

PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB



BULLETIN - OCTOBER 1999

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT JACOB KOFF

WELCOME!

Welcome to new Member **Dan Bales and his wife Mary Lou** of 449 York Avenue; **Sheri L. Sondgerath**, Alternate Associate to her father, **Dick Fisher** of 575 Scottishrite Avenue; and **Michael Dobson**, Alternate Associate to his grandmother, **Mildred Taylor** of 347 The Royal Arch.

DAM UPDATE

It was clear from the Town Hall Meeting that the Membership wants the Board to vigorously pursue the dam permit by approving the expenditure of approximately \$4,300 for a biological assessment of the River.

However, the Board lacks the information needed to make an informed decision on this and other dam-related issues. There seems to be much confusion at the **Fish and Game Department** concerning exactly what stream alteration permit applicants have to do. The Board is frustrated by **Fish and Game's** refusal to give us written guidelines.

Also complicating the issue is the role of the **National Marine Fisheries Service** and the possibility of our having to

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK BILL LOCKE-PADDON

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteers are still needed for Fire Company 38. Volunteer Fire Chief **Greg Laskey** and his Assistant **Scott Snyder** want me to remind you again that all Members of Paradise Park are potential volunteer fire fighters. Please consider participating in fire musters held on the **second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the Firehouse.**

FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS

With the onset of the wood burning season, make sure your chimney has a screen and that all branches have been cleared at least 15 feet from the discharge of your chimney.

If you're using scrap lumber as kindling, do not use the green or brown-tinted "pressure-treated" wood because it contains arsenic. Also, particle board and other woods held together with glue have poisonous fumes.

Lastly, burning an excessive amount of soft woods, pine for example, can lead to a build up

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/4 -
Knitten Kittens
Social Hall
12:30 - 4:30pm

10/6 - **Men's Club**
Social Hall 11:30am

10/12 -
Agenda Cut-off for
Board of Directors
Meeting

10/14 - **Article**
& Announcement
Cut-off for PPMC
Bulletin

10/16 - **Board**
of Directors
Meeting

10/16 - **Pot Luck**
Social Hall 5:30pm

11/1 -
Knitten Kittens
Social Hall 12:30 -
4:30pm

11/3 - **Men's Club**
Social Hall 11:30am



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do a complete environmental impact report.

To get the facts we need, we have expanded the River Committee by adding new members particularly interested in the dam issue and have asked them, under the leadership of Directors Steve Taylor and Tod Likins, to gather facts and report to the Board, preferably no later than November 15th. Please watch future Bulletins for updates on this vital issue.

LONG RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Last month, the Board appointed an ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee and charged it with the task of developing a long-term infrastructure master plan. At the Town Hall meeting, many members suggested that we should have a preliminary list of proposed capital projects in place before a vote on whether to sell the Castle Site. I have asked the committee to develop such a list. (Please see Chuck Buchannan's update on this Committee's activities later in this Bulletin.) This list will be distributed to the membership together with other information on the Castle Site sale proposal.

MANCINI TRIAL

The case of Mancini vs. Paradise Park Masonic Club was held on September 14th in Santa Cruz Superior Court. A big 'Thank You' to our employees and current and former directors for their assistance in preparing for this case. Thanks also to the many Park members who attended the trial to show their support for Paradise Park. The the Court's decision should be available to us the last week of September.

Fraternally, *Jacob Koff*



NOTES ON PARADISE PARK GARDENS



It's fall, California style.

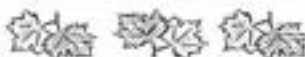
As you walk toward the Office along the Washington Avenue pathway, pause at the bench across from Middle Beach and enjoy the Bigleaf Maple's (*Acer macrophyllum*) 5-lobed, long-pointed leaves just now turning yellow - these are the largest leaves of all the Maples. And notice its wonderful 'helicopter' seeds. Native Americans made canoe paddles from the wood, and maple sugar can be made from the sap.

Now continue along the pathway and look to your right among the blackberries and thimble berries. Notice the scarlet red and orange oak-like leaves - three to a leaf cluster. Yes, this is Poison Oak (*Rhus diversiloba*), a member of the cashew/sumac family. This lovely plant is worth pointing out to your family and visitors to California who may not be familiar with it since the oil it produces (urushiol) causes a severe skin irritation to many people. The oil is present in the leaves, twigs, and roots of the plant. Avoid it and never burn it! The Native Americans who had an apparent immunity are said to have had their children chew a leaf to prevent colds. They also used the leaves to wrap around acorn bread; the plant's new shoots were used in baskets; and the black juice was used as a dye for their baskets and tattoos.

Directly in front of the last bench on your way toward the Office on the pathway is a large bush or small tree on the river side. This is an Elderberry (either a *Sambucus caerulea* or a *Sambucus mexicana*). As this is October, let me tell you a Halloween tale about the Elderberry tree which I've borrowed from *A Literary Herbal* by Avril Rodway who apparