

Seashore News



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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR NIGUEL SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *Board Of Directors*



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FROM THE HELM

Happy springtime to all of Niguel Shores! I am looking forward to the next few months as summer gradually approaches and I hope you, your friends and family are too.

Meet The Candidates Night—MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT is scheduled for April 6, at 6:00 p.m. Plan on attending in person or via zoom in order to make an informed decision on your vote this year. Please get involved by asking questions and listening to what each of the candidates have to say about their viewpoints and opinions for Niguel Shores.

Community Recreation Amenities Presentation—Homeowners should make every effort to attend the RECREATION AMENITIES INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION scheduled for April 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The Recreation Amenities Committee has been working hard with experts for some time on ideas to enhance our community.

Your participation is valued and important in the next steps of this project and how it will move forward. Be sure to attend.

Resident Roundtable—We will kick off the April Board meeting with a RESIDENT ROUNDTABLE to be held Wednesday, April 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Among the topics will be eBike safety. You will be able to hear about concerns and get more info on eBike safety and upcoming training in Niguel Shores.

Community Ebike Training and Ice Cream Truck—We have a new event: EBIKE TRAINING scheduled for June 3, 2022 at the Beach Bluff. Be sure to save the date as it may involve FREE ICE CREAM! In an attempt to be proactive in educating all Niguel Shores about the safety of electronic bicycling, this event will involve training on the do's and don't's of this fun and new activity that is

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APRIL EVENTS



CLASSIC CAR SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 2,
3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
NIGUEL SHORES
COMMUNITY CENTER
PARKING LOT



MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
6:00 P.M.
NIGUEL SHORES
CLUBHOUSE



RECREATION AMENITIES PRESENTATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 7
6:00 P.M.
NIGUEL SHORES
CLUBHOUSE



RESIDENT ROUND TABLE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
5:00 TO 6:00 P.M.
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GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 23,
9:00 A.M. TO NOON
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GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

2022 Annual Meeting and Election

Nominations for the annual election have been received and there are six (6) candidates running for three (3) open positions. The candidates running for these positions are: **John Barbee, Jim Cobb, John Douglas, Rhonda Dunlevie, Paul Neuvirth and John Rosenthal.** Join me in thanking these candidates for volunteering to run and serve on the Board of Directors. The candidate bios are included in this newsletter on pages 8 and 9 for your review.

In addition to reading about each candidate, please plan on attending **Meet the Candidates Forum** scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be holding this event in the Clubhouse. However, if you would like, you can observe this forum via Zoom. To obtain the Zoom link email Matt Northrop at mnorthrop@niguelshores.org or call (949) 493-0122 x4.

This forum will provide you with an opportunity to hear about and ask questions of each candidate. An insert is included in this issue with a Question Form to provide you with the ability to submit questions in advance of the meeting. Complete this form and return it to the NSCA Office so your question can be answered by each of the candidates.

Meeting Notice and Ballots

The Annual Meeting Notice and Ballots will be mailed to all owners on approximately April 15. The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Ballots may be returned by any of the following means:

- Return your ballot in the self-addressed, stamped, return envelope provided in the election material

FROM THE HELM

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becoming more and more popular. Local law enforcement and a cycling expert are expected to be involved, so don't miss out on what they have to teach about making sure we all are safe while eBiking.

Board of Directors Election—This year we have six (6) owners running for three (3) open seats on the Board of Directors. A big thank you to all of them for volunteering to serve. Biographies submitted by each of the candidates are

- Hand deliver your ballot to Accurate Voting Services, 18 Technology Drive, Suite 142, Irvine, CA 92618
- Present your ballot in person at the Annual Meeting before the polls close at 6:00 p.m.
- Deliver your ballot at the NSCA Office and put it in the locked Ballot Box at the front counter.

The Inspectors of Election have been given the keys to the Ballot Box and will be the only persons allowed to open it.

Pool and Spa Maintenance Closure

The routine pool and spa maintenance will be conducted April 25 to May 5, which means these amenities will be closed during this time. As always, we try to plan this around all spring breaks with schools in the area and appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Pickleball Play

New permanent nets have been installed on the courts for your enjoyment. We do need to have everyone be very understanding of the pickleball court hours on Sunday. This is the only day that the hours are different from the tennis court hours. Pickleball is only allowed on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please remind everyone of these hours and be kind to your neighbors that want to enjoy some quiet time that day.

Wishing each and every Niguel Shores resident a Happy Spring from all the Staff at Niguel Shores. Enjoy every day to the fullest!

