

July 2021 Published Monthly by Niguel Shores Community Association Issue 571 NIGUEL SHORES ANNUAL *BRATION SELEVILLE WHEN/WHERE EVENT 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Famous Pancake Breakfast CLUBHOUSE \$7 per person **Flag Raising Ceremony** 10:30 a.m. Led by Sergeant Major Jim Harkins **FLAGPOLE** Featuring The Young Marines and Uncle Sam 10:50 a.m. **Neighborhood Grand Patriots Parade** Led by Dana Point Fire Engine #30 and Crew Judging of decorated golf carts, bikes and wagons en route. Sign up in the Office by July 2 to include your entry for judging. 11:15 a.m. Children's Games PARK Women's Club Gourmet Hot Dog Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CLUBHOUSE \$5 per person **Afternoon Swimming and Water Fun** POOL AND BEACH 5:00 p.m. **BBQ Grills Ready BEACH BLUFF** Bring your own foods to grill. 5 to 8 p.m. **DJ Spinning Favorite Tunes BEACH BLUFF** 6:00 p.m. **Parade Decorating Awards**

FOURTH OF JULY GRAND PARADE

Fireworks Light Up Dana Point Skies

Display your

BEACH BLUFF

VARIOUS LOCATONS

Evening

Independence Day Spirit!

Decorate your carts, bikes, trikes, scooters, and wagons

for our **Big PARADE** on the

Fourth of July.

Sign up in the NSCA Office by **Friday**, **July 2** to enter the

Parade Decorating Contest.

Judging takes place along the parade route.

Awards at 6:00 p.m.

at the Bluff.

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FROM THE HELM

Happy 4th of July!

Tt's great to be able to resume all our traditional activities Lafter a year of shutdowns and restrictions. Pancake breakfast, flag raising, hot dog lunch, games in the park, golf cart parade, and BBQ at the bluff are all back. Also scheduled are great summer activities from our Recreation Committee, including the In-N-Out food truck and the Concert at the Bluff. Let's enjoy all the summer activities we missed last year.

Our monthly NSCA Board meetings are also back in person in the clubhouse. We will continue to Zoom the meetings for those who cannot attend in person, but we do have an issue with the current audio equipment that does not work very well in the large clubhouse. We are looking into new equipment that will improve the audio for those Zooming in.

At this month's Board meeting, we are bringing back the Resident's Roundtable. Pre-pandemic we held these once a quarter, devoting an hour for homeowners and the Board to discuss various issues. These are open discussions on any topic. We do recommend sending in questions so we can be better prepared for discussion. The NSCA Board of Directors are homeowner volunteers and may not have the answers to questions without some research. We will continue these Roundtable open discussions in October, January, and April.

Also coming up in the next three months are budget planning and reviewing our rules. Our October Roundtable is timed to be able to have discussions about the budget and any concerns about our rules.

- Budget planning for 2022 is a three-to-four month process which is finalized and approved at the end of October. Our Finance Committee does a great job on what is a very time-consuming process in evaluating and recommending the annual financial needs of the community.
- Our Rules Committee receives recommendations on revisions, eliminating or adding rules. These are suggested by our various committees or homeowners and often merely adjust the wording to make our rules easier to understand. This process starts in June, and in September recommendations are made to the Board. After a review by the Board any changes to our rules are sent out to all our homeowners who then have 28 days to review and submit comments. The Board reviews all comments and suggestions and then approves any rule changes, which take effect in January 2022.

I want to thank all our NSCA committees who continued to do their fine work despite the challenge of meeting via Zoom. Without our homeowner volunteers, our Association would not be able to achieve the high standards we enjoy at Niguel Shores.

I also want to thank our staff who navigated through the uncertain times that COVID threw at us.

And lastly, thanks to our homeowners and residents for their understanding and support.

—Bob Russell

GM REPORT

Amenities Open

Tow that the State of California is opening things up so is our Community Association. We are so thankful there are improvements in the numbers throughout the state and thankful that we have made it through an unprecedented pandemic.

All amenities are open to you and your guests as long as you remain with your guests while they use Niguel Shores' wonderful facilities. Remember:

- Masks are still required if you are not vaccinated
- Use of all amenities is at your own risk
- Practice social distancing

Restrooms at Bluff

We have once again installed restrooms and a wash station at the beach bluff for the convenience of our residents throughout the summer months.

