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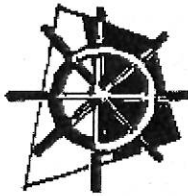
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FROM THE HELM

Barbara and I just returned from a trip to the Midwest. One of the hot topics there is West-Nile virus. We have not heard too much about it here, but on the other side of the Rockies they are predicting that it will be on the west coast before the end of the year.

We are very fortunate in Dana Point and especially in Niguel Shores. We have very few flying insects. I have seen only a few mosquitoes since I've lived here.

But it takes only one. The best defense against this virus is to have no mosquitoes. We all know that mosquitoes breed quickly in stagnant water. So our best defense is to have no stagnant water.

Since we have so little rain most of our stagnant water comes, from our irrigation - a bucket that is left out and filled by a sprinkler, or a saucer under a flowerpot that fills with the drainage from the pot.

Now is a good time to get into the habit of making sure these stagnant water sources are emptied. I'm having to stretch a bit, but I think I can segue from our defense against mosquitoes to the

Landscape Committee. Here is their mission statement:

"While each member of the committee represents and has the responsibility for his/her area, as defined in the *Rules and Regulations*, the committee as a whole shall work toward a coordinated, consistent, and colorful community landscape. By implementing a long term plan, the Committee shall replace problem plant material and high maintenance plant material with shrubs, trees, and flowers that are non-invasive, that do not unreasonably impede views, and that minimize maintenance cost."

One of the things that makes Niguel Shores unique is that we have a lot of open space - common area that newer associations don't have. It costs a lot to maintain our lawns and shrubs and trees. The landscape expense is the largest single item in our yearly budget, so it makes sense to try to select plant materials that help us reduce maintenance expenditures.

From the Helm continue...

**OWNER FORUM
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 16
7:30 pm

Each of us can help maintain the beauty of the community. First of all - do not litter. And second -if you see papers, plastic bags, bottles or cans lying around, pick them up and put them into the trash bins where they belong.

NSCA President
Jerry Milner

BOARD ACTIONS

►Appointed George Traver as a member of the Communication Committee

►Authorized completion of the plan and drafting of specifications for renovation of the Beach Bluff Park.

►Authorized the replacement of the Garibaldi Gate access phone.

►Authorized the installation of TV monitoring cameras at the Manta and Garibaldi Gates

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

As indicated last month, the Association banking has been changed to First Bank, which is now offering an automatic payment option requested by several owners. Included in your next bill will be the form to enroll in the automatic payment service. The form must be submitted a month prior to the first payment due date. Include a voided check for the account the funds are to come from. Your account must be current (0 balance) with the Association for the service to start. There is no fee by the Association or First Bank for this service. Funds from your bank account will normally be transferred to the Association between the 7th and 12th of the first month of each quarter. You will still receive a quarterly statement for your records. The service may be stopped by your written notification by the month prior to a normal payment. This can be a convenient way to make your regular payment and to avoid late fees.

RED FIRE ANTS

Some areas of Orange County have been found to be infested with Red Imported Fire Ants, which can be a serious threat to our way of life. The red ants respond

to the slightest disturbance, and can inflict numerous painful stings. The State Department of Food and Agriculture is requesting some Niguel Shores residents to assist in surveying activities that will involve baiting certain areas for ants. The bait consists of a teaspoonful of luncheon meat (smaller than a walnut), contained in a small plastic basket. It is plain food freshly taken from a can. If ants are present, they will find the bait within a short period of time. The laboratory will identify collected ants to determine if they are Red Imported Fire Ants. Residents are encouraged to cooperate in the testing in order to help eradicate the problem.

A DROP BOX AT ASSOCIATION OFFICE

A new drop box slot has been installed on the left side of the office door for leaving messages when the office is closed. Do not try to conduct complex business or make payments by using the drop box. However, general information or messages for someone to call will be checked each morning. New telephone equipment is also being considered that will permit after-hours voice mail messages to individual staff members. Both of these tools can be an added convenience to residents.

POOL CLOSURES

On a few occasions the pool or spa has had to be closed for maintenance or reasons which we have no control. Often we have no advance warning of problems, but on other occasions we can schedule the time with some advance notice, and try to pick times that will minimize any inconvenience. We must comply with health and safety requirements, but we try to minimize the time of closure.

JUST THE FACTS WILL DO

Owners can be of great help by reporting problems to the office. Calling in streetlights that are out, holes in pavement, broken sprinklers, etc. is appreciated. If it is a real hazard we want to know, but often callers indicate that it is a great safety hazard or something has been broken for months, when neither is the case. Just

Message from GM continued...

be factual. Emergency situations must be dealt with, but most items are scheduled so that they can be done more efficiently and at a reduced cost.

