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Meet Your Newest Board Member: Carolyn Gilbert



Carolyn Gilbert

Carolyn Gilbert is PMCPOA's newest board member, having won a director's seat in last month's election. Gilbert, who has lived in PMC since 2015 and owns a home and a property, is known in the community as partner and operator of Two Girls Mountain Vacation Rentals, a five-star-rated Airbnb business that

has strong long-term relationships with the homeowners it represents, PMCPOA and local realtors. She owns the company with her spouse, Elizabeth, and together they employ four local women and hire local contractors to perform all the home repair work needed.

Married for more than 41 years with two adult children and two grandchildren, Gilbert also owns CarolynsCreation, where she teaches crafting and creates handmade cards. She says she ran for the Board because she wanted to be directly involved in the community. "We all want the same thing, like a safe community bound by common goals to ensure that all of us enjoy living here and have the feeling that things get better living here over time," she says. "I don't just live here, I work to make a difference."

Since purchasing their home in early 2021, Gilbert has served on the Governing Documents and Communications commit-

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Knapp Weed/Star Thistle Disposal

If you have Knapp Weed or Star Thistle in your yard, please come by the EC office and pick up a special bag to put them in. They must not go in the Green Waste site. Once they are in the special yellow bags, they can be thrown in with the regular trash at the Transfer Site. If you do not know what these invasive weeds look like, please do a search on Google.

Our World of Nature

Insects Can Show Off

By Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

Some of our experiences with insects here in Pine Mountain Club encourage us to consider them pests. Whether they are ants on the kitchen counter, yellowjackets sharing our outside barbeque, obnoxious flies in our faces or mosquitos making summer evenings on the deck difficult. Yes, some insects cause a lot of problems for humans, including deadly problems.

However, insects cannot be dismissed as enemies. First of all, they are by far the most numerous group of animals on Earth. Also, flowering plants and insects have evolved together, and many species of both groups depend upon the other. Insects pollinate; flowers provide food.



Fig. 1: The California sister is one of our state specialties. (BB)

Summer is the time for abundance of many insects. This article will focus on some of the local species that are obvious, and whose images have been captured by some of our local wildlife photographers.

We will start with the California Sister (Fig. 1). This colorful butterfly is particularly suited to our local mountains. It is found in and adjacent to California, and is especially fond of canyon live oak, our most common oak tree. The female lays her eggs in the oak, where the larva feed. The period of time from the laying of the egg through five larval stages, pupation and emerging of the adult is about 65 days. Due to its diet, all stages are toxic to would-be predators. Adults can be seen between March and November.

Now we come to a favorite insect of many gardeners, the lady beetle or ladybug (Fig. 2). There are several species with various numbers of spots on the shield wings. The transparent flying wings are tucked in underneath. Lady beetles are known for dining on aphids and other plant pests. The adults often gather in groups, like these found on a local rock. The 'lady' in the name probably refers to the Virgin Mary.

There are many kinds of flies, some of which are pests. The huge crane fly (Tipulid) looks scary (Fig. 3) but is completely harmless. Another showy group of insects are the dragonflies

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BARBECUE SAFETY TIPS

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Summertime is barbecue time. But those grills can also be a fire hazard. Here are some simple tips to make your summer grilling safer.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grills must be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from the eaves and from overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet from the grill.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill. Clean after each use to avoid attracting bears!
- Never leave your grill unattended. Keep a bucket of water or a connected water hose nearby.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using only newspaper as a fuel. Keep the flames inside the chimney.
- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- If you use an electric charcoal starter, be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use.
- Place grill on fireproof base/material to protect decks from hot coals and sparks.
- When finished grilling, let coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container. Never discard them on the ground.

PROPANE GRILLS

- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A leak will release bubbles.
- If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or soap test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. Replace the hose, and if you still have a leak, have it serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not move the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

Reminder: PMC EC Code 7.13 says, "There are no open fires allowed in PMC. There shall be no exterior fires whatsoever except for barbeques in confined receptacles designed for such purposes. Pellet smokers and propane, charcoal and electric barbeques are permitted with a minimum 15-foot clearance from combustible material. No fire pits of any type are allowed.

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***Thank you,
Karin Shulman, GM***

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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.



Bocce Ball Has Come to Pine Mountain Club!

After many requests to install bocce ball, our staff has been working hard building two courts, which are the newest additions to Lampkin Park. Bocce ball is quickly growing in popularity. It gives people who might not have the time or physical ability to play a round of golf to stay active in a fun, competitive sport. Feel free to bring your own set and come down to the park to check it out. The association also has a set available to check out from the Recreation Room, as long as you have a member or guest card.

