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## NOAA La Nina Watch Reissued

As of last month, the La Niña watch has been reissued by NOAA. A developing La Nina is now favored through the first half of winter, before weakening during the late winter and early spring. Probabilities of La Nina are now near 70 percent. The La Nina is expected to remain weak, but will still likely have an impact on the atmospheric weather patterns into the winter months.

Forecasters at the NOAA/National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center issued the U.S. Winter Outlook, saying that La Nina is expected to influence winter conditions this year, favoring drier, warmer winters in the southern U.S and wetter, cooler conditions in the northern U.S. If La Nina conditions materialize,

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## Holiday Closures

- Please note that the **PMCPOA offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas.**
- **The Transfer Site will be closed on Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 25.**

## EC Reminders On Decorations

*Environmental Control Committee*

It's that time of year again, when lights and other festive decorations go up on and around houses throughout the community. Here are a few reminders about what the rules have to say pertaining to decorations in Pine Mountain Club.

### **Section 7.09 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND DECORATIVE FLAGS OR BANNERS**

"Holiday decorations" shall mean and refer to any seasonal decorations. The purpose of these requirements for holiday decorations is to protect the aesthetic quality of the community.

Winter decorations may be placed on the lot or residence the weekend prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and must be removed no later than January 15.

Decorations for other generally recognized holidays that occur during the year may be placed one (1) week prior to the holiday and must be removed within ten (10) days following the holiday.

Decorative flags or banners may be displayed in the prescribed manner:

- Must be displayed from a pole affixed to the residence.
- Limited to a size not to exceed 15 square feet.
- No more than three (3) decorative flags or banners may be displayed at any one time.

## What Would You Like to See on a New PMCPOA Website?

*Website Ad Hoc Committee*

The PMCPOA website is dated and is missing many features that were not available when it was originally designed.

An ad hoc committee appointed by the Board of Directors will develop recommendations to the General Manager for the content and design of a newly constructed website. Once the committee's work is complete, a request for proposal will be issued and it will be bid on by professional web design firms.

To get the ball rolling, the committee has collected suggestions from the various committees and office staff. Now the committee would like to hear your opinion. If you have not visited the current website recently, take a look at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net). What do you like? Is there anything that you would like to see on the website that is not there? In other words, how can it be made better and more useful for you?

Please send the committee an email with your thoughts and ideas to [website@pmcpoa.com](mailto:website@pmcpoa.com). The goal is to create a website that is more interesting and useful to everyone.

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The PMCPOA Board of Directors meets on the third Saturday of every month at 10 am in the Condor Room of the Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend the open session. The executive session is a closed meeting for the discussion of and action on legal and personnel matters, third party contracts, and member-requested hearings.

Members may request copies of the open Board Meeting minutes. These requests should be made in writing to the Corporate Secretary. There is a charge per page for making copies of the minutes.

## Winter Holiday Safety Tips

*Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances of fire. Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association, an estimated 204 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights occur each year.

Following a few simple safety tips can keep electric lights, candles and the Christmas tree from creating a tragedy.

### CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut.
- Cut 1 to 2 inches from the base of the trunk immediately before placing the tree in the stand and filling with water to ensure water absorption.
- Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks.
- Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."
- Don't use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings.
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from all heat sources, including fireplaces, heat vents and space heaters.
- When decorating a tree, only use non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS

- Always purchase electrical decorations and lights from reputable retailers.
- Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.
- Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler.
- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices.
- Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture.
- Do not mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

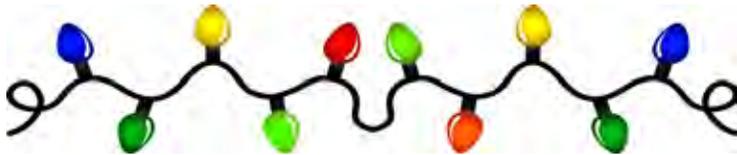
### CANDLE CARE

- Avoid using lit candles.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a room or go to bed with candles burning.

