# **Cascade Connections**



### Spring 2003

#### **President's Greeting** Roland Teuber (265-9378)

Greetings from The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA). This Newsletter focuses on plans for the coming fiscal year beginning April 1, 2003. Membership applications for the new fiscal year are enclosed with this Newsletter. Our annual meeting takes place at Cascade Shores Firehouse on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 1:00 PM.

I want to share a few thoughts about Cascade Shores as a community. In January, my wife Barbara Lenore and I attended our first concert, the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra at the new Mondavi Center on the UC Davis campus. On our way we stopped in Woodland to have lunch and visit Marilyn Troth, who had just moved from Cascade Shores to be closer to her children and grandchildren following the death of her husband Dan Troth last July. (CSHA NL Fall-02 p.11) Marilyn is living in a small senior apartment and misses Cascade Shores; she particularly misses the quiet neighborhood, the clean fresh air of the foothills, the wonderful NID water and the many wonderful people living here. Our CSHA is dedicated to making our

community the best living space in California.



CSHA's main asset is Lost Mine Lake (LML). The Board of Directors is responsible for maintenance and care of LML. As part of our care of LML, there will be a cleanup work party May 17. We welcome everyone's help in making the lake and picnic area ready for summer events: a Spaghetti Feed and the Tri-Tip Barbecue. We invite all families living in Cascade Shores to join CSHA and become an active participant in mak-

ing Cascade Shores the

Roland Teuber at Christmas Dinner 12-8-02 best in the west.

#### From the Editor

Ernie Malamud (470-8303, malamud@foothill.net)

As you know, our Congressional District boundaries were changed in the last general election. Wally Herger used to represent our community in the U.S. House of Representatives. Our new Congressman is John T. Doolittle, and it seemed appropriate to ask him to write a letter to the residents of Cascade Shores. This issue features his letter (on page 2) as well as several articles on Cascade Shores history and current concerns and activities. The next issue will be Summer 2003. Contributions and pictures are welcome. Letters to the Editor may be printed depending on available space. The Editor thanks Olivia Diaz for help in preparing this newsletter.

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

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#### An Opportunity to Lead

#### by Rep. John T. Doolittle



As you probably know, the Fourth Congressional District, which I currently represent, now includes Nevada County. I am excited to again have the opportunity to serve the good people here as I did for six years in the State Senate and during my first term in Congress. As I have traveled through the county rekindling old friendships and forging new ones, I have been reminded of what a special place this is.

Never before has the country faced such challenges. Terrorists and rogue nations around the world threaten our citizens at home and abroad. Our economy, while showing signs of growth and job creation, continues to remain volatile. Because of the pressing nature of these issues, I am humbled that my colleagues in the House Republican Conference elected me Secretary, the sixth-ranking Republican leadership position in the House of Representatives. Led by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay, our leadership team has an ambitious agenda for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress and a profound chance to enhance the American way of life.

We have the first opportunity in generations to implement a clear, aggressive vision for America. Of course, our top priority will continue to be national security. We face the

task of fully funding the war on terrorism and helping the Department of Homeland Security do its job of protecting our citizens.

We will also work to enhance your financial freedom and security by making the Bush tax cut permanent, eliminating the egregious death tax, and abolishing the marriage penalty from the tax code. We will keep our economy moving in the right direction, exercising fiscal discipline in 2003. At the same time, we must also give workers the overdue opportunity to control at least a portion of their Social Security earnings, thus allowing for a much higher rate of return on their investment.

We are also in the position to make other important changes as well. For instance, we will seek a long overdue ban on human cloning. And after months of obstruction, we will finally be able to confirm our judicial nominees who will ascend to appellate benches all across the country. The significance of this particular change cannot be overstated. With a more fair-minded judiciary, we will have the comfort of knowing that our agenda for American families will not be reversed by activist liberal judges.