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tees. "I want to represent the community, and work toward consistency in rules and fines, preserving our wildlife and hardening our community against fire."

Gilbert brings previous experience as a board member to PMCPOA, having served on the boards of Oakridge Estates in Simi Valley as secretary and for Wynn Court Condominiums in Thousand Oaks as vice president. She has also been a board member of the Mountain Communities Chamber of Commerce for one year and was a member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Simi Valley Rotary.

She believes her greatest challenge in serving on the PMCPOA Board will be learning all about the community and how best she can support it. Her favorite thing about living in PMC, she says, is the beauty of the area and the mountains, whether it's raining, snowing or sunny, as well as the peace and quiet and the friends she has made here.

She recalls the first major snowstorm that happened after moving here: "Our son got us a snow blower so I wouldn't have to do it with a shovel," she explains. "Going right down the driveway was easy, however, going left was a little harder, and I ended up going just off the edge. As I'm sitting in the snow, laughing and asking for some help, Elizabeth, who is a photographer, starts to run inside the house for her camera." She continues, "Of course I yell back, 'Oh no you don't!' As she walked over to help me, our neighbor also walked over to help, and gently said, 'Been driving long?' Mind you, it was funny! And I've mastered the snow blower much better now."



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- Improve communication in PMC?
- Monitor the expenditures of PMC?
- Ensure optimum maintenance and usage of our recreation amenities and golf course?
- Improve and protect our environment?
- Ensure our rules are current with laws, codes, and operating conditions?
- Assist in strategically planning for the future of PMC?
- Ensure our community is prepared in case of an emergency?

IF YES – THEN PLEASE JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES

The PMC Board of Directors depends greatly on committees to provide suggestions and recommendations. The committees are the pulse of the association membership. We are grateful to all who participate.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a committee, you may leave your name and phone number at the office and the committee liaison (a board member appointed to the committee by the Board Chair) will return your call. Or you may complete the application provided in this edition of the Condor and return it to the business office. Applications are approved by the Board on the next Board meeting following submittal.

PMCPOA COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2022-2023

First Tuesday	Communications Committee	6:00 pm	Zoom
Wednesday before the third Saturday (Board Meeting)	Budget and Finance	6:00 pm	Condor Room
First Friday	Greens and Grounds Environmental Control	9:00 am 2:00 pm	Golf Pro Shop Condor Room
First Saturday	Governing Documents Planning	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Zoom/TBD Pavilion
Fourth Saturday	Emergency Preparedness	9:00 am	Condor Room

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Please fill in this form as fully as possible. This will help us understand how you can assist this committee achieve its goals.

Committee assignment requested: _____

Name: _____ Tract: _____ Lot: _____

PMC address: _____ PMC phone: _____

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Email Address _____

My background for this committee: _____

Other PMC committees I have served on: _____

What I would like to see this committee accomplish: _____

Other committees in which I have an interest: _____

I have read the Committee Charter and Common Rules for All Committees and I believe that I can benefit PMC by serving on this committee. I understand that unless I am authorized by the Board of Directors to speak or write publicly for the committee, I will state my name at the beginning of my written or oral remarks, clearly identify myself as a property owner in Pine Mountain Club and then clearly state that I am speaking as a property owner and not as a member of or on behalf of the committee.

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Secretary of the Board

A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

A Message from the Chairman - August 2022 is based on the Chairman's Report from the July 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

As you may recall from my message to the members on July 8, we have encountered some problems related to the wildlife, and more specifically, the bears. One incident resulted in the death of a bear and left a cub without its mother. In the past month, there has been a review of our rules related to wildlife with the intent to protect our members and their property – and we hope to better protect the bears and the other wildlife in PMC to avoid their habituation and the harassment they have been receiving from a few residents.

According to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, harassment is an act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering.

Providing food to bears is harassment. Treating a bear like the family dog is harassment. Petting a bear and allowing it to hang out on your porch or in your yard instead of hazing or shooing it away is harassment. Allowing a bear to come into your house for a visit is harassment. These acts disrupt a bear's normal behavior pat-

tern – these are wild animals, not domestic pets - and these acts unfortunately become the steppingstones toward habituation, and a few bears in PMC have been killed and almost killed as a result of their habituation.

