

Cascade Connections

Cascade Shores Homeowners
Association



May 5. Late blooming Daffodils on Quaker Hill Road.
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**Summer
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President's Report

Robert Crabb

This is my first term on the CSHA Board of Directors. Needless to say I have a lot to learn and learn fast. Fortunately, I'm in capable hands for my tutoring. The new Board has a balance of returning members as well as aspiring "rookies" to gain knowledge and ideas. They are intelligent and willing to work for the good of the association. (photo on next page)

Allow me to introduce them to you. Harry Wander, Vice President, is a pediatrician who commutes to Yuba City where his practice is located. Harry heads the Roads and Environment Committee. Morris Stark, Treasurer, a retired architect and a long-time resident of the Shores, is in charge of the Propane Alliance. Morris served on the board in the 1990's.

Olivia Diaz, Secretary, is a retired science museum director and returning Board member. Olivia is knowledgeable about the workings of the Association and I lean on her for advice. She also chairs our Fire Safety Committee. Steve Foxe is head of Security. Steve is a software engineer in technical support. Heather Linderfelt, another new Board member, is a geologist and leads the Membership Committee. Heather and her husband recently moved here from Colorado. Greg Clark, another returning Board member, owns his own electrical business and coordinates activities at Lost Mine Lake. Finally, Karen Lari, new Board member, heads the Welcome Committee for new homeowners. Karen is a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Others need to be mentioned: Ernie Malamud, who capably puts together the newsletter and Jim Kain, our liaison with governmental agencies and our advisor on environmental issues. Jim knows the right people for questions and answers. Dixie Redfearn will coordinate our important Telephone Tree.

Some of the issues the Board will be addressing this year are Fire Safety, NID's renovation of the Boat Ramp and Day Use area, Environment, and upgrading of Lost Mine Lake. All serious business, of course, will be tempered by the social events, which will kickoff with the Spaghetti Feed at Lost Mine Lake on June 22.

My profound thanks go to our outgoing officers and board members: Roland Teuber, President; Aelene Oslin, Vice President; Matt Logan, Secretary; Trudy Roegner and Dave Schrack. They did a fine job and left behind a paper trail to guide us and have offered to be available if we have any questions.

If you have input on the issues and social activities or concern or ideas about anything, please call me at 265-3102.

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April 16, 2003. New CSHA Board meets to elect officers. From left (clockwise): Greg Clark (Lost Mine Lake Coordinator), Robert Crabb (President), Harry Wander (Vice President and Roads and Environment), Karen Lari (Welcome Committee), former Board member Dave Schrack, Steve Foxe (Security), Morris Stark (Treasurer and Propane Alliance), Heather Linderfelt (Membership), Olivia Diaz (Secretary and Fire Safety).

Fire Safety Committee *Olivia Diaz*

At the April 16 organizing meeting, the new Board of Directors decided to break the Roads and Environment Committee into two. The new Fire Safety Committee will focus primarily on issues having to do with the safety of Cascade Shores residents during a wild fire.

While there is some natural overlap, the Roads and Environment Committee will focus mainly on road issues--getting permission to use the road over Scotts Flat Lake Dam, urging the County to improve Pasquale Road into a two-lane emergency egress and looking at other alternative emergency exits from Cascade Shores. Roads and Environment will continue to deal with the perennial issues of truck traffic, dust and signs.

Vice President Harry Wander chairs the Roads and Environment committee. His committee consists of Harold

Barber, Bill Carter, Carol Carter and Jim Kain.

The Fire Safety Committee consisting of me, Kain, Barber, Carters, Curt Sutliff and Wander, will focus on working with Tim Fike, Consolidated Fire Chief, on developing a Fire Safe Plan. Tom Coburn and Tim Fike have given us material for an action plan, which will provide the basis for our development and written plan. New roads are long-term projects and fire season is coming right up. The committee is focusing its attention on developing in-place shelter(s). Ideally these would be available before summers end.

Many thanks to the Cascade Shores committee members who have been working on making something happen in time to be of use to any residents who suddenly might need a safe haven.

Both committees need help. If you'd like to join the effort call me at 470-8303.

Salute to the Quiet Heroes of Cascade Shores *Jim Kain*

We were down to one; now there are three volunteer 49^{er} Fire Protection District firefighters living here in Cascade Shores.

Scott Parsons, a veteran of 20 years service, is a Captain in the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department during the day and when he is off shift, he volunteers for the 49^{er} FPD. Scott lives on Pawnee Trail with his wife Carol, mother Annie, and three teen-aged children. Son of a Nevada City firefighter, Scott learned firefighting starting at

age 18. Scott was the 49^{er} Battalion Chief; he was on the first engine to enter Lake Wildwood during the disastrous 49^{er} Fire. Panicked people clogged the roads so that Scott had to take to the banks and through gardens to get to the fire. He knows the importance of quick response time. In Cascade Shores response time has improved dramatically with the arrival of Ron and Perri.

Ron Breeden lives with his wife Joanne on Pasquale Road. He supervises a unit of Parole and Community Services, California Department of Corrections in Marysville.

Perri, wife Cozette, and two young sons, live on Quaker Hill Road. Perri is a native of Grass Valley while Cozette hails from Colfax. Perri is a former American Airlines pilot and is now a loan consultant for Sun Pointe Mortgage Services operating from his home.

Perri is soliciting funds to buy blue identification stakes to identify the location of fire hydrants in the Shores. He may be reached at (530) 265-6902.

MORE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ARE NEEDED. The schedule of training is not easy but it is a valiant way to give back to your community. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a candidate for a volunteer firefighter, contact 49^{er} Battalion Chief David Ray at 265-4431.



May 4, 2003. (left to right) Ron Breeden, Perri Dyer and Scott Parsons in front of the Firehouse.

Chernobyl Picnic *Lauren Schrack*

My name is Lauren Schrack, and I am 13 years old. I have assumed the responsibility of organizing the Chernobyl Picnic to work towards my leadership award in Girl Scouts.

The picnic will be held July 18th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Lost Mine Lake. Donations of any kind

will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at 265-9586 if you can help with in-kind contributions, such as salads, chips, relish trays, cookies, etc. We may even need items such as plastic chairs and coolers to be used for the day. Because of Girl Scout rules, I cannot accept cash. If you would like to contribute cash to this event please call Olivia Diaz, 470-8303 who can receive it. Thank you for your help, in making this a memorable event for the children of Chernobyl.

Lost Mine Lake Rental Fee Increase *Heather Linderfelt*

Due to the increase in insurance premiums on Lost Mine Lake, the board decided to raise the fee for renting the facilities at the lake. As of June 9th, the cost of renting the facilities for a member of the CSHA will rise to \$75, and for non-members, the cost will rise to \$100. We are hoping this will make up for the increase in insurance and help us keep the lake as a nice perk for members of CSHA.

I'm Sorry Lady You Can't Water Your Plants!! *Jim Kain*

Or words to that effect, were uttered by the NID worker to a Cascade Shores resident watering her garden on a hot July day in 1985. There was a restriction against outside watering by agreement between NID and CSHA. The lady took it up with CSHA and that's when the fit hit the shan! Heavy Fourth of July weekend usage that year almost drained the two water storage tanks dry. When NID acquired the water system from the developer in 1969 there was a written agreement between CSHA and NID that no outside watering would be allowed. Limited capacity of the water treatment plant and storage tanks couldn't accommodate it. After all, Cascade Shores was developed as a summer resort, not for permanent homes with gardens.

CSHA had, indeed, signed the 1969 agreement restricting water use to inside dwellings. Furthermore, property owners would pay the expense if any improvements to the water system were to be made. Even further, the monthly fixed rate of \$3 per month was to be raised to \$8 and owners would pay any future rate adjustments. Eventually rates/usage was measured by meters.

The "sale" (actually handover) of the water system by the developer/property owner took place at a property owners association meeting in San Jose, California in 1969. The association rule then was that each property owner had one vote. Since the developer still owned most of the properties, his majority vote swung the deal.