Finally, I am very excited to help promote President Bush's Healthy Forests Initiative. This plan was born out of a strategic agreement made between the Administration and ten governors in the West, including Governor Gray Davis. The agreement recognized the threat of catastrophic wildfire due to the unnatural buildup of fuels in the forests surrounding communities and an increasing number of citizens who have decided to move into forested areas either to retire or to build second homes. The Initiative guides the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Council of Environmental Quality to take several sensible steps to improve the regulatory processes guiding forest health activities and to ensure more timely decisions regarding fuel reduction projects. It accomplishes this by expediting the consultation process and considering the long term environmental benefits of fuel treatment projects when examining impacts to endangered species. It also encourages the public and other interested parties to comment and participate early during the appeals process, thereby enhancing the prospects for an earlier resolution, saving money and time. Finally, this initiative calls for thorough environmental assessments that are not 300 pages long. It encourages environmental assessments that not only address the important issues but are concise and clear enough to allow the general public to understand and question. I believe this type of common sense is long overdue and will allow for a more flexible process that will protect private property, public forest and watersheds, and most importantly the lives of citizens and firefighters.

This is an exciting time and challenging time in America, and I am both humbled and eager to assume a more influential role in the direction this nation takes. I have looked forward to an opportunity like this since I was first elected, and I am honored that my colleagues have chosen me to help get our country back on track. As your representative, I look forward to working with you to make that happen.

### **Roads and Environment Dave Schrack**

I would like to thank the Roads and Environment committee for all the support and time they have given to the community. We, the residents of Cascade Shores, are blessed to live in such a beautiful area of California. The natural beauty and wildness of its creatures has surprised me for all of the 21 years I have resided here. My latest surprise was while I was driving with my oldest daughter Lauren on our way

to town after the heavy snow we had in early December. Driving down Pasquale about half the way to Red Dog a full-grown bobcat leaped out in front of the car. It was a beautiful mid morning and the contrast of the cat against the snow was breathtaking. We stopped and the bobcat looked

right at us. Then it slowly walked across the road and leaped into the forest. My daughter and I were pleasantly surprised, a memory now that will last a lifetime. Be kind to your neighbors, enjoy the environment, and try to stay within our posted speed limits.

#### Wildfire Evacuation Plan – Cascade Shores Task Force formed Dave Schrack

The Government Agency Liaison subcommittee (chaired by Jim Kain) has focused its attention on insuring that adequate emergency routes out of Cascade Shores are in place. Supervisors Van Zant and Green were receptive to forming a Task Force to address emergency egress. The Task Force has had initial planning meetings to (1) explore the use of Quaker Hill Road to Highway 20, and (2) explore the use of the road over Scotts Flat dam. Parts of the road to Highway 20 run through Supervisor Green's District. One meeting was held with the Nevada County Transportation Department. (CHSA NL Fall-02, p. 3)

Progress towards a Wildfire Evacuation Plan for Cascade Shores may seem slow, but with so many different governmental agencies involved it is to be expected. The final solutions will be expensive so we must proceed slowly and deliberately, looking for grant funds as we go. Also, there are private property owners, who will have to be contacted to discuss the plan as it progresses. In the meantime, we should all continue reducing hazardous fuel around our homes and hoping and praying for snow and rain to keep our beloved big trees healthy and moist.

#### Scotts Flat Dam Road (Wildfire Evacuation Task Force) Jim Kain and Olivia Diaz Photo on page 12

A meeting at the NID offices on Jan. 14 explored using the road over Scotts Flat dam as an evacuation route. Present were us and Roland Teuber (CSHA); Nancy Weber, Ron Nelson, Terry Mayfield (NID); Peter Van Zant; Eve Diamond, County Board Analyst; Sheriff Keith Royal, Lt. Ron Smith, Sheriff's Office; David Ray, Battalion Chief, 49er Fire Prot. Dist. The group concluded it is time to develop an official Fire Plan for our area. Since these meetings the Nevada County Grand Jury reported a need for a county-wide Wildfire Evacuation Plan. Supervisor

Van Zant reports that staff at the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is now developing the framework for a comprehensive evacuation plan for the North County. He further reports OES staff is awaiting information from NID on the dam's stability and other engineering data. We will not lose sight of the fact road improvements are an integral part of our need here in Cascade Shores. Tom Coburn of OES will schedule a meeting to discuss progress. Cascade Shores will be represented at that meeting.

# Free Brush Chipping Program Renewed

Tim Hagan, CDF/FEMA Field Coordinator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has renewed its funding of the free brush chipping service we have enjoyed for the last 3 years. CDF has \$181,000 for the chipping service this year in the 49er Fire District. You, the homeowner, cut and stack the brush and CDF will have the brush chipped into mulch for you. This service is free



and as a bonus, you get garden mulch and enhanced wildfire safety for your family and neighbors.

