
Notice of Los Padres National Forest Closure

A reminder that open fires of any kind are strictly prohibited in Pine Mountain Club. That includes propane fire pits. Please be extra careful: Do not flick your cigarette butts out the car window. This could cause a wildfire that would destroy homes and lives.

As we all know, fire season is year-round now, and one careless act could be catastrophic.

Due to the Thomas Fire, as of the printing of this Condor, the Los Padres National Forest was closed to entry of any kind. Los Padres National Forest officials issued a forest order prohibiting access in the Ojai, Santa Barbara and Mt. Pinos Ranger districts because the Thomas Fire was actively burning in multiple ranger districts. The closure was implemented to provide for public safety and will remain in effect until it is safe to re-enter the area. Forest Service law enforcement officers strictly enforce closure orders, which carry a penalty of \$5,000 and/or six months in jail.

Patrol has confirmed with the Forestry Department that no dog walking, horseback riding or entry of any kind into the forest is permitted.

***Remember:
No open fires of any kind
are allowed in Pine Mountain
Club.***

Holiday Closure

**Please note that on New Year's Day,
Monday, Jan. 1, the PMCP OA offices and
the Bistro will be closed, but the Transfer
Site will be open.**

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Back! See Page 3 for
Details.**



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So Just What is an 'Amenity' Anyway? Here's Some Helpful Information for Membership

Karin Shulman, PMCPOA General Manager

We at the association have noticed that there has been some discussion and confusion lately within the membership about the differences between an "amenity" and an "asset," particularly in regard to how each applies to property owners in Pine Mountain Club. Though the two are similar in meaning and closely related, there are subtle differences between them that we think are worth exploring.

Miriam-Webster offers the following definitions of "amenity": "Something that helps to provide comfort, convenience, or enjoyment," such as "hotels with modern amenities" or "providing residents with the basic amenities." It further defines "amenities" as "The attractiveness and value of real estate or of a residential structure" or "a feature conducive to such attractiveness and value."

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Please Slow Down on Pine Mountain Club Roads

A reminder to all PMC residents to please SLOW DOWN and be cautious on our roads. Aggressive driving appears to be on the increase, and with icy roads happening off and on, that is a very dangerous practice. Please be extra cautious on the roads that are steep and narrow, and do not exceed speed limits or run stop signs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. – *PMCPOA Management*

Town Hall Meeting with AT&T

A Town Hall meeting with AT&T will take place on Jan. 27th at 1 p.m. in the Condor Room. The gathering is to hear about AT&T's desire to put up several towers for rural communities that do not have access to high-speed internet using monies from a grant they have obtained. Please join us for this informative meeting.

Reminder: The next meeting of the Clubhouse Task Force is Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. in the Condor Room.

Report on the First Meeting of the Clubhouse Task Force

Brent J. Bennett, Clubhouse Task Force Chair

The Clubhouse Task Force held its first meeting on Dec. 2, 2017, to more than 100 interested PMC members. It provided an introduction of task force members, along with an explanation as to why we are working on the clubhouse update. It also served to explain how PMC members will be able to assist in the decision-making process by offering suggestions and ideas.

The task force members, besides myself, are Don Sharpe, Doug Fethke, Phillip Gabriel, James McGarry, Gwynne Pugh and Linda Jassim. In my opinion, never in the history of PMC has there been a more professionally qualified task force.

After the task force members' extensive backgrounds were provided, attendees were then given an explanation as to why this work is necessary. The clubhouse complex, although weathering its 42 years pretty well, has many areas that need repair or replacement. Like a car after many years of service, it has begun to succumb to age. Many of the problems have been evident for awhile, such as the kitchen, the pool, the lack of meeting rooms and the need for a more attractive look.

The meeting was opened up to the members for ideas and suggestions that were written down on large paper sheets. Then, as members left, they voted on those ideas by placing green or red dots by them on the sheets. The ideas were many and quite varied. These thoughts will be discussed by the task force members for future evaluation and practicality, and then will be disseminated back to the PMC members at the next meeting. This is to be an ongoing process.

The meeting concluded with a question-and-answer period that provided further good discussion for the task force members.

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January is the Deadliest Month for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

It should come as no surprise that CO deaths are the highest in winter. Cold weather increases the use of gas-powered furnaces as well as the use of risky alternative heating and power sources (portable generators, propane stoves or grills) during power outages.

More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator is not working or vented properly.

With these sobering facts, it's a good time to remember the following safety tips to prevent CO poisoning.

