

# Cascade Connections



Partial Solar Eclipse June 10. The shadow is Olivia's hand holding a water cracker. Solar images are formed by holes (pinholes) in the cracker. A saltine also works!

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

## Summer 2002

### President's Greeting

*Roland Teuber*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This is my first message since our annual meeting in April. Our community is looking forward to a fun filled summer.

We had our annual cleanup at Lost Mine Lake on May 4, 2002. The grounds were still damp, but we managed to do all the necessary work, and LML looks great. Annette Murphy, a new member of CSHA, joined the work party and quickly met many long term residents; Annette is building a new home on Mountain View. Before the cleanup, the shed floor was repaired on April 13. The floor had been caving in due to the weight of two refrigerators. A crew of five corrected the floor design with new joists and pillars, and the floor is now better than new. Thanks to Brian Powell and his crew for a job well done.

The Spaghetti Feed on June 15 was co-sponsored by CSHA and the Women's Club. Our Annual Tri-tip picnic will be held August 3. We've been using our Telephone Calling Committee and a Board Sign at the corner of the Country Store to announce community functions. Community events allow people living in Cascade Shores to meet neighbors and develop friendships.

Our last event of the year will be our Christmas Party, again to be held at Trolley Junction on December 8, 2002. We plan to have the Nevada Union Choir entertain us; their singing was the highlight of last year's party. I hope each and everyone of you have a fun filled time this year in Cascade Shores, the best place to live in northern California.

### Mark Your Calendars!!

June 15, Spaghetti Feed, Lost Mine Lake (photos next issue)  
July 5, Campfire and Sing along, (see p. 5) Scotts Flat Lake  
August 3, afternoon, Tri-tip Barbeque, Lost Mine Lake  
September 15, 9 am, Triathlon, Scotts Flat Lake  
December 8, 4 pm, Christmas Party, Trolley Junction

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May 4, Lost Mine Lake Cleanup.  
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## New Subcommittee Formed

*Dave Shrack and Jim Kain*

The Roads and Environment Committee headed by Dave Schrack has enlarged its activities to include liaison with government agencies. Jim Kain has volunteered for this assignment. The plan is to make contact with principals of agencies and districts and attend meetings of particular interest to Shores residents. Others on the committee with interest in the special issues of logging and NID project trucks are Jim and Lane Cox, Karen Dyer, Dorothy Honey and Arthur Roegner. Olivia Diaz is interested in the Board of Supervisors and Planning Department meetings.

At the May 8 meeting of the Roads and Environment Committee, the following concerns were listed as requiring immediate attention:

- Truck Problems: (1) Diesel exhaust, noise, dust and weight from logging trucks on Quaker Hill. (2) Dust from NID trucks on Lake Lane.
- A plan for evacuation from the Shores in case of fire or other disaster. Chalk Bluff Road needs improvement and road signs.
- Volunteers and permanent staff for Shores fire station.
- Fire breaks, weed and brush abatement program.

To get action on items of concern, the following agencies and districts were identified for contact: Nevada City; Air Quality Management District; Calif. Bureau of Automotive Repair, Air Resources Board; Nevada County Board of Supervisors, Peter Van Zant, District 1; Calif. Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection; Nevada County Community De-

## Propane Alliance Program

*Roland Teuber (265-9378)*

During most of May, the CSHA member price from Suburban Propane has been \$0.858 per gallon. Suburban Propane will give the discounted price only to CSHA members. To ensure only members get the discount, we furnish Suburban with our CSHA membership list, according to our agreement. Typically, propane prices are lowest during summer months when demand for propane is also lowest.

If you are not using Suburban Propane as your supplier, check your last year's invoices to see if you could save money by switching to Suburban. Call me to get Suburban Propane prices at the date of your invoice. The Propane Alliance Program is probably the best way of saving money on your heating bills in Cascade Shores.

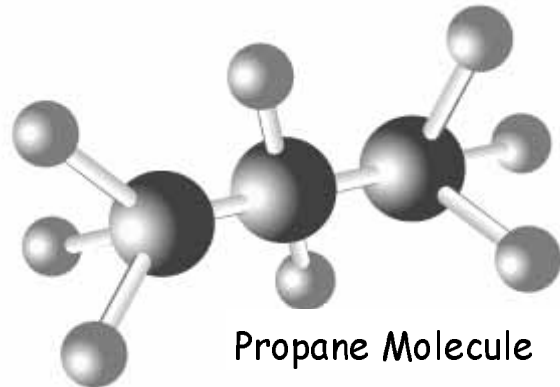
velopment Agency, Planning Department; 49er Fire Protection District; Local Agency Formation Commission, (LAFCO) responsible for review and approval of action on boundaries of cities, districts, etc, such as fire districts wishing to consolidate; Nevada Irrigation District; Nevada County Sheriff; Nevada County Transportation and Sanitation Dept.; National Forest Service.