A FAREWELL

This will probably be my last memo and I wanted to thank all of the nice people I have met in Niguel Shores. The vast majority of my contacts have been with pleasant supportive residents. You have a great community and I wish you all the very best in the future.

E MAILS & QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE

Following are answers to questions from e-mails received at nscagm@msn.com, calls or written requests received at the office:

Why do we have to listen to the long recording when calling the gate to let in a guest? The answer is that you don't need to listen to the recording. Any caller may bypass the message by pressing the # key on your phone. The recorded message is a reminder to new users or those that do not call often to give their "personal identification code - PIC" number as well as their guest's name and owner's information for the gate to let the guest in.

NSCA General Manager, CJ Klug

VOTERS, MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Plan to attend "Niguel Shores Candidates' Night" Wednesday, October 23, at 7:00 pm in our multi-purpose room.

You will have the opportunity to meet and hear the ten candidates for the Dana Point City Council.

The Recreation Committee invites you to enjoy a social time with wine and cheese. This will be followed by a short presentation from each of the candidates plus a time for questions from the audience.

It is important that the candidates know that Niguel Shores is a concerned, voting community! Come, and bring a neighbor.

Richard Johns, NSCA Second Vice-president, a new member of the Board, with assignments of liaison to the Maintenance Committee, the Traffic and Safety Committee, and the Information Systems Committee.

LANDSCAPE

The holidays are just around the corner. We have been reminded that decorations should not be put on Association property. They inhibit maintenance.

Illegal planting in Association property was also discussed. Several solutions were explored.

The new potted plants are an attractive addition to the Mariner Gate entrance.

The beach bluff renovation continues to move forward. A new plan will be displayed at the Community Center.



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Mariner Gate: If you see cars waiting in the guest lane as you enter or depart, you might be interested to know that for the month of July the daily average number of cars entering the community between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm was 140 per hour, and for the month of August the number was 130 per hour. This may be one of the reasons you do not get a live voice when you call the gate during the day.

Traffic and Safety continued...

2. For the safety of our youngsters remember that school is back in session, so be extra careful in the morning and afternoon as you drive about in the community.

3. Vandalism: the magnetic device on the pedestrian gate at the beach lot was broken and made inoperable. Anyone who can help us identify the person(s) who did this is asked to contact the office.

SHORES BLOTTER

1. Halyard - Aug 16. Report of gasoline poured into a trash container
2. Bothnia Bay - Aug 17. Report of stolen vehicle
3. Cabrillo Isle - Sept 4. Report of a possibly stolen license plate
4. Halyard - Sept 5. Petty theft report



LIGHT BULB REPLACEMENT

We are currently undergoing a major light bulb and ballast replacement for the entire Niguel Shores community. We expect this to take place within the next four to six weeks, if not sooner. Therefore we will not be responding to any request for light bulb outages until after the retro-fit has been completed.



Arnold Cordova, NSCA Chief Financial Officer, liaison to Architectural Control Committee and Finance Committee. New member on the Board. Former executive manager of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The color palette for the Villas has been changed to reflect the changing tastes in the last 25 years or so.

The colors for the stucco have been increased to ten choices. They can also be used on the garage doors and trim. These ten colors include the six original colors.

The color for the "trim only" has been increased to eleven, including the original Norfolk Brown.

The surfaces of the property line walls facing toward the street or common areas are still to be painted Dunn Edwards 427 Bone White, or equivalent.

There will be color boards in the office and at Dunn Edwards by the beginning of October. The Dunn Edwards store is at 31896 Plaza Drive, San Juan Capistrano. One board will have both the stucco and trim colors on it. The other will have attractive combinations. There are also, at the present time, envelopes in the office with 3"x 6" color chips. You may check these out at home and even keep those that you feel you need.

Architectural Control continued...

Please return the remaining paint chips to the office with a notation on the outside of the envelope indicating which chips you have removed.

Dunn Edward is also giving us 20% off discount cards. If you have an AAA card, you can get a 25% discount. The discount cards will also be in the office, and can be used by all owners of Niguel Shores property. The ACC is in no way indicating that you must use Dunn Edwards paints. You may take the paint chip to any store and have them duplicate the color.

**For
Your
Information**

The multi-purpose room and the restrooms will not be open on Friday, October 11. The Community Center is being tented for termite control.

MENS GOLF

Sixteen players took part in our tournament at Green River on August 27. Format was individual play where points were awarded on each hole for net eagle, birdie, par and bogey. Our outing on September 10 at Temecula Creek was canceled.