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas or oil burning appliance inspected and serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Install CO detectors on every level of your home.
- Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove or other gasoline burning device inside the home, basement or garage or outside the home near a window.
- Don't burn anything in an unvented stove or fireplace.
- Don't let a vehicle idle inside a garage attached to a house, even if the garage door is left open.
- Don't heat the house with a gas/propane oven.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

As of 2010, California requires that CO detectors be installed in all residential occupancies with fuel burning appliances such as oil or gas furnaces and gas stoves, and in any residence with a wood or gas burning fireplace, pellet stove or attached garage.

CO detectors may be battery operated or hard wired. It is recommended that they be installed 5 feet from floor level, and at least 6 inches from exterior walls. They should be outside each sleeping room and there should be at least one on each level, including the basement.

If a CO detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911 from outside. Seek medical attention if anyone is feeling dizzy, light headed or nauseated.

After the recent California fires, along with the other tips we have posted on evacuation and preparing your home, one more reminder: Look for any flammable items on your porches and decks, such as chair cushions and umbrellas. Remove them when not being used. All it takes is one spark, and you may not have time to remove them in an evacuation.

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 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!

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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.

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Want to Help Rename the Bistro?

We are letting the members decide what the new name for the Bistro will be, and here are the five choices. All names must be in to the receptionist at the Business Office by Jan. 31, 2018, with tract and lot information completed. Only one vote per lot please. Here is a ballot for use, or you can pick up a copy of this form in the office.

- _____ Condor Café
- _____ The Hungry Bear Café
- _____ The Condor Nest
- _____ High Altitude
- _____ Sisquoc Café

Any other name suggestion, please insert it here:

Tract: _____ Lot: _____

Ring in 2018 at PMC's New Year's Eve Party!

Pine Mountain Club's Old Fashioned New Year's Eve Bash will take place on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. The buffet ticket sales have closed, but it's not too late to join the fun!

If you did not purchase buffet tickets, you can still come enjoy appetizers and a champagne toast. There will be a \$10.00 cover charge, which includes the appetizers and the toast at midnight. The Band starts at 8:30pm for dancing the year away.

New to PMC: Acoustic Friday

PMC's new Acoustic Friday has been an overwhelming success, so we are revving it up! Thanks to those who have come out to support our local talent.

Join us each Friday night at 7 p.m. in the PMC Lounge to hear local musicians performing at no charge! These

talented musicians perform because they love music and they love PMC!

On Friday, Jan 5th, come on out and hear Zach Blue and Mark Owens. Future lineups include Kelly Hackney, Mandi Lyons and Vanessa Farish.

If you would like to be added to Acoustic Friday's lineup, please call Jessie Hales at 661-242-3788 or email to recreationsup@pmcpoa.com.

Correction:

In last month's Condor (December 2017), it was reported that Jessie Hales' new title is "Recreation Director." Her title is actually "Recreation Supervisor." We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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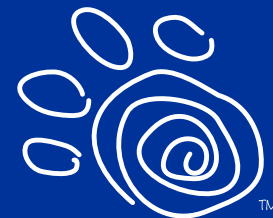
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Golf Club Seeks Input on Away Tournaments

The Pine Mountain Golf Club is requesting input. The schedule of tournaments for next year is being prepared by the club, and it is anticipated that there will be four or five tournaments scheduled off the mountain as "away" events. The lo-

cation of these events, however, is yet to be determined.

The club would like suggestions for possible golf courses to travel to that are, ideally, within about a 90-minute drive from PMC.

Please email your suggestions (name of golf course and city/location) to PMGC Tournaments Co-Chair Doug Kuhn at dougkuhn1@gmail.com. Or, you can write your suggestion(s) on a 3x5 card or sheet of paper and drop it in the PMGC box in the Pro Shop.

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 about two hours a month, usually on the last Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Our volunteers save the Association well over \$2,500 in labor costs per year, and the work and camaraderie are fun!

To sign up to volunteer for the Mailing Committee, call the Business Office at 242-3788 or do so at the office window.

Youth Committee Meeting on Jan. 27

The PMCPOA Youth Committee was re-established to address the needs and concerns of the youth in PMC. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Pool Pavilion. This month's meeting is on Jan. 27.

For more information, please contact the PMC Business Office/Recreation Room.

Acting Class Ongoing

A new class is taking place on Mondays and Wednesdays for those who enjoy acting. The class is taught by experienced actor Robert Ulloa and features the Meisner technique. Classes are 5 to 8 p.m. in the Condor Room. Cost is \$150 per student per month. Email to robertulloa2000@gmail.com or call the office for details.