When word got out about what happened tempers flared and at a meeting in Cascade Shores demanded by people who had bought property, they called in a Deputy Sheriff to keep order. The handover prevailed, peace returned and the "no outside watering" rule was not enforced by NID unless water usage began to threaten capacity.

Your writer was asked by the homeowner's board to form a committee to "negotiate" the matter with NID. The first thing we did was meet with the then general manager, Jim Chatigny. We reached an agreement not to "negotiate" but to form an agency/property owner committee to work out a solution. A committee was assembled, representing all property owners, including summer users, and vacant lot owners. Chief engineer Bob Singleton headed up the NID contingent. An engineering study made by NID in 1984 concluded that unrestricted use would produce problems for the water treatment plant by 1990. The study proposed two basic approaches to the problem. The one adopted was to upgrade the water system by collecting money from all property owners as well as providing dis-

trict funds to make the improvements.

Over several months we arrived at the following: Total cost of a new treatment plant and two new tanks was estimated at \$445,000. Homeowners were to pay \$276,000 and the district \$168,000. Homeowners could pay their individual portion by lump sum or over several years with their monthly bill.

The committee was able to reduce costs to the property owners by determining that some segments of the project were replacement items (like replacing the old tanks) and could be charged to maintenance rather than capital construction. A clause stipulated that cost under runs would be kept by NID and overruns would be paid by NID.

An announcement from NID dated February 7, 2003 brings an end to the saga of the threatened water restriction. The announcement told us our water would be turned off on February 19 to tie-in a new storage tank, the last of two tanks for our system pledged by NID in 1986. This tank was to be installed on Summit Ridge, the final segment of improvements previously agreed upon.



In retrospect the property owners got a very good deal. Federal and State pure water upgrade requirements and NID elected improvements have kept our water system in line with state-of-the-art treatment plants. From the start of improvements resulting from our agreement reached in 1986, NID has spent almost a million dollars on our system. **AND WE ARE GUARANTEED A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF OUR WONDERFUL, PURE MOUNTAIN WATER.**



Cascade Shores Security Patrol Update *Steve Foxe*

Summer 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 (email: sfoxe@nccn.net) 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.

Free Brush Chipping Program *Tim Hagan, CDF/FEMA Field Coordinator*

With the arrival of spring also comes the renewal of the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection's free brush-chipping program. Lucas Weed Control of Fresno is the new contractor and on Tuesday May 13 they started working on this winter's backlog of brush. Lucas is a thoroughly professional outfit and has hired and trained a crew of local workers.

We will have 2 crews providing the chipping service this summer so don't be bashful about trimming out the fire ladder fuels or spacing out the distances between tree crowns. One crew will continue working through December.

As in the past, the chipper will be in Cascade Shores, Deer Creek Park and along Pasquale Road the first full 5-day week of each month. If the brush cannot be seen from your road, i.e., it's up the driveway, please call 265-2678 and leave your address on the answering machine. If the crew can see the brush from the road there is no need for a phone call, they will chip it and leave you the mulch.

Remember to stack the brush with all the cut ends facing in the same direction, in a location where the truck and chipper can easily and safely get to and away from. We will chip up to 8-inch diameter material, but **no** scotchbroom, blackberries, poison oak, root balls, or dirty material that will damage the machine.

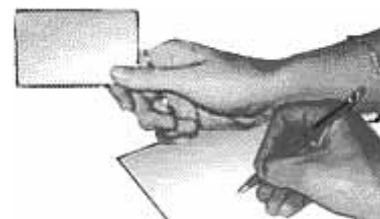
The late season spring rains have given the forest plenty of energy for regrowth. Please use the free chipping program to maintain your fire safe zones. If you have any questions about the program or where to stack the brush I'll gladly make an appointment with you to go over things.

Your efforts and cooperation in making Cascade Shores a more fire safe community is greatly appreciated by the fire fighters from both CDF and the 49er Fire Protection District.