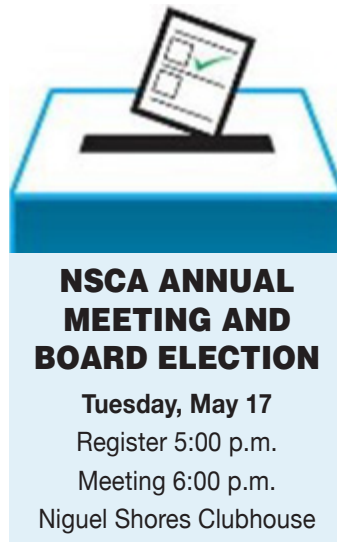
—Marla Miller



in this edition on pages 8 and 9 for you to review and get to know each of your fellow homeowners participating in this annual process.

Homeowners should keep an eye out for their voting ballots in the mail this month. This process is much like a state, county, or local election so please pay attention to the ballot's instructions or else your vote may not be counted.

—Bob Russell



COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We are enjoying more outdoor activities that come with extended daylight and warmer weather, and the Maintenance Team is working on many upgrades and improvements for the season.

New Nets

The permanent Pickleball nets were installed and the Pickleball players could not be happier. But remember to be kind to our neighbors and please follow the posted hours. Improvements were also made to the tennis courts which are much appreciated by Tennis players.

Pool Closure

The pool and spa will be closed from Monday, April 25 until Friday noon, May 5 for the semi-annual maintenance of the pool water and systems. Hopefully this will include the installation of a new pool and spa heater. The timing was planned so the pool would be available during local school spring break and family gatherings during the April holidays, which we all appreciate!



Installation of new Pickleball nets. *Photos by Don Baer*

Bluff Benches and Tables

The two eight-foot benches at the Beach Bluff ramp entry were replaced last year, and now all the six-foot benches on the oceanside rim are in the process of being replaced. It is worth noting that all these benches were ordered at the same time to take advantage of a significant cost saving to the community. Regarding the disposition of the old five teak benches, perhaps a raffle of sorts will be offered to residents as was done with the old pool patio furniture. We will keep you posted on that.

You also may have noticed that the twelve portable tables at the Bluff are falling into disrepair and the Board has approved their replacement. The new tables are on order. However, due to “Supply Chain Issues” (haven’t we all suffered some sort of supply delay lately?) we are hoping to receive delivery at some point during the summer. Fingers crossed.

Maintenance Job Opening

The Maintenance Staff has an open part-time position, so if you know of an able-bodied young person looking for work please have them reach out to the Association Office. Applicant must be a non-resident.

As always, many thanks to **George Cooley** and the **Maintenance Staff** for their thoughtfulness and hard work keeping our community extremely well maintained.

—*Geoff Dunlevie*

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IN MEMORIAM
Tom McNicholas
94 years old
Original owner on Sextant Drive since 1973
Joyful participant in Niguel Shores activities for 49 years
Original member of Men’s Club, Index Chair for Men’s Golf
World War II Air Force Veteran
Predeceased by his wife Joyce, married 55 years
Survived by daughter Diana, son-in-law Chuck, son Michael,
daughter-in-law Theresa and grandson John
Last seen in his red golf cart with his wheelchair strapped on
the back and his beloved caregiver Adrienne driving him to the
Bluffs to enjoy the beauty of the ocean and talk with his friends.
We will dearly miss him!

*Good Wishes to all those
celebrating Passover and
Easter this month.*



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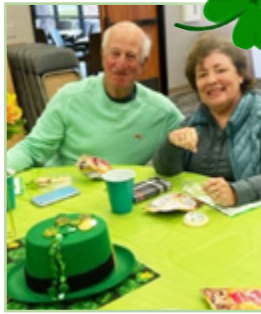
RECREATION

Great St. Paddy's Day Celebration! Thank you for all who attended. Make sure to celebrate it with us next year. It's always nice to see everyone get together and have fun.



April Events:

NSCA Classic Car Show – Saturday, April 2, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There are only a few spots left, so register now. Once you are registered you can bring those beautiful 1979 or older autos down and show them off.



Register by completing the registration form, which can be found online or in the NSCA office and email it to Blayke Miller at bmiller@niguelshores.org. We are limiting this to the first 20 to register and you do not want to be left out.

Garage Sale – Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It's spring-cleaning time and with spring cleaning comes the garage sale. Get ready and sign up in the NSCA office starting April 4.

