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Our World of Nature

Steller's Jay - Our Not-so-Subtle Forest Neighbor

By Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

It is difficult to spend much time in Pine Mountain Club without encountering the Steller's jay (Fig. 1). It is loud, brassy and very inquisitive. This jay is larger than a robin, and blue all over except for a crested black head. It is intelligent, inquisitive (Fig. 2) and often intimidating towards smaller birds. It can be demanding if it expects to be fed (Fig. 3). This is a very entertaining member of our wild bird community.



Fig. 1: The Steller's jay is very striking in appearance (DS)

Steller's jay is a member of the jay, crow/raven, nutcracker and magpie family. Some of these species have been determined to be among the most intelligent birds. Steller's jay has a great memory, which it uses to find stored food and to check out known, or suspected, sources of food. It is quite comfortable around people and their residences (Fig. 4) and will even nest at our homes (Fig. 5), (Fig. 6).

Steller's jays are monogamous. They share family duties. The female sits on the nest while her mate brings food to her. Although this species is usually very noisy and obvious, during the nesting period they are usually quiet and rather secretive. The young are carefully tended to while maturing (Fig. 7).

Steller's jays are found in most of the forested areas of western North America as far east as the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains, from southern Alaska in the north to northern Nicaragua in the south. It is most closely relat-



Fig. 2: This jay is intelligent and inquisitive (MM)

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Dark Sky vs. Home Security Lighting: Striking the Balance

Located just south of Pine Mountain Club is Mt. Pinos, which is famously known and often visited by amateur astronomers. Tripadvisor refers to Mt. Pinos as "stargazers' paradise" and has awarded it a five-star rating. The 4K Travel Channel calls it "a mecca for astronomy, astrophotography, and star gazing, the best in Southern California."

One of the many pleasant differences between living in the city and living in the mountains is the beautiful, clear night sky. In the summer, the view of the milky way and the occasional meteor shower is truly awesome.

However, there have been complaints that some residents have installed blindingly bright outdoor security lighting that remains on all night. Not only does this interfere with the enjoyment of the night sky, this type of lighting is prohibited by both Kern County Ordinance and Pine Mountain Club Environmental Control Code.

Kern County Ordinance 19.81 states: In order to maintain the existing character of Kern County, a minimal approach shall be taken to outdoor lighting, as excessive illumination can create a glow that may obscure the night sky and excessive illumination or glare may constitute a nuisance.

PMC Environmental Control Code 7.08 addresses exterior-
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Houchin Blood Bank Here Sept. 16; Drives in PMC Saving Lives

The Houchin Blood Bank will be here on Friday, Sept. 16 from 10am to 2pm in the PMC Clubhouse Parking lot.

These blood drives have been quite successful in PMC. Here is a note from the Houchin Blood Bank regarding the blood drive here on July 15: "We are happy to share that we registered 24 participants, including six first-time donors. We were able to surpass our goal and collected 21 units of whole blood. With every one unit saving three lives, your contributions and ongoing support will help save over 63 lives in your community!"

Secure Your Space Before an Earthquake

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

September is National Preparedness Month. One of the things you can do now is prepare your home for an earthquake. An earthquake could happen at any moment. It is important to make your home as safe as possible before an earthquake strikes.

First, do a hazard hunt of your home. Go room to room imagining what would happen if the earth and house started shaking. Anything that can move, break or fall when your house starts to shake is a potential hazard.

Here are some tips on how to secure your space:

- Hang plants in lightweight pots with closed hooks, well secured to a joist or stud and far away from windows.
- Install strong latches on kitchen cabinets.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Remove or lock refrigerator wheels; secure to studs.
- Secure valuable electronic items, such as computers and televisions.
- Keep breakables in low or secure cabinets with latches.
- Move heavy plants and other large items to the floor or low shelves.
- Hang mirrors and pictures on closed hooks.
- Secure free-standing wood stoves, pellet stove or fireplace inserts.
- Keep heavy, unstable objects away from doors and exit routes.
- Place beds away from windows or items that may fall. Place only lightweight/soft items above the bed.
- Secure knickknacks and other small valuables with museum putty.
- Secure the water heater with metal straps attached to studs.
- Trim hazardous tree limbs.
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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.