*Have a safe and happy holiday season from the Emergency Preparedness Committee!*

# Holiday Festivities at the Clubhouse

## Movies in the Condor Room



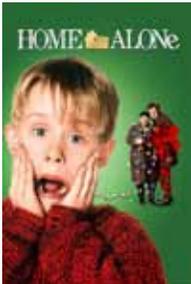
December 7<sup>th</sup>

Show Starts at 6 PM



Candy & Drinks Available for Purchase

December 14<sup>th</sup>



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December 21<sup>st</sup>



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## Christmas At The Clubhouse

Friday December 23rd

5pm-7pm Cookie Decorating In The Pool Pavilion

7pm Christmas Music In The Condor Room

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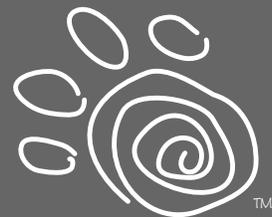
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## PMC Golf Club News and Updates

*Mike DeAngelis, PMC Golf Club President*

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Pine Mountain Club Golf Club (PMCGC) hosted its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. During the evening, the club presented awards to the major event winners following a super buffet prepared by the Bistro staff. Trophies and awards were presented to the following players:

The 2015 Tournament of Champions, Linda Hoff and Paul Cooper; The Memorial Tournament, Linda Hoff and Paul Cooper; The President's Cup, Patty Story and Kevin Quinn; the 2016 Club Championship, Linda Hoff & Keith Cascarelli (low gross scores) and Lalo Arenas and Kay Chilano (low net scores).

New PMCGC Board of Directors elected by the Golf Club membership are: Linda Findley, Doug Kuhn and Tom

Tarrer. Golf Club officers for 2017 are: Mike DeAngelis, President; Linda Findley, Vice President & Membership; Pat Kearney, Treasurer; Michael Pierce, Secretary; Tournament Chairperson, Kelly Findley; Handicap Chairperson, Doug Kuhn; Awards & Trophies, Tom Tarrer; and Social & Events Chairperson, Linda Hoff. A special thanks to outgoing officers Kay Chilano, Paul Cooper & Mark Miller.

### ***Pine Mountain Golf Club Prepares for 2017 Season***

The new Board of Governors for the Pine Mountain Golf Club (PMCGC) is busily preparing a full schedule of tournaments and events for 2017. Tournaments and events are held here in PMC and at other nearby golf courses in Southern California. There are a number of events planned

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## Golf Shop Hours:

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily**

**Call 242-3734 for tee times.**

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that have continental breakfasts, beverage and cheese or lunch options. In addition, there are brunches and dinners planned.

The PMCGC is accepting applications for the 2017 season. For those wishing to be a golfing member, the annual membership fee is \$60.00, which includes membership in the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) for handicapping purposes, plus the eligibility to participate in more than 20 tournaments and events. A social membership is \$25.00, which allows non-golfers to participate in more than 13 special events that include dinners and buffets. Applications can be picked up in the Golf Shop. For more information, contact the Golf Shop at 242-3734. Applications must be received by Dec. 20, 2016.

**2016 Tournament of Champions Results**

The 2016 Tournament of Champions was held Friday Nov. 4 at Rancho Vista Golf Club in Palmdale. The weather was

spectacular, with high temperatures and no wind. Congratulations to Linda Hoff & Lalo Arenas, who will have their names added to the perpetual trophy in the Pro Shop.

Results were: first place (low gross score), Linda Hoff and Lalo Arenas;

first place (low net score), Jean Browning and Bob Hoff; and second low net score, Linda Miller and Marty Rubman. Birdie balls will be awarded to Art Saldana and Tom Smith. The closest to the pin winners were Bob Hoff and Tom Smith.

*Bird's Eye View*

**Tank-Less Water Heaters a Good Alternative**

*Horst Baldin, Communications Committee*

An alternative option to a customary standard water heater is a tank-less water heater. If you are not a full-time resident, it may be the better option.

A standard water heater keeps your water warm at all times, whether you are using it or not.

Your unit is subject to calcium buildup in the tank, even if you have a water-softening system. The standard unit generally lasts about 10 years, and will start to leak. When that happens, they will exponentially accelerate in leakage, so there is no time to wait. If, unfortunately, this happens in the winter, you may have additional problems with delivery of a new unit.