Upcoming Events:

Cinco de Mayo – Thursday, May 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy tacos and music down at the Beach Bluff. Tickets go on sale April 4 in the NSCA office. Tickets are \$10 each and limited to the first 200. Food comes with three tacos, rice, beans and chips.

Spring Market – Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy all the wonderful items from the community for sale at the market. Event will be located at the NSCA Community Center Park.

Memorial Day BBQ – Sunday, May 29, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own food to barbeque on the grill and enjoy fun dance tunes at the Beach Bluff.

— *The Recreation Committee*

RECREATION AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Come and check out the **New and Enhanced Proposed Recreation Amenities** within Niguel Shores.

The Recreation Amenities Committee invites everyone to a **Community Meeting** in the Clubhouse on **Thursday, April 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.** to view and provide input into a variety of new, enhanced proposed amenities.



The meeting begins with a short overview, followed by an opportunity to interact with Committee members, view the proposed amenities within a master plan, and offer your input.

Looking forward to seeing all on April 7!

— *Jeannie Sticher*

Does your household have a high school or college student graduating this year?



Honoring Our 2022 Graduates



The *Seashore News* has an annual tradition of honoring our Niguel Shores graduates with a special announcement in the June issue.

Please send their names, a photo, future plans, and any other activities you may wish to share to: seashorenews@hotmail.com

We look forward to recognizing our 2022 high school and college graduates in the June issue. **Deadline to submit: May 15**

CLUBS

WOMEN'S CLUB

During February and March, the **Niguel Shores Women's Club** conducted a **Survey** to learn more about the characteristics of our membership and collect suggestions to update and improve our club. We have 120 members and received 48 responses to the survey. No names were included and not all questions were answered, but we would like to share the survey results. The replies show what a diverse, intelligent, and exciting group of powerful women we all are!



Women's Club Happy Hour group at Hendrix last month.

NIGUEL SHORES WOMEN'S CLUB 2022 SURVEY RESULTS

- **AGE RANGE OF MEMBERS:** 51 to 95 years
- **FAMILY BACKGROUND:** 48% married; 28% widowed; 20% single
- **NUMBER OF CHILDREN:** 3 one child; 30 two children; 10 three children
- **NUMBER OF GRANDCHILDREN:** 18 one or two grandchildren; 21 three or four grandchildren; 11 five to nine grandchildren
- **EDUCATION:** 9 Associate; 25 Bachelor; 15 Master; 1 Doctorate; 21 Professional Degree or Certificate
- **OCCUPATION AREAS:** **Arts:** entertainment, fashion designer, singer, art director, script supervisor; screen writer; **Business:** real estate, accountant, CFO, stock market, medical and retail sales, entrepreneur; business owner, computer; **Education:** K-12 teacher, principal, counselor, adult ed, librarian, college professor, community college president; **Health Care:** nurse, psychologist, radiology, family counselor; **Legal:** trust advisor, lawyer, secretary; **Travel:** flight attendant, travel agent; **Well Being:** health coach, homemaker, grief counselor

- **WORK STATUS:** 30 retired; 10 part time; 5 full time
- **HOBBIES:** **Academic:** reading, writing, languages, genealogy; **Art and Creations:** photography, jewelry making, crocheting, cross stitch, knitting, graphic art, painting, driftwood designs; **Games:** bridge, board, puzzles, cards; **Music and Theater:** plays, movies, piano, strings, dancing; **Social:** traveling, wine tasting, happy hour, dining out, shopping; **Outdoors:** swimming, walking, running, hiking, pickleball, tennis, gardening, walking dogs, biking, golf, dancing, Pilates
- **COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICE:** Habitat for Humanity, library book store, Ocean Institute, military support, Orange County Republican/Democratic Women, choir, Sunday School leader, Bible Study Deacon, food pantry, food volunteer for homeless
- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS/RECOGNITION:** Teacher of the Year, Niguel Shores Volunteer of the Year, Golden Apple Award, Top 1% Realtor, Women's Club President, educational speaker, department chair, Laura's House, teacher trainer, Dana Point Historic Center founder, Segerstrom Center founder, raising family, developing great friends
- **LIVING IN NIGUEL SHORES:** 8 one to five years; 15 six to ten years; 6 twelve to twenty years; 12 twenty-one to 34 years; 11 thirty-five to forty-five years
- **ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Niguel Shores Women's Club, Recreation Committee, Seashore News, Traffic and Safety Committee, Landscape Committee, Fourth of July activities, Page Turners, NSWC Outside Activities, Book Club, Garden Club, Dippy Dolphins
- **ACTIVITIES ENJOYED IN OUR COMMUNITY:** beach bluff, walking with friends/dogs, pool, sauna, garage sales, Laguna Playhouse, Ocean Institute, Pageant of the Masters, bike riding, tennis, pickleball, basketball, bridge, Saddleback Emeritus classes, restaurants, picnicking, holiday boutiques
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR NSWC:** Begin meeting at 11:30; increase lunch to \$5.00; evening activities for working ladies; more civic leaders as speakers; more Men's Club speakers; more TGIF; add sandwiches to salad bar; outside activities in the summer; more raffles; do not gear speakers to aging people; Women's Club Pin Up Girl Calendar
- **BOARD SERVICE:** Many interested but surveys were anonymous!

Our **March Membership Meeting** celebrated Mardi Gras with Suzanne Enis's cleverly decorated tables of purple, green and gold Mardi Gras beads and masks. Our delightful speaker Dudley Gladding, a brave distinguished WWII veteran, was interviewed by Men's Club president John Yocca. Dudley shared highlights of his 101 years of living, still driving, and active social life.

On **April 14**, our **Fashion Show Luncheon** will feature spring fashions from **Meesh Boutique** in Monarch Bay Plaza.

Women's Club Outside Activity

EVENT: Bottega Angelina Lunch

DATE: Thursday, April 21

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Bottega Angelina
32441 Golden Lantern
Laguna Niguel



Come and enjoy lunch with friends at one of the newest restaurants in our area.

RSVP: Carla Perin (949) 689-8831 by April 18

CLUBS

Five personable members will model the spring collection and the unique Meesh clothing line. Thank you to **Betty French** and **Janice Stauffer**, co-chairs of the 2022 Fashion Show, for organizing this event! Please watch your email on April 7 and reply to reserve a spot for this popular event.

If you are not yet a member, we would love to have you join us for one of our monthly luncheons. Please contact **Jennifer Paige** jenopaige@gmail.com or **Judi Palladino** twopalls@yahoo.com for more information about membership.



Dudley Gladding with John Yocca

—Terry Link

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club held two interesting and well attended meetings last month. On March 1, a quorum was present, so **President John Yocca** took the opportunity to conduct elections. **John Yocca** as President, and **Eric Eckes** as Treasurer, were unanimously confirmed to serve the 2022 term. Yours truly **Tim Moore's** service as Secretary was confirmed for the remainder of 2022 and Marine Corp veteran and Club member **John Gabbard** was enthusiastically elected as our new Vice President. Thank you for your service, John, and thank you for serving our Club.

Next our own **CW Gruenig** introduced the morning's speakers, all associated with **Fish Tank Capo**, an event destination facility in Capo Beach. The speakers were **Larry Robinson**, **Douglas Sieloff**, and **Dan Ocampo**. Their mission is to transform their warehouse-size space into whatever you want it to be for a wedding, retirement party, bar mitzvah, or maybe a graduation party. Mr. Robinson is the head honcho. Mr. Ocampo's skills are in the tech field, and he can use Fish Tank's extensive equipment to transform the interior space into just about anything you can imagine. A speakeasy? You bet. A tropical paradise? No problem. Mr. Sieloff, who spent much of his youth living in Niguel Shores and his adult life working in and managing fine dining establishments, is the food and beverage guy. Check them out at their website, fishtankcapo.com. Our second meeting of the month, on March 15, featured guest speaker **Marshall Reddick** and his associate who told us everything we needed to know about crypto currency.

The Men's club will meet twice this month. On April 5, we will hear from **William Cunningham** about life as crew aboard a U.S. Coastguard Tall Ship, and on April 19 our program is about five-times Navy Cross Submariner **Admiral Roy M. Davenport**. The late admiral's son-in-law, **CW Gruenig**, will be our speaker.

If you are already a member of the Men's club, don't forget your \$25 annual 2022 dues are now due. If you are not yet a member, please be our guest at one of the meetings this month. Breakfast is on us!

—Tim Moore

GARDEN CLUB

Field Trips

April promises to be an exciting month for the Garden Club, with two field trips planned. The first trip will be to the **Hortense Miller Garden** in Laguna Beach on **Monday, April 4 at 10 a.m.** The garden, established in 1959, covers over two acres on the slopes of Boat Canyon and demonstrates the range of plants that can be grown in Southern Californian coastal zones. The use of pesticides and chemicals is limited to encourage diverse flora and fauna.

The docent-led tour lasts sixty to ninety minutes on rugged trails and several sets of stairs. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Members with mobility challenges are welcome to sit on benches near the mid-century modernist house, where they can view the garden from above.