Riding The Windwolves Preserve Trail

Tom Marshall

Note: This is part 1 of a fun story submitted by PMCPOA employee Tom Marshall describing his exciting ride to Windwolves Preserve.

Today is March 13, 2022, and a sunny day in Pine Mountain Club. I took a mountain bike ride from home to explore a trail that I had not ridden before and it was a bit chilly as the high temperature was 46 degrees according to my phone.

The first 2.3 miles of this ride was road and trails that I had ridden before, but not beyond that. My ebike is a Yamaha YDX Torc that has been upgraded and works very well in all different types of terrain. The battery had an almost full charge and my backpack contained basic items including phone and protein bar. I had eaten lunch less than an hour before, was not expecting to get hungry, and the frame-mounted water bottle was full.

This Yamaha ebike is a Class 1, which is legal on hiking trails in California per legisla-



Fern's Lake Trailhead: Adventure beckons. Photo by Tom Marshall

tion passed in 2021. It is pedal assist, has no thumb throttle, and the power cuts off at 20 mph. You have to pedal, the motor will provide a certain amount of assist, but the bulk of the power comes from the legs of the rider. A Class 2 ebike is a Class 1 with a thumb throttle and a Class 3 is an electric motorcycle with pedals. Those are not legal on hiking trails.

There are five power levels and I normally use Level 3 or 4 because Level 5 will drain the battery quicker than you would like it to. For this ride I wanted to make sure it would go the distance, so I set it to Power Level 3. On short rides I use Power Level 5 because it will

get you up steep technical hills and is a whole bunch of fun.

Range on a fully charged battery is between 15 and 70 miles and that number is determined by Power Level selected and what type of riding you are doing.

All controls are on the handlebars and easily reached, the motor is a 500-watt mid-drive, and the derailleur is mated to an 11 speed gear cluster at the rear wheel. Mid-drives are far better than the cheaper hub-drives and 500 watts is all you need.

Rolled from home at 1:00 pm, wanting to ride during the warmest part of the day. That worked for the most part, but I should have been wearing my lightweight lower thermals under my jeans for anything over 10 mph. I had no real idea what lay ahead beyond mile 2.3 but was eager to find out. I had planned this ride when it was raining and snowing, and correctly guessed that this day would provide great trail conditions. This is the story of that ride.

Rode the 1.2 miles from home to Fern's Lake on a combination of residential roadway and trails. Fern's Lake is a duck pond and next to the lower part of the golf course. Hopped on Fern's Lake Trail and rode the 1.1 miles down towards the gate where the two-track starts. That 1.1 miles contains a long technical downhill so a bit of caution is a good idea. Arriving at the gate you realize that this is just below the bottom of Nesthorn Way, which is a residential street with very large and very nice homes. That's the easy way to get to the gate for those who would rather avoid the long technical downhill.

Rode the two-track down to the picnic area and fence. I had heard about this and was of the impression that it was a few miles downin there, but no, it is only 0.8 miles. Once you go past the gate at the top you are in the Los Padres National Forest and on the old 'Refugee Trail' which goes back about a thousand years. The entire trail starts at San Pedro and ends in the Great San Joaquin Valley and is the original Ridge Route. All of this pre-dates The Grapevine and served a different purpose. What all of that means is that if you stay on this trail long enough it will take you to the San Joaquin Valley.

Which brings us to Windwolves Preserve, which is a large sanctuary for wild animals. How large is it? The entrance is off Hwy 166 and about a 50-mile drive from Pine Mountain Club. I knew it was big but did not know that it extended this far upward from the valley floor

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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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APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
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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.