The chipper and crew will be in the Cascade Shores/Deer Creek Park area the first week of every month beginning in May. Just call the office (265-2678) when you need the service and your address will be placed on a work order. If you have questions about how we require the brush to be stacked or where to stack it for the crew to safely access it, call and I will meet with you.

CDF will chip the backlog of brush using a California Youth Authority crew as soon as possible.

## **Candidates for the CSHA Board of Directors**

The nominating committee of the CSHA Board respectfully submits the following names for consideration for <u>seven</u> vacant Board positions. Only homeowners who are CSHA members are eligible to vote. Renters are not eligible to vote unless they have written approval of the property owner to transfer voting rights to the renter. Ballots will be checked for eligibility to vote. Only one ballot per member household will be accepted (CSHA By-Laws). The term of office of the new Directors will be April 1, 2003 — March 31, 2005. Continuing members of the Board are Olivia Diaz and Trudy Roegner whose terms end March 31, 2004. CSHA By-Laws specify a maximum of 9 Board Members.

**Greg Clark, Banner Quaker Hill Road**, 36, born and raised in Redondo Beach, is a licensed electrical contractor, and runs his own successful business, GC Electric. He believes in hard work and honesty, and lives his life by these beliefs. He and his wife Shannon, and two daughters moved to Cascade Shores in February 2000. They have grown to love the sense of community here, a compliment to the natural beauty of the place. Greg enjoys snowboarding and in the summer wakeboarding at Scotts Flat Lake. He took responsibility for Lost Mine Lake last year, made many improvements and truly enjoys the privilege of maintaining the "little lake," our own little treasure in Cascade Shores.

**Robert Crabb, Sargent & Jacobs Drive.** After 32 years as a high school English/Psychology teacher, I retired and moved to Nevada County five years ago. My wife, Dixie, and I have lived in Cascade Shores since last June and are proud to call this our home.

**Steven Foxe, Nugget Street.** When I moved to Cascade Shores a year ago I was immediately impressed with the sense of community. I would like to support this friendly and supportive community and work to retain the spirit and pride that we have. The Homeowners Association is key to keeping the community from becoming just a group of houses. We need to keep the Association healthy and growing, and I would like to help do that.

**Karen Lari, Summit Ridge Drive.** Gazing on Scotts Flat Lake fills me with a sense of peace and tranquillity. Its smooth, glassy surface reflects the beauty of the mountains, the surrounding forests and mirrors back to me a part of myself. When my daughters moved on with their education, I moved here to find my heart. The view of Scotts Flat Lake surrounds my home and fills me with wonder and gratitude. The people of Cascade Shores are as beautiful as the lake itself. Along with other neighbors, I wish to have a voice in protecting and preserving this beauty.

**Dave Schrack, Summit Ridge Drive.** Dave is currently a CSHA Board Member and is willing to serve another term. Dave works for Skyler Electric Company in Grass Valley and has lived in Cascade Shores for over 20 years. He currently chairs the CSHA Committee on Roads and Environment.

**Morris Stark, Lake Lane.** Retired architect and resident and member of CSHA since 1991. Served on the Security Patrol with wife Mary Jane for several years in the 90's. Served on the CSHA Board for two years in the mid-90's. Served on the Cascade Shores Water Board (sewer system) for four years until the system was turned over to the County. Lives with wife, Mary Jane, and son, Hugh, at 14940 Lake Lane.

**Harry Wander, Summit Ridge Drive.** My wife, Rose, and I live full time on Summit Ridge Drive after being parttime homeowners since 1993. I am a pediatrician in practice in the Yuba City-Marysville area with 35 years experience. I served on the governing boards of my medical group for over 30 years and am the managing partner of 2 real estate partnerships. I served in the Navy for 10 years as a physician, then 11 years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Colonel. I am interested in serving on the CSHA Board and hope that my experience will help make a contribution towards solving problems we face in this area, e.g. the roads into Cascade Shores. I look forward to being more involved in this community.



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Steve Foxe

Spring is coming and many of you will be leaving for vacations. Be sure to give our security patrol a call and let us know the details if you would like us to keep an eye on your property. You can call Steve Foxe at 470-0441 or Don Himenes at 478-0574. We will drive by on our patrol and, if requested, periodically walk around to make sure your doors and windows are secure.

