



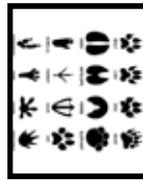
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Track Identification

(Jim McInerney) \$35
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Ages 8-12

A parent must be present.



Golf

(Cody Rose) \$35

7/6-7/8 & 8/3-8/5 9-10:30am

Ages 8-12



Swim

(Zach Blue) \$35

6/20-6/24 9-10am

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Requirements:

Must know how to swim

Bring goggles

One piece bathing suits & swim caps

are recommended for girls

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No street clothes in the pool



Art

(Erin Pattarino) \$35

7/19-7/21 10am-12pm



Beginners Guitar

(Brian Horan) \$35

7/25-7/29 1:30-2:30pm



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 (Shana Ruiz) \$35
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Outdoor Movie Night has returned! Venues this summer include the Golf Course and the Swimming Pool. See page 9 for lineup.



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Our World of Nature

Rabbits and Rodents - Really!

By Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

I don't need to say we have both rabbits and rodents up here in Pine Mountain Club. The cute little bunnies (cottontails) aren't as cute when they nibble on the baby vegetables. Gophers tend to plow up our yards, whether we want them plowed up or not. California ground squirrels are eating and digging machines. Tree squirrels are generally good neighbors, unless we try to feed the birds; then they get pushy. Chipmunks generally stay out of trouble with us humans. Mice seem to be able to get into any little nook or cranny. And, of course, they love human food and human-made materials for their nest-building. Then there are the wood rats! It seems like everyone up here has a wood rat story or two: "It



Fig. 1: Black-tailed hare with its very long ears (BB)

built a nest on top of my car engine and gnawed through electric wires; had to have the car towed," or "Creepy sounds in the walls at night," or "Turned the garden shed into huge pile of sticks."

Possibly, there will be another article dealing with problem-solving in terms of conflicts with rodents and rabbits. This article, however, will focus on the lives of these little chisel-toothed creatures.

As far as I know, there are no non-native rodents or rabbits in

Pine Mountain Club. Down in the lowland towns and cities, house mice and two species of introduced rats are often serious problems, bringing diseases and causing much grief. These animals were introduced, possibly on early ships, from the Old World.

All of our rodents and rabbits are native; they were here before modern humans arrived. In PMC, we have invaded

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Annual Meeting of PMCPOA Membership is June 18, 2022

The 2022 PMCPOA election is upon us, and takes place during the annual Members' Meeting on Saturday, June 18, when three members will be elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. By now, you should have received the election packet in the mail. If not, please contact the business office immediately at (661) 242-3788.

The 2022 Member's Meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. sharp, at the clubhouse, and also via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID - 836 0282 4859, Passcode: 477827. Dial in to (669) 900-6833 - Meeting Id - 836 0282 4859, Passcode: 477827. There will be no in-person voting.

In accordance with the Civil Code, you have been provided with a mail-in secret ballot for your vote. The Inspectors of Elec-

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Please Remove Mistletoe from Your Trees

PMC has an abundance of mistletoe in oak trees and even larger pine trees. While mistletoe carries with it the romantic notion of standing underneath it to kiss during the holiday season, the plant is actually a parasite that can damage or even kill a tree and make it more susceptible to bark beetle infestation.

According to the University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources department and the Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program (UCIPM), mistletoe absorbs both water and mineral nutrients from its host trees. As a result, the infested branch often develops a swelling (hypertrophy) at the mistletoe attachment point, and may exhibit reduced growth overall, or the branch portions distal to the mistletoe may completely wither and fall off, leaving a branch with the mistletoe at its end. Also, a "witches' broom" (a dense mass of small branches, often misshapen and visibly different from the rest of the tree's crown) may grow at the mistletoe attach-

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WILDFIRE EVACUATION TIPS

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Hopefully, every property owner is working hard to create defensible space around their homes and preparing their homes for a wildfire. You also need to have an evacuation plan.