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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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Approved by the PMCPOA Board of Directors. Date: _____

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Secretary of the Board

A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

I'm pleased to announce that we have selected Bill Rupert from RCS Construction Management as our project manager to assist us in moving forward to revitalize and repair the clubhouse. We will be scheduling a town hall meeting soon to update members on the plans for the revitalization and what we are doing to determine the costs so that members can weigh in on the various financing options that will be considered. The project manager has established an aggressive timeline to move this project forward and we hope we can keep pace.



I've heard recent complaints about the board's lack of transparency on certain issues. What are the plans to keep our golf course operational during this severe drought? What are we doing about the bear feeders? What are we doing about the grow houses? What are we doing about violators of our Environmental Control Code rules? What are we doing about the problem STR's?

You can rest assured that we are taking actions and working continuously on many of the problems and issues of which we cannot always explain what is actually occurring to enforce our rules and seek compliance. There are confidentiality issues related to many of the problems and we simply cannot divulge that information. We are not ignoring issues – so please be patient.

We are working through the court right

now to resolve an ongoing environmental control violation to which the violating member refuses to cooperate and comply so we can gain compliance.

We cannot force local law enforcement to serve warrants and shut down all of the grow house operations – and we are not ignoring the issue. A new proposed rule has been posted and shared via email in the weekly update that will prohibit these operations if passed by the board. Yes, it is illegal in our state to operate a grow house – but we are going to have a rule to prohibit it and make the penalty for doing so if imposed much larger than the state might impose to serve as a deterrent. We are addressing the potential fire hazards and water use at each of the houses. We are also continuing to explore other avenues related to our Environmental Control Code.

Each month, the Greens & Grounds Committee meets to discuss and plan with our general manager and golf maintenance personnel how to keep our golf course alive and functional and comply with the water restrictions we face. It is not our intention to let our most visible and valuable asset and amenity die, as it could seriously impact property values in our community if it became a desert.

We cannot tell you what we are doing specifically with individuals who feed the bears and violate other rules – other than to say we are being proactive, speaking directly with people, and we are issuing warnings, citations, and conducting inspections to seek compli-

ance of our rules. We passed new amendments to our rules regarding bears and other wildlife that should provide us with a better tool to enforce and “prosecute” these violations. I hope you had an opportunity to attend the “Living with Bears” seminar on Aug. 21 and if not, the recording of that presentation is available via a link and on our website at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/living-in-pmc>.

Regarding the problem STR's, I'm pleased to report that the number of problem STR's is not a problem. In the past two years, we have had only eight properties with STR's that have received two or more complaints or violations. I think the education to the owners and the owners sharing information with their renters is working to gain compliance – but we must constantly be providing the appropriate oversight.

I think in recent years you have had a very transparent board of directors. Unfortunately, we can't share everything – but I believe we do our best to share information and keep you up to date on what's happening within your association. And, if you have question, a comment, a concern, or a complaint, there are many methods available for you to communicate your thoughts with this board and the general manager.

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

A Message from the Chairman - September 2022 is based on the Chairman's Report from the Aug. 20, 2022 Board Meeting.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Aug. 20, 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. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Aug. 20, 2022, be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

There were three (3) committee applications for approval. Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director McClellan presented the Treasurer's report.

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

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were ten (10) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There were two (2) cottage industry permits recommended for approval.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve **RESOLUTION #01-08-20-2022**, the revision to Article 22 Rentals as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the amended **RESOLUTION #02-08-20-2022**, the revision to Article 7 (Rules Regarding Wildlife). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND**