Beach Bluff Parking—4th of July

As a reminder, only vehicles with resident barcodes or resident passes will be permitted to park in the beach lot on July 4, including the upper tier. You are welcome to leave your vehicle parked in the lot overnight if (during the course of the celebration) you determine that it would be safer to walk home. Please be aware that the beach lot will be locked between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Vehicles left in the beach lot after 10:00 p.m. can be retrieved once the lot opens in the morning. No citations will be issued, your car will not be towed, and you can safely retrieve it after 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 5.

Confusion on Parking Citations—Owners Process— **Guest Process**

Citations, notices, hearings, fines! The Association is **not** out to get you, we promise. When it comes to violations of any kind, but in particular parking violations, there seems to be more

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

SUMMER IS HERE!

Get ready to have some fun and participate in these upcoming summer events.

Ice Cream at the Bluff—Friday, July 2, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy tasty ice cream at the Beach Bluff with your neighbors and friends. Pay the truck directly.

July 4th Celebration—All Day

Enjoy all the activities on Independence Day. Be sure to sign up in the NSCA office by July 2 to participate in the Decorating Contest for golf carts, bikes, and wagons. The decorating will be judged during the parade.

In-N-Out Night—Saturday, July 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Get ready to start the summer with In-N-Out Night down at the Beach Bluff. Don't forget to bring your appetite! Tickets on sale in the NSCA office at \$10 each for burger, fries and chips.

BBQ at the Bluff—Saturday, July 24, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Another chance to meet your neighbors! Come to the Bluff for this free event in which we provide the hot coals and you bring whatever you would like to BBQ!

Band by the Sea—Saturday, August 21, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy great music and dance the night away with neighbors, family and friends. Ticket sales start July 26 at a cost of \$10 each.

Labor Day BBQ—Sunday, September 5, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for our famous end-of-summer BBQ celebration—a free event in which we provide the hot coals and you bring whatever you would like to BBQ!

—Recreation Committee

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Heavy Traffic-With summer season upon us, we can expect more visitors than any other time of the year and our Mariner gate attendants will be swamped screening and processing folks. Fortunately, the names on our guest lists will promptly be issued a pass and allowed to enter our community. Unfortunately, there are times when a guest or service name does not appear on the host's guest list. Typically, our attendant would try to work with the potentially rejected individual and contact the resident host. This effort to extend a courtesy can cause a heavy backup in the line waiting to enter. On occasion the frustrated visitor has lost composure while the attendant attempted to contact the host, and the entire screening process was ground to a halt causing traffic to backup further. It has happened that lines at the gate extended to Niguel Road and sometimes blocked the flow of traffic on that street.

New Gate Procedure—To expedite the flow of traffic at the Mariner Gate, a change of procedure has been implemented for those whose names are not on our guest lists: During busy times, our attendants will direct prospective guests or service providers not on a guest list to turn around and resolve any confusion with the prospective host while out of our traffic lanes.

How Can We Help?—We can avoid much of the conflict at the gate by ensuring that our guest lists are current and updated as soon as we learn that a guest or service person is scheduled. The surest and preferred method of updating the list is via the computer and logging in to our Dwelling Live system through the Niguel Shores website *niguelshores.org* or at *dwellinglive.com*. Of course, we can phone the Mariner Gate and speak with the attendant or leave a message at (949) 487-4185.

Should you decide to host a special function involving ten or more outside guests, provide the office with a party list at least 24 business hours before the event. This allows for screening and printing of passes for the guests before their arrival and thereby expedites the flow of traffic.

Fourth of July—Be extra cautious as there will be traffic congestion with folks flocking to the clubhouse to enjoy the always popular Men's Club Breakfast. The best little Fourth of July parade in California will also be staging in the neighborhood, and early birds will be arriving to ensure they get one of the truly great hot dogs served by the Women's Club. Spectators will be lining the sidewalks to cheer for friends and family members in the best and most patriotic parade held anywhere. And, after all of this, the real partying starts. A lot of folks will head down to the Bluff, but only cars with resident parking stickers will be allowed into the area. This is the one day each year vehicles with guest passes or guest stickers are not allowed into this area.