The current wildlife rules contained in Article 7 are good, but they can be better, and the rules now being revised, I believe, will be more specific and enforceable. We are working to eliminate the harassment and habituation of wildlife. We want to protect our members and residents from dangerous physical encounters and prevent the property damage occurring when bears seek out food sources in our homes, sheds, and cars instead of foraging in the forest. The revised rules are posted in the clubhouse lobby and on the website so that the proposed changes can be considered by the board at our August meeting.

I am, once again, disappointed to report that exterior fires continue to be ignited in PMC. I don't understand – and despite our ongoing best efforts to educate and inform, the violations continue and the risk of a fire starting within our community continues. The board had 12 hearings scheduled in July with five of the hearings

for exterior fire violations. One of these violations involves a member burning brush and leaves in their yard. One of these violations involves a third offense at the same property where renters appear to be oblivious and obviously ignore our rule despite the homeowner's overt efforts to prevent fires on their property.

I mentioned previously that I was optimistic that we would have good news to report at the July meeting about our attempt to hire a project manager to assist us in determining costs for the clubhouse revitalization project. I'm sorry to report our contract negotiations didn't work out with respect to insurance indemnification and liability, which presented a financial risk to the association. We are continuing to seek a qualified project manager.

I anticipate the STR Working Group will be presenting their final report and any recommendations at the August board meeting. The proposed rule changes to Article 22 are posted and one change includes a requirement for an owner or a local contact person to respond to complaints at their STR within 60 minutes.

Be safe, stay healthy, and continue to be positive.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of July 16, 2022. 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, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Peggy Hoyt-Voelker was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of July 16, 2022 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the draft minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Board

Meeting and the Board of Directors Organizational Meeting of June 18, 2022. **MOTION** carried.

There were thirty-one (31) committee applications for approval.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director Acosta presented the Treasurers report.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to ratify the Association's draft June 2022 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were four (4) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There was one (1) cottage industry permit recommended for approval.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #01-07-16-2022** revisions to Bylaw 10.02 (Formation and Purpose of Assessment) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #02-07-16-2022**, revisions to Bylaw 10.03, (Budget formation) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #03-07-16-2022**, sanctioning the following clubs for 2022-2023: Pine Mountain Amateur Radio Club, Pine Mountain Archers, Pine Mountain Gardeners' Club, Pine Mountain Golf Club, Pine Mtn. Scrappers Quilt Guild, PMC Eques-

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Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of June 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	4,695,620	4,687,676	7,944	
Operations/Maintenance	359,046	226,490	132,556	
Social Activity	665,442	681,285	(15,843)	
Projects	171,475	0	171,475	
Interest Income (Operating)	13,851	17,958	(4,107)	
Total Revenue	5,905,434	5,613,409	292,025	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	3,905,184	4,054,160	(148,976)	
Social Activity	1,095,882	1,180,601	(84,719)	
Operating Projects	124,794	185,129	(60,335)	
Designated Fund Projects	233,325	75,902	157,423	
Reserve Contribution	456,000	456,000	0	
Total Operating Expenses	5,815,186	5,951,792	(136,606)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(325,129)	(325,128)	(1)	
Assets purchased	(25,389)	0	(25,389)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(26,630)	0	(26,630)	
Total Other Transactions	(377,148)	(325,128)	(52,020)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(286,900)	(663,511)	376,611	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	2,226,787	2,375,864	(149,077)	
Payroll Benefits	377,836	398,224	(20,388)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	284,535	318,924	(34,389)	
Total Payroll Expense	2,889,159	3,093,012	(203,853)	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,635,684	4,634,011	1,673	0.036%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,650,729	44,891	0.956%
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2021	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,082,499	800,814	(376,219)	3,507,094
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,754,745			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,540,894			

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen McClellan
Cameron Acosta / Treasurer *Ellen McClellan*
July 16, 2022

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

We hope you have been enjoying the wide variety of fun summer activities being offered this year by the association.

Back by popular demand, the Concert on the Greens series is ongoing through September, featuring a couple of new bands this season. Our summer camps have been lots of fun for the kids, and the outdoor movies have been a blast as well. In July, we presented our first "Dive-In Movie" for families. Movies are being shown at the pool as well as on the greens this year, and families are invited to bring their floaties and watch movies from the pool. (We do ask that you do not eat while in the pool.)

This month, the annual community yard sale will take place on Aug. 13-14, again from the comfort of home for participants. Call 661-242-3788 or come by the business office to pick up a Yard Sale Per-

mit and put your name on the list. We can email or mail a permit to you if you call in. The cutoff date to sign up is Monday, Aug. 8. A list of yard sale addresses will be sent out Aug. 10. Conveniently, the popular Everything Exchange will take place the following weekend on Aug. 21 at Lampkin Park, so you'll also have an opportuni-

ty to swap your stuff, or give it away.