HOW TO BE PREPARED BEFORE WILDFIRE STRIKES

- Plan where to go: A hotel, evacuation center, a friend’s house or a family home out of the area.
- Plan your evacuation route. We only have two ways in and out of Pine Mountain Club. Follow the direction of the emergency personnel on which direction they want you to go. Practice different routes from your home to Mil Potrero Highway. Streets may be blocked, and you need to know alternate ways to get to the main road. Drive out Hudson Ranch Road to Highway 166 to become familiar with that route.
- Long before a fire threatens, prepare an evacuation checklist. Prepare an emergency kit for each member of your family and your pets. Go to www.Ready.gov/kit for more information on packing an emergency kit.
- Look around every room in your home and make a list of the most important items and mementos you would want to take with you. You may only have 5 or 10 minutes to evacuate. You may want to prioritize them by what to take depending on amount of time to evacuate.
- Make copies of important documents. Take photos of all the rooms and the outside of the house. This may be needed for insurance purposes. Save these on a thumb drive and put it in your Grab and Go Kit.

STAY INFORMED

- Sign up for ReadyKern, the reverse 911 system. Sign up at www.readykern.gov.
- Listen to local television and 1610 AM.

IF EVACUATION IS A POSSIBILITY

- Locate your Evacuation Checklist and place the items in your vehicle.
- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dust mask or dry bandana, goggles or glasses.
- Park your vehicle facing outward and carry your car keys with you. Put your Emergency Kits in the car.
 - Locate pets and keep them nearby.
 - Place connected garden hoses and buckets full of water around the house.
 - Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
 - Leave lights on in the house and the door unlocked.
 - Leave windows closed and air conditioning off.
 - Remove flammable window shades and curtains.
 - Move flammable furniture away from the windows.
 - Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house.
 - Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut wood.
 - Remove flammable items from your deck.

WHEN TO EVACUATE

Leave as soon as fire officials recommend evacuation to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. Do not wait to be ordered by authorities to leave. Evacuating early also helps firefighters move more freely to do their job. In an intense fire, officials may not have time to knock on every door. **IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE, GO. DON'T HESITATE!**

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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.

Golf Cart Drivers: Please Stop at the Stop Signs!

Warm weather is upon us, and with it comes golf carts on the roads in PMC.

While zipping around in a golf cart in our beautiful mountain community is great fun, it is crucial that all golf cart drivers stop at stop signs and obey other traffic laws. We have observed golf cart drivers blowing through stop signs, and this is very dangerous.

Please stop at all stop signs, obey California traffic laws, and stay within the speed limit. This is for the safety of humans, other vehicles and our animal population.

Please remember to always carry your member or guest card with you in PMC. You may be asked to present it at the Transfer Site or in the Clubhouse. Thank you.

Everything Exchange

Aug. 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!

To donate items, call Pam at 661-242-2035 or Tara at 661-242-6901.

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tion (TIE) must receive all properly completed ballots by mail no later than 12 p.m. on June 18, 2022. Please contact the business office if your original mail-in ballots are lost or destroyed. Since the Inspectors of Election will be attending virtually, ballots will only be accepted via mail. Make sure to mail your ballots early enough to ensure they are received in time to be tabulated at the virtual meeting. On meeting day, the Inspector of Elections will tally the votes, with the winners to be announced immediately thereafter.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Bylaws for the Association for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Directors for a three- (3) year term.
2. To ratify the Board Approved Amendments to Bylaws (Complete Bylaws can be found on the website at www.pinemountainclub.net.)
3. To transact such other business as may be properly presented and discussed at the Annual Meeting.

The names of those persons known as candidates for the Board of Directors are: Cameron Acosta, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Elizabeth Peterson-Gower and Carolyn Gilbert.

In order to conduct the annual meeting, a quorum of at least 25 percent of the membership entitled to vote must do so by mail. If a lack of a quorum results in adjournment of the annual meeting, a second meeting will be immediately convened with a quorum of 15 percent in accordance with the Bylaws.