Dogs and the Fourth of July—Remember the Fourth of July and corresponding fireworks equate for the worst day of the year for our dogs. If you can secure them in a Thunder Vest, medicate them if possible, and stay with them in your quietest room, you will be their hero.

—God Bless . . . Tim Murphy

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

With a full slate of events back on the calendar, the Maintenance Team has been busy prepping and preparing for a fun summer.

Bluff Improvements—At the Beach Bluff, several new, sturdy, covered trash cans have been installed. Some of the teak chairs are being replaced and more are planned for the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The plastic benches near the handicapped ramps are in the process of replacement with teak as well. The great thing about wood is not only is it more beautiful but it can be repaired and refinished when needed.

If you have been at the Bluff lately, you have seen the annual refinishing of the redwood picnic tables. While we rely heavily on **George Cooley** and the **Maintenance Team**, this job is a labor of love performed by our fearless leader



Len Beebe and committee member **Bob Schreiber.** Yours truly was even enlisted for a little sanding. This multi-day project brings the tables back to their beautiful. almost new appearance. Hopefully, we will all appreciate this fine work and take a little bit better care when we are enjoying this wonderful space.

Street Overlay—The Board has approved the next street overlay project, which should occur in the next couple of months. The five-day project will involve Atlantic Avenue, Colima Bay, Timor Bay and Bluehill Bay. Plenty of notice and planning will be involved to minimize traffic disruption.

Pool Chair Lift—We have purchased a new Pool Handicap Chair Lift as the existing chair had reached the end of its "extended" life (Read: We got everything we could out of the old one).

Tennis Posts—Net posts on Tennis Court 2 had to be removed and we are attempting to get them replaced ASAP.

New Committee Member—Our Committee welcomes **Art Staudenbaur** as its newest member. Not only is Art a long-time resident but he has a long history of volunteering in the community, most recently as a member of the Board. Thanks, Art, for your continued hard work. We are lucky to have you.

Items of Concern—A group was recently seen playing Pickleball in flip-flops or without shoes at all. Not only is this very dangerous but we have a rule that proper court shoes are required. So remember, "No Shoes—No Serve."

There is ongoing vandalism to the backside of the tennis court fencing next to the handball/basketball courts. According to a witness, the court fences are being used as a Lacrosse backstop which is causing serious damage to the fence and screen. If you have a budding Lacrosse star at home, please direct them to please stop, as eventually this will require reinforcing/replacing the fencing at great cost to the Association, which means ultimately you and me. I think we would all agree we would rather spend funds on maintaining or creating new and improved amenities for our EXTREMELY WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY.

Have a Happy 4th of July!

—Geoff Dunlevie

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rumor than fact floating around. The Association follows a very strict and consistent process for enforcement. Here are the facts:

First off, parking violations are enforced per property and not per vehicle. For **residents**, the first citation issued to a resident is just a warning. The second citation issued to a resident triggers a Notice of Violation letter that explains further citations issued to any vehicle registered to that property will result in a hearing and possible fine. If a resident continues to receive citations, then, as the notice warns, the resident will be scheduled for a hearing. Out of this unpleasant experience the Board offers a bright spot. If this is the first hearing for parking violations, the Board will suspend the fine under the condition that no further citations are received for the next 12 months.

For **guests**, the guest citations are handled in much the same manner except that the citations are issued against the resident that has called the guest in. The first citation issued to a guest vehicle for the home is just a warning. The second citation issued to a guest of the resident triggers a Notice of Violation letter that explains further citations issued to any guest vehicle called in to that property will result in a hearing and possible fine. Again, if this is the first hearing for guest

parking violations, the Board will suspend the fine under the condition that no further citations are received for the next 12 months. The rules and enforcement thereof were not intended to create an "Us vs. Them" atmosphere. If you are experiencing a parking issue, the NSCA staff is here to help you find a solution. Just give us a call!

Have a very safe and happy 4th of July!