And please save the date for our first-ever Reggae in the Pines festival, an all-day event taking place Saturday, October 1 from 12 - 6:30 p.m. on the golf course. There will be vendors, bounce houses, live music by Meridian and Kingston Tree and more.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.



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22nd Run to the Pines Auto Show

Sept. 17, 2022

Registration starts at 7am, and the show starts at 9am. Beautiful Vehicles, Live Music, Food, Awards and More

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To sign up online, visit www.runtothepinesautoshow.com. For questions, email to info@runtothepinesautoshow.com.

The show is presented by the Pine Mountain Club Commercial Property Owner's Association, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Everything Exchange is August 21

10am-3pm

Basketball Courts at Lampkin Park

Small household items, music, books, office items, computer software, jewelry, knick knacks, rugs, small tools, sports equipment, toys, games, etc. This is a community swap meet where you can give, take, or both, for free!

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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.

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

• I just have to say, the paving company quoting on private driveways is the best idea EVER! The company is here anyway. The slurry trucks are loaded up. What's one more driveway? Awesome.

Response: Thank you. They have provided, for a fee, this service for a number of years. It offers a savings to our members since they are already up here.

• Katfish band was very nice, smooth, mellow music! Most enjoyable! It would be nice if we booked them for inside the lounge; easier on the eardrums!

Response: Glad you enjoyed the music.

Community Picnics in the Park Continue

The Community Picnics in the Park continue on Wednesdays at the Lampkin Park group picnic area. They will continue every Wednesday until the weather turns cold.

Picnics start at 5 p.m. Bring something to throw on the BBQ, if you wish, a dish to share and your own drinks and table service. Come out and enjoy the great food and visiting with your friends and neighbors. It's a great time to meet new people, and everyone is welcome. Any questions, call 242-1094.

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Friday, Aug. 19 – Pool, 8pm: *Jumanji* (PG)
Friday, Sept. 2 – Pool, 8pm: *Space Jam* (PG)
Friday, Sept. 16 -- Golf Course, 8pm: *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* (PG)

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Summer Hours
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Sundays in the PMC Clubhouse Rec Room
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- * For PMC residents/guests only; please bring your member or guest card.
- * Four vehicles at a time at the site; please wait your turn outside.
- * Please secure your trash before heading to the site.

Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday - Friday
8 am to 2 pm
Saturday - Sunday
9 am to 3 pm
Wednesday - Friday:
Breakfast 8-11 / Lunch 11-2
Saturday:
Breakfast 9-11 / Lunch 11-3
Sunday:
Breakfast 9-12 / Lunch 12-3

The Condor Café is open for inside dining for breakfast and lunch. Patio seating is available weather permitting. Takeout is also available; please call 661-242-2233.

Dinner

Thursday (Special)
4 to 7:30 pm
Fridays and Saturdays
4 to 8:30 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8:30pm. (The Bar is also open Thursdays through Saturdays.) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have a party of four or more, we require a reservation. You can call the café any time during our hours of operation at 661-242-2233 to place your reservation with a server. Takeout is available for dinner Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

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(Fig. 4) and damselflies. These are not related to many other insects called flies. The larvae are aquatic; the adults can be seen around bod-



Fig. 2: Lady beetles often congregate for warmth, protection and sociability. (BB)

ies of water, such as Fern's Lake. Both the larva and adults are small-prey predators.

A well-known group of insects are the ants, bees and wasps. Many ants are important soil builders; bees and wasps are serious pollinators of plants. Some species are pests and even dangerous to humans. The honeybee (Fig. 5) is not native to North America. It was introduced intentionally, and is an important producer of commercial honey, and is a major pollinator. The yellowjacket (Fig. 6) is one of our major pests,



Fig. 3: Crane flies look like huge mosquitos, but are harmless. (BB)

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- Randy Cushman (RC)**
- Mary McDevitt (MM)**
- Maryann Ryan (MAR)**



Fig. 4: A dragonfly perches over water while hunting. (BB)

even though it is a great pollinator. Unlike other wasps, its nest is very inconspicuous. A person can be innocently standing next to a small hole in the ground and be viciously attacked by yellowjackets defending their subterranean hive. A spectacular wasp is the tarantula hawk. It is an important plant pollinator, including this milkweed (Fig. 7).