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PMGC Golfing News

Bill Fair, President/Treasurer, Pine Mountain Golf Club

Summer is literally a few weeks away. It's warming up, the grass is green and birdies are in the air... or pars, or bogies, or, heaven forbid, doubles or worse! Time for golf.

The Pine Mountain Golf Club plays, basically, year round, but the summer is when things get hot.

June will see the wrapping up of the President's Match Play Cup, one of our "trophy" tourneys of the year. With the competition starting in May, the final championship matches will be played on Sunday, June 26. Many more fun and team play events will follow through the summer including the Silver Cup Derby, the Wannlund Team Play, Best Ball and Scramble Tourneys and a qualifier for the SCGA Net Fourball Tournament.

All our events are fun happenings, with



Linda Miller (left) and Denise Rogers

a little competition and a lot of good times, playing friendly rounds of golf, usually followed by lunches, libations and lies...I mean, stretching the truth, about how long that putt was you made on the fifth hole.

Much golf has already been played this season, including the Triple Play, the Summer Kick-off Stableford and the Memorial Tournament, with low gross taken by Keith Cascarelli, low net men, by Bill Fair and low net women won by Denise Rogers.

A highlight was having Denise Rogers and Linda Miller representing the club at the SCGA Women's Net Fourball tournament held in Palm Springs at the Mission Hills Resort, home of the LPGA's Dinah Shore Classic. They both qualified to go by playing in our season opening tourney at the Buena Vista GC in Taft. They represented us well with a solid tie for 23rd in their flight. Way to go, Denise and Linda!

If you'd like to join in on the golfing fun, we'd love for you to join us. You can join the club online at SCGA.org. It's only \$60 per year, and gives you a handicap, perks with the SCGA and good times with the PMGC. If you need more information, come in or call the PMC Golf Shop at 242-3734.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, Inc., the Annual Shareholder's Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, 16275 Askin Drive, Conference Room, Pine Mountain Club California. The deadline for clearing the Water Company accounts of overdue charges, to be eligible for submitting a proxy, shall be June 1, 2022.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting before the close of the proxy box.

Kris Staidle, Board Secretary, Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company

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Saturday:

Breakfast 8-11 / Lunch 11-3

Sunday:

Breakfast 8-12 / 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 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8pm. (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.

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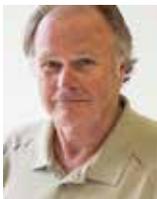
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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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I attended the “Meet the Candidates” forum on May 20 with five director candidates for the board sharing their views and visions on various topics and issues effecting Pine Mountain Club, the association, and the village. It was good to see the quality of life in PMC get addressed most often as an important issue facing our community and appeared to be a priority of all the candidates.



Other important issues that were addressed by candidates included the clubhouse revitalization, fire mitigation, elimination of the illegal grow houses, bridging the gap between the association and the village businesses, and the enforcement of our rules. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one of the two forums in person

or are able to watch the recordings before you cast your vote.

As a reminder, your ballots for the candidates and approval of bylaw changes can only be counted if they are mailed in, and ballots will not be accepted at the clubhouse on election day – June 18. Please make sure you give your ballot plenty of time to arrive via the mail to be counted. There is more information contained in your ballot packet, which should have arrived or will arrive this coming week.

EXTERIOR FIRES continue in PMC despite the fire hazards associated with each ignition. Here’s the rule: “There shall be no exterior fires whatsoever.” If you are a full-time resident or rent your place, I highly recommend you remove anything that is or resembles a fire pit or fire table so nobody will be tempted to ig-

nite a fire outside. One spark or ember could start a wildfire that would be catastrophic.

The STR Working Group will be holding one more open meeting for members to attend on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m., in the Condor Room.

Summer is almost here, and by the time you read this, the pool should be open and our first Concert on the Greens will have happened. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the amenities and the fun activities and events scheduled throughout the summer. We anticipate the grand opening very soon (if not already completed) of our newest recreational amenity, with two bocce ball courts being installed in Lampkin Park.