—Marla Miller



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WOMEN'S CLUB



Teatime—We achieved our goal to assemble in the Clubhouse for our traditional June Tea and how grateful we all were to be there! Fifty members attended the festive occasion. Tables were set with exquisite teapot floral centerpieces created by Suzanne Enis. Each lady received a delicious tea box containing tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, scones, and a delightful dessert catered by the Teahouse on Los Rios—with funding graciously donated by Board members Judi Palladio, Laurel Yocca, Jennifer Paige, Jeannie Sticher, and Carla Perin. A variety of teas were available, to be enjoyed in the treasured teacups ladies brought from their own collections. This was a marvelous finale to a very unique Women's Club year!

Showtime—The highlight of our tea party was an entertaining Slideshow of 2019-2021 Events presented by Terry Link and Lydia Reese. Lydia also introduced our new Officers for 2021-2022: President Sharon Stewart, Vice President Laurel Yocca, Treasurer Cathy Tyson, Secretary Terry Link. Congratulations to Terry Link for three years of leadership and welcome to all new officers and committee chairs.

Special July Events

- Women's Club is supporting the **South Coast Marine** Corps League by collecting toiletries (shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, sunblock, etc.), food and snacks (beef jerky, candy bars, nutrition bars) to be sent to our troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. A collection box is in the Office with a suggested list of items to donate. Representatives from Camp Pendleton will be picking up the donations during our Fourth of July celebration.
- Everyone in the Shores is invited to attend the **Women's** Club Annual Hot Dog Lunch on Sunday, July 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Poolside Patio. The cost of the gourmet hotdog plate is \$5 and includes extra-long hotdogs on buns, chips, cookie, and lemonade. All condiments including sauerkraut and onions are available to personalize your gourmet dog!
- Members, come and enjoy our **Happy Hour on the Bluff** starting at 5:00 p.m. on July 15. We will have tables set up for members and significant others to socialize and cheer on the summer nights. Please bring your own special drink and an appetizer to share. Plates and cups will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Dues Time—We are now collecting \$25 Annual Membership Dues for the 2021-2022 club year. All dues must be paid by July 15 for your name to be included in the Membership Directory. If you have not already paid, please bring your \$25 check to the Clubhouse Office or contact Membership Chairs Judi Palladino or Jennifer Paige. We welcome all women residents of the Niguel Shores community. The Niguel Shores Women's Club is a non-partisan group with a diversity of ages and backgrounds. Membership forms are available in the Office or Online for those interested in joining us. HAPPY SUMMER!

—Terry Link

MEN'S CLUB



The Men's Club Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 4, from 8 to 10 a.m.

- **Reservations** are required for both inside and outside seating.
- We are requesting that everyone purchase meal tickets ahead of time online.
- **Online ordering** is available at *niguelshoresmensclub.org*
- We are also offering a **Take-Out** option. Those tickets must also be purchased in advance.
- Anyone who is unable to order online can contact the NSCA office. The staff will collect their contact information and a volunteer from the Men's Club will call them to take their order.
- The cost for dine-in or take-out will be \$7 per meal. REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AND JOIN US FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

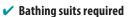
—John Yocca

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



Some Points to Remember This Summer

Pool Rules:









- ✓ No food inside pool fence
- No animals inside pool fence
- Guests must be attended by a resident at all times
- FOB required for entry (no jumping the fence or using another object to open)

Beach Bluff Rules:



- ✓ No charcoal or tabletop BBQs
- No staking or inserting items into the grass or landscaped areas
- No bouncehouses or other inflatables
- ✓ No generators or items requiring use of engines or live electricity
- ✓ No skateboarding, scooters or bicycles riding on sidewalks
- Guests must be attended by a resident at all times
- ✓ Guest parking in top tier only (No guest parking on 4th of July)
- Unattended items on tables will be removed and table forfeited
- Dogs must be on leash and with owners at all times

GARDEN CLUB

The good news, as our county emerges from lockdown, is that our club was able to have our annual year-end Beach BBQ on

June 21. This year's event was extra special because we were celebrating the club's 20th Anniversary. Like all anniversaries, we enjoyed a beautiful Anniversary Cake. Yum, Yum.