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Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of July 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	430,685	430,386	299	
Operations/Maintenance	20,659	22,855	(2,196)	
Social Activity	73,514	70,150	3,364	
Projects	6,250	4,750	1,500	
Interest Income (Operating)	788	1,475	(687)	
Total Revenue	531,895	529,616	2,279	
Payroll Summary				
Wages	(204,172)	(206,530)	2,358	
Benefits	(32,390)	(31,489)	(901)	
Taxes	(17,428)	(17,640)	212	
Worker's Comp	(5,655)	(8,442)	2,787	
Total Payroll Expense	(259,645)	(264,101)	4,456	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	(429,798)	(475,432)	45,634	
Social Activity	(39,650)	(39,117)	(533)	
Operating Projects	(23)	(50,000)	49,977	
Designated Fund Projects	(60,270)	(11,500)	(48,770)	
Reserve Contribution	(45,600)	(45,600)	0	
Total Operating Expenses	(575,341)	(621,649)	46,308	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	0	0	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	0	0	0	
Total Other Transactions	0	0	0	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(303,091)	(356,134)	53,043	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,635,684	4,634,080	1,604	0.03%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,652,852	42,768	0.91%
22/23 Assessment Collection Update	5,168,214	2,914,371	2,253,843	43.61%
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2021	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,507,077	46,914	(75,569)	3,478,421
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,549,855			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,042,871			

Respectfully Submitted



Ellen McClellan / Treasurer
August 20, 2022

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

The monsoon that came through last month made a huge mess on the streets with rocks and mudslides. The roads crew had to use the blower to remove the silt and mud because the street sweeper would not have been strong enough to clean up the mess. If any of our employees are out with the blower and it is annoying you, please close your window until they pass and then you can open your windows again. This should only take 5-10 minutes in front of your house. I know it is annoying, but they are doing their job by keeping our streets clean and in good condition, which I know we all appreciate. The road crew is also working on crack filling and berms on the roads.

The Equestrian Center had its third open house last month and it was a lot of fun. About 200 people attended throughout the day. Boarders did a show of breeds, there was a petting zoo and the Giddy Up

Café was open for burgers and hot dogs. There were crafts for the kids and parents. If you didn't get a chance to go, you missed out on one of our amenities: having fun! There were lots of families with young kids in attendance. There will be another event in the fall. Be sure to go... it really is a great time.

In other Equestrian Center news, all the

horse stalls -- except the pastures -- have new piping, paid for out of the Reserve Fund. It looks very nice. I have only been here for 16 years, and I don't believe the stalls have ever been updated; they were in very sad shape, so this is a good improvement.

At the end of August, we had a crew
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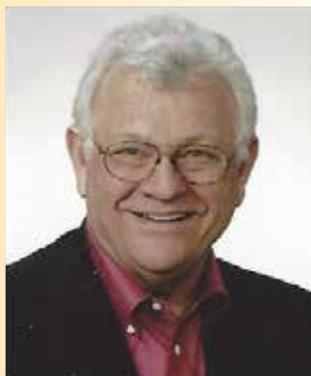


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and to within one mile of Pine Mountain Club.

So here we are, at the fence. This preserve is a type of wilderness area and conventional wisdom would suggest that to proceed beyond this fence would be a party foul. And I had no intention of turning back.

So, I took a walk to see what lay ahead. A dead-end. Wait a minute, what's this up over here? Walked up an embankment and under a large tree branch and... there it is. I found the continuation of the trail and knew that with effort I could get the bike up here. So that's what I did, and the ride was still on. Bike weight is not bad, about 41 pounds, and that includes the 7-pound battery.

And what a trail it is, lots of variety and rarely used. I could hear the water flowing in a nearby creek that I would soon be crossing and this is just plain fun. My plan all along was to ride until I came to a major downhill that I would rather not have to climb back up then turn around at the top and go back. But that never happened.

Picture, in your mind, if you will, a wet winter followed by a lush green springtime.

"Private Property, No Trespassing." An old sign from long ago that does not really make sense being here. For centuries this trail was public right of way and now it is a type a wilderness area that precludes private property. So why the sign? This is most likely the site of an abandoned claim for mining quartz or silver.

I am now 1.3 miles downhill from the fence / picnic area. Yes, there is wildlife in here, which could be a problem. I don't have a problem with California Black Bears, we get along fine as long as it is not mamma bear protecting her cubs. It's the cougars (mountain lions), wolves, and the unknown that concern me. They hunt at twilight, which is true of most wild animals, so that is not a good time to be deep in the woods. It is now 3 pm and twilight starts at about 5 pm down in this large canyon. I make the decision to walk beyond the mangled gate, take a look, and verify that the trail continues. And then Adios.

