April 11**

WOMENS GOLF

Niguel Shores Womens Golf Fun Day will be March 10, as always, on the second Monday of the month. Call Margaret Brugger at 493-1438, to sign up. Call Joan Beyer, 496-1428, to sign up for lunch and the meeting immediately following golf. Be at Aliso Creek Golf Course at 8:00 am for golf; at the multi-purpose room at 11:30 am for lunch and the meeting. Please call and cancel if you are expected and cannot be there.

The golf winners in February did not lose their hearts on the course. Indeed, the winning team of Lavonne Borland, Ceacy Johns, Ursula Hornbarger and Marlene Lynch kept their heart ball in play and ended up with the prize for low gross score for a team. There was a three-way tie for individual low gross score between Marlene Lynch, Ursula Hornbarger and Liz Kelsch. Marlene Lynch won for the longest drive of the day. Lavonne Borland won the closest-to-the-pin prize, and Ursula Hornbarger won for lowest number of putts.

Everyone had a good time. One does not need an established handicap to join this group. Just bring golf clubs, a desire to meet neighbors and a good sense of humor.



MENS CLUB

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

The speaker on March 4 will be Jay Johnstone, former major league and Angel baseball player and

author. On March 18, the program will be a video on the construction of Dana Point Harbor.

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

MENS GOLF

Twenty players gathered on January 28 for play at Twin Oaks in San Marcos, where the team format was best ball (gross) on the front 9 holes, and best ball (net) on the back nine. The golf outing scheduled for February 11 at Aliso Viejo Golf Club was unfortunately rained out. Twenty-seven players signed up for this event and most were disappointed. This course three more times during 2003.

Results at Twin Oaks:

First Place: Winners were Ed Bouffard, Bob Gutknecht, Dick Johns, and James Woodward with a score of 63, nine under par.

Second Place: Went to the team of Bob Borland, Bill Murphy, Jack Sweeney, and Boyd Van Ness who finished two strokes behind the leaders.

Closest to the pin honors on both #7 and #17 went to Bob Converse, who became one of the very few players to have accomplished this feat. Congratulations, Bob.

Thought for the month: Many golfers prefer a golf cart to caddy because it cannot count, criticize – or laugh.

GARDEN CLUB

The club took a "field trip" to Mystic Gardens in San Juan Capistrano for the February meeting. Mr. Tom Herbaugh, of Mystic Gardens, gave a very nice tour of his special nursery.

Garden Club continued...

The March meeting, scheduled for noon on March 17, will be on container gardening. Members are welcome to bring their own containers and necessary supplies (including potting soil and plants), or you are welcome to come observe and pick up some hints.

Also in March a trip down to San Diego county to Evergreen Nursery is planned. This is a very large 'drive-through' nursery. Drivers can stop and pick up the plants to purchase. The club will meet in the parking lot on Thursday, March 27 at 9:00 am to carpool. Please bring a bag lunch.

Lastly, the April meeting will be a private tour of Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar. Reservations are required. The cost will be \$3 for the tour. The price will be \$20.50 for lunch at the Gardens. Please pay Francine Stout on or before March 17.

A special "thank you" to Diana Cannariato for the beautiful permanent nametags she handmade for each member of the Garden Club.

SPRING TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION

This year the Niguel Shores spring tennis tournament and exhibition is set for Sunday, March 30. The social mixed doubles tournament starts at 11:30 am and is followed by the exhibition at 2:00 pm. Our tennis pro, Rick Conkay, is making the arrangements for the exhibition. He expects that the four participating players in the exhibition will all be outstanding local pro level players. All Niguel Shores residents and guests are invited to see this approximately one-hour exhibition on court 1. Seating is available and there is no charge.

Players interested in playing in the round robin mixed doubles social tennis tournament should arrange to sign up in the office not later than Thursday, March 27. Players can sign up either as a couple or as singles. Single players will be paired up by the tournament committee. As there is a limit of 24, players early sign up is a good idea. There will be a \$1 charge, payable the day of the tournament, to cover the cost of balls and refreshments.