Want more good news? The Niguel Shores Garden Club is continuing for another year with a new, talented group of officers who were officially installed at the anniversary event. Here they are:

President: Lydia Reese
Vice President: Susan Courtney
Secretary: Ginny Gravely
Treasurer: Rob Wollen
Membership: Gunjan Anan



Monarch Butterfly plantings by the Garden Club

Another joyful activity was singing Happy Birthday to our longtime 20-year member Ruthy Stahl, 103 years young.

As you read this Garden Club article in the July issue, I



want to express my appreciation and thanks for the many nice comments on my years of reporting about this special club. Writing about our meetings, our adventures, our officers, and our members has been very rewarding for me and I enjoyed every moment of it. I am retiring from that effort and I assure you the new SSN writers will do a super job.

-Karl Kuhn

—Patty Cook

Editor's Note: We are going to miss your reports, Karl. You brought the Garden Club to us each month with a fondness for the club, a love of gardening, and a wonderful attitude of fun that showed in each article you posted over the years. Relax now, and enjoy sunny moments in your garden.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

JoAnn Webb and Grace Glatt

Seashore News Correspondents:

Ann Strass and Sandi

Dana Hills Seniors Celebrate at the Bluff

Several families got together at the Bluff to celebrate their Dana Hills seniors at graduation with a special party for Jake Stadlbauer, Tyler Lipson, Will and Cole Halbert, Austin and Logan Jenner, Wyatt Ackermann, Reese and Vaughn McCarter, and Paden Cook. Some

Hospitality:

Stauffer

Ackermann, Reese and Vaughn McCarter, and Paden Cook. Some of these kids have known each other since preschool and grown up in the Shores together. All of them have been connected in one way or another since they were young. Their friendships have continued through high school at Dana Hills—and they all live here in the Shores. The families chose the Bluff because of the special meaning it has for our kids.



Tyler Lipson

Tyler, a resident on Tasman Bay, graduated in June from Dana Hills High School. He will be attending the University of Arizona in Tucson this fall. Tyler was a Varsity Basketball player and played all through high school. Niguel Shores sends good wishes to Tyler for great success in college and the future.



Wyatt August Ackerman

Wyatt graduated in June from Dana Hills, where he played varsity soccer and volleyball. He will be attending Linfield University in McMinnville, Oregon in August where he will be playing soccer and studying Business. He has lived in the Shores for 18 years and will forever be grateful and bonded to this wonderful neighborhood of friends.

Reese McCarter

Reese graduated from Dana Hills High and plans to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. At Dana Hills, Reese volunteered with Special Olympics and helped with the Best Buddies organization. We send Reese best wishes for a bright future at SMU.

Vaughn McCarter

Vaughn graduated from Dana Hills, where he played Varsity Volleyball. In the fall, Vaughn will be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. We wish great success to Vaughn in college and in future endeavors.

WE'RE BACK!

iguel Shores opened up last month with residents offering each other big smiles and "glad to see you" hugs at all kinds of community activities. Here's how we celebrated a return to what makes Niguel Shores such a great place to live—special events, good neighbors, lasting friendships, and good old fun. You can see lots more photos of these events in the "Galleries" on our website at niguelshores.org.

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

















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PICKLEBALL ON THE COURTS AND AT HAPPY HOUR

Picklers meet each Wednesday at Happy Hour for refreshments and socializing. Please join us at the Community Center for good food and conversation Wednesdays around seven. Non-players are welcome.









FOURTH OF JULY MEMORIES





Young Marines and Boy Scouts, shown here in 2015, traditionally raise our flag on 4th of July. For two decades, Uncle Sam has been showing up with treats for the kids, as seen in this 2001 picture of Hal Therolf. And twenty years ago, at our Neighborhood Parade, young Max Fleming received a tour of Engine #30 from a Dana Point firefighter. Max is now 22, graduated from college with a degree in biology, and was a volunteer firefighter during the Montecito Fire. Here are some other scenes of past Independence Days in Niguel Shores.













































FOURTH OF JULY CITY OF DANA POINT

Condor Squadron Flyover - 5:50 p.m. Fireworks Spectacular - 9:00 p.m.

Back with a BANG! The fireworks are shot from a barge on the water off of Doheny State Beach. For more information call the City of Dana Point Recreation Division at (949) 248-3536 or email recreation@danapoint.org



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS — THE LANDRY FAMILY

How do a girl from Maine and a guy from Southern California fall in love and get married? They meet at a wedding in Guadalajara, Mexico, of course!