The alternative may be a tank-less water heater. It does not store any warm water, has no gas pilot and will heat the water as you need it. There is also no heat loss to

the surrounding area.

There are many different brands available, and cost will vary between \$500 and \$3,000. Unless you are very handy and willing to read endless pages of instructions, I recommend having the system installed by a qualified service provider.

The first decision you have to make is where to place the unit. Under the house may be a good solution, but whatever the location, it must be frost-free. The unit should be as close as possible to the pipe that will feed the hot water to the shower. To avoid any cold water waste and have hot water immediately, have a warm-water circulation pump installed or some other similar device.

I had my tank-less heater installed in a small cabinet outside attached to the house where my conventional water heater had been before. I have this cabinet very well insulated to keep the tank-less heater frost-free. Since PMC experiences occasional power outages, we have to be reminded not to expect any hot water since the ignition of the gas is electric. However, if you have an electric generator on standby like many of us do here, there should be no problem.

Good luck and enjoy your warm water.

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# A Message from the Board Chair

It is with regret that I announced the resignation of Tom McMullen from the Board of Directors. Tom's service on the Board has been exceptional, and his contributions as Treasurer were critical to all of us. He will be truly missed. The Board will address the resulting vacancy on the Board and the appointment of a new Treasurer at the Board meeting in December.

The Governing Documents Committee has been working diligently for many months in an effort to revise and update our policies and procedures, many of which have not been reviewed in years. The November Board meeting saw the approval of the first group of revised policies ranging from election procedures to the rewrite of the budget process, focused on making the process conform to state statute and more open for our members. Many thanks to Lee Krimm and the members of the committee for their efforts. Their hard work has just begun, and I expect to see a steady stream of revisions coming to the

Board over the coming months.

In a small isolated community like ours, the needs of those who are on their own or require support for a variety of reasons – whether due to medical reasons, transportation problems or simply a need for a little extra help -- are magnified. During the past month, I received an offer from Gladys Zobel, a retired staff member of the Bakersfield Alzheimer's Association, to provide classes for the caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. This effort is a small but important part of the wide range of needs that many of our members face on a daily basis.

Even though there are a number of service agencies that offer assistance to the residents of the mountain communities, I am not aware of any organized effort within the Pine Mountain Club community. I am convinced that we should take the time to explore what more we can do in an organized way. To that end, I have asked Michelle Throckmorton to undertake a review of the services needed by our

members and their families and advise the Board on the direction we might take and any organizational efforts we should pursue. There is no better time of year to begin this effort. If you have an interest and would like to lend your support, please let me know.

I want to add a quick note on the status of the dog park. You may not be aware that the park is not an amenity offered or maintained by the association, but operates in the same way the Garden Club does. It was established about six years ago as a sanctioned PMCPOA club that sets the rules and maintains the facility. It recently came to our attention that the club had not renewed this year. Without the club, the future of the park would be unclear. As it turns out, however, I think the club will be reestablished and will carry on as before.

In closing, with the holidays upon us, let me wish you and all of our members a great holiday season. Who knows, we may even get some rain!

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

*Karin Shulman, Recording Secretary*

These are highlights of the Board of Directors' open meeting of Nov. 19, 2016. Complete minutes are available at the Business Office or online at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net) after their approval at the next Board meeting.

Chairman William Gurtner called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Seven directors attended: Stephan Bates, Gary Biggerstaff, Sandy Browne, John Cantley, Chairman Gurtner, Garry Kemmer and Doug Wilde. Susan Canaan was excused, and Tom McMullen resigned from the Board. Also present were General Manager Rory Worster and Recording Secretary Karin Shulman.

The Board approved the agenda of the Board of Directors' meeting of Nov. 19, 2016 and the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors' regular Board meeting minutes of Oct. 15, 2016 and there were no committee applications. The Board acknowledged receipt of "Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board

Review." There were three (3) approved Environmental Control Committee Projects with one (1) variance and one (1) cottage industry permit.

Chairman Gurtner presented the Chair's report. General Manager Worster presented the General Manager's report. Director Bates presented the Treasurer's report.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

**APPROVED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RECORD LIEN**, (Exhibit A was included in Board packet.) **MOTION** by Director Bates, **SECOND** by Director Browne.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION #1-11-19-16, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PMCPOA Board of Directors approves allocating funds not to exceed \$10,000 from Operating Funds for project as submitted (ADA Senior Fitness Area) dependent upon receipt of the grant funding. These funds will ONLY be spent if the grant is awarded. This resolution

also affirms approval for the grant application to be submitted to Kern County and/or other so designated granting organizations. **MOTION** by Director Bates, **SECOND** by Director Browne. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION #02-11-19-16, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PMCPOA Board of Directors approve the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (July, August, September 2016). **MOTION** by Director Bates, **SECOND** by Director Wilde. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**APPROVED MOTION** to changes to Bylaws 6.03 and 6.10 and to be ratified at the Annual Members' Meeting of June 17, 2017. **MOTION** by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Bates. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**APPROVED MOTION** to changes to Bylaws 10.02 and 10.03 and to be ratified at the Annual Members' Meeting

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# Treasurer's Report

## *Prepared by Todd Draa*

Pine Mountain Club PUA, Inc  
 Treasurer's Report and Y-T-D Financial Statement  
 Year to Date Through October 31, 2016

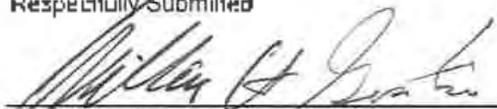
Operating Fund	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	1,357,493	1,355,384	2,109
Operations/Maintenance	44,060	48,630	(4,570)
Social Activity	228,603	222,157	6,446
Interest Income (Operating)	1,578	4,000	(2,422)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,631,734	1,630,171	1,563
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Operations/Maintenance	1,173,024	1,224,617	(51,593)
Social Activity	410,672	433,532	(22,860)
Operating Projects	19,070	25,000	(5,930)
Designated Fund Projects	3,361	0	3,361
Worker's Comp Safety Incentive	0	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	15,528	15,528	0
Capital Improvements	0	0	0
Transfer to Property Fund	0	0	0
Reserve Contribution	360,000	380,000	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	1,901,655	2,058,677	(17,022)
<b>Net Operating Revenue Over Expense</b>	(269,921)	(428,506)	158,585

	2016/2017 Assmt Billing	YTD Assessments Collected	YTD Assessments Receivable
<b>Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,068,152	3,886,201	179,951

Payroll Summary	Actual	Budget	Variance
Payroll Wages	570,488	591,110	(20,622)
Payroll Benefits	142,255	107,776	34,479
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	65,536	95,923	(10,387)
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	798,279	794,809	3,470

Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2016	Interest and Contributions	Less YTD Trnsfrs and Purchases	Ending Balance October 31, 2016
	2,409,498	360,384	141,178	2,628,704

Respectfully Submitted



Operating Fund Cash Balance	3,058,006
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	2,628,704

Board Member  
 November 18, 2016

# -----General Manager's Update -----

Rory Worster

## Lake Maintenance and Water Storage Update

We have been working with a couple of complex issues trying to get new "Lake and Streambed Alteration/Maintenance Agreements" as well as complete our 14-year construction project for the diversion box compliance issue.

We have had an attorney who specializes in California water issues working on these, along with a required environmental/biological assessment firm to get all the data together to give us our best shot at both getting the maintenance permits and getting the water diversion permit updated. This has been in progress in one form or another for almost two years.

We now have a report from the assessment consultant that includes onsite observations and localized drought effects etc. ready to go to California Department of Fish and Wildlife with the "Lake and Streambed Alteration/Maintenance Agreements" applications. Once we get these in place, this will set us up to maintain the lakes via suction dredging and silt bag containment. This will, by most expert accounts, give us the best return on our lake maintenance dollars. Once completed, this form of maintenance will only need to be done about every 10 to

15 years (depending on silt encroachment and build up).

The trick is to get our lower lake dug deeper to allow for the possibility of increased fire-fighting water capacity. This would be beneficial even if we cannot use the water for golf course irrigation purposes. By doing this, it would allow us to use all the upper lake water for added irrigation. This could extend our watering by about four weeks if everything stays as dry as it is right now.