Fig. 5: Honeybees followed humans to the Americas and are now very important here. (LB)

It has a bizarre and creepy way of raising its young. It hunts down tarantulas or other large spiders, paralyzes them with its sting, and lays eggs in their comatose bodies. The larvae eat their way to maturity. The sting of a tarantula hawk is very painful. Our fi-



Fig. 6: The yellowjacket is fierce around its ground nest. (BB)

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nal example of this group is a rather strange creature, the velvet ant (Fig. 8). It is actually a wingless wasp. It patrols the ground seek-



Fig. 7: This tarantula hawk is feeding on a milkweed. (MAR)

ing prey. There are white, orange, red and black species. All have a powerful sting.

We will end this discussion of local insects with two attractive butterflies. The western tiger swallowtail (Fig. 9) is a bril-



Fig. 8: The flightless velvet ant is an unusual wasp. (MAR)

liant addition to our summer gardens. It is confined to western North America. In our area, it prefers willows and cottonwood trees as food for the caterpillars. The first small stage of caterpillar resembles bird droppings, thus reducing its chance of becoming somebody's lunch. Our final insect is the monarch butterfly (Fig. 10). It is well known for its large wintering populations in groves of trees along the Pacific coast. Unfortunately-



Fig. 9: This beautiful tiger swallowtail visits a Buddleia (MM)

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT EQUESTRIAN OPEN HOUSE

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GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool
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**SECOND/Fourth/Fifth
Wednesdays**

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone .
Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

6:00 pm . Quilt Guild
Business Mtg . Pool Pav
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Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More
Pool Pavilion

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trian Club, Pine Mountain Club Guitar Society, Speak Easy Theatre, Tuesday Celtic Session Club, and White Sage Lace Guild. MOTION carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, SECOND by Director Gilbert to approve RESOLUTION #04-07-16-2022, the revision to the user fee schedule as submitted. MOTION carried.

The board sent and received twenty-three (23) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on August 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Entertainment
Line-Up:**

Saturday nights 7-10pm

Friday nights 5-8pm

Friday, Aug. 5

5-8pm -- Cary Park
(Singer/Songwriter Who
Plays Classic Rock &
Country)

Saturday, Aug. 6

7-10pm -- Bandit
(Mix of Classic Rock, Blues
& Country)

Friday, Aug. 12

5-8pm -- Asher Nicholson
(Folksy & Mellow)

Saturday, Aug. 13

7-10pm -- Dive Bar
Messiahs
(60's & 70's Classic Rock)

Friday, Aug. 19

5-8pm -- Gil Karson and
Friends
(Americana)

Saturday, Aug. 20

7-10pm -- Craig
Hassenbank Band
(Classic & Alternative
Rock)

Friday, Aug. 26

5-8pm -- Steve Wilkinson
(Classic Rock, R&B)

Saturday, Aug. 27

4:30pm -- COG -- City Beat
and the Main Street Horns
(R&B, Rock & Soul)

7-10pm -- Hollywood
Hillbillies

(Country, Country Rock)

**Fern's Lake Reminder: There
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**2022 PMC Pool
Schedule**

**8am - 10am Daily
Morning Lap Swim**

**10am – 7pm Daily
Open Swim**

*(Except Mon, Wed & Friday, opens
at 11am due to Water Aerobics)*

**7pm – 8pm Daily
Evening Lap Swim**

**10-11am Mon, Wed & Fri
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**Pool will remain open until
Sept. 5**

Condor Lounge Hours

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Tuesday, Aug. 2 (First Tuesday)

6 pm **Communications ZOOM**

Friday, Aug. 5 (First Friday)

9am **Greens and Grounds Pro Shop**

2 pm **Environmental Control Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 6 (First Saturday)

9 am **Governing Documents ZOOM**

1 pm **Planning Pool Pavilion**

Wednesday, Aug. 17 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm **Budget & Finance Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 20 (Third Saturday)

10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 27 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am **Emergency Preparedness Condor Room**

10:30 am **CERT CERT Facility**

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ly, it also is known for its recent rapid decline in numbers. Plowing and covering up grasslands, pesticide poisoning and recent climate change are suspected of being causative agents. The larvae feed on species of native milkweed, and in so doing, become very toxic. Both broad-leaf and narrow-leaf milkweeds grow in our community and can be encouraged in our gardens.

Enjoy our local insects, and please resist using pesticides, if possible. As a final note, if you request that the Condor be sent electronically to you, the photos in this Nature Column will be in color. In addition, it will save some paper. Contact the PMCPOA at 242-3788. Also, all the Our World of Nature articles can be found within the Nature page of the PMCPOA website in color.



Fig. 10: A rabbit bush provides food for a monarch butterfly (RC)