The trail continues and looks good. I plan to return and press on a few more miles given warmer weather and an earlier start. When I reached the "No Trespassing" sign I was only 4.4 miles from home but it is a completely different world down here. This is exciting.

Ironically enough, I did not see any wildlife until after I left the wildlife area. There used to be more deer around here, so it was cool to

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or lighting, which in part states: Good (outdoor) lighting design increases safety, respects the privacy of neighbors, is energy efficient and minimizes the negative effects of sky glow and light trespass. Lighting shall be designed, installed and operated to control glare, prevent light trespass onto adjacent areas... and avoid interference with safe operation of motor vehicles. Use dimmers, motion detectors and/or timers to ensure lights are on only when needed.

On another related note, constant outdoor lighting does not discourage wildlife from visiting your property or deck. In fact, lights that are triggered by motion



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may startle bears in particular and send them running.

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

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

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

COMPLIMENT

• Just want to send a note of congratulations on the condition of the clubhouse, swimming pool and all! We have had a second home in PMC since the summer of 1999. We are now on our fifth property. We've been renting our current home for the past seven years, so we don't make it up as often as we would like. However, now that (my wife) has decided to pick up some golf clubs, we thought it was best if we start her out in PMC! We were delighted to see the improvements and amenities! Thank you!

Response: Thank you very much for the compliment. The association continues to strive to improve amenities for the

members. If you play Bocce Ball, we now have two courts over by the basketball courts that people are enjoying.

QUESTION

• What is the current status of the PMC golf course? Are we a private, semi-private or a public golf course? What say you? It makes a difference for reciprocal play at other private golf courses (Wilshire CC, Bakersfield CC, Rolling Hills CC or Suburban CC, etc.). Thank you.

Response: We are a private club but allow guests of members to golf here. We do not have reciprocal play at other private golf courses.

COMPLAINT

• I was shocked to read in the Condor that the pool will close 9/5/22. This is unusually early. Last year it closed mid-October, and after one or two cool days it was very hot through October. We know that every year is hotter than the previous one and that older adults process heat more poorly and less efficiently. PMC needs a cooling center for older adults and the pool is all we have. It needs to be open until 11/1/22. Thank you for your consideration. Also, from a business perspective, closing the pool kills the commercial center.

Response: We will leave the pool open until Oct. 9; the pool will officially close on

Oct. 10. If it continues to be hot after the pool is closed, members are welcome to come to the clubhouse lounge and bring a book, cards or games during the day and use the lounge as a cooling center. We do not believe that closing the pool in October "kills" the commercial center as stated in your CCC. Most public pools and private pools, such as in RV Parks in Bakersfield, close Labor Day Weekend, and it is still very hot in Bakersfield for at least another month.

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Please note that the "Pool Pavilion" at the clubhouse is now known as the "Pavilion."

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 come back to do some more grant work for fire mitigation. Director Peggy Hoyt-Voelker and I are meeting with the Cesar Chavez Conservation Group. They applied for a fire mitigation grant for PMCPOA, and it was awarded by Cal Fire. We are not sure how much the grant is for, but when we find out, it will be announced.

Our "dive-in movie" night on our new big screen at the pool was lots of fun. The movie can be watched from both sides of the pool. This is another fun amenity that our members enjoy.

Our final Concert on the Greens of the season is Sunday, Sept. 4, featuring Run-away. Food will be served for a fee. Come on out and enjoy the music!

Rec Room Hours:

Fall Hours
12-5pm Fri, Sat, Sun
Open Sept. 5 for Labor Day

Arts and Crafts for Kids
Sundays in the PMC Clubhouse
Rec Room from 3-5 p.m.

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 see one.