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 May 21, 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 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan, and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Steve Burkett was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Harmon that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of May 21, 2022 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the draft minutes of the Board of Directors’ Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2022. **MOTION** carried.

There were zero (0) 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 treasurer’s report.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to ratify the Association’s April 2022 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were five (5) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve one (1) Environmental Control Committee Project Recommendation for 16220 Askin Drive. Directors Acosta, Ballard, Gabriel, Harmon, Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan, and Throckmorton opposed. **MOTION** failed.

There were two (2) cottage industry permits recommended.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to approve **RESOLUTION #01-05-21-2022**, the resurfacing and repairs to the campground road, maintenance yard (2) outdoor patio from the Pro Shop to the pool gate not to exceed (NTE) \$62,000 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #02-05-21-2022**, the purchase and installation of a Turbo for Reserve Item 6062, 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 NTE \$4,000 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the PMC Member Information Packet. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received twenty-seven (27) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on May 21, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	3,912,321	3,906,396	5,925	
Operations/Maintenance	275,583	182,200	93,383	
Social Activity	545,531	563,200	(17,669)	
Projects	134,039	-	134,039	
Interest Income (Operating)	13,152	15,360	(2,208)	
Total Revenue	4,880,625	4,667,156	213,469	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	3,260,494	3,387,977	(127,483)	
Social Activity	899,654	974,186	(74,532)	
Operating Projects	121,943	180,202	(58,259)	
Designated Fund Projects	201,476	45,000	156,476	
Reserve Contribution	380,000	380,000	-	
Total Operating Expenses	4,863,567	4,967,365	(103,798)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(325,129)	(325,128)	(1)	
Assets purchased	(25,389)	-	(25,389)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(26,630)	-	(26,630)	
Total Other Transactions	(377,148)	(325,128)	(52,020)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(360,090)	(625,337)	265,247	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	1,843,177	1,966,579	(123,402)	
Payroll Benefits	316,079	331,820	(15,741)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	239,753	265,177	(25,424)	
Total Payroll Expense	2,399,009	2,563,576	(164,567)	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,626,519	1,823	0.04%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,694,082	4,640,907	53,175	1.13%
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2021	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
Reserve Fund Update	3,082,499	722,401	(323,594)	3,481,306
Operating Fund Cash Balance	1,241,122			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,599,638			

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
 May 21, 2022

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

At the time of this writing, our beautiful pool had just been cleaned and was being heated in preparation of its grand opening on Memorial Day Weekend. The furniture should be out by now, but please note that we won't be putting out umbrellas this summer. They are all on the upper deck. Feel free to bring your own pool umbrella. Mondays through Thursdays, we will not have recreation attendants. Staff will be walking around the pool periodically checking cards and the restrooms. When asked to see your guest/member card, please present them. If a person refuses to show their card, they will be asked to leave.

Short-term rental (STR) guests need to be registered to use the pool by the owner. If the STR guest is not registered, they will not be allowed to use the pool. All STR guests must pay a \$5 fee per person each day to swim; eight years old and under are free. As the general manager, I am feeling very positive this year about the pool, and it will be a fun summer.

Our first Concert on the Greens also took place on Memorial Day Weekend. Though the weather is looking nice at the time of this writing, it's always a good idea to bring a light jacket to the concerts. Food will be available for purchase at the concerts from 4-7 pm. Instead of barbe-

quing outside, the window in the kitchen is going to be open and you can purchase food there. Summer camps will be starting soon, and there are some amazing camps this year for the kids. Check out the flyers in the lobby.

Election packets are out to elect three directors. I hope you were able to attend one of

the Meet the Candidates forums. Don't forget to vote. Also, it is almost that time of year again to sign up to be on committees. We appreciate our volunteers. We need you! Please look in the Condor or on the website at the various committees and help your community. You make a difference.

I wish everyone an amazing summer.



