

# Sierra Recreation Association

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## Lake Status

This is an update to last month's newsletter concerning the lake. The information we have received from the lab that tests our water has indicated that our recreational lake is one of the best in the area. At the present time, the lake is in good condition. The lab did suggest that you not drink the lake water, but other than that, it is safe for recreational use. Enjoy the lake and please be careful.

## Mountain Lion Sighting

There have been no more sightings of the mountain lion, but that doesn't mean he or she has moved on. You need to be careful when out walking and cautious as to where you go. Never take anything for granted even though our Park is a beautiful and wonderful place to visit or live.

## President's Corner

This month's message will be a short one, but one that is very important to all of us. It appears that some individuals don't understand the word "respect." This disrespect that I speak of is not totally directed at Park residents, but to everyone who displays such behavior to other peoples' property. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have graciously allowed homeowners to use their property to enter or exit onto forest service land with their ATV's and motorcycles; however, this privilege will no longer be allowed. It appears that someone has created an off road course on Odd Fellows/Rebekah's property below the water tank. The land that surrounds the Park does not belong to the homeowners, but to a corporation owned by the Odd Fellows/Rebekahs. Just as your property is private property; so is the property owned by the Odd Fellows/Rebekahs. The water bars, which have a purpose, are being destroyed. There is a fire hazard when these vehicles leave the road and enter onto dry vegetation areas. The Odd Fellows/Rebekahs as well as all the homeowners would not appreciate the destruction that a fire would cause to our Park. The Board feels that it is in the best interest of the corporation as well as the homeowners that we do our very best to protect our assets as well as yours. If no action is taken, then the matter will only become worse and could result in a loss that would be devastation to all of us. These individuals have also been using an area known as the gravel pit where they build a fire and have parties. This "disrespect" must stop for the safety of everyone. Please understand that the Board is not accusing anyone. The Board is only taking this action because they feel it is in the best interest to protect both the homeowners and the corporation.

Michael Rainwater. President

## Park Calendar

Board Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Board Meetings: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>,  
November 17<sup>th</sup>

Bingo Night: Labor Day Weekend, September  
1st at 6 P.M. at the Lodge

Potluck Night: A monthly potluck dinner held the  
third Saturday of the month at 5:00  
P.M. for all Sierra Park residents.

## Sierra Park Potluck

The Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 held their first Park potluck dinner on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with great success. An outstanding assortment of food was brought and not a single resident left hungry. Those of us that attended truly enjoyed the evening and look forward to next month's dinner. For those of you who could not attend, you missed a fun evening with great food. Please mark your calendar for next month and join us at the dinner. A small raffle is held after the dinner to support the Rebekah Lodge and their community projects. Next dinner is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M. in the Lodge.

## House Number Signs

Did you order your house signs? Many of us who live in the Park full time would be happy to help in anyway possible in order for you to obtain these signs. These signs are very important, not only to the emergency personnel that might need to respond to your residence, but to those of us in the Park that might need to respond to your property also. Many times our caretaker or I have received calls requesting that we check a homeowners' cabin to make sure everything is ok. Sometimes that request becomes difficult because there is no address posted on the residence.

The cost of a single-sided sign is \$9.00, with a double-sided costing \$12.00. To order a sign, call Dewey Barron at 209-533-1505. Mr. Barron is a volunteer for the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office Community Service.

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 7/27/2007 - 8/26/2007

Date	Check Number	Payee	Memo	Amount
8/2/2007	444	EDD	Payroll Taxes	\$103.31
8/2/2007	445	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll Taxes	1,076.48
8/3/2007	442	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 7/16-7/29/07	1,415.95
8/3/2007	443	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	50.00
8/8/2007	377	Department of Motor Vehicles	Vehicle Registration - Sander Truck	493.00
8/13/2007	447	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	50.00
8/17/2007	446	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 7/30/07-8/8/12/07	1,060.95
8/20/2007	448	A & A Portables, Inc.	Health and Safety	157.41
8/20/2007	449	AT & T	Telephone	81.60
8/20/2007	450	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting Services	1,039.43
8/20/2007	451	Accountancy	Utilities-Propane	45.22
8/20/2007	452	J.S. West	Utilities-Electricity	748.07
8/20/2007	453	PG & E	Newsletter printing and processing	171.91
8/20/2007	454	Village Mail & Print Stop	Garbage	1,172.76
8/20/2007	455	Waste Management	Water system maintenance	118.29
8/20/2007	456	C & W Supply	Liability insurance renewal	2,656.00
8/20/2007	457	Glen S. Caldwell Insurance	Needle expense	112.50
8/20/2007	458	Joe Cover & Sons, Inc.	Equipment maintenance	879.29
8/20/2007	459	Doherty Tire	Water system maintenance	495.96
8/20/2007	460	Kellogg's Supply	Road maintenance	225.00
8/20/2007	461	Sonora Rental & Sales	Road maintenance-Capital expense	65,305.19
8/20/2007	462	George Reed, Inc.	Member communications-postage	200.00
8/20/2007	463	Postmaster	Member communications-Bulk mail permit	175.00
8/20/2007	464	Postmaster	Gate expense	31.84
8/20/2007	465	Valley Entry Systems	Road maintenance	855.00
8/20/2007	466	Mark Vann Trucking	Reimb. Office supplies & Gate expense	15.41
8/20/2007	467	Charles P. Varvayanis	Fuel	1,296.19
8/20/2007	468	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	Reimb. Equipment maintenance	734.20
8/20/2007	469	Alan Orth	Reimb. Water sys maint/Equip maint/fuel	131.78
8/20/2007	470	Steve Wallace	Refund - Gate expense	25.00
8/21/2007	471	Steven & Karen Bonzi	Building maintenance-spraying	130.00
8/21/2007	472	Angels Pest Control	Road maintenance	100.00
8/21/2007	473	Michael Caropreso	Employee Benefits-Health insurance	231.60
8/21/2007	474	Michael Caropreso	Outside services	120.00
8/21/2007	475	Arlen Santos	Health&Safety-Service fire extinguishers	160.45
8/21/2007	476	Sonora Fire & Safety	Water system maintenance-Capital exp	<u>4,400.74</u>
8/23/2007	476	Ceres Pipe & Metal		
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$86,065.53