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'AMENITY' *Continued from page 1*

Translating this to practical application, amenities in Pine Mountain Club would be those value-added features that make property ownership and living in PMC more pleasant. Examples could include natural amenities such as the views and scenery, forest trails and remote location, or the attractiveness and curb appeal of a particular home. Examples of amenities offered by PMCPOA could include recreational activities, clubs, committees and services such as snow plowing and the duties performed by PMC Patrol and the Business Office.

The word "asset," on the other hand, is defined by Miriam-Webster as follows: "An item of value owned." The plural definition reads, "Assets: the items on a balance sheet showing the book value of property owned," and "The property of a deceased person subject by law to the payment of his or her debts and legacies." A third plural definition reads, "The entire property of a person, association, corporation, or estate applicable or subject to the payment of debts."

In practical application for Pine Mountain Club, a member's "assets" would include items such as the home or property he or she owns, the money held in his or her bank account and all of his or her personal belongings, such as vehicles or furniture.

As defined by Miriam-Webster, "assets" of an association such as PMCPOA would include the tangible property encompassed within the association, such as the clubhouse complex, swimming pool, tennis courts, Equestrian Center and so on. The assets are those buildings and structures that have an actual monetary value, or the operating fund, which has an actual dollar value.

To break it down even further, an example could be as follows: The PMC swimming pool is an asset of the association, whereas the swim lessons and water aerobics classes offered at the pool would be amenities provided by PMCPOA.

We hope this clarification is helpful in understanding the difference between the assets and amenities we all enjoy in Pine Mountain Club.

Email Blast List is Great Way to Get Updates About PMC

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 the office at recept@pmcpoa.com. It will be worth your while to do so.

'TASK FORCE' *Cont. from page 1*

Based upon the dots left by members, the principle areas requiring discussion are the pool, the idea of moving the kitchen to the upstairs, having more outdoor deck areas, and the need for a better administration area and more meeting rooms. The actual results will be forwarded to all who left their email addresses, or they can be picked up from the racks by the Business Office window.

We are looking for more people to become active in the discussions at the second Task Force meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 1 p.m. in the Condor Room. Everyone is invited to take part, with the stipulation that positive ideas relating to the physical parts of the clubhouse be given. We feel that educating the members regarding what goes into the decisions that are made is important in understanding why they are made.

In the meantime, a soil test will be performed in the areas that might be affected by these eventual projects.

Please join us for the next meeting on Feb. 10th at 1 p.m. We are listening.

Tips on Getting Info on Road Conditions

To find out road conditions on the I-5 freeway, call 800-427-7623 (Cal Trans).

Also, there is a website to check before you leave to go off the hill: <https://www.sigalert.com/?lat=34.65778&lon=118.69714&z=0>. You can request

conditions for Los Angeles, which will give you conditions from Lebec going south toward Los Angeles, or switch it to Bakersfield, which gives you conditions from Lebec going North.

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A Message from the Board Chair

It may be December, but the current and dramatic danger of wild fires is very much on our minds. Clearly, the idea of a fire “season” is gone. Wild fire is with us year around. Rick Throckmorton, who owns and operates Aspen Helicopters and is very involved with the efforts to combat the current raft of fires burning has given us a clear if sobering picture of the status of the current fires and the efforts to fight them. Although PMC is ok at the time of this writing, that can change at any moment with a shift of the wind or a drop in the humidity. We must remain alert and vigilant. Be sure you and your loved ones have a plan and are ready to respond to any possible evacuation order. Be safe!

During our last Board meeting of 2017, the Board’s first action was to appoint Richard Ballard to fill the remaining term of Mike Glenn, who has moved to Arizona. Congratulations to Richard. I am sure that his contributions will be welcome. I do not know about you, but for me personally, this has been one hell of a year! There were also a number of noteworthy efforts that should

be recognized, along with individuals who made a difference. This year, we established the Bistro Task Force, which resulted in an entirely new direction for our association. We began a strong effort to address the needs of our elderly members with the Aging in Place Task Force. The membership asked for a new approach to the future planning for the clubhouse complex, so the Facilities Task Force was formed. Member participation is what makes the Association work. I want to personally thank all who have participated and who continue to work on these efforts. Their contributions are critical in helping our Association work.

A special thanks to our new General Manager, Karen Shulman. She has brought a real sense of service and dedication to a job that may be the most thankless one you can imagine. I have watched her deal with problems large and small with a grace and patience that is a pleasure to behold. One of the most difficult problems she faces is moving an organization whose financial systems are struggling to join the 21st cen-

tury. Shifting from a manual, redundant and error-riddled system to a reliable computer-driven one is no small task. I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thanks to Kim Ryan, who is spearheading this effort. Each day brings a new challenge, and she is addressing each with enthusiasm and results.