In California, we have a very tight window when we can operate machinery in or around the lakes due to the California Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Essentially, if we have listed bird species nesting in the cattails/reeds or bank grasses, we cannot operate within a certain distance of them. The birds on the list are just about every bird in the state including the coots we normally have present here. This makes our objective window for work in the lower lake about November to the beginning of March with normal cold temperatures starting in October. This year, with the above-normal temps, we didn't start until late November. We had coots on their third nesting cycle as of about mid-October. This is very abnormal.

The reason this is important is the CDFW has 60 days from receipt to answer back on permit applications. (This

has been running even longer right now, with answers taking up to about 100 days). If the permits are issued within the proper time frame, we may have enough of a window to schedule and get some work going. If not, this might not start until next November.

We have also submitted the maintenance permits for the recently completed diversion pond area. We have sent in the report on the diversion box construction and the work we have completed. This is some of the work the Environmental consultant firm performed for us.

All required permits and fees should be in by the end of the month. The current applications for the needed permits and the environmental review have cost the association about \$11,000 so far for the state-required fee portion. Once we get these in place, we will need to get a few lake maintenance companies to submit bids, then plan financing and implementation. Once we have the lakes properly cleaned and at a better depth than they currently are, lake treatments and normal grooming efforts should be a lot easier and regular staff members should be able to keep up on the demands of this vital set of lakes.

Currently, the lake is too low for us to use the weed-cutting boat. The birds

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are not nesting now and we have started our bank and weed maintenance that does not require a dredging permit. I hope this sheds some light on what we have been working on in terms of the lakes and water storage, and the direction and timing we are looking at going forward.

**Other Maintenance Projects**

Maintenance has placed some benches and tables down the San Emigdio Trail. We will continue to work on placement and improvement to the trail system in PMC; this will include a trail map that we hope to have completed in early spring.

**Reward for Nails on Road Vandal**

A reminder that there is a \$500 reward for the first person who provides information leading to the arrest of the individual(s) placing nails on PMCPOA roads. They are very random and not just at one time of day or night, not in just a couple of locations but many. Please be observant while moving along our roadways and if you see anyone tossing or placing nails on the road, please report it to Patrol.

**Pack Out Trash**

I hope everyone has heard the term "Pack it in/pack it out." This means that if you generate trash while out hiking or walking and there is no receptacle in the area, it is your responsibility to take or keep the trash with you until you find a

proper receptacle. This applies to Fido as well. There has been a huge increase in the amount of "dropped evidence" that a dog has been in areas around local forest hiking/walking trails as well as on or near our in-town walking trails. Please have the proper bags with you to pick up and pack out dog poop should Fluffy leave something behind.

**Fitness Classes**

We have new aerobic fitness classes underway in the Condor Room, and they are getting rave reviews. Please check the lobby for class times and other details.

**Patrol Recap**

During the month of October, Patrol responded to 206 calls for service. Observations and calls included the following:

- Enforcement: 63
- Public Assist: 82
- Suspicious Incident: 28
- Traffic Incident: 1
- Wildlife: 32

**EC Recap**

- Construction Projects: 3
- EC Officer Approvals of Minor Projects (No KC Permit Needed): 44
- EC Letters Written: 54, 8 resulting in a citation.

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of June 17, 2017. **MOTION** by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Browne. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**APPROVED MOTION** to changes to Business Policies and Procedures A-15, Appendices C and E, D-15, D-16, E-11, E-23 and E-27. **MOTION** by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Wilde. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The Board sent and received 35 items of correspondence this month.

The next regular open Board meeting will take place on Dec. 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

**Want to Talk With the Board Chair?**

If you would like to speak with PMC-POA Board of Directors Chair Bill Gurtner, there is a way to do so. To book some one-on-one time with him, contact the front desk and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

This is the members' chance to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about. Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

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# COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

PMCPOA welcomes your input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on PMC's website at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net).

Thank you for your submissions to the Compliments, Concerns and Compliments Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love.

Look for responses in the Condor. Please be sure to include your contact information. While your name will not be published or posted, we don't respond to anonymous submissions.