#### Shaded Fuel Break Tim Hagan, CDF/FEMA Field Coordinator

I invite you to take a walk or drive along Excelsior Ditch Camp Road (off Lake Vera Road). Thanks to the neighbors along the road, a shaded fuel break is under construction. Using a hand crew from CDF's Washington Ridge Youth Authority Camp we are removing the brushy ground fuels 75 feet on both sides of the road, leaving the tree canopy for shade. This will help keep any flame wall back that far from the road. Excelsior Ditch Camp Road

## **Propane Alliance Program**

Roland Teuber (265-9378)



A chief benefit of being a CSHA member is the Propane Alliance Program. Members of CSHA receive a discounted price from Suburban Propane based on the wholesale price of propane at the producer in Martinez plus a differential to account for profit and delivery costs. The past several years has seen large fluctuations in propane prices because of energy price changes in all energy sources. Propane prices to our community peaked at

# History of the Propane Alliance

In 1994 we learned that the big housing developments were negotiating with propane companies for volume discounts for their property owner association members. We agreed with Alta Sierra and Lake Wildwood to become an "alliance." This "Propane Alliance" then worked out a deal with Suburban Propane. Alta Sierra aimed for 800 members and Wildwood about 2000. CSHA committed to try for a 200-member signup. We realized that our smaller numbers would not get as large a discounted price as Alta Sierra's and Wildwood.

The agreement called for a set amount above the wholesale price at the Shell refinery at Martinez, California. A weekly industry report showing the wholesale price was to be furnished to CSHA. Only members were to receive will become a secondary emergency escape route for Cement Hill and the Lake Vera-Purdon Road neighborhoods. I think you will appreciate what a difference these modifications will make should a fire threaten Excelsior Ditch and therefore the neighborhoods on Cement Hill. This is very much akin to the situation between Pasquale and Quaker Hill Roads.

This is a good example of the work we will be doing along Pasquale and Quaker Hill Roads this spring. Our contractor for the 20 miles of fuel break work around Nevada City will start work April 1 and finish by late June.

\$1.768 per gallon in December 2000. For much of the summer of 2002 the price was \$0.828 per gallon. Prices tend to rise in winter months due to increased demand for winter heating. The price on January 20 of this year was \$1.138 per gallon. By holding down thermostat settings and not overheating the house, we may get by until warmer months when propane prices tend to decline. The way to avoid having to purchase propane at high prices is to get a propane tank larger than your annual usage and fill the tank during the lower priced summer months. Stay cool, but not too cold.

the discounted price. CSHA was to furnish member lists to Suburban. Members also were eligible for discounted service, appliances and supplies.



We committed to reach a signup of 180 in two years or the price could be raised.

At the start, a survey of suppliers showed our discounted price varied from twenty cents to fifty cents below what others were charging. To stem the loss of business other suppliers began to offer to meet the Suburban price! But, of course, only after our deals were in effect. We did not meet our commitment to numbers but Suburban did not increase the price after the two years. In time they have made modest increases due to their higher costs.

## Cascade Shores Women's Club Lenore Teuber

We are a group of women in Cascade Shores who come together for fellowship, learning, exercise and making our community a better place. Women living in Cascade Shores are welcome to join us the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM. This year began with a wonderful time at Annette Murphy's new home. February 13 we enjoyed our Country Western Soup Supper at Dortha and Hal's Hacienda. The 49<sup>er</sup> Fire District Auxiliary will make a presentation in March. April brings us to our luncheon planned by Nancy Hoge, who we still consider our neighbor. May brings us to the Alpaca Farm courtesy of Aelene Oslin.

Last year's service includes the planting of 400 daffodil bulbs at the base of



Quaker Hill (CSHA NL Fall-02 p. 4) with the help of our CS men, sponsoring a team for the Triathlon and serving food for the benefit of the Breast Imaging Center, and adopting chilren for Christmas gifts. We have a great time together and love living in Cascade Shores.

Cowgirl Dortha in front of a few of the many soups.



Feb. 18 — daffodils planted last fall poke above the ground.

### Who is Lenore? or What happened to Barbara Teuber? Barbara Lenore Teuber

I've always loved my middle name Lenore. When I was born, Barbara was a very popular name. In fact as a college freshman out of the 18 girls on our floor there were 4 Barbaras. I also find that





n out of the 18 girls on our floor there were 4 Barbaras. I also find that family and friends sometimes shorten my name to Barb. That makes me think of barbed wire and that makes me sad. In my family every-

one had a middle name beginning with L. It was my dad who gave me the name Lenore. He liked Edgar Allen Poe's *The Raven*. In this poem Lenore represents the bringer of light. I would rather be a bringer of light than a barb. Thank you for helping me with this transition.

## Cascade Shores Annual Christmas Party Matt Logan

On December 8, our Christmas party was a wonderful success and enjoyed by all. Again, our party was held at the Trolley Junction Restaurant at the Northern Queen Hotel. We had thirty-four of our full and part-time residents.

We began our festive evening with a cocktail hour, giving us a chance to mingle with old friends and meet some of the newcomers. To follow, we were served a delicious dinner with all the trimmings. We had a variety of scrumptious entrees to choose from and the service and staff were perfect. While dining we were graced with the talents of Lorraine Gervais and John Gerton who provided us with light jazz, and the Christmas classics.

We concluded our lovely evening with a "white-elephant" gift exchange. Good fun, good food, and good music were had by all. We plan to have our next year's Christmas party, again, at the Trolley Junc-

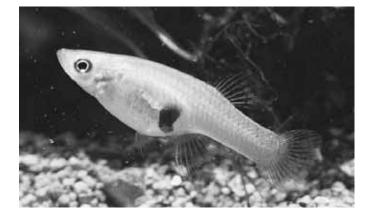
tion. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2003.



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## **Rattlesnake Information**

Denise Cain

Denise wrote the charming story in our Fall 2002 issue "Harry the Rattlesnake Slayer." With spring coming it seems appropriate to print the following:

#### **RATTLESNAKE STATISTICS:**

- Approximately 8,000 people a year receive venomous snakebites in the US. 9-15 victims die. (FDA)
- 25% of adult rattlesnake bites are dry, with no venom injected. (Brown, 1997)
- Rattlesnakes can only strike a distance equal to ½ their own length.

#### **RATTLESNAKE FACTS:**

- Rattlesnakes hunt for prey, which they can swallow whole: squirrels, rabbits and small rodents. They do not intentionally hunt or strike large animals.
- They rattle when they feel threatened, but not necessarily when taken by surprise, so don't depend on a warning rattle to alert you.
- Rattlesnakes are seen most fre-

#### Lost Mine Lake Stocked with Mosquito Fish in December.

These tiny fish (males 0.5–2.0 inches, females 1-3 inches) do not lay eggs; they give birth to welldeveloped active young and are in the same family as guppies. They are opportunistic feeders with a large appetite. One female can eat hundreds of mosquito larvae per day. In summer, broods of up to 300 young/female may be produced every 3 weeks.

quently in spring (coming out of hibernation) and in fall (returning to their dormant homes for cold winter months). They can't handle excessive heat, so usually remain underground during the day, coming out at night.

• The venom in species varies, and there are different treatments for the spectrum of species. Proper identification of a snake will help medical professionals know how to treat the victim.

#### FIRST AID FOR SNAKE-BITES:

- Wash the bite with clean water and soap
- Immobilize the bitten area and keep it lower than the heart
- If the bite is on the hand or arm remove rings, watches or tight clothing
- Get medical help immediately

#### HOW <u>NOT</u> TO TREAT A SNAKEBITE:

- NO ice or any type of cooling on the bite. This may be harmful.
- **NO** tourniquets. This cuts blood flow completely and may result in loss of the affected limb.

• **No** incisions in the wound. This may cause further injury.

## Improvements Planned at Cascade Shores Dave Carter

#### NID Works With Residents to Solve Gate Issue

Cascade Shores property owners and the Nevada Irrigation District have come up with what seems to be a good solution for access to the Cascade Shores Recreation Area. The issue arose last fall when water levels dropped below the boat ramp and NID locked the entry gate to keep vehicles out for safety reasons. This raised concern among kayakers and small craft boaters who had to carry their boats to water's edge.

After meeting with residents, NID has proposed leaving the gate open all year and placing barricades at the end of the boat ramp for safety purposes when water levels are low.

The new ideas were developed during December and January as residents met with NID's new general manager Ron Nelson; Peggy Davidson, who coordinates NID recreation programs; and Nancy Weber.

As part of the proposal, NID and Kalyn Management, the management firm that oversees recreation at Scotts Flat, have agreed to offer Cascade Shores residents an option to buy a six-month summer season pass for \$60, instead of the full, 12-month pass. This option is being offered on a one-year trial basis to measure local interest.