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PMCPOA welcomes member input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on the members'-only side of the PMC website at www.pinemountainclub.net. Anonymous submissions will not be published.

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!

COMPLIMENT

The Condor Cafe has done it again! The Beef Tacos were fantastic, very tasty.

Response: Thank you for the compliment. It will be passed on to the Food and Beverage Manager, and we are happy you enjoyed the tacos.

SUGGESTION

I think it would be helpful for the Environmental Control department (or someone they delegate) to write a detailed article in the Condor about how the EC standards were and are determined. It ideally would include how members should go about try-

ing to change them if they want to change them. If community opinion is important to the process, it could say how one would best go about getting it. Does the EC ever do surveys about updating the aesthetic standards as the community grows and changes?

Response: This would be a valuable endeavor. There certainly are ways to inform the membership about how and why standards were created. As an example, our color chart is reevaluated occasionally to reflect changes in current tastes, without negating previous standards that reflect the principle that the homes in our community should not outshine the natural features that have attracted so many of us to this area. We will look into this idea further.

Road Paving Info

VSS will be doing our roads again this year. Following is a list of the streets that will be resurfaced this year starting approximately July 11. (The date is subject to change as it gets closer.) As the date nears, we will know more about which street will be resurfaced on which date. Stayed tuned for details.

Here are streets on the schedule: Ironwood Drive, Fernwood, Clover, Ironwood

Court, Quail Place, Adobe Lane, Lausanne Place, Gothard Way, Cedarwood (partial), Simplon Way, Sandlewood Court, Sequoia Way, Tyndall Way, Tyndall Court, Cypress Way, Crestwood Court, Grizzly Drive, Huron Drive, Everest Way, Rainer Way and Rustic Way (partial).

If you would like your driveway resurfaced while they are up here (it's cheaper, since they are already here), please stop by or call the office 661-242-3788 to have the application mailed or emailed to you.

Community Picnics in the Park are Back!

The Community Picnics in the Park are back! The Wednesday "Picnics in the Park" at Lampkin Park group picnic area resume on June 1 and 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.

Enjoy our Concert on the Greens Outside Bar

Our outside bar will have the following:

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Notes: The outdoor bar is cash only. There is an ATM inside the clubhouse, and at the General Store. No outside food or beverages are permitted. No alcohol is allowed in the pool area, but you can have food there.

Thank you for enjoying our offerings!

Guest Card Orders

Have you ordered your new (orange) guest cards yet? Please call the business office, ext. 225, to put in your request. Last year's blue guest cards are no longer valid.

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ment point.

UCIPM reports that overall, healthy trees are often able to tolerate a few mistletoes (at the cost of individual branches weakened or sometimes killed), but heavily infested trees may be reduced in vigor (and thus become pre-disposed to insect or pathogen attack), exhibit stunted growth and experience premature mortality, especially if they are stressed by other problems such as drought or disease.

For treatment of existing trees, UCIPM says it is important to remove mistletoe before it produces seed and spreads to other limbs or trees. Mechanical control through pruning tree branches is the most effective method for mistletoe removal. Synthetic chemical growth regulators provide a degree of temporary control, but repeated applications are required. The UCIPM report recommends staying vigilant and removing new mistletoe clusters as they appear in the tree canopy to lessen seed production and, thus, the spread through the tree and to other trees. Severely infested trees may be considered for remov-



Mistletoe

al and replacement with less susceptible species where concerns exist about the potential infestation of surrounding trees.

In California, mistletoe plants are either female (producing berries) or male (producing only pollen). The berries of the female plant are small, sticky and whitish, and are normally produced from October to December. The berries of leafy mistletoes are very attractive to birds such as cedar waxwings, robins and other species. Birds feed on the berries and defecate the living seeds, which stick tightly to any branch on which they may land. In most cases, infestations initially occur on

large or mature trees because birds prefer the high perches of taller trees.