Jim has been appointed to the Citizens Committee now being formed to assist the 49er Fire Protection District on policy and programs.

With the exception of the truck problems Jim Kain stated he wished to make contacts with all agencies and districts to become familiar with their responsibilities, regulations and statutes prior to taking action. Knowledge is power. Having knowledge will even the playing field when taking on issues affecting the quality of life in our community. Contacts also are important.

Courtesy of Tom Coburn, Program Manager of Nevada County Department of General Services, Office of Emergency Services, Jim has obtained a copy of the Nevada County Operational Area Emergency Action Plan which spells out the who, what and why of responses to major emergencies. The plan will be updated this year. We will become familiar with it and keep you informed of areas of interest.

Feel free to offer your comments, make suggestions and offer help in keeping an eye on our area. Contact Jim at [goldbrik@accessbee.com](mailto:goldbrik@accessbee.com) or by phone at 265-9692.



Each propane molecule has 3 carbon atoms and 8 hydrogen atoms. Related hydrocarbons: Methane  $\text{CH}_4$ , Ethane  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ , Propane  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$ , Butane  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$ . All are colorless, odorless and non-toxic. Odor is added to alert to leaks,

# Actions Taken by New Subcommittee

*Jim Kain*

During the month of May, the new Subcommittee on Liaison with Governmental Agencies and Districts learned many things and took several actions.

**Dust from Trucks.** NID agreed to use water trucks to wet Lake Lane to keep dust down. The County also is wetting down the dirt part of Quaker Hill Road to reduce logging truck dust. In both cases, the water trucks gave some relief but it was not lasting. In hot weather, the water dries quickly and becomes dust again. The logs themselves are dusty and some of the dust comes from them. However, the agencies did respond to our calls and took action.

From Joe Fish, Air Pollution Control Specialist of Air Quality Management District, we learned that under their regulations they can cite cases where mud is formed by watering. Mud dries in warm weather and becomes dust which can become an airborne pollutant.

**Excess speed of the logging trucks.** In addition to diesel fumes, dust, and noise it appears the haulers speed through the area as they come out of the forest. We talked with the CHP local commander, Lt. Michalkiewicz about the truck's emissions and speed. He did not have jurisdiction over emissions, but did take action on their speed.

A speed indicator trailer and patrol car were set up on Quaker Hill Road where it becomes a dirt road. The presence of the patrol car had an immediate effect on the trucks. As soon as they saw the patrol car the drivers screeched their brakes to slow down. It turned out that other members of the committee also had called the Highway Patrol to complain of the apparent speeding of the

trucks. Our reiteration apparently helped prompt action.

At CDF we reached Don McKenzie the Forester in whose area the logging is occurring. He learned from the local supervisor for SPI that the current logging is a cleanup of last years plan and would be completed in two weeks. There was an article in *The Union* on June 7 giving Tuesday June 11 as the ending date and discussing the noise and difficulties experienced in Cascade Shores. He also advised us that truckers are independent contract haulers, not one company.

Two residents of Cascade shores reported a truck operator who was proceeding slowly down the route to Nevada City and not pulling over to allow following vehicles to pass. The residents got the license plate number and the name of the operator painted on the truck and reported it to the local Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) manager.

The Subcommittee has learned methods and agencies to use to invoke regulation violations when they happen. However, with the logging by SPI ending soon, and the lag time in getting response, we agreed we would not press the issues now but be prepared the next time logging occurs in our area.

The committee has contacted Tim Feller, of SPI requesting meetings ahead of logging operations to discuss minimizing disruption of the quality of life in Cascade Shores. We will obtain copies of regulations and statutes where possible to be familiar with the kinds of things operators must do to hold down pollution and noise.



**May 4, Lost Mine Lake Cleanup. Left to Right, Brian Powell, Aelene Oslin, Oneal LeFrançois**

# Scotts Flat Lake Master Plan

*Terry McAteer*

In 1991, the Scotts Flat Lake Basin Master Plan was finalized and incorporated into the Nevada County General Plan. The Master Plan was developed and initiated by two Cascade Shores residents, the late Dave Southern and his neighbor, Terry McAteer.