If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

## COMPLIMENTS

• On Oct. 22, the PMC Golf Club held its annual meeting of the members/

banquet in the Pool Pavilion. I would like to compliment the Food and Beverage Manager on the excellent job he did with the event. Everything was very nice, and the staff was helpful, patient and courteous. The food was excellent and there was a variety of entrees offered that we haven't had in the past. The event was scheduled to have the food served at 5 p.m., and everything was ready and hot at 5 p.m. I have worked with him on a few events involving the Golf Club, and he is always very efficient and knowledgeable. I would also like to say how much I appreciate him and the staff for the job they are doing in the Bistro.

**Response:** Thank you for the kind words for our food and beverage operations and its manager. We are very glad he

is on our staff and addressing a lot of the previous issues head on. We are excited to see what menu and special items he and his team will create next.

• We had what appeared to be an abandoned truck near our home one evening. We called PMC Patrol, just to check it out. We were pleasantly surprised that the Patrol responded almost instantly. Thank you for your promptness in even the small matters.

**Response:** This is a great story of PMC Patrol's commitment to our members. Even though Patrol's primary role is to enforce the rules and codes of the Association and protect the PMCPOA's property, the Patrol team really enjoys helping the membership out whenever they can.

## SUGGESTION

• I would like to suggest that the agenda for future Board meetings be emailed to all homeowners on the emailing list so there will be better member participation on any objections to proposed rules and budgets.

**Response:** Thank you for the suggestion on this matter. We will look into the feasibility of this. Currently, anyone who wants to be informed can visit the lobby of the Clubhouse during the 10 days preceding each Board meeting to view the complete agenda, which includes the resolutions coming before the Board.

The association also posts the information to the website ([www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net)) at the same time, however it can take up to four hours to post to the correct page on the website. Please know that California statute only mandates a four-day notice and posting requirement, so your association is already well ahead of notifications and transparency in this area.



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### COMPLAINT

• Our PMC Dog Park gets no attention at all, while our totally dead golf course gets a half million dollars of attention every year. In that there are dozens of dog owners for every golfer living here, is that really the correct way for our assessments to be used? Specifically, the ground cover is wood shards, very painful for most dogs to traverse. The trash cans overflow. There is no vegetation at all. If there is any doubt as to how beneficial a well-groomed dog park might be, include it in a future property owner survey. Thank you for your attention.

**Response:** The Dog Park was implemented by a club, and in an agreement made with the PMCPOA, the club members said they only needed the space to place the dog park. The ongoing maintenance and upkeep is and always has been a function and responsibility of the Dog Park Club. We will reach out to the club members and leadership and see what actions might be put in place to ensure the Dog Park is brought back to a good state.

## Want to Receive Your Condor by Email?

Would you like to receive your Condor newsletter by email? Printed versions are still being sent through the mail to those who prefer it. However, online versions come earlier and save the association as much as \$2.50 per copy in mailing and labor costs.

If you are interested in an online version, please email the Condor editor at [rwilde@pmcpoa.com](mailto:rwilde@pmcpoa.com) or contact the Business Office in person or by phone at 242-3788 to let us know. Please provide us with your name as it appears on the property title, tract and lot number if possible, and your property or mailing address, phone number and email address. Save money, trees, and postage costs!

## Letter to the Editor

### Bears Hanging Out

Yesterday four bears hung out in the Nadelhorn Place section of our community. They were there all day yesterday and overnight. They did nothing more than hang out.

This morning at 5:30 a.m., a big male and a female were sitting in my front yard. All I did was a soft shoo shoo and they left with only a backward glance. I believe they came down from the mountain to be safe from the hunters. Never so many for so long before. They did no damage: Just a bunch of bears hanging out.

I hope our homeowners and renters realize they don't need to brutalize our bears and allow them refuge during the hunting season. A friend told me this morning the mountaintop was filled with carloads of hunters. Poor bears. Those guys will probably shoot anything that moves.

*Gabriole Zeviar Geese*

*I am solely responsible for the contents of this letter and acknowledge that my views are not necessarily shared by the Association, the Editor or the Condor Committee.*

## Volunteers Wanted for Condor Mailing

*Condor Mailing Committee*

Our group of volunteers would like to encourage members (or renters) to get involved in our Association as "Condor Mailers." It only takes 1-1/2 hours of your time once a month, usually on the last Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our volunteering saves the Association well over \$2,500 in labor costs per year.