Our second April field trip trip will be a docent-led tour of the popular **Sherman Library and Gardens** in Corona del Mar. Lunch will follow in the gardens by reservation. The garden boasts an inspiring collection of palms, begonias, fuchsias, succulents and other beautiful plants and features.

Watch your email for details of both field trips. If you want to attend, please remember to sign up by replying to our email.

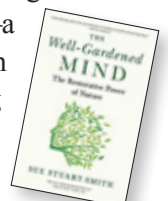
*"Come forth into the light of things,
Let Nature be your teacher."*

Garden Tips

In terms of gardening, April is a good time to check up on your roses, which are sprouting new growth, buds and flowers. Check for any pests or diseases like aphids, mildew or rust. The organic approach involves starting by simply hosing down the plants in the early mornings. Pick any affected leaves before they fall to the ground. This is also a good time to fertilize roses and to dead-head any spent flowers.

Sue Stuart-Smith's excellent book titled *The Well Gardened Mind: the Restorative Power of Nature* (2020) speaks to gardens being the best metaphor for life, and how profoundly our well-being can be affected through contact with gardening and the natural world. One doesn't need to be a gardener to enjoy this book! The author and her husband—a garden designer—have created the wonderful Barn Garden in Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, enjoying its progress and growth over thirty years' time.

—Ann Strauss



Candidate Statements for 2022



JOHN BARBEE — I would like to serve on the board and offer my experience to help better the community for the next generation. I have lived in Niguel Shores for 9 years with my wife Frances, daughter Reese and son Jonah.

Businesses owned, Contracted: Real Estate investing, Development, Property management, Professional Mobile Detailing, Plant Safari, Kart-a-Shed, Action Kart-a-Shed, Cal Fire Contractor, Forest Service Contractor, Department of Defense Transporter, Heavy Hauling Trucking Business, A-General Engineer Contractor, C-10 Electrician Contractor, Farming 87 acres, 4 Restaurants, owner, 15 years, Consulting for many businesses, and Day trading. I have managed 100-1000 employees at a time.

Licenses: Department of Defense, Military Contractor, General Engineering California A license, Electric Licenses California C-10 license, OSHA License, Cal Fire Certified, approved contractor, Forest Service Certified, approved contractor, Emergency services, NASA approved, Dbids Base pass Card, TWIC Card, Military Base entry and transportation, DBids for Department of Defense DOD certification for transportation United States, Naval Officer training and Certification, United States Navy underwater demolition/Seal Indoctrination Certification, Talega Business Park Board of Directors, Equipment operator or heavy equipment and CA class A drivers license.

Hobbies: Football, Wrestling, Soccer, Boxing, Tennis, Boating, Classic car collecting, volunteering and any sporting activity.



JIM COBB — Niguel Shores epitomizes the essence of ‘neighborhood’. As a longtime resident of Niguel Shores, I feel fortunate living in such a special place. Throughout the years I’ve seen many changes in Niguel Shores, the vast majority of which I regard as extremely positive for the community.

Historically, the Board of Directors and supporting Committees have been both fiscally responsible and committed to making Niguel Shores a great place to live. My desire has always been that once I had the time, I’d like the opportunity to serve on the Board, maintaining the beauty of Niguel Shores while helping to cultivate and support new ideas to improve the place we call

‘home’. I’ve been in the corporate world for nearly four decades and now would like to utilize my skills to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

My name is Jim Cobb and I’m a 21 year resident of Niguel Shores, where my wife, Cristin, and I raised our 3 sons; Blake, Shane and Chad.

I earned a BS degree in business management from Babson College and an MBA degree from Pepperdine University. My 37 year career includes a 5 year stint with PepsiCo Corporate followed by 32 years within the medical device industry, holding various global leadership roles with several companies across a broad spectrum of products.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Ocean Institute as well as an investor, advisor and consultant for start-up ventures in the healthcare industry.

My wife and I embrace traveling, wherever the destination may be. I’m a sports fanatic who also enjoys fitness. As a side hobby, I spend time tending to the fruit trees and garden on our property I jokingly call Rancho Del Mar.



JOHN DOUGLAS — We moved to Niguel Shores in November 2020; specifically, to be part of this community. We lived in Laguna Niguel for over 20 years, but we chose this community in particular when deciding on what my wife describes as our “forever home”. We still have two kids at home and since we plan on being here for

several years to come, we would like to be active participants within the community and contribute to its overall success.