A special thanks also to John Cantley, who has filled in for me this year as needed. I know how important it was to have John ready, willing and able to step in when the need arose.

I want to offer yet another special thanks to Gary Kemmer for a job well done. His efforts on putting together the Christmas in the Village festivity was terrific. Gary has been a most effective liaison for the Board. Thanks to all of the members of the Board for their hard work and dedication to the Association and its members.

Finally, if I may be allowed, on a very personal note, I wish to offer a public and heartfelt thanks to my wife Ann: 2017 is a year we will not soon forget. From my family to yours, we wish you a wonderful New Year.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Dec. 16, 2017. Complete minutes are available at the Business Office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next Board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chair Bill Gurtner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Nine directors attended: Richard Ballard, Stephan Bates, Sandy Browne, John Cantley, Bill Gurtner, Garry Kemmer, Bryan Skelly, Phyllis Throckmorton and Doug Wilde. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors meeting of Dec. 16, 2017, which included the regular minutes of Nov. 18, 2017. There were two (2) committee applications approved. The Board acknowledged receipt of “Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board Review.” There were zero (0) Environmental Control Committee Projects and

one (0) Cottage Industry Permit submitted for approval.

Chairman Bill Gurtner presented the Chair’s report.

General Manager Karin Shulman presented the General Manager’s report.

Treasurer Steve Bates presented the Treasurer’s report.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Browne to nominate Richard Ballard to fill the vacant Board position. **MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Wilde to nominate Bill Lewis II to fill the vacant Board position. **MOTION** to appoint Richard Ballard to fill the vacant board position serving until the end of the vacant term. **MOTION** by Director Browne, **SECOND** by Director Skelly. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

MOTION to approve Business Policy and Procedure A-15. **MOTION** by Direc-

tor Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton. **MOTION** carried Unanimously.

MOTION to approve the Tuesday Night Celtic Session Club as a sanctioned club. **MOTION** by Director Browne, **SECOND** by Director Kemmer. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

MOTION to rename the Bistro. **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Cantley. **AMENDED MOTION** to authorize the General Manager to create a process to rename the Bistro, with voting ending Jan. 31, 2018, and Bistro name subject to Board approval. **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Bates. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

MOTION to add the Planning Committee chair to the Facilities Task Force to enable coordination between Planning and the Task Force. **MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Wilde. **AMENDED MOTION** to add the Planning Committee

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PMCPOA Wintertime Information

Clubhouse Open During Storms, Power Outages

Winter is arriving, and we who live in Pine Mountain Club know that in a typical year, its arrival can mean severe weather at times and very cold temperatures. Power outages are not rare on the mountain, but did you know that the Clubhouse remains open 24/7 in the event of the power going out? PMCPOA has an emergency generator that provides power immediately upon an outage, so the Clubhouse stays warm and lit. You can bring sleeping bags and games, and hunker down during the storm until the power comes back on. (Reminders: No pets please; and a note that PMCPOA cannot provide transport to the Clubhouse.)

During inclement weather when the power stays on, you can tune into AM 1610, PMCPOA's radio station, for

PMCPOA's Policy on Snowplowing

During winter storms, the Pine Mountain Club Maintenance Department's snowplow equipment will be dispatched as needed to maintain all roadways, cul de sacs and access roads within the PMC community.

This equipment will be dispatched as soon as possible after the snow begins to stick to the road surfaces, and plowing will continue until all of the roads are clear of snow. Cinders will be applied when the Pine Mountain Maintenance Department deems it appropriate.

The streets in our community will be plowed in the following order: First, the main roadways. Second, all access roads. Third, all cul de sacs. And, when time permits, attempts will be made to try to clear snow berms in driveways.

(Copies of this policy are available in the PMC Business Office.)

regular updates, or call 242-3857 after hours for current conditions. It's a good idea to keep a transistor radio in the house that operates on batteries in case of a power outage. For information provided by county and state agencies, PMCPOA's website has links to many sources, including Kern County Fire, Caltrans and the National Weather Service. Look under the "PMC Safety Alerts" menu item.

In the event of an emergency, it is essential that PMCPOA knows how to contact you: If you do not have current contact information on file with the association, please notify the Business Office to provide updates right away by calling 242-3788 or by stopping at the front desk during regular business hours.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the February 2018 Condor is Monday, Jan. 15, 2018.