Also, our group of volunteers wants to encourage members to receive their Condor by email. It costs \$1.78 to print and mail EACH Condor. Presently, that is about \$3,560 per month, or \$42,720 per year, for the 2,000 Condors that are printed. We would like for as many members as possible to help reduce this amount by subscribing to the Condor via email. Remember, this is our money.

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**Family Dining is available in the Condor Room on Friday and Saturday nights pending other events.**

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forecasters say it should be weak and potentially short-lived.

“This climate outlook provides the most likely outcome for the upcoming winter season, but it also provides the public with a good reminder that winter is just up ahead and it’s a good time to prepare for typical winter hazards, such as extreme cold and snowstorms,” said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the Climate Prediction Center. “Regardless of the outlook, there is always some chance for extreme winter weather, so prepare now for what might come later this winter.”

**The 2016 U.S. Winter Outlook (December through February):**

**Precipitation**

Wetter than normal conditions are most likely in the northern Rockies, around the Great Lakes, in Hawaii and in western Alaska. Drier than normal conditions are

most likely across the entire southern U.S. and southern Alaska.

**Temperature**

Warmer than normal conditions are most likely across the southern U.S., extending northward through the central Rockies, in Hawaii, in western and northern Alaska and in northern New England.

Cooler conditions are most likely across the northern tier from Montana to western Michigan.

The rest of the country falls into the “equal chance” category, meaning that there is not a strong enough climate signal in these areas to shift the odds, so they have an equal chance for above-, near- or below-normal temperatures and/or precipitation.

**Drought**

Drought will likely persist through the winter in many regions currently experiencing drought, including much of California and the Southwest. Drought is expected to persist and spread in the southeastern U.S. and develop in the southern Plains. New England will see a mixed bag, with improvement in the western parts and persistence to the east. Drought improvement is anticipated in northern California, the northern Rockies, the northern Plains and parts of the Ohio Valley.

This seasonal outlook does not project where and when snowstorms may hit or provide total seasonal snowfall accumulations. Snow forecasts are dependent upon the strength and track of winter storms, which are generally not

predictable more than a week in advance. However, La Nina winters tend to favor above average snowfall around the Great Lakes and in the northern Rockies and below average snowfall in the mid-Atlantic.

NOAA produces seasonal outlooks to help communities prepare for what’s likely to come in the next few months and minimize weather’s impacts on lives and livelihoods.

**Want to Be on the Email Blast List? Sign Up in Office**

Did you know that PMCPOA has an email blast system that is used to provide information in the quickest way possible?

While many members are already receiving these emails, many are not yet on the list. This established system is being used to enhance the timely distribution of information to the membership, and the new Board of Directors is exploring ways to use the system even more frequently.

At the same time, the system is only effective if the Business Office has your email address. The list is growing, but the staff needs to have as many of the members provide email addresses as possible to maximize effectiveness.

Please stop by the office and sign up, or email your request to [receipt@pmc-pcoa.com](mailto:receipt@pmc-pcoa.com). It will be worth your while to do so.

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**December Arts  
& Crafts in the  
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Come join in on the fun  
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Dec. 7

Ornament Making  
For Our Christmas Tree  
In the Village!

Dec. 14

Make Your Own  
Paper Garland!

Dec. 21

Make and Decorate  
Snowflakes!

Dec. 28

Happy New Year Hats!

**Fitness Hikes will take place  
on Dec. 10 and 31 at 8 a.m.  
The cost is \$5 for those with-  
out fitness passes.**

**Monday Night  
Football Serves up  
Food and Fun**

Why not kick off your week right by coming to the Clubhouse to enjoy Monday Night Football with your friends, then continuing the fun on Thursday nights?