I spent 25 years in the corporate world; ending in 2015 as the Director of Sales for the Western U.S. Since then, I have worked locally in Operations and HR and in 2019 I opened my own business, which, unfortunately, was closed in 2021 due to ongoing Covid constraints. My areas of focus have been Management, Human Resources, Finance and Operations. I am currently consulting for a small medical company and assisting them with State Licensing and Regulations, Joint Commission Accreditation, Finance, Operations, Human Resources, and Policies and Procedures. I currently serve on the Traffic and Safety Committee.

My wife, Anu, is an ER physician and we have 3 boys: Deven (22) is a senior at UCLA; Nikiel (16) is a Junior at Santa Margarita and Tarun (14) is in eighth grade at St. Edwards. Our interests in the community include ourselves, our kids and their activities and making our new house a home for the long term.

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RHONDA DUNLEVIE — I had planned to run for the board in 2021 and volunteered to fill the sudden vacancy due to the passing of a current board member. After having the pleasure of serving for the past year I want to continue serving our community for a full term.

After settling in Niguel Shores in 2008 my husband Geoff, we raised our 2 children here and I have come to deeply appreciate what a place Niguel Shores is and the many friends our family has made here. After earning my degree in Interior Design from California State University, Chico where I began sitting on various design industry boards to better my career. I have worked with several Southern California Home builders, the last of which I served as Director of Design. I founded Interior Consultants with a staff of 4, which I have successfully managed since its formation in 2000, serving countless private clients, builders, and developers.

It has always been my passion to give back to our community and I have consistently donated time and money at the Laguna Homeless Shelter, Vietnam Veterans Association and encouraged my children as well. I also co-founded Shores Angels, a non-profit community service group serving only the residents of Niguel Shores who may be in need. We were especially needed during the Covid lockdowns to deliver food and medicine to some of our residents in need.

It was my service on the Recreation Committee and the Master Recreation Adhoc Committee that made me realize how important the resident volunteers that serve on our Committees and the Board of Directors are to the successful self-management of our community. As an interim board member I have served as the board liaison to the Architecture and View Preservation Committees as well as the Master Recreation Adhoc Committee. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve you, my neighbors and fellow residents to manage our beautiful community as it evolves and grows in the future.



PAUL NEUVIRTH — I wish to help facilitate and establish a long-term strategic plan for our community, along with input from our community. I want to enhance our members overall life experience in Niguel Shores. My role as a board member would be to ensure proper maintenance of the common areas, managing the budget and enforcing compliance to our governing docs (CC&Rs).

I have been blessed to live in Niguel Shores with my wife and two children for just shy of 3 years. I enjoy the great weather we

have here in Niguel Shores, by playing pickleball with my wife, swimming 5 days a week in our beautiful community pool, and bike riding. I currently serve on the Ad Hoc Recreation Amenities Committee. I was honored to have been elected to two terms on the Aliso Viejo Community Association, representing 46,000 residences. I hold a Master's degree in International Business and an undergraduate business degree from the University of Denver. I am a 7 time All American in swimming. I have worked in senior level management positions for Johnson & Johnson, Black & Decker, AT&T, MCI World COM, and Sprint. I have started 3 companies. I am currently the Principal and President of my own company, in the Commercial Real Estate Mortgage Industry.



JOHN ROSENTHAL — My family and I take pride in Niguel Shores, its beauty and reputation. Niguel Shores is a self-governing community which relies on volunteers to support its operations. I would be honored to serve all of the Niguel Shores Community Association members and put their best interests first and seek to build long-term value for our

community, both socially and financially. Board members are here to serve Niguel Shores homeowners, not their own personal interests. I pledge to demonstrate respect to all community members, regardless of how I feel about an issue personally. My friends will receive no special benefits; the NSCA rules must be evenly applied to every community member. I pledge to look at each issue and idea with a fresh eye and to be fiscally responsible with your money.

I grew up in Southern California and my family and I have been Niguel Shores homeowners since 2013. My wife of 25 years, Kathleen, grew up in Niguel Shores, as her family moved here in 1976. In her spare time, Kathleen enjoys helping our community by serving on the View Preservation Committee and assisting in the distribution of the monthly *Seashore News*.

We have two sons; Will (22), who is an alumnus of St Margaret's Episcopal School, University of Chicago and an investment banker in New York City and Matt (20), also an alumnus of St. Margaret's and a second year at the University of Chicago.

I took my BA in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and my JD from Tulane. I currently serve as Vice President, Sr. Assistant General Counsel of Molina Healthcare, Inc., a Fortune 150 company.

I have practiced both accounting and law and have extensive experience serving on, and advising, boards of all types; from HOAs to corporate boards.