Green River Results:

"A" Flight: Joe Sanders took first place, and with 41 points. Bob Borland was in second place at 34 points, and Ed Bouffard was third with 33 points.

"B" Flight: Tom McNicholas won this flight with 39 points. Lee Writer also had 39 points, but lost the tie breaker and took second. James Woodward finished third with 38 points.

"C" Flight: Boyd Van Ness won this flight with a fine score of 35 points. Ed Adams was second and had a total of 34 points Dave Latham took third with 30 points.

Dave Latham was closest to the pin on #3 and Ed Bouffard on #18.

Thought for the month: If it bothers you that you lose lots of golf balls, consider bowling - the ball always comes back.



**Last Chance for
OKTOBERFEST
TICKETS
Saturday night
October 5
5:00 pm**

**Entertainment by
Karl Nagele
Social hour
Bratwurst, chicken
Wine and beer
Special drawing for
dinner at the Pacific Room
and
Gemmell's Restaurant
TICKETS AVAILABLE
now at the office
\$10 per person**

Leash your pet.
Clean up the residue.

**NSCA RULES 9101; Dana Point
City Ordinance, 10.06.050**



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 October 1 will be John Dean, recently retired Superintendent of the Orange County School District. This is a chance to learn of the many special programs the school district offers to the children of Orange County.

Our speaker on October 15 will be Pat Bates, California State Assemblywoman representing us in Sacramento. As in the past, Pat will inform us of the many actions taking place in the California Legislative that will impact our local area.

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.



WOMENS GOLF

October 14 is our next Fun Day to sign up for golf call. Pat Johnson at 661-2818. For lunch call Lee Sweeney at 661-5924. Bring along a friend - you are not expected to be a "scratch" golfer! Our group is fun!!!

Many of our golfers were having fun at Del Mar in September, but the winners at our Fun Day golf were:

Low gross:	Pat Johnson, Barb Brabeck
Low net:	Liz Kelsch, Fran King
Low Putts:	May Gramer, Barb Brabeck
Longest Drive:	Barb Brabeck
Closest to Pin:	Dee Johnston
Birdie:	Dee Johnston



WOMENS CLUB

The Niguel Shores Womens Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Community Center for fellowship, luncheon, and a program. The next meeting will be held on October 10. The Carved Horse of San Juan Capistrano will present a fashion show for the October luncheon. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, followed by a short business meeting and the program.

At our November meeting, the speaker will be Harley Broviak, who served as a chaplain at the World Trade Center. He will be reporting on his participation in the first anniversary memorial of 9/11.

A reminder...those who have signed up for the Welk Resort Theater outing on November 7 should meet in the Community Center parking lot no later than 9:15 am for a 9:30 am bus departure.

All women residents/homeowners are invited to join the Womens Club. We encourage you to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member you may call Lee Sweeney at 661-5924.

The Womens Club board will meet on Thursday, October 3, at 4:00 pm in the conference room.

FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION

Sunday, October 20, the Tennis Sub-committee of the NSCA Recreation Committee is planning another social tennis tournament and tennis exhibition. This last tournament of the year is scheduled for 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. It will again be a social, mixed doubles event with a round robin format. All interested residents are invited to participate. You may sign up in the office starting October 1. There will be a limit of 24 players so players are encouraged to sign up early. Players can sign up as couples or singles. Singles will be paired by the tournament committee. There will be a \$2 charge payable the day of the tournament to cover the cost of balls and refreshments.

Tennis Tournament continued...

At 2:00 pm, there will be a professional level tennis exhibition on court 1 featuring local pros Rick Conkey and Steve Adamson. They will be playing two other professionals to be named later. The names of all four players in this exhibition will be listed on the poster at the entrance to the Community Center. All residents and guests are invited to this event at no charge.

GARDEN CLUB

The Niguel Shores Garden Club led by President Teri Sweeney has grown from a small group to a large and thriving club. September's meeting was lively and busy. We discussed our plans for next year to insure that we continue to have educational and interesting meetings.

Our own Linda Cordova, a floral designer, will lead the October meeting. The meeting will be a workshop for all members who have paid to be in the class. Linda reminded us to bring a large plastic trash bag, cutting shears (or knife), a box or crate to set your vase on, and an apron.

We were very happy to welcome our new members this month and we want to thank the Page Turners for changing their meeting time so the members would have time to make it to our meeting and become part of our group also.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please, call Karen Linger 481-9898.

October gardening tip: If you have a couple of hours you would like to spend in your yard, the "biggest and best bang for you buck" is to plant some pansies! Pansies will last and look beautiful from October to July. No matter what colors you like to use in your garden, you will be able to find pansies to enjoy; just make sure to put them in a place where they will have plenty of sun shining on them.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for some spooky fun at the Niguel Shores Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Community Center!