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chair or his appointee to the Facilities Task Force to enable coordination between Planning and the Task Force. **AMENDED MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Wilde. **MOTION** failed. One in favor, and directors Ballard, Bates, Browne, Cantley, Gurtner, Kemmer, Throckmorton and Wilde against.

The Board sent and received 19 items of correspondence this month.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Jan. 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Please note that there is no Treasurer's Report this month. We apologize for the inconvenience, and hope to resume financial reports next month.

PMC's Snow Berm Removal Procedure

During the winter months, our Association faces many weather-related challenges. The first priority in the event of a snow storm is clearing and sanding the roads of the community. In a nutshell, we have well-established and effective procedures that determine the order in which snow is removed throughout PMC.

The removal of berms from property owners' driveways is provided as a courtesy to members who, in advance, have requested this assistance. In order to be added to this list, you need to present a current ADA placard or doctor's note at the Business Office.

This free service is only provided after snow removal from all Association roads and necessary sanding have taken place. As a result, it could be two or more days before the crews begin to remove berms.

As with the roads, this courtesy service has an established procedure in determining the order in which property owners' berms are removed.

When crews are available to begin berm removal, they will follow the approved ADA berm removal list. Our berm removal list is quite long; and due to limitations of time, equipment and manpower, the process of removing berms for every property owner on the list can take several days, even after the snow has stopped falling.

The berm removal list is intended for the physically impaired.

If you have any questions regarding our snow plowing and berm removal policies, please call 242-3788 or come see us.

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

Karin Shulman

I would like to wish everyone the best of everything in the New Year.

We haven't had much of a winter so far. It gets cold and then warms up again. We need rain and snow or we may be back in our drought. Prayers and rain dances may help.

At the November Board meeting, I was directed by the Board to give a response on the berm removal for physically disabled members, a response on the motion that passed last month to come up with a proposal for the Hole #6 restroom refurbishment, an update on implementing the recommendations by the Bistro Task Force and the results from the legal review on the marketing portion of the Task Force report, and an internet update.

Snow Removal

So here goes. For the past two months, I have put out the "Snow Removal Frequently Asked Questions" pamphlet, and stories regarding berm removal and snow plowing were included in the December Condor. PMC has always offered, as a courtesy, snow berm removal from driveways of citizens who are physically challenged. The removal is considered to be a non-emergency task and will be completed at the end of the snowstorm cycle after all association roads are cleared and

cindering has taken place. This means, that as in years pass, it could take two or more days before the crew can begin to remove berms. In case of a private citizen emergency such as fire or a medical situation requiring snow removal, the Sheriff's Office must be contacted by calling 9-1-1. If a snow removal operator receives an emergency call from the Sheriff's Office or other emergency responder source, the operator will immediately respond to the emergency. PMCPOA will dispatch a plow driver whenever there is an emergency.

In researching snow areas in other California mountain communities, we found that they conduct snow berm removal the same way that PMCPOA does. Association member Finn Myggen emailed me with what he hopes is a solution to the berm removal process that would allow it to be done as the snowplow crew is plowing. Ron Nesbitt, Manager of Operations & Maintenance, and I met with Mr. Myggen to discuss his solution. We will work with his proposal to see if it works. Mr. Myggen also sent us a YouTube video with different snowplowing blades that we are looking into and getting prices on. I would like to thank Mr. Myggen for his time and research to help us come up with a better solution. I will keep the Board and members informed of how Mr. Myggen's process works once we get snow.

While we are on the subject of snow,

please do not call and ask Patrol to come put snow chains on your tires, or ask Patrol to come by and check to make sure the chains are on correctly, particularly when there are snow plowing operations or sanding and cindering taking place. You should be prepared to install your particular traction aids prior to needing them. You Tube has dozens of videos showing how to do this for various types of chains, cables and Spyder spikes.

Bistro Updates

For the Bistro, we started implementing the Task Force recommendations right away by reducing staff in October through attrition. We then started the buffets before we ordered any equipment to see how it would work. We installed wire and eight new circuits for buffet warmers at a cost of \$3,287.68, ordered a 6-inch sneeze guard for the buffet at \$336.99 and a 4-inch table top salad bar with sneeze guard for \$362.99, for a total of \$3,987.66 spent. We also ordered some equipment.

Originally, we were going to order actual buffet tables, but after going to a couple of Country Clubs with buffets that were set up similar to ours, and due to lack of storage space to store them when not in use, staff suggested ordering electric food warmers for ease of use, convenience and storage. Five electric food warmers and

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Letter to the Editor

Aggressive Dog Encounter

My husband and I were taking one of our favorite hikes up above the PMC campground. We walked along the Fault Scarp and then looped back to the campground through the woods and two beautiful meadows. When we were coming down toward the meadows on the trail from the upper scarp trail, a dog came running up to us aggressively barking. The owner was behind him and said "sorry, let me get him on his leash."