Meet your neighbors on Dosinia Drive—Chris and Kate Landry, who have lived in the Shores for eleven years with their daughters, Adrienne and Ivy. They can often be seen walking in the neighborhood with Penny, their sweet, energetic Cavapoo.

Kate grew up on Sebago Lake in southern Maine where her mother Mary and extended family still reside. She graduated from College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts and was on the ski team. She then spent several years studying and working in France, Australia and Mexico. Kate is an artist and art educator with her MFA from the Laguna College of the Arts.

Chris, who works in software, comes from Carlsbad and the San Diego area. He attended La Jolla Country Day School, graduated from the University of Arizona, and is a big fan of the Wildcats.

Kate and Chris are avid adventurers and travelers. Their family likes to hike and they love the beach. Kate and the girls can often be seen paddle boarding at the Dana Point Harbor, where Penny joins the fun with her doggie lifejacket. She has great balance and has been known to jump from one paddle board to the next when in close proximity!

With the girls on distance learning this past year, the Landrys took school to the road and drove from California to Maine, and then up to Washington. That's quite a trek for novice RV travelers! They would all agree it was a wonderful experience to visit Kate's family in Maine and Chris's family on an island off the coast of Seattle.

They plan to visit Maine again this summer, but this time by plane. Chris has become more of a "Mainer" than most people from Maine. He readily shares his love for the state and the people. He could probably be a travel guide for "The Pine Tree State," proudly known for its rugged coastline and lobsters.

So, what or who brought Chris and Kate here to Niguel Shores? They were living in Laguna Beach and were looking for a little more space for their growing family. Neither had heard of Niguel Shores that some call "a hidden gem." Kate was teaching at St. Anne School when her friend and colleague, Joni Ashworth, also of Dosinia Drive, spoke so highly of Niguel Shores. They decided to check it out and found a home to rent on Danzig Bay.

Fast forward three years when, once again, Joni entered the picture and mentioned that her neighbor on Dosinia might be interested in selling. The Landrys jumped at the chance and have been home owners on Dosinia Drive for eight years—and couldn't be happier. They absolutely love Niguel Shores. When talking about the good neighbors on their street, Chris and Kate shared that their home needed some major repairs when they moved in and Margie, their new next door neighbor at the time, insisted they stay in her home because she was going to be away for an extended time. How generous!

Adrienne and Ivy make good use of our park, pool and beach and are very aware of how special their neighborhood is. During the pandemic, when they were at home and unable to see their friends, Adrienne made a list of good things that kept up her spirits. The top of her list was "seeing Joni every day and her dog." Their mutual dogs, Penny and Berkeley, are best buddies. Adrienne has become a bit

> of a neighborhood entrepreneur and has begun

walking a dog for a neighbor who recently had knee surgery. Adrienne and Ivy have organized local beach clean-ups and take much pride in their neighborhood. They are both big horse lovers and ride in San Juan

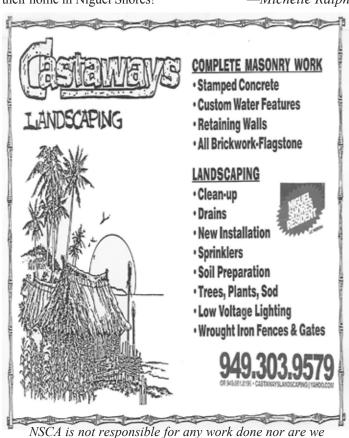
Capistrano. Adrienne plays the piano and loves Jazz improv. They are learning how to play tennis and are hoping to spend more time on the courts this year.

Kate shares, "As much as we love travel, I feel as many residents do, that there are few places in the world we would rather be than Niguel Shores."

Chris and Kate both agree, "Niguel Shores is a phenomenal place to raise a fam-

ily. We feel so grateful to live in such a lovely, caring community. We adore our neighbors and are thrilled that our daughters love and appreciate growing up here."

We are certainly glad the Landry family has chosen to make their home in Niguel Shores! —*Michelle Ralph*



recommending any of the advertised companies

BRIDGE

We held our first Bridge group play date for this year on May 19. Everyone had a wonderful time meeting new friends and trying to remember the names of old friends we had not seen for over a year.