“What we did is gain an agreement with the five entities which have interests in the Scotts Flat Lake Basin to think in a comprehensive manner,” said McAteer. “It worked; they all agreed to the plan and its eight recommendations which then became incorporated into the County’s Master Plan.”

The five groups that signed onto the plan were the Cascade Shores Homeowners Assoc., Nevada Irrigation District, Scotts Flat Lake Preservation Society, Scotts Flat Road Area Association and the U.S. Forest Service.

The eight adopted recommendations in brief, are:

1. Support for the current General Plan Zoning densities.
2. To insure water quality, limit new construction of septic systems and redefine septic location requirements to a completely safe distance.
3. NID continue a proactive monitoring of the lake and its tributaries.
4. General Plan Amendments and Zoning changes, which increase residential density, must be supported by a majority of the residents affected.

5. To insure water quality, we recommend information be provided to Scotts Flat Lake Basin residents and recreational users regarding higher water quality requirements set forth in Federal and State Clean Water Acts. Limits regarding lake usage may need to be imposed to comply with these standards.
6. To improve noise levels and provide recreational safety, we recommend that out-of-water exhaust system boats be banned from Scotts Flat Lake.
7. To improve air pollution within the Basin, we recommend severe penalties on outdoor burning of green slash and the strict usage of catalytic converters on all wood stoves.
8. To improve fire safety, we recommend that a program of improved signage be developed along with the production of a fire evacuation plan.

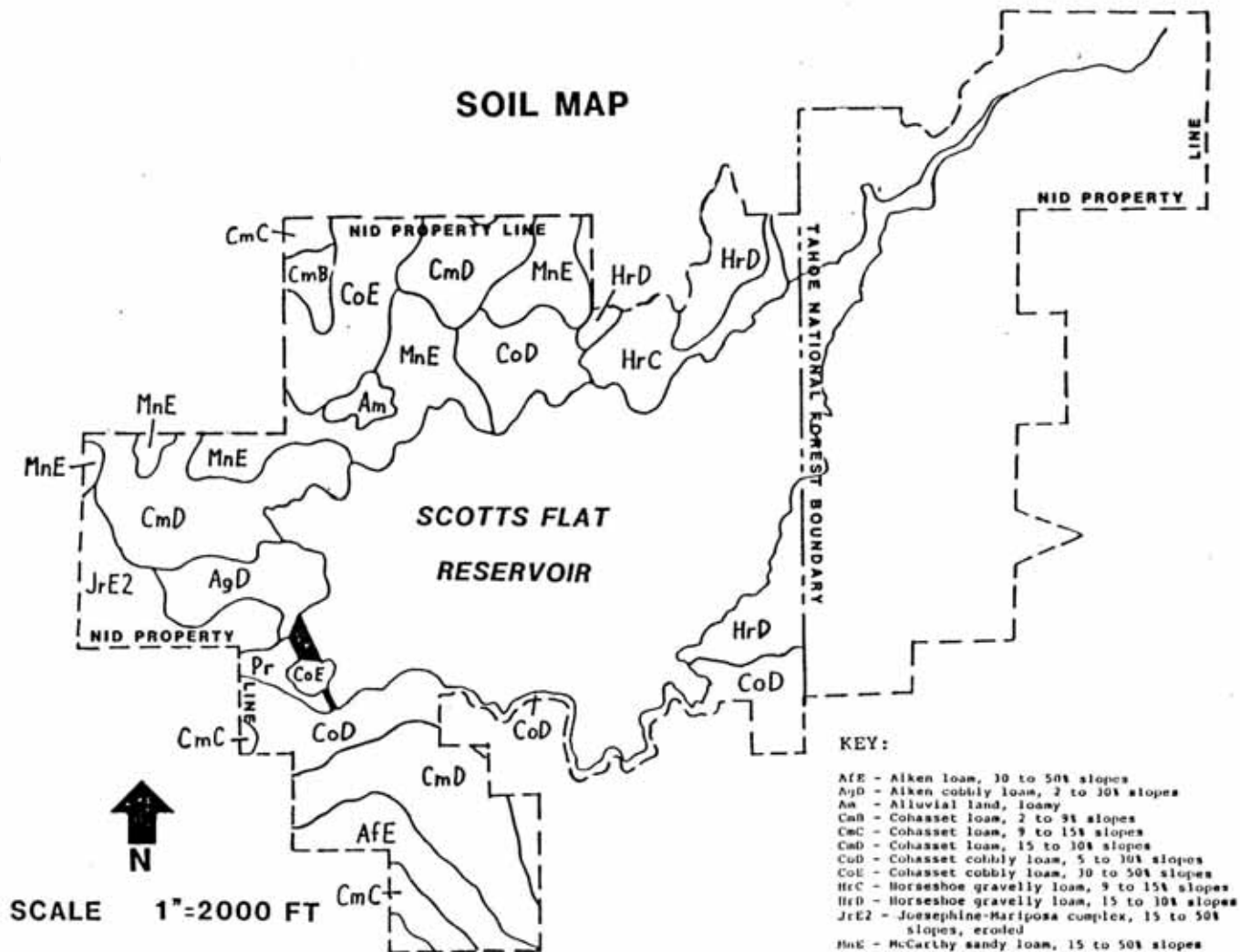
The Basin Plan was met with rave review when adopted as a model for other communities to use. Since 1991, other communities such as Penn Valley, South County and the Loma Rica areas have been working on similar, yet more intensive plans.