A severe infestation of broadleaf mistletoe may occur on an individual tree because when birds spend significant time feeding on berries, they will subsequently spread seeds and new mistletoe plants throughout the canopy. Also, seeds may fall from mistletoe plants in the upper part of the tree, creating new infestations on the lower branches. The rapidity with which mistletoe spreads appears to be related to the proximity and severity of established infestations. Newly planted trees can become quickly infested if they are growing near older, heavily infested trees.

To remove mistletoe, it's a good idea to reach out to local arborists or pest control companies. The mistletoe removal process could be integrated into fire safety work on a property. For more information about California mistletoe, please visit <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7437.html>.

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their worlds. Each species has reacted to our presence in a distinct fashion. Starting with rabbits, we have two species up here. The black-tailed hare (jackrabbit) is not common in our forests, but is regularly found in open areas, such as along the Hudson Ranch Road west of us. The hare is vegetarian. Its life is spent entire-



Fig. 2: Desert cottontail staying close to a vehicle for safety (BB)

ly on the surface of the land (Fig. 1, on page 1). It does not burrow and will not climb brush or trees. The little desert cottontail (Fig. 2) is our most common rabbit. It also lives on the ground, rarely burrowing. The cottontail feeds on many kinds of plants. Both the hare and the cottontail are major diet components of several carnivorous mammals, such as wildcats, coyotes, red-tailed hawks and golden eagles. Once,



Fig. 3: The Botta's pocket gopher is strictly subterranean (LB)

while driving on Hudson Ranch Road, I came upon an eagle standing on the road with a hare in its talons. I slowed down. It moved to one side of the road, and glared at me as I passed. I did not try to disturb its 'lunch.' Much of the lives of these two rabbits is spent avoiding detection from the predators. Sometimes our parked vehicles and spaces under porches are used as hiding places.

Pocket gophers are found through-

Photographers

- Bill Buchroeder (BB)**
- Liz Buchroeder (LB)**
- Randy Cushman (RC)**
- Maryann Ryan (MAR)**

out most of California, including PMC. They are strictly burrowers, getting their food from roots and from vegetation found within a few inches of their entrance holes (Fig. 3). They often leave telltale mounds of dirt above their tunnels (Fig. 4). Moles, which are not rodents, also burrow underground and sometimes leave ridges of raised dirt. Another burrowing animal common here is the California ground



Fig. 4: The gopher leaves its trademark series of excavation mounds (BB)

squirrel (Fig. 5). This enterprising forager is a generalist, in many senses. It ranges from sea level to 11,000 feet in much of California. It is omnivorous, it stores food for inactive periods, it climbs bushes and trees, and it regulates its breeding season depending on local conditions. It is considered a serious pest, but also is important prey for several carnivores.

Moving further into tree canopies, we



Fig. 5: The California ground squirrel is comfortable underground, on the ground or above ground (RC)



Fig. 6: The western gray squirrel will feed on the ground (unknown)

have the western gray squirrel (Fig. 6). This energetic climber is mostly arboreal. It is comfortable passing from tree to tree on branches (Fig. 7). When on the ground, it appears nervous and uncertain. It will feed on a variety of plant foods, but loves acorns, fruit and nuts, and fungi. Jim Lowery, a local author, teacher and tracker, has written a marvelous book called Tracker's Field Guide, available at Adventure Ink in PMC. In his section on the western gray squirrel, Jim describes the regular trav-



Fig. 7: The gray squirrel prefers its tree 'highways' (MAR)

el routes of a squirrel through trees and fence tops. The squirrel has its own 'highway' map in its head. There are two introduced squirrels found in parks and gardens at low elevations, however this is the only tree squirrel in PMC.

Another common PMC rodent is the chipmunk. This little creature seems full of energy, darting, jumping and climbing through low vegetation, fallen logs and wood piles. It prefers brushy habitats but can be seen around our homes. It eats a variety of plant material and maintains stores of food for winter hibernation. There actu-

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ally are two species of chipmunks in our mountains. The common one is Merriam's chipmunk (Fig. 8). High on our mountain tops is a relic population of the Mt. Pinos chipmunk. This species is found only on a few mountains in Southern California.