For season pass information, contact Kalyn Management,

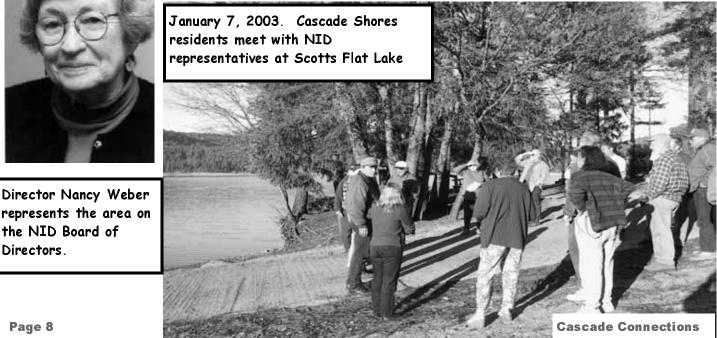


23333 Scotts Flat Road, Nevada City, CA 95959, telephone (530) 265-8861.

#### **Improvements Planned**

Scotts Flat is a reservoir and we should expect low water levels in the fall season as levels are drawn down to provide water supplies to our Nevada County neighbors. But that doesn't mean we won't have recreational access to the lake

NID is now planning an improvement project at Cascade Shores. The district has applied for a \$561,000 grant that will be formally considered in July by the California Dept. of Boating and Waterways. The money comes from gasoline taxes paid by boaters and is dedicated to use for boating improvements. NID plans to replace the existing 16-foot-wide ramp with a new 20-foot-wide ramp and to add a new 8 ft  $\times$  40 ft boarding float. New ADA accessible restrooms with flush toilets, parking improvements, a new picnic area and grove of dogwood trees also are part of the plan. If the grant is approved as anticipated, NID hopes to begin construction when water levels are low in the fall of 2004. The work is expected to take about three months and could necessitate some temporary access limitations. Once the work is complete, new signs will be posted designating the area as the David E. Southern Recreation Facility. Many residents will remember the late Dave Southern, a longtime Cascade Shores resident and advocate who served 13 years on the NID board. Dave died of cancer in December 2001 at the age of 72. He was present at a ceremony on Oct. 28, 2001 when NID and local residents dedicated the area in his honor.



Directors.

## The Scotts Flat Lake Preservation Society Terry McAteer

The Scotts Flat Lake Preservation Society (SFLPS) was conceived as an organization in 1983 while enjoying a hot tub at Mary and Jack King's home in Cascade Shores. The indiscriminate bulldozing, during low water levels, of a small cove to the east of the Scotts Flat Lake Campgrounds became the topic of conversation among lake residents. The destruction of fish habitats to make way for a 100-plus-slip marina caused the hot tubbers to question NID, the County and others for agreeing to the marina. After further investigation and meeting it was learned that in addition to the marina, 150 condominium units on 110 lakeside acres with a lakeside septic leach field were planned and financed by a southern California savings & loan.

In an effort to save the lake from being turned into an overcrowded, condominium tourist attraction, local residents Isabelle and Harry Gruver, Pete Athanasopulos, Mary and Jack King, Dick Ventres, Liz and Terry McAteer, Jim Fitzgerald and Sue and Dave Southern formed SFLPS. The new group turned to local NID Director Carol Friedrich for relief and quickly realized that NID was in favor of the development. The lake concessionaire John Hensley was a principal in the development.

Over the next two years SFLPS fought the project, enti-

**Backyard Bird Watching** Curt Sutliff

tled Harmony Cove Condos and Marina, at every front. SFLPS, through community donations including the CSHA, purchased bumper stickers, legal advice and signs to slowly kill the project. The late Dave Southern became a near full time investigator and eventually decided to run against NID incumbent Friedrich. Southern soundly defeated Friedrich with the main issue being disharmony over Harmony Cove. Southern served 12 years and was recognized for his efforts in saving the lake by having the Cascade Shore boat ramp being renamed the David E. Southern Recreation Area. (CSHA NL Spr-02 p. 5)

SFLPS used every tactic to attempt to slow the project including poking holes in the environmental report. At one point, the project was stopped for three months as an old mining garbage dump on the site needed an archeologists report to determine its significance. Eventually the bank soured on the loan, Southern was elected, some of the principals were indicted for fraudulent activities and Hensley lost the lake concession all of which permanently shelved Harmony Cove.