Pizza and drinks will be sold. There will be games, prizes and crafts to make this a special night. All the activities cost money, so be prepared. Please come in costume for Halloween fun! Volunteers needed and greatly appreciated. Please call Susan F., 489-0290; Susan M. 248-9966; Cristin C. 248-1889; or Gay Powers, 443-0885.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Men and women interested in playing party bridge are welcome to join our group each Wednesday at the Community Center from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. For playing in October, call Helen Campbell at 496-4230.

Recent winners:

August 21

1. Mary Gustafson
2. Marie Milliken
3. Dorothy Eubank

September 4

1. Marion Evans
2. Jean Freeman
3. Marie Milliken

August 28

1. Jean Freeman
2. Kay Wittmack
3. Frieda Baskin

September 11

1. Helen Campbell
2. Dorothy Knauf
3. Marion Evans

ART AFFAIRE REMINDER

Just a reminder to all who plan to participate in the Art Affaire on Sunday, November 3: a list of the pieces of art that you plan to display is needed now so that a computer printout can be made for use at the sale table.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please call Frieda Baskin, 661-3526, for more information.

PAGE TURNERS

The October 21 meeting will be at the home of Harriet Writer, 33711 Windjammer, assisted by Karla Sanders. Karen Mueller will lead the timely discussion of Tamim Ansary's *West of Kabul, East of New York, an Afghan-American Reflects on Islam and the World*. The meeting starts at 10:00 am with the discussion, after which refreshments are served. Bring a sandwich (as much as you will eat) to share. The year's book selection list will be available at the meeting.

DANA POINT LIBRARY NEWS

Report on the proposed library renovation:
The Dana Point City Council appointed the 30th Street Firm from Laguna Beach to conduct a city-wide needs assessment as follows: a poll of a random group of 800 participants, focus groups of individuals who have interests in or relationships with the library, contacts with organizations in the community and, lastly, community-wide meetings at which all interested individuals can participate.

Children's Library: Fall Story Time sessions for toddler/pre-school ages continue every Wednesday at 10:30 am through October 23.

On October 30 at 7:00 pm a special holiday program will be presented by Minikin Puppets entitled "Freaky Follies." Children are encouraged to come in costume for the Annual Costume Parade. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call the Children's Department at 496-5517.

Bookstore: An extensive Holiday Book Sale is scheduled for three weekends in October: Fridays and Saturdays on October 11 and 12, 18 and 19, and 25 and 26; hours are 12:00 to 4:30 pm on Fridays and 11:00 am to 4:30 pm on Saturdays. The books will be displayed in the Community Room where coffee and cookies will be served. Take advantage of this annual sale to stock up on holiday gift books, and to find some for your own enjoyment. If you want to have first choice, consider volunteering at the sale - and in the bookstore, 489-3956.

Dana Point Library 496-5517

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.

It appears that the Traffic and Safety Committee has not properly considered the problem existing with entrance at the Mariner Gate. In two recent editions of the Seashore News, they have suggested that owners and other residents using the barcode gate are responsible for avoiding collisions with cars using the guest gate when entering the community. This is obviously in error since barcode gate users have no idea when the guard is going to open the guest gate. The solution would seem to be a firm instruction to the guard service to keep the guest gate closed when a vehicle is approaching the barcode gate and to keep it closed until it is safe for the guest vehicle to proceed. This would solve the problem. I previously sent a note to this effect to the general manager who forwarded it to the guard service but this does not seem to have been effective. Surely someone in the NSCA can issue such an order.

F. H. Taylor

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

My husband and I would like to thank the Landscape Committee for all the good work they have been doing over the past year. The many areas of landscape in Niguel Shores are coming together-looking beautiful. We are very proud to drive down the streets and proud to have our guests come to visit.

We are sure there is a lot more that you would like to accomplish. Keep up the good work!!!

*Thanks so much,
Sue and Burr McKeehan*

NEIGHBORHOODS ADS

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.

For Rent: Available October 1, two bdrm, two bath on Spinnaker, \$1,500./month, (949)-376-1956.

For Rent or Trade: Big Island luxury Kona Surf and Racquet club. Beautiful waterfront condo-2 bedrooms 2 baths, no stairs. Call Lillian (562) 696-0275 Available January 4 to January 28, 2003.

For Sale: Large black truck shell. Please call for more information or to just come by and take a look (949) 493-7135.

For Rent: Three bedroom, one and 3/4 bath, garden home, beach side of PCH. \$2,500 a month, first month plus \$2,000 security. Available now.