If you would like a copy of the Scotts Flat lake Basin Plan, a 30-page document, please contact Terry McAteer at 478-6400, x204 and he will send it to you free of charge.

*(next page):* The Soils Map shows NID ownership, Forest Service boundaries and types of soils in the area that might be of interest to others.



**May 11, 2002. Dan Troth launches his boat "Danny Boy." We are treated to a ride and a party afterwards at the Troths.**



## Cascade Shores Women's Club

*Barbara Teuber*

This summer's activities will include picnic meetings at Lost Mine Lake and a Spaghetti Feed with the CSHA. In April we had a send-off for our friend, Nancy Hoge, at our luncheon. Nancy made the arrangements for the luncheon and was surprised to receive our gift from her friends in the Women's Club. This autumn we look forward to the Triathlon on Sunday, September 15th, a benefit for the breast-imaging center.

We regret that we are not able to sponsor the Nevada

## Coming Event

*Aelene Oslin*

Mark your calendar for July 5, and plan to attend a campfire, sing along, marshmallow roast at the Scotts Flat Lake Dave Southern Recreation Area. Terry and Liz McAteer will provide music, song sheets and prepare the fire. Bring a stick and marshmallows to roast, and plan to be there at dusk.



County Chernobyl Children's Project picnic this year. We had many volunteers, but no one would assume the leadership roles. We sent a monetary gift this year with a letter of support.

Watch for further information regarding the planting of the daffodils this fall.

Our special interest groups command a faithful following for creativity, fun, edification, and health. The Cascade Shore's Women's Club is open to all women in Cascade Shores, and we gladly welcome those who would like to join us. See the bulletin board at the firehouse for meeting schedule and officers.

# In Case of a Big Forest Fire, How Can I Get Out of Cascade Shores?

*Jim Kain and Dave Shrack*

Chief Dan Kopp of the 49er Fire Protection District tells us if there is a large fire heading our way, the best exit depends on which way the wind blows. Dan said there are four possible routes out of the Shores.

- 1) Fire fanned by winds out of the northeast would dictate using Quaker Hill, either to Banner Lava Cap/Idaho Maryland or to Red Dog.
- 2) Pasquale Road is the other route if fires are coming from the east.
- 3) Fires coming from the west would suggest going east on Quaker Hill to Chalk Bluff to Highway 20. The route

out Chalk Bluff is complicated and rough and is not favored by the fire district because it is easy to get lost there and end up in the middle of dense forest; not the place to be during wild fire. Call Chalk Bluff the route of last resort.