Present: President: Mike Rainwater Treasurer: Tom Clark VP: Steve Wallace

Members present: Charles Varvayanis, Doris Selman, Mike Ford & Alan Orth

Excused: Sue Collie (secretary) and Clark Kellogg

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rainwater at 8:37 a.m.

Invocation was given by Al Orth.

**Members before the board:** none.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as mailed. (Motion Selman/Orth)

**Correspondence:** (1) Letter from Caldwell Insurance up-dating insurance information. (2) Request from J.S. West to sign tank lease contract. (3) Water information from CRWA (4.) several notes for change of address from homeowners (5) Letter from homeowner re: continuing problem of camp fires at the gravel pit.

**Committee Reports:**

**WATER** – Charles—Water usage was 1,408,000 gals. (1) AquaLab advised us that the lake was okay. (2) One valve was replaced in the water system this month.

**ROADS** – Steve Wallace- George Reed completed 5 projects and the bill came in under the bid. Steve asked the board to approve a gift certificate for Joe Frietas (our neighbor on Wheeler Rd.) for the assistance given with the road work. Motion by Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Varvayanis to give a \$40.00 gift certificate. (unan.)

**EQUIPMENT** – Alan Orth – 1. Still working on licensing the old truck. If it is licensed it may require Mike Caropreso to get a Class B drivers license. 2. Back hoe needs more work; some of the servicing on it has been completed along with 2 new tires. Alan has an estimate of \$3500 for complete servicing of the back hoe. 3. Snow plow needs work, as well as the plow blade. 4. Chipper is still for sale but there are a few unanswered questions about its condition. Alan will follow-up. 4. The old International tractor is in bad condition. It is questionable if it can be repaired. We may need to consider a new or used replacement.

**TIMBER-** Charles Varvayanis: Timbering will be in September. Will Durrell is still negotiating with the logging company. We will be taking down one dead tree at the top of Wheeler due to safety concerns.

**HEALTH & SAFETY-** Doris advised that although AquaLab said our Lake was okay, there is very little water flowing through and it should be used at your own discretion. House numbers are still very important and no one has requested applications through us to get the reflective ones from the county at this time. We need to make this a priority for emergency services.

**RECREATION** – Tom Clark- No OFSRA dinners until Christmas, however, the Rebekah's will be hostessing Park Potlucks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month or on the B.O.D. meeting date. These are open to all property owners. A social & BINGO fundraiser for the fishing derby, hosted by Dan Meade & friends, will be held on Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM.

**FINANCE** – Tom – Motion to pay the bills as reviewed and signed this a.m. (Tom Clark/Selman, Unan) Motion to put end of fiscal year financial statements on the web site for review by property owners. (Varvayanis/Selman, unan) Anyone needing a printed copy may request one by writing or calling the Park. Funds deposited this month \$483.00, (gate & property transfer fees.)

**OLD BUSINESS-** (1) Repair water pipes going to Camp Cedarbrook since we have a low water year and protect any further erosion and possible damage if we have a heavy rain. This project was previously approved. (2) Kleinen property: regarding extending grandfathered construction back onto Park property. Rainwater will contact Kirk and resolve concerns. Motion (Clark/Orth, vote yes 6- no 1) Incorporate into written agreement: that if property required by the Park at a future date, the removal will be at property owners expense and the agreement will be recorded on the property deed. (3) Discussed property owners' use of Park property i.e. parking pads, gardens, buildings, septic systems, etc. NO work on park property without Board approval. This has happened in the past and cannot be allowed to continue.

(4) Reviewed all park projects and set priorities for the rest of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (1) Mike Rainwater request permission to clear Park property behind his home. Permission granted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. for executive session, Reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

(2.) Off Road vehicle problems. Property owners & some outsiders have been damaging Park property while riding quads, ATV's, motorcycles, etc. Unfortunately, due to a few who abuse & damage property, a motion was made to **"Close all Park property, other than official paved roads, to any and all vehicles.** All of the previously mentioned vehicles must be trailered out of the park for riding. (Tom Clark/Orth vote 6 yes no 1) We will place more private property/no trespassing signs. (3.) Due to a problem with our copy service for the newsletter, we will be changing to Sonora Instant Press. (4) Maynard Wallin wants a tree trimmed on park property at the back of his home for safety. Steve will check on it.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m. Next meeting is on 9/15/07 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Selman, Acting secretary (Sue Collie excused)

**Monthly Potluck Dinner**

**Hosted by**

**The Rebekahs**

**5:00 P.M. in the Lodge**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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