When I started back up from the bottom, I noticed that the battery still had about an 80% charge so I set the Power Level to 4, which made pedaling easier. At the picnic area I set it to 5 and when I got home the battery was still at about 70%, so going deeper into that area using Level 3 will be no problem. One of the good things about a mid-drive is you can ride it like a normal bicycle if the battery goes dead. With a hub-drive you can't do that because there is so much drag inside the drive hub in the absence of juice.

Today was a good day on the trail and Spring will be here soon.

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



Outdoor Movie Nights

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

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'NATURE' *Continued from page 1*

ed to the blue jay found in eastern forests, and often confused with it. It is more distantly related to our other common jay, the California scrub-jay, which has white in its plumage and no head crest.



Fig. 3: It can be loud and demanding (PS)

Alarm calls are often given by Steller's jays when they detect predators, such as hawks. Also, some jays have learned to imitate certain hawks, including red-shouldered and Cooper's hawk. These imitation calls often alert other bird species to the presence of danger. However, the clever Steller's jay occasionally uses this technique to scare other birds away from a food source, such as bird-feeding stations.

Another indication of intelligence I have noticed involves peanuts. At my winter bird-feeding station, I have attracted both scrub-jays and Steller's jays with peanuts held in my hand. The scrub-jays

Photographers

- Mary McDevitt (MM)**
- Charles Noble (CN)**
- Maryann Ryan (MAR)**
- David Schindler (DS)**
- Patti Shoup (PS)**

have been braver than the Steller's, taking the peanut right out of my hand. The scrub-jays would then fly over the house to a nearby wooded hillside to cache their treasure. The clever Steller's jay would follow the scrub-jay to determine where the food was hidden.

There is an interesting story about the name of the Steller's jay. In the early 1700s, a German biologist, physician



Fig. 4: A bird feeding station will attract the Steller's jay readily (CN)

and explorer named Georg Steller lived in Russia. He accompanied Vitus Bering, the mariner, on expeditions to northern Siberia and Alaska. Bering Straits, between Russia and Alaska, is named after this mariner. Georg Steller discovered several plants and animals in Alaska not then known to European taxonomists. One was our own Steller's jay. Steller also became interested in the welfare of the indigenous



Fig. 5: This pair chose an umbrella on a deck in PMC for a nest site (MM)



Fig. 6: The eave of a local house is another acceptable nest site (MAR)

people of Kamchatka Peninsula. His desire to defend them against outside exploitation put him at odds with the Russian government. He spent some time in jail as result. He is now known mainly for his animal discoveries.

Enjoying the handsome, sassy, intelligent Steller's jay from our residences can be one of the rewards of life in our mountains.



Fig. 7: Both parents care for the young (DS)

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PMC Amateur Radio Club Back in Action

The Pine Mountain Amateur Radio Club (PMARC) has recently been re-sanctioned.

The club meets the third Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Pavilion. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call the office at 242-3788 or contact Tom Yancey at (661) 242-1094 or tomlyancey@gmail.com.



Line Dancing Class

Sunday, Sept. 4

11am-12pm

Condor Room

New Students come and learn some line dance steps. Those of you who already line dance, come refresh your dancing moves. Cost is \$7. (No Refunds.)

Call or come by the PMC office to sign up, (661) 242-3788.

A Meet & Greet for New Members of PMC will take place Oct. 9. Watch for more details coming soon.

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

6:00 pm . Quilt Guild Business Mtg . Pool Pav (April through December)

Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pool Pavilion



Paint & Sip Offered at Artworks Gallery

Sue Amon

A new and fun experience has come to PMC, thanks to PMC resident and artist Suzanne Bozarth. Ms. Bozarth is offering "Paint and Sip" classes at Artworks Community Gallery. She says knowing how to paint is **not** a requirement!