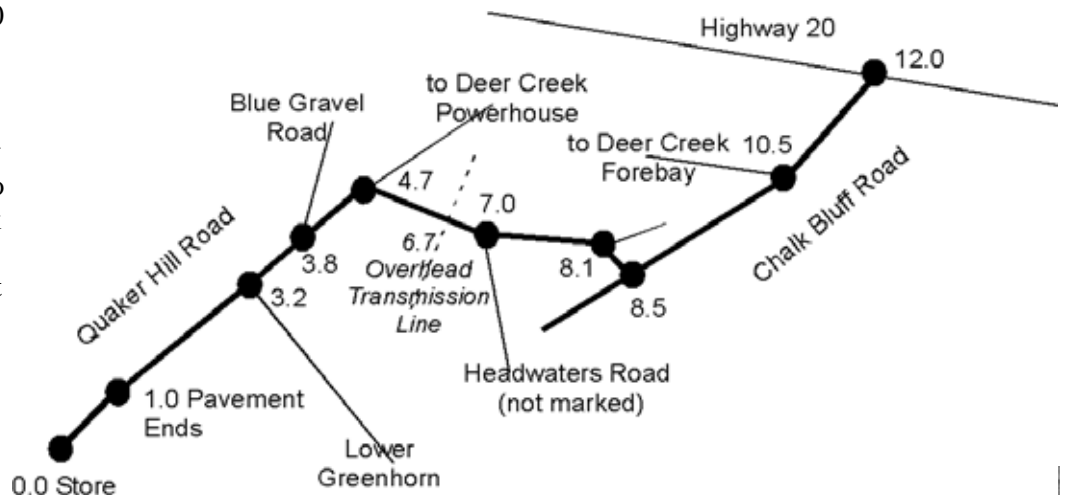
- 4) Fires from the south suggest going out Pasquale down and over the Scotts Flat Lake dam road. The 49er Fire crews have keys to the gate blocking egress from this side of the lake. The California Department of Forestry (CDF), Sheriff's Department, 49er Fire District plan calls for radio communication to NID concession people on duty on the north side of the lake to open the south side gate in minutes in case the dam route is needed.

## Exploring our Neighborhood

*Ernie Malamud and Olivia Diaz*

We picked up a Nevada County map with route highlighted and drove from the Store to Highway 20 via Quaker Hill and Chalk Bluff Roads. We noted the mileage as we went. The sketch below combined with a map may be helpful to others who want to explore the "short cut" to Highway 20. The road is much windier than shown and not all intersecting dirt roads are on the sketch. Its 12.0 miles and took us 45 minutes.

The stretch from 4.7 to 8.5 is pretty bad and requires a high clearance vehicle. Another way "out" is via Lower Greenhorn to Buckeye, ford Greenhorn Creek (not difficult), and then up to Banner-Lava Cap. That's about 12 miles from the store, but the road is smooth and could be done with an ordinary car.



May 18, 2002  
Party at Lost Mine  
Lake to say goodbye  
to long time Cascade  
Shores residents  
Bob and Nancy Hoge



# The Black-headed Grosbeak

*Curt Sutliff*

The Black-headed Grosbeak is a common migrating bird that nests in Cascade Shores each spring and summer.

It comes readily to ordinary feeders and eats almost any sort of seed mix from the drug store or supermarket.

It is a little smaller than a robin, with a black head, an orange body, black wings, and a black and orange patterned face. As with most bird species, the male is boldly colored, the female more subdued.

The name, not surprisingly, comes from the gross, or large, beak, used to crack seeds.

It arrives in the foothills in May and leaves in August, winging its way back to Mexico and Central America for the winter.

They nest mostly in oak trees, occasionally in pine, and are fairly easy to spot as the nest only averages 10 feet above the ground. Both male and female sing on the nest, so if you hear their song repeatedly coming from the same general direction, a little patience and binoculars will usually discover the nest.

The song is much like a warbling robin, all up and down, and ending abruptly. The female sits on the nest all night, but during the day the sexes alternate sitting and feeding.

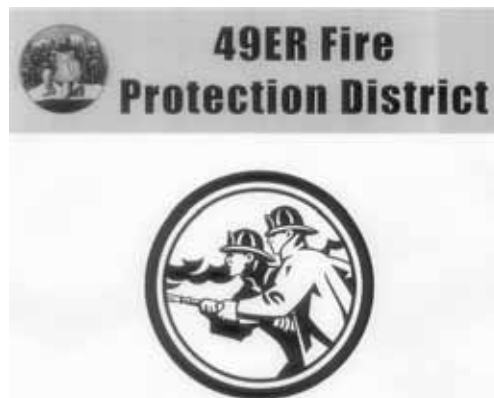
Just fledged chicks are fun to watch, as they learn to fly while trying to land on your feeder. The young ones don't have a lot of control and bump into each other, over fly, and fall from a perch.

And then, suddenly, in mid-August, they are gone. You want to call them back; they can't possibly be old enough to fly all the way to Mexico. And, indeed, many of them do not. The survival rate for the first year is very small.



## Volunteer Firefighters Needed

If you would like information on becoming a volunteer firefighter please contact David Ray, Battalion Chief, 10135 Coyote Street, Nevada City 530-265-4431



## From the Editor

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Contributions and pictures to this newsletter are very welcome:

... the wildlife in our neighborhood, the history of Cascade Shores, stories about community events, . . . .



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