The SFLPS founders, who were worn out by the process, declared victory in 1985 and put SFLPS into mothballs only to be resurrected when a threat to the lakes water quality is unearthed.

The best ideas I have had for backyard bird watching have been a birdbath on my back deck and hanging a fine mesh bag full of Nyjer thistle near it. Both work great.

I have seldom seen Hermit Thrush and Spotted Towhees lurking in the brush at the bottom of the hill. Now they come to the birdbath to drink every morning. They don't stay long and are rather skittish, but fun to watch. I even saw the thrush bathing a couple of times.

The birdbath is very simple and easy to maintain. It is just a plain plastic standard model, which, I believe I bought at Kmart. I put a grapefruit sized chunk of serpentine in the center and some marble sized granite stones around one side of it so birds have different depths of water to deal with. Every day or so I use the garden hose to flush it and fill it. There are lots more complex models, but this simple one works fine. It has frozen over a few times, but no harm was done.

At various times the bath has attracted a nuthatch, a chickadee, lots of robins and jays, and, briefly, a pair of varied thrush Junkos, those little sparrow sized birds with the black executioner mask, who are ground feeders and in winter flock to the pan of seed I leave on the deck. My neighbors have a very simple bath, a bowl of water on the deck railing and the birds love it, drinking there all the time.

And if you haven't seen Jack King's hummingbird feeder mounted on his mailbox, it's worth a trip up Summit Ridge Drive. Iléana Draghici painted the hummers on the mailbox, but the real hummers don't seem to pay them any attention.

Where are the Stellar Jays this winter? They seem to have absconded with the robins for the season.



## **Origin of Cascade Shores Street Names**

Rena Marundee and Ernie Malamud



The Nevada-Sierra Counties Street and Road Atlas (Compass Maps, 1999 Edition) shows 24 streets in Cascade Shores. The addition of Red Dog Road to the list makes 25. Many of these 25 streets are named for nearby mines. Several mines were located using the official 1880 and 1913 maps of Nevada County. (These are posted in the Rood Center and copies can be purchased). Using a computerized version of the full set of USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps for California we were able to accurately pinpoint many locations and produce the map on the next page.

The Quaker Hill Mine Claim runs from Greenhorn to Deer Creek and was owned

by Aaron Augustus Sargent. He was a printer, owner-publisher of the Nevada Journal in 1854, founder of Lodge #16 Order of Odd Fellows, a prominent lawyer, District Attorney, Congressman and represented California in the U.S. Senate. An interesting sidelight concerns woman's suffrage. At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Senator Sargent, a Republican, introduced the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1878. Sargent's amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House in May of that year and in the Senate in June.

Sargent and William Jacobs, a close business friend, were involved in the Quaker Hill Gold Mining Corporation (Sargent & Jacobs Drive). There are several different Banner Mines, one of them near Alleghany, and a Banner Mountain Mine. Our map shows the latter. (Banner-Quaker Hill Road).

Gaston Mine (**Gaston Drive**) is located about 3.25 miles S. of Graniteville and operated from 1888-1918. Over \$1,000,000 of gold ore was mined. There was also the town of Gaston, 6 miles East of Washington. **Cascade Drive and Cascade Loop** are probably named after Cascade Diggins, NE of Quaker Hill and Cascade Ditch which was built in 1857-60 to provide water for hydraulic mining in Nevada County. The first mining done on the Bear River was at Little York at the early date of 1849 and in the mining camp district of You Bet (**Little York Court**). The Red Dog Hill Mine (1851) was mined by drifting and hydraulic methods. (**Red Dog Road**). The Spanish Mine (**Spanish Lane**) in Wood's Ravine, 1½ miles west of Nevada City operated from 1883-1898. The Sailor Flat District Mine (**Sailor Flat Road**) located 5 miles SW of North Bloomfield was an 1857 claim of 290 acres. The Gas Canyon Mine (**Gas Canyon Road**) opened into the canyon of Greenhorn Creek. We think this is the location of Lost Mine Lake, but are unable to trace the history of those names.

There are several Arctic Mines in California; the closest is near Washington, clustered with several other mines whose names are on Cascade Shores streets. Our guess is that the "c" was dropped (Artic Close). There is a Baltic Mine near the Arctic Mine. There is also a Baltic Gravel Mine located in the Rough and Ready district in Deadman's Flat. We show the former on our map (Baltic Close). Yuba Close is possibly named after Yuba Gold fields in Placer County, the Yuba River or the Yuba Gap, or as shown on our map, the Yuba Mine Claim.