Advertising In Cascade Connections *Steve Foxe*

Do you have a business or service you would like the residents of Cascade Shores to know about? Cascade Connections will accept business card size ads starting with the Fall issue. This ad will reach over 200 homeowners as well as local government officials. Your business card size ad will be included in one issue for only \$15, or all three yearly issues for \$40. Please contact Steve Foxe at 470-0441 or sfoxe@nccn.net to place your ad or for information on larger ads. Black and white electronic copy is preferred but business cards can be scanned.



From the Editor *Ernie Malamud (470-8303, malamud@foothill.net)*

This CSHA newsletters features articles on Cascade Shores current concerns and activities. As space permits articles on Cascade Shores history and local flora/fauna are included. Beginning with the Fall 2003 issue, we will print ads. The Editor thanks Olivia Diaz for help in preparing this newsletter.

Cleaner Sewage: At what price?

Steven Stiles, Nevada County Department of Transportation and Sanitation

It's a question that has surprising urgency for communities throughout the state. New Federal and State wastewater disposal regulations adopted in 2000 have made it a lot more challenging to comply with new water quality standards. Regulations require every stream and river in the state to be treated as if it could be used for swimming, drinking and fishing.

Currently 104 property owners in the Cascade Shores area are within the County Sanitation zone that administers the wastewater disposal. In 1996 a new wastewater treatment plant was constructed to meet the Federal and State requirements. In June 2001 the State issued new requirements for the Cascade Shores plant to be complied with by June 2006.

County staff has been working hard to find cost effective ways to meet the requirements. Last year the County was pursuing land disposal of the effluent on the 20-acre parcel where the treatment plant is located. This turned out to be unfeasible because of the high ground water levels present on most of the site.

Currently homeowners pay \$910 per year to operate and maintain the plant. Current estimates are that the annual fee will need to be increased to approximately \$1400 to cover current increased operation and maintenance costs. To investigate ways to meet the new permit requirements annual fees may need to be further increased.

County staff met with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff on May 22, 2003 to discuss what could be done to find an economically acceptable solution to the problem. The RWQCB staff responded that they were very concerned about the problem and wanted to fully cooperate with and assist the County, where possible, to find a solution.

Property owners will receive a notice of an upcoming meeting, tentatively scheduled for June 23, to discuss the current situation and necessary next steps toward solving the problem.

This is a critical issue which is being faced by many other wastewater districts throughout the state. Water quality is unquestionably important. It will be up to the property owners working with the County and State to find the most cost effective way of meeting the new requirements.



Peter Van Zant, Nevada County Board Supervisor for District 1 comments: "The county is very concerned about the new requirements and the severe effect they could have on rate payers. I am extremely supportive of any projects that could offer a creative and economically attractive solution. Meanwhile, County staff will continue to work with the RWQCB to seek ways to minimize the impact to Cascade Shores residents."