I would welcome the opportunity to faithfully represent each and every one of you and protect your lifestyles, comfort and value of your homes.

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ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY

The Dana Point Library offers these programs for the community during April. No charge. Book Club selections are available at the Service Desk.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Kids Coloring Club*
Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.
Toddler Storytime*
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Readiness Storytime*
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Writers' Group
First and Third Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Play Canasta!*
First and Third Thursdays starting April 21, 1:00 p.m.

BOOK CLUBS:

Gentle Reads
Thursday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.
Harry Potter Book Club
The Sorcerer's Stone
Saturday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.
Seaside Book Club
Monday, April 25 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Foreign Film*
They Say Nothing Stays the Same (Japan) Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m.
Author Talk: Randi Biederman
The Search for My Father's Lost Gold Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.

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BRIDGE

As I write this article, it is the “Ides of March,” the 74th day in the Roman calendar, corresponding to the fifteenth of March. The date was marked by several religious observances, but it simply referred to the month’s first new moon, which usually fell between the thirteenth and fifteenth day of the month. Could Bridge be considered religious?

Our Playing System—Our Bridge winners deserve praise because they are not playing with just one partner. Our club uses numbered cards displaying at which table a player will start. There are four cards for each table, and each card tells which player he or she is playing with. We average four tables and we play four rounds. This means that each player will play Bridge with four different individuals. This system insures that you will not play with the same player that day.

Our Recent Winners:

February 16: Frieda Baskin was first; our newest member, John Shaw, came in second; followed by Betty French in third.

February 23: Frieda was again first; followed by Jim Pinola in second place; our newest guest, Kitty Chambers, placed third.

March 2: Shida Rad was first; closely followed by Frieda Baskin, who was not able to hold on to first place; and trailing in third was Chet Ciochon.

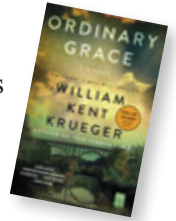
March 9: Bob French squeaked ahead of his wife Betty, insuring for them first and second; third was reserved for Lanny Barnard.

This is a really great group of players and we hope you contact us to “Join Up.” For details, please call **Bob** or **Betty French** at (650) 388-0820 cell, or (949) 312-2556.

—Mike Oliva

PAGE TURNERS

This month’s reading by Page Turners is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, “a respected mystery writer who turns his attention to the biggest mystery of all—God.”



Ordinary Grace (2013) is the author’s first stand-alone novel and referred to by the publisher as “elegiac, evocative ... a resonant tale of fury, guilt, and redemption.” In short it is the story of a 13-year-old boy and his family and the fateful summer when his world seemed to be falling apart. The boy’s name is Frank and that summer “he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.” Should make for a good group discussion!

Spring finds the members of the book club considering books to be read next year. We spend April and May suggesting and researching the books suggested, and then in June we vote for nine books that will be our selections for next year. Page Turners follows the “traditional school year calendar,” September through June. Perhaps this came about when the group was first started by Niguel Shores women more than 35 years ago and they all had children in school—just a thought. Anyway that has stayed as our “reading year.”

Page Turners consists of three groups. One meets the fourth Monday afternoon of the month and the other two meet the fourth Thursday afternoon of the month. For information on the Thursday groups contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at samwrsi@cox.net, and for the Monday group contact **Frances** at fozimec@cox.net.

—Frances Ozimec

REALLY SERIOUS O.C. BOOK CLUB

We will meet on April 26 to discuss Peter Frankopan’s 2017 book, *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*, which examines the influence of Eastern thought and trade on Western cultures.



We invite those who are interested in reading and discussing non-fiction works of social, economic, or political significance to join us at our monthly meetings. Please contact Norton Schwartz at nortlynn@cox.net for more information.

—Norton Schwartz

TENNIS

Daylight Saving Time is back, allowing more daylight hours for outdoor fun. In the additional hours, paired with beautiful skies and brilliant sunlight, we are all inspired to make use of Niguel Shores recreational facilities.

New Nets and Fencing—The NSCA Management has completed the installation of four (4) permanent nets for court #1 and the securing of court fences to prevent the fencing from unraveling, plus the wind screens have been retied and areas that allowed “tennis” balls to roll outside of the courts were addressed. We appreciate management assessing our requests and implementing them in a very expedited fashion. Many thanks go to our association’s General Manager for providing these upgrades and installations to our recreational facilities.