Immediately following, two more barking dogs came and surrounded us and we were both afraid as the dogs were showing their teeth. I stood behind my husband for protection and we told the man that he was supposed to have his dogs on a leash at all times on the trail. There was a sign posting this right at the beginning of the trail near the campground! The owner was non-responsive. We finally just cut into the forest to get away from the dogs off the trail, as it seemed the owner was not helping us in a timely manner and we did not feel safe with his dogs or his ability to control them. He did not even apologize after we told him we were scared.

Needless to say, the owner did not get the leashes on his three dogs and meanwhile, my husband and I were both frightened, and later angry. We really could not tell if the dogs were going to try to bite us. First of all, the owner could not control his dogs when they looked like they were going to attack us. Secondly, the owner was not following the leash rules of being a member and thirdly, we felt we were not safe in our club property on a trail.

I wish to let all dog owners know that this was a very uncomfortable experience on many levels. I do not know how often this happens to members on the trails, but if it does, I hope that they too will complain and that more signs will be put up along the trails. Most of all, I hope that dog owners will not view the trails as an area for their dogs

to run free until they see other hikers. Even though dog owners may say, "Oh, he is only protecting us..." the owners and the dogs are exhibiting bad manners and not following agreed upon rules in a community.

We do not plan to have this experience affect our love of hiking at PMC, but if this happens again, I plan on being more vocal with the owner at the time of the incident, and will try to get the owner's name to let the authorities know. We have been hiking in this area for 30 years and this has never happened like this before.

Perhaps it is an unfortunate fluke, yet we still want it to be noted so dog owners can be reminded of the leash rule, take responsibility, and so that members without dogs can feel safe while out in nature hiking.

Carole and Darcy Gray

The writer is solely responsible for the contents of the letter and acknowledges that the viewpoint, opinions, and validity of the facts expressed in the letter are those of the writer only, and are not necessarily shared by the editor, the Association or the Condor Committee.

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Thank you for your submissions to the Complaints, 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.

If you are a PMCPOA member in good standing, look for responses in the Conductor. Please be sure to include your contact information. While your name will not be published or posted, we don't respond to anonymous submissions. Please note that we do not respond to renter's submissions; the CCC Box is for members only.

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

- Thank you to Jim McInerney on

the Roads crew. He was polite and informative to my questions. He didn't blow me off with "I don't know" answers.

Response: Congratulations to Jim for the wonderful compliment. We are always pleased to hear reports of courtesy and professionalism from staff in answering member's questions.

- The trees are decorated beautifully! They look good in daytime as well as night! Jessie is doing a fabulous job. She was so helpful at the Craft Fair, and came by our booths often to make sure we were doing okay. Good job overseeing all of us! Thank you!

Response: Thank you for the compliment about our beautifully decorated trees and the job well done at the Craft Fair. Jessie is a great asset to the Recreation Department as well as the Associa-

tion.

- Please keep the great and fun bands working on Saturday nights, and the two jams per month.

Response: We are so glad you enjoy Saturday night bands and the Sunday Jams. We are trying to appeal to more members and we will be introducing other entertainment as well as the bands. We hope you will like the upcoming year of entertainment.

CONCERNS

- I'm very concerned about the safety of the skateboarders using our streets. Please consider installing a local skate park. It could have a huge impact on public safety, both for the skateboarders and for the drivers trying to avoid them.

Response: Skateboarders have the same right as vehicles and bicycles. But they have to follow the Vehicle Code. CHP has told us unless they see them personally they cannot do anything about this. It continues to be a concern for the Association, drivers and skateboarders.

- We love to eat at the Bistro and sit outside in nice weather. It would be nice to

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have more shade on the patio.

Response: We love that you enjoy eating at the Bistro and sitting outside in nice weather. We will look into shading more of the patio.

• I received an email asking about having four to five golf tournaments off the mountain? Why do we do this? Are these tournaments subsidized when they are held off the mountain? We spend enough on golfing that I don't think we should be subsidizing tournaments off the mountain when our course is right here to use.

Response: Pine Mountain Golf Club hosts 18 tournaments at our home facility. Being an active golf club in the USGA (United States Golf Association), we are allowed to participate in national events. Since our golf course is not regulation size, nor is it a qualifying size, we must host some tournaments off the hill at acceptable clubs.