The following people have shown their prowess with winning in first, second, or third place at our Wednesday gatherings:

May 19 (1) Bob French, (2) Freyd Rad, (3) Jim Pinola

May 26 (1) Mike Oliva, (2) Freida Baskin, (3) Jane Olson

June 2 (1) Freyd Rad, (2) Bill Imbriale, (3) Linda Hardy

June 9 (1) Lee Ferrell, (2) Jeri Gesto, (3) Frank Lapple



If you are new to bridge or just want a little refresher course, **Bob French** and **I** will arrange a Monday date with you to go over basic skills and bidding. If you haven't played in a while but just feel the need to refresh, we look forward to working with you. You won't find this kind of help with various Poker groups.

Bridge is a game you can play well into your 90s. Lee, who won on June 9, is 99. You are only as old as you feel.

On Wednesdays, all players must have their COVID shots. As most of our members do not want to wear masks, our group will follow this protocol that members playing must have had their vaccinations.

Please contact **Bob** or **Betty French** at (949) 312-2556 for further information.

-Mike Oliva

PAGE TURNERS

At their bi-annual joint meeting in June the members of Page Turners Book Club learned the results of their months-long process of choosing the books that the club will read from September of this year through June of next year.

Page Turners consists of three groups of eleven to twelve members each, and between them they suggested thirty-six books from which to choose nine. The books that did not make the final nine provide an excellent resource for reading at one's leisure. So many interesting titles were suggested. The nine books receiving the highest votes for the coming year's reading list are as follows:

The Stranger's Child, Alan Hollinghurst
Hamnet, Maggie O'Farrell
The Four Winds, Kristin Hannah
No Name, Wilkie Collins
The Girl From Berlin, Ronald H. Balson
Perestroika In Paris, Jane Smiley
Ordinary Grace, William Kent Krueger
The Indigo Girl, Natasha Boyd
A Farewell To Arms, Ernest Hemingway

Regular meetings resume in September on the fourth Monday and the fourth Thursday of the month. For information on the Thursday groups, please contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at *samwrsi@cox.net* and for the Monday group contact me, **Frances** at *fozimec@cox.net*. —*Frances Ozimec*

PICKLEBALL

June gloom is behind us and pickleball players are having a great time on our courts, as usual.

Take the Quiz

Do you think you know a lot about the sport? Here is a little quiz to test your pickleball knowledge. Answers next month.

1. A pickleball court is the same size as

a. a half basketball court b. a badminton court c. Hampton Court

2. A few rules are

a. ball must stay inbounds **b.** no volley zone prohibits overheads **c.** match winners receive a jar of pickles from the losing team

3. Pickleball appeals to

a. seniors **b.** tennis players **c.** everyone

4. The no volley area is called the

a. rectangle of death **b.** kitchen **c.** no go zone

5. The name pickleball comes from

a. a dog **b.** players getting pickled after matches **c.** first balls made in a pickle factory

6. Serve toss must be

a. at least 7 feet high **b.** in the no volley zone **c.** below the player's waist

7. Pickleball is a combination of

a. badminton **b.** ping pong **c.** mah jong

8. Opposing teams try to get to this line first

a. bottom line **b.** kitchen line **c.** fowl line

9. This year's US Open championship was held in

a. Naples, Florida **b.** Indian Wells, California **c.** cancelled

10. Average age of a pickleball player is

a. 41 **b.** 51

c. Irrelevant, fun for kids and their grandparents, but the other correct answer is 41.

—Kathy Jones

TENNIS

Fun Fact: Wimbledon is the first of the four major Open or Grand Slam tennis tournaments



in the world and is played in London, England. This year, Wimbledon started on June 28 and is running through July 11. The only Major played on grass courts, Wimbledon favors players who can master the low bounce and the quickness of grass balls and those with a strong serve and volley game. Rodger Federer has won eight Wimbledon tournaments during his career, more than any other player during the Open period.

Join Us—Contact Jennifer Rose at *4oceanbreeze@gmail. com* if you'd like information about tennis in Niguel Shores. Our Players List is updated and emailed in April and September of each year. Thanks!

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