Fig. 8: The Merriam's chipmunk and its long flexible tail (RC)

Yes, we have mice. Our mice in PMC are native mice, mostly white-footed (or deer) mice. They are difficult to keep out of our homes, being able to gnaw and squeeze through tiny spaces. It has been estimated that the white-footed mouse is the most abundant mammal in America. Although often a pest for us humans, these mice are an integral part of the local ecosystems.

Finally, we have the wood rat, also called pack rat. This is a native animal, unlike the introduced pestilent rats of cities. The wood rat is a very unusual mammal. Each individual will build a large complex mound of sticks on the ground (Fig. 9), in bushes or even up in a tree. These struc-

tures may last many years, and harbor only one rat (or mother and young). Wood rats often get into trouble with people in PMC because they like our garages, attics, basements, sheds and even the interior of our walls.

Rodents, as a group, have been very successful at thriving in many types of environments, including subterranean, surface ground, logs, bushes and tree canopies. They have been in these mountains long before we arrived. They attempt to fit us into their life patterns (whether we like it or not).



Fig. 9: This large nest mound often houses just one wood rat (LB)

The editorial and advertising deadline for the July 2022 Condor is Monday, June 13.

Line Dance Class

Saturday, June 25

11am-12pm

On the dance floor on the Golf Course

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Pool Pavilion

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6:00 pm . Quilt Guild
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Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More
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**Saturday nights
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Friday, June 3

**5-8pm -- Steve Wilkinson
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Saturday, June 4

**7-10pm -- Meridian
(Music from '60s, '70s, '80s)**

Friday, June 10

**5-8pm -- Asher Nicholson
(Mellow & Love Songs)**

Saturday, June 11

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

Friday, June 17

**5-8pm -- Gil Karson
Unplugged (Country &
Rock 'n' Roll)**

Saturday, June 18

**7-10pm -- Rich Herman
Band
(Mix of Rock & Motown
Soul)**

Friday, June 24

**5-8pm -- Pam & Walt (Folk
Rock, Country, '50s, '60s,
'70s)**

Saturday, June 25

**4:30-7pm -- Concert on the
Greens: Katfish
(All Acoustic Band;
Country, Rock & Pop)
7-10pm -- Craig
Hassenbank Band
(Classic & Alternative
Rock)**



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
Water Aerobics**

**NOTE: Swim Camp will be
held 6/20-6/24; Lap Swim
will be 8-9am that week.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Pool will remain open until
Sept. 5**

1. NO LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY.
2. Membership/Guest and Pool Key Card are REQUIRED to enter the pool area. A membership card allows a member to bring up to 6 guests to the pool. Member must be present. A guest card allows 1 person into the pool area & only 6 guests per lot (Every guest needs his/her own card.) Short-term rentals are required to pay a \$5 fee at the Office/Pro Shop to swim each day.
3. Ages 14 and under require adult supervision.
4. NO ALCOHOL is permitted in the pool area.
5. No sports equipment (footballs etc.) allowed for safety rea-

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees are meeting live. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Friday, June 3 (First Friday)

9am **Greens and Grounds** Pro Shop
2 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

Saturday, June 4 (First Saturday)

9 am **Governing Documents** ZOOM
1 pm **Planning** Pool Pavilion

Tuesday, June 7 (First Tuesday)

6 pm **Communications** ZOOM

Wednesday, June 15 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm **Budget & Finance** Condor Room

Saturday, June 18 (Third Saturday)

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

Saturday, June 25 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room
10 am **CERT** CERT Facility

Golf Course/ Pro Shop Hours

8am - 6pm Every Day

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Firewood should be stacked neatly, with as few voids as possible, at least 10 feet from the structure and should have surface fuels removed (pine needles, etc.), at least 3 feet around. Earth-tone tarps are acceptable if securely fastened.

Rec Room Hours: Summer Hours (Until school starts in mid-August):

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