These tournaments qualify teams and individuals for USGA events. Along with USGA events, Pine Mountain Club POA has events that take place on the golf course that bring in a substantial amount of people and money (such as the Concert on the Greens). These events close down our driving range and the 9th hole, which means we cannot host a tournament on those days. Pine Mountain Club POA does not subsidize anything for the Pine Mountain Golf Club or for them to travel off the hill. In addition to our club traveling off the hill, we bring other clubs and groups to our facility to host tournaments.

The pro shop at Pine Mountain Club also reserves some weekends to remain open so that normal play can go on. Members of Pine Mountain don't always want to play in a tournament. On these reserved weekends, our golf club travels off the hill. If you are interested in being part of the golf club or being a social member, please come and support your club and fill out an application to join.

• Last year, the "Guest Book" movie was made in PMC and surrounding areas,

having ten episodes. How much money did the association make from that show? What was that money used for? That was an awful show.

Response: The association made \$50,000 from the filming of that show. The money went into the Operating Fund.

SUGGESTIONS

• We, the Quilt Guild, enjoyed a steady stream of customers at the Craft Fair. A cheap boxed lunch would be helpful; maybe a sandwich, chips, and a bottle of water for \$5 or less than \$10. I miss the vendor who sold homemade soap. She is in Frazier Park and maybe she could be invited back? I understand some of her items were not homemade, however, her homemade soaps are not to be replicated. I have tried others and they do not compare to hers.

Response: We are happy that the Quilt Guild did well at the Craft Fair. The ven-

dor you are referring to did not sign up this year. Maybe she will be back next year.


• It has been mentioned to me to have hand sanitizers in the Clubhouse restrooms put in the toilet area so that persons can clean their hands before opening the door to the sink area, to further clean their hands.

Response: We will look into putting hand sanitizer in the toilet area of the restrooms.

• On Hoover Way, a fire danger exists where brush cut from above was rolled to the road below and abandoned. In addition, the lone fire hydrant is buried and virtually useless. The road edges are overgrown and lined with rubble. A little cut and sweep wouldn't hurt. Fire season is here!

Response: We are in the process of cleaning and sweeping the streets. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

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one electric warmer/cooker were ordered. The cost was \$730. The Task Force recommended turning the maintenance room into a satellite kitchen. I have passed the breakdown to the Board and the total estimated cost is \$31,297.30. The idea is to provide full support for the buffet efforts, storing dishes, silverware, and serving items for upstairs dinner service in that area. It also provides a neat and orderly space for removal of dirty dishes during the dinner service, and a space for warming of replacement buffet items. An alternative is to refurbish the current small kitchen in the Condor Room. The budgetary cost would be about \$15,000 to do this. Discussion on submitting an A2 form on the building of a new kitchen for the clubhouse is on the Planning Committee agenda.

Also, due to our 501c7 status, we have never advertised outside of the association, as this has been a slippery slope. We are allowed 35% of outside income, but

only 15% can be from non-members. Our legal department is checking with a tax attorney for a legal opinion. I will keep the membership updated.

Refurbishing the Hole #6 Bathroom on the Golf Course

We can refurbish the restroom by adding insulation to the two walls that do not have insulation, and by bringing power from the power pole that is on Aleutian Drive in order to add a heater to the bathroom so it will have heat in the winter.

Currently, we close it during winter hours because the pipes and porcelain toilets break in the cold. Budgetary cost to do this is about \$5,000. Our staff will do all work except the electrical; we will bring in an electrician for this. This is based only on refurbishing the existing bathroom. My understanding from the golfers I have spoken to is that they do not use it much, so a one-hole toilet facility will work. There is more than enough in the reserves to pay for this. If we put in a two-hole restroom, then we would have to put in a new septic system and a new pad along with the electrical, and we would exceed what is in the reserve account by about \$20,000 or more.

Fiber Optics

The Board also requested an update on the status of AT&T bringing fiber optics into the Clubhouse. AT&T has given an activation date of Feb. 2, 2018. That is all the information I have at this time.

Tax Assessments

In early July of this year, former GM Rory Worster and I met with the Kern County Tax Assessor and the Kern County Tax Collector in Supervisor Couch's office. We requested that the Tax Asses-

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 8-9am Friday

Outdoor Activity
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Classes in PMC Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

Classes \$5 each, payable to the instructor.

New Yoga Class

Deb Lowe, of Mountain Lotus Yoga, will begin teaching a new Yoga class this month at the PMC Clubhouse. She is a private instructor who teaches Yoga classes for all ages and levels, including beginners and seniors, as well as Gentle Stretch Yoga.