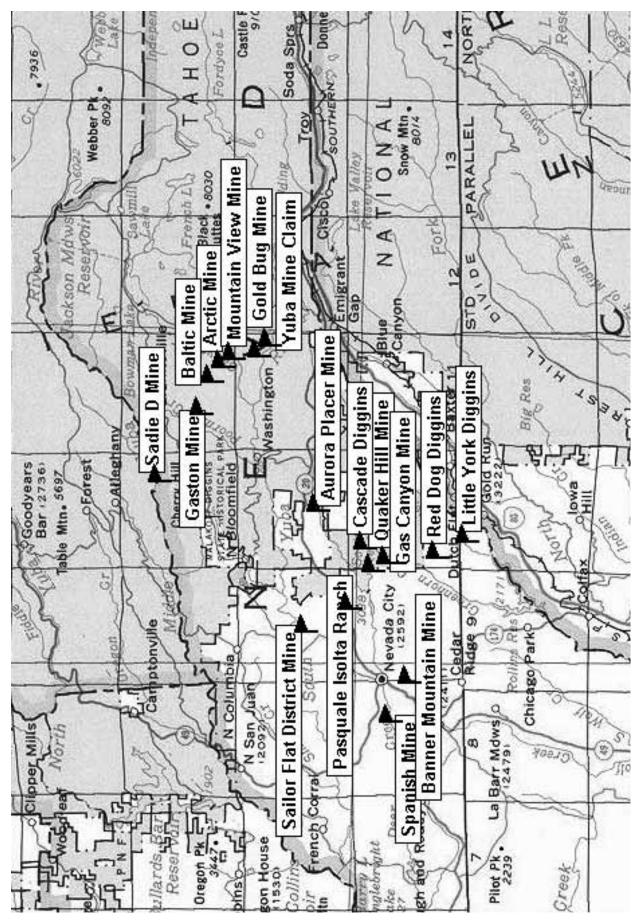
Using the computerized USGS maps we located many of the above mine locations as well as Gold Bug Mine (**Gold Bug Road**), Sadie D Mine (**Sadie "D" Drive**), Aurora Placer Mine (**Aurora Close**) and Mountain View Mine (**Mountain View Drive**). There are several Aurora Mine claims; we use the one on the 1913 map.

We were unable to pinpoint some of the names. Some, **Hydraulic Ridge Close**, **Nugget Street**, **Pacific Close**, may be "generic." However, there are a couple of Pacific Mines and China Mines (**China Close**) in California, but none are nearby. **Lake Lane** and **Summit Ridge Drive** are obvious. We don't know where **Pawnee Trail** got its name. The Pasquale Isolta Ranch (**Pasquale Road**) shows clearly on the 1913 map.

Some of this is uncertain and we welcome additional information.

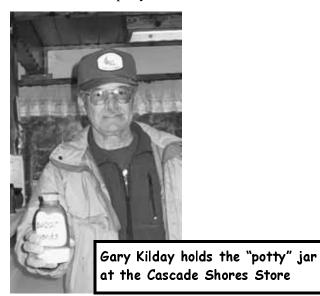


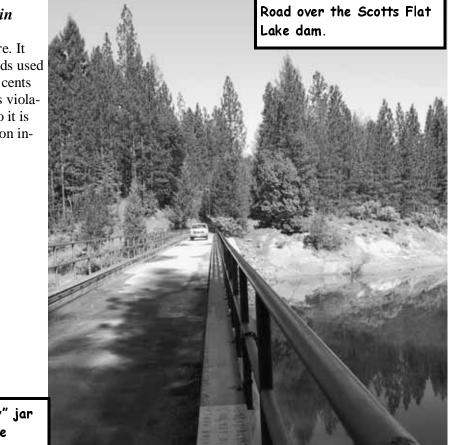
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## Cascade Shores Deli Dot Kain

An innovation has been put in place at the store. It involves a so-called 'Potty Jar' for swear words used on or near the premises. The fines include 25 cents for 'casual cussing' and \$1.00 for more serious violations. Of late, the jar is filling more slowly, so it is obvious that the plan is working. The collection income will fund a party for the contributors.





#### Renewing Members Olivia Diaz

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