Equipment Evolution—As tennis players know, the world of tennis has evolved over the years, utilizing different kinds of rackets and tennis balls. Up until the mid-1970s tennis balls were “Wimbledon White,” and came in a metal container (which many of us used as a drinking container on the courts).



Then tennis balls turned yellow. Many reasons for this, but the voted reason was the viewers on the TV could track the yellow balls better, so we have yellow balls. Ah! Yes, the Queen’s Tennis—Wimbledon—held out till 1986 and then converted to yellow tennis balls.

As tennis balls changed, racquets changed even more drastically. In my era, everyone started with a Wilson autograph Jack



Kramer wood racquet or a Spalding autograph Pancho Gonzales wood racket. In the early 1970s different racquets began to appear: the Wilson metal T 2000 (used by Jimmy Connors), the Head “Blue” Aluminum, the Wilson Pro Staff (Pete Sampras racquet) and present-day Babolat 105 graphite.

I used and still own the original racquets. Funny, those were 65 square inch head size, and now I play with a Babolat 105 square inch.

Sending Good Thoughts—We are all very lucky to live in a warm comfortable place like Niguel Shores and to be able to call it our home. Millions of people in the world have been forced from their comfortable homes to flee for their safety. We wish them the good fortune to be able very soon to return to their homes, as each of us here do every night.

Remember, keep your racquets moving and “Live Life Happy, Wild and Free.”

—Don Baer

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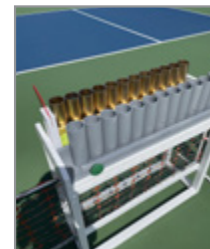
Praise to all the individuals and organizations that have offered prayers, donations, and humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine.

PICKLEBALL

Which Came First, the Game or the Dog? According to Joan Pritchard, whose husband Joel was one of the inventors of the Pickleball game, “The name of the game became Pickle Ball after I said it reminded me of the Pickle Boat in crew, where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats. Somehow the idea the name came from our dog Pickles was attached to the naming of the game, but Pickles wasn’t on the scene for two more years. The dog was named for the game ...”

New Paddle Rack—One of the definite advantages of Pickleball is the short game time that lends itself to high turnover open play.

This allows players to join different groups, like pickle crews, without the need to schedule in advance. Our



new paddle rack Al and Art at work on the new paddle rack. Al was introduced to encourage better mixing of players, and we have Al Glatt and Art Staudenbaur to thank for its actual construction!

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PICKLEBALL HAPPY HOUR

Starting **April 13**, and on every second Wednesday of the month, we are having **Pickleball Happy Hour after Drop-In Play!!**

Play starts at 4:30, then meet afterward at the Patio Fireplace for Happy Hour. BYOB and an appetizer to share.



PICKLEBALL HOURS

Players, please adhere to posted hours and be considerate of our neighbors and the noise level.

Courts Open:.....**M/T/W/Th/F/Sat:** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Courts Closed:..... **Second and Fourth Thursday** until 2 p.m. for cleaning.

Drop-In Play:..... **M/W/F/Sat:** 9 to 11 a.m. **W:** 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Organized Play:.... **M/T/W/Th/F/Sat:** 8 to 9 a.m.

M/F/Sat: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. **T/Th:** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

W: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Sun:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During Organized Play, please be courteous and rotate courts if others are waiting. Guests must be accompanied by a resident per the Niguel Shores rules. One guest per resident during Drop-In Play. Court shoes required.



SPORTS

PICKLEBALL *continued from page 11*

Hopefully this will enable us to better mix and achieve the **Niguel Shores Pickleball Mission Statement**: “Our Mission is to create a unique Pickleball opportunity in Niguel Shores where beginners and veterans are treated equally, sportsmanship is more important than wins and losses, competition is strong but not relentless, and where people are more important than the game.”

—Jennifer Rose

WATER AEROBICS

The **Dippy Dolphins** took to dry land one day in March to celebrate the birthday of their instructor, **Cynthia Carlson**. The group meets each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. for aerobic exercise in the Community Center pool. They invite all interested men and women to join them!



DANA POINT THIS MONTH

As part of the **City Beautification Project**, a new mural depicting Dana Point's sea, surf, and shore activities was dedicated

last month in Doheny Village.



EASTER BUNNY AND CANDY EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 16

Easter Bunny visits from 9 to 10 a.m.
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DEMAND STEADILY RISING

Demand, the number of pending sales over the prior month, increased by 197 pending sales in the past two weeks, up 10%, and now totals 2,196.



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There were 1,811 closed residential resales in January, 20% less than January 2021's 2,250 closed sales. January marked a 27% drop compared to December 2021.



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