Lowe will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to Noon. Classes will be \$5 per class, payable directly to Lowe. She is offering the first class for free for new attendees. For more information about these classes, please call Lowe at (661) 245-1520 or at (818) 404-4092, or email her at latas-son1952@yahoo.com.

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sor lower the property taxes on our foreclosed properties. They told us they would not go back to reassess the properties on our list but would look at reassessing any new properties that came in. The Tax Assessor's office is years behind on auctioning off properties that have unpaid taxes. Also, in order for a property to go to auction, the taxes on it have to be five years delinquent. Kern County has tried to auction off our older properties in the past but has had no offers.

PMCPOA member and Mt. Enterprise editor Patric Hedlund called me and gave me the name of Ken White to email regarding reducing the property taxes on the foreclosed properties after she had spoken with him. Mr. White was sent our foreclosure list. He put in a request to reduce the taxes on about one-third of the properties. We are waiting to see if the reduction in property taxes is approved by his superiors. I would like to thank Ms. Hedlund for putting me in contact with Mr. White.

Golf Rounds

I also want to correct information that was disseminated indicating that only 1,200 rounds of golf a year is played with 80 golfers. I am not sure where those numbers came from, so here are the actual numbers of golf rounds played: May 2017, 464 rounds; June 2017, 603 rounds; July 2017, 717 rounds; August 2017, 733 rounds; September 2017, 728 rounds, October 2017, 565 rounds; and November 2017, 524 rounds. In seven months, that's 4,334 rounds of golf played. That is definitely more than 80 people playing golf. If I hear information being disseminated that I know is not true or sounds incorrect, I will do my best to get the facts out to the members so there is no misleading information being given out and so that we all have the correct facts.

Other Association News

We will be working on the budget for the coming year. Committees should be getting ready to turn in their project recommendations for consideration. If the

committees need help completing the A-2 Project Form, the Planning Committee can assist with this.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the annual tree lighting. We had about 300 people and as always, the tree lighting put us in the holiday spirit. The craft fair the next day was also a huge success. We even had a few new vendors say that if they had known our event was so nice they would have come years before.

The New Year's Eve Party is fully booked for dinner, but tickets for appetizers and a champagne toast at midnight are available at the door for \$10. Jessie Hales, who decorated the Lounge, will be decorating for New Year's Eve so I know it will be fabulous.

Also, new to our entertainment lineup is acoustic nights on Fridays starting at 7 p.m. Our first Acoustic Friday Night was a huge success, so we will continue to offer this. We have so much talent up here, and they are happy to play for us at no charge (though tips are welcome). So please, come on out and enjoy the buffet, some fantastic music and visiting with friends.

November EC Office Recap:

- 2 - Paint/Reroof
- 1 - Cottage Industry Permit
- EC Letters Written:
- 4 - 1st Notice Letters
- 7 - Complied on 1st Notice
- 2 - 2nd Notice and Official Warnings
- 1 - Complied after 2nd warning
- 1 - Misc Letters

November Patrol Recap:

- 49 - Enforcement
- 23 - Animal Control
- 26 - Misc Calls
- 76 - Public
- 6 - Agency Assist
- 3 - Conflict
- 4 - General Complaint
- 3 - Welfare Check
- 60 - Misc Calls
- Reports: 1**
- Suspicious Incident - 12
- Traffic Incident - 1
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**Saturday Night Buffet
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Saturday Nights

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**Jan. 6 -- Angelica
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Century")**

**Jan. 13 -- Hollywood
Hillbillies (Country &
Country Rock)**

**Friday, Jan. 19 --
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**Jan. 20 -- D.J. Cesar
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Wednesdays

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Bridge . Condor Room

Thursdays

10:00 am . Skins Golf

Fridays

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4:00 pm **Equestrian** Pool Pavilion

Thursday, Jan. 4 (First Thursday)

10:30 am **Recreation** Lounge

Friday, Jan. 5 (First Friday)

9:00 am **Greens and Grounds** Golf Shop

2:00 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

Saturday, Jan. 6 (First Saturday)

9:00 am **Governing Documents** Pool Pavilion

1:00 pm **Planning** Condor Room

Saturday, Jan. 13 (Second Saturday)

9:00 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room

10:00 am **Communications** Pool Pavilion

10 am **CERT** Condor Room

Wednesday, Jan. 17 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5:00 pm **Finance & Budget** Pool Pavilion

Saturday, Jan. 20 (Third Saturday)

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

Saturday, Jan. 27 (Fourth Saturday)

10:00 am **Youth Advisory** Pool Pavilion

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Mondays

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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