Cascade Shores Women's Club

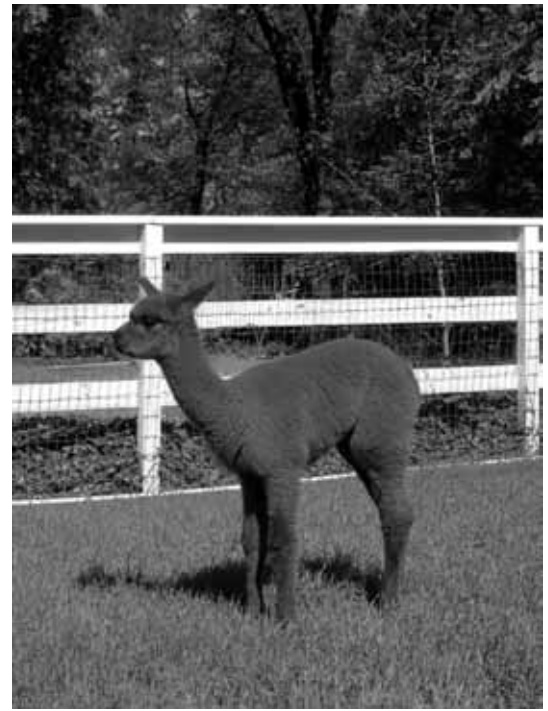
Jeanie Ferguson, Vice-President

Aren't the daffodils on the hill gorgeous? Thanks to NID funds and a laboring few, we were able to replace those flowers lost to construction. A sure sign that spring has sprung! Or is already summer? The club is plodding along, perhaps a little less involved than in the recent past. We will be taking a back seat to the three summer activities, helping as needed at all of them but not officiating. On June 22 at the Spaghetti Feed the Women's Club will raffle gift baskets. Chernobyl Children's Project picnic will be on July 18. (see article on p. 3 by Lauren Schrack). The Women's Club will donate \$500 to the visiting families. At the August 3 Tri-tip the Club will raffle gift baskets. If you have a bottle of wine or other suitable raffle donation, call Connie Foxe at 470-0441. Proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Women's club.

April marked our "Ladies Luncheon" affair. This year Nancy Hoge arranged a lovely luncheon at Mary Bell's in Auburn. And our May meeting was the always pleasant tour of Aelene Oslin's Alpaca Farm on Highway 174. Two precious newborn alpacas were the highlight of the visit.

The Cascade Shores Women's club meets on the second Thursday of every month. If you are new in Cascade Shores, we would love to meet you. The June meeting will be held Thursday, June 12, 1 pm at Shera Banbury's home. The topic will be "Seniors Against Investment Fraud and Identity Theft" and will be presented by Pat Pennock, Elaine Sierra and Darlene Paulson, members of AAUW (American Association of University Women).

Call Jeanie Ferguson 265-0946 for more details about our club and our meetings. Enjoy your summer!



May 15. Mahogany, age nearly one month, taken at Aelene's Alpaca farm. photo credit: Jeanette Oslin.

Old trailer available free at Lost Mine Lake. CSHA no longer needs it. Call Shannon Clark, 470-9168 if you want it.

Many thanks to Jim and Lane Cox for the door-to-door campaign to get approval of our neighbors for fuel reduction along our exit roads. We will all be safer because of their volunteer work.

Snow Birds Return

Heather Linderfelt

On March 18th, the first of the warm weather residents returned to Cascade Shores. Mr. and Mrs. *Pandion haliaetus* reclaimed their old dead tree behind our house on Pasquale Road and began the spring cleaning. Four weeks later, the stick eyrie was practically complete with only finishing touches needed from the little lady to make it home.

The osprey or "sea hawk" or "fish eagle" has brown coloring on top and white on the bottom. Its head is white with a black line through the eye. In flight, the wings show



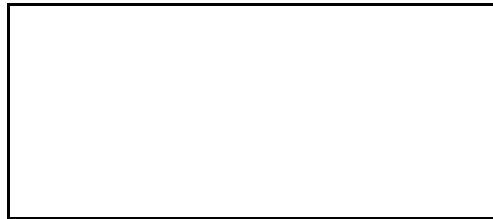
a distinctive bend at the elbows. "K-yewk, k-yewk" often can be heard above as the male returns with a breakfast, lunch, or dinner fish.

Their arrival date seemed too early this year, but the continual snow and rain mix did not seem to dampen the homeowners' spirit in renovations. Currently, the smaller male guards the nest while the female, who in the beginning fished with the male, sits on 2-4 buffy, brown-blotched eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Osprey plan to spend their summer at Cascade Shores and return to the Baja sometime after the middle of October. Hopefully, this year before they leave, they will join CSHA.

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Mark Your Calendars!! 2003 Events and Activities

Spaghetti Feed, Lost Mine Lake, Sunday, June 22, 4 – 7 pm (note date change)

Chernobyl Picnic, Lost Mine Lake, Friday, July 18, 11 am – 3 pm

Ice Cream Social – July 19

**Tri-tip Picnic, Lost Mine Lake,
Sunday, August 3, 4 – 7 pm**

Christmas Party

Pot Luck Dance

Firehouse, Sunday, December 7

June 2. Lost Mine Lake, after the cleanup by 20 volunteers on Saturday, May 31, is ready for summer picnics.