HURRAY! HURRAY! HURRAY!

The After School Program has started! Yeah! This free program to all Niguel Shores school age children is happening! Monday through Friday,

(follows the Capistrano School Calendar) 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Our new recreation leader is Patricia Harrelson from El Toro High School. It promises to be great fun to be together again.

Special thanks for the generous support of our Niguel Shores Board and the community. Thanks for the fundraising efforts by the family Club, i.e., the Halloween party (thanks preschool moms), bingo, car wash, etc. Please join us!

PAGE TURNERS

There will be no meeting of Page Turners in March. The book to be discussed on Monday, April 17, is *A Primate's Memoir*, Robert M. Sapolsky.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Men and women interested in playing bridge are welcome to join the group each Wednesday at the Community Center from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Call Edythe Tisch at 496-0404. Winners since last *Seashore News*:

January 22

1. Gloria Thrailkill
2. Helen Campbell
3. Helen Stevenson

January 29

1. Helen Campbell
2. Marie Milliken
3. Marion Evans

February 5

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

February 12

1. Dorothy Knauf
2. Marie Milliken
3. Frieda Baskin

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 Sale: Mahogany Queen size headboard and footboard with side rails, all good condition \$125/OBO - English antique washstand inlaid wood, marble top with green tile backsplash, good condition \$250/OBO Please call 487-3880

Neighborhood Ads continued...

For Sale: Large handmade doll house, perfect for some one's granddaughter \$150 – like new lighted display case, 76"x25", 5 glass shelves, light wood, excellent condition \$200/OBO – Please call Karen at 481-9898

For Sale: 1986 black Jaguar sedan Vandenplas, perfect and original condition, 86K miles, all service docs, must see \$9,800 – Please call 240-6378

Looking for a green thumb person to check on garden twice a month from May 1 through December – Please call 240-6378

FREE: black trash compactor, works great, needs a good scrubbing or put in garage and just plug in - Please call 443-9154

Wanted to buy: stationary card table and four chairs. Call 493-5203.

Estate Sale: Furniture, some china pieces. Call 496-3357

For Rent: Excellent Ocean view, three-bedroom unfurnished- yearly rental – Niguel Shores Garden home- by owner - new paint – new carpet - large patios. Oceanside PCH. Available March 1, 496-3357.

For rent: 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

For Sale: By Agent/Owner Huge lot with even bigger ocean view, next to Ritz Cove. Easy walk to private beach. Three bedroom two bath. Hurry! Won't last! 244-8123.

For Rent: "Sea View", ocean side PCH three bedroom, den. Dining room and breakfast area \$3,300. New carpeting and paint call 240-3559.

DANA POINT LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Library: Spring Storytime for Toddlers/Pre-School children will be held every Wednesday at 10:30 am from March 5 through April 9. There will be stories, songs and puppets. No registration is required.

Family Pajama Storytime for the entire family continues to be on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The Sunshine Readers will share stories and songs, so come in your pajamas for their delightful bedtime stories.

The Food for Thought Program, sponsored by In-N-Out Burger, will get underway March 10. Interested young readers can stop by the information desk and ask for a Food-For-Thought registration card. They must read five books, return to the library to get a validated certificate and then go to In-N-Out for a free hamburger. A reader may do this up to three times! This promotion will run through April 20.

One City, One Book March event: Dana Point Coastal Arts is sponsoring an evening with Jeffrey Whitman on March 19 at 7:00 pm at the Ocean Institute. Mr. Whitman will give the program that he presents during the summer when he portrays Richard Henry Dana with his story of *Two Years Before the Mast*. Read the book first! Details from Bill Johnson at billula@earthlink.net.

Bookstore: Bring books, buy books, and volunteer, too! Thanks for helping 2003 get off to a good start.

Dana Point Library (949) 496-5517
Bookstore (949) 489-3956