Football season is underway, and so are the festivities in the Lounge. The fun begins Mondays at 4:00 p.m. when the bar opens, and the first game is at 5:00 p.m. The buffet also opens at 5:00 p.m., offering mini corn dogs, buffalo wings, chips, chili and cheese sauce. The cost is \$5 for a plate. In addition to the buffet, happy hour beer pricing is available. Pricing on domestic beer is \$11 per pitcher, \$4 for a 22-ounce glass and \$3 for a 16-ounce glass.

On Thursdays, a themed dinner is served every week beginning at 5 p.m. to enjoy while watching the games. The season is winding down, but it's not too late to get in on the action!

**Fitness  
Schedule**

**Program One**

**Tai Chi** . 9:30-10:30 am  
Monday . Wednesday .  
Friday

**Gentle Stretch** . 9:30-10:15  
am . Tuesday . Thursday

**PMC Yoga & Pilates** .  
10:15-11:00 am . Tuesday .  
Thursday

**Program Two**

**Zumba** . 8-9 am. Monday .  
Thursday

**Weights (free)** . 9-9:30  
am . Monday

**Drum Fitness** . 5-6 pm  
. Monday . 8-8:45 am .  
Wednesday

**Cardio-Dance & Tone** .  
8-9 am Tuesday . Friday

**Body Work** . 8:45-  
9:30 am . Wednesday

**Night Club Zumba** . 5:00-  
6:00 pm . Thursday

**Outdoor Activity** . Satur-  
day mornings as scheduled  
(hikes, trail runs, walk/run,  
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days or school holidays

## Recreation Room Hours

**Mon, Wed, Fri**  
3-6 p.m.

**Sat, Sun**  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

(Open 11 to 6 every day  
during Winter Break)

## Arts & Crafts

**Wednesdays**  
3-5 p.m.

## Entertainment Line-Up:

### Saturday Nights

**7 to 11 p.m.**  
(unless otherwise  
noted)

**Dec. 3 -- Angelica  
Hayden Band (Wide  
Variety of Classics,  
Oldies & Rock)**

**Dec. 10 -- Karson  
City Rebels (Mix of  
Country & Rock 'n'  
Roll)**

**Dec. 17 -- The  
Fulltones (American  
Roots Music)**

**Dec. 31 -- Boys Nite  
Out / New Year's Eve  
(Classic Oldies, Rock  
& Blues)**

### Sunday Jams:

**Dec. 4 & 18**  
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### Celtic Jam: 6:30-9 p.m.

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## ***Mondays***

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## ***Tuesdays***

10 am . WOW . Pool Pavilion  
6:30-9 pm . Celtic Jam . Condor Lounge

## ***Wednesdays***

12:45-4:00 pm . Bridge . Condor Room

## ***Thursdays***

10:00 am . Skins Golf

## ***Fridays***

7 pm . Amateur Radio Club . Pool Pavilion . (3rd Friday)

## ***Saturdays***

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## ***Sundays***

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# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**All committee meetings are open to PMCPOA members in good standing.**

### ***Thursday, Dec. 1 (First Thursday)***

10:30 am Recreation Committee Lounge

### ***Friday, Dec. 2 First Friday)***

8:30 am Greens and Ground Golf Shop

2:00 pm Environmental Control Condor Room

### ***Saturday, Dec. 3 (First Saturday)***

9:00 am Governing Documents Pool Pavilion

1:00 pm Planning Pool Pavilion

### ***Tuesday, Dec. 6 (First Tuesday)***

4 pm Equestrian Committee Pool Pavilion

### ***Saturday, Dec. 10 (Second Saturday)***

9 am Emergency Preparedness Condor Room

10:00 am Communications Pool Pavilion

10 am CERT Condor Room

### ***Wednesday, Dec. 14 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)***

5:00 pm Finance & Budget Pool Pavilion

### ***Saturday, Dec. 17 (Third Saturday)***

10:00 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Rm

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## GUILD ACTIVITIES

### ***Every Monday***

9-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

### ***Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays***

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

### ***First Thursday***

6:30 pm . Quilt Guild Business Meeting . Pool Pavilion

### ***Every Friday***

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pool Pav (9-1:30/3rd Fri)

### ***First/Third Saturdays***

1-4 . Knitting Guild . Condor Room

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**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Friday-Saturday**

**Dinner 5-9 p.m.**

**Sunday**

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