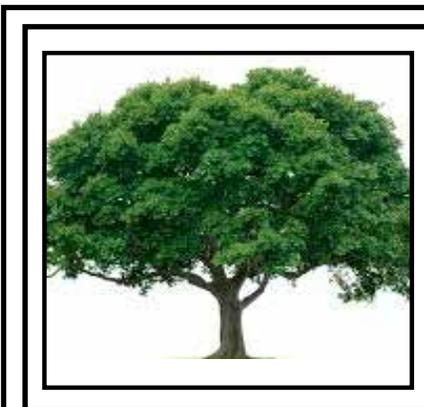
The cost of the class is \$40, which includes all your art materials. For a small donation to Artworks Community Gallery, you can enjoy a drink and snack.

If interested, please contact Ms. Bozarth through her email address, smalltownsuze@gmail.com. Artworks Community Gallery is located on Pine Valley Lane in PMC.

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center Benefit Bash

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 5pm at the Artworks Community Gallery (in the Village).

There will be art, music, baskets and more. All proceeds stay local to benefit the Mountain Communities Family Resource Center.



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'BOARD' *Continued from page 6*

by Director Throckmorton to accept the Investment Policy (E-3). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the amendment to the update to Business Policy D-5B (Purchasing-Receiving), changing "a" to "an" under "Policy." **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the update to Business Policy E-2 (Sales of Expense Items) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve the update to Business Policy E-10 (EC Deposit Returns) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to delete Business Policy E-13 (Purchasing-Receiving). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve the update to Business Policy E-15 (Assessment Interest Calculation) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the update to Business Policy E-23 (Returned Check Poli-

cy) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve the update to Business Policy H-1 (Board of Directors Calendar) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the update to Business Policy H-16 (Social Media and Press Release Policy) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received sixty-nine (69) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Sept. 17, 2022 at 10 am in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

PMC Fitness Classes

Yoga with Deb

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12pm

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Friday nights 7-10pm

Friday, Sept. 2

**7-10pm -- Cary Park
(Singer/Songwriter Who
Plays Classic Rock &
Country)**

Saturday, Sept. 3

**7-11pm -- Meridian
(Music from '60s, '70s &
'80s)**

Sunday, Sept. 4

**4:30-7pm Concert on
the Greens -- Runaway
(Country, Southern Rock,
Oldies)**

**7-11pm -- Gil Karson (Mix
of Country & Rock & Roll)**

Friday, Sept. 9

**7-10pm -- Asher & Friends
(Folksy & Mellow)**

Saturday, Sept. 10

**7-11pm -- The Rich Herman
Band (Mix of Rock &
Motown Soul)**

Friday, Sept. 16

**7-10pm -- Matt Galindo
(Acoustic Alternative/Folk
Rock)**

Saturday, Sept. 17

**7-11pm -- Bull Dawg Blues
(Blues & Rock)**

Friday, Sept. 23

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

Saturday, Sept. 24

**7-11pm -- Wilkie Bob
(Classic Rock, R&B)**

Friday, Sept. 30

**7-10pm -- Walt and Pam
(Folk Rock, Country, '50s,
'60s, '70s)**

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**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**

Pool open through Oct. 9

New Shop Grand Opening

The PMC community is invited to a grand opening celebration of a new store in the village called The Hermit House Antique & Gift Shop. The grand opening will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3-4 from 10am to 5pm each day. The shop is located at 16229 Pine Valley Lane.

Condor Lounge Hours

**Thu, 4-9 p.m.
Fri-Sat, 4-11 p.m.**

**New! Late-night happy hour
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and domestic beers**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Friday, Sept. 2 (First Friday)

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

Saturday, Sept. 3 (First Saturday)

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

Tuesday, Sept. 6 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Wednesday, Sept. 14 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room

Saturday, Sept. 17 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room

Saturday, Sept. 24 (Fourth Saturday)

**9 am Emergency Preparedness Condor Room
10:30 am CERT CERT Facility**

PMCPOA Office Hours

**8am-5pm Mon-Fri
8am-3pm Sat**

**(Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)
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Transfer Site Hours:

**8:30am - 5pm Daily
8:30am - 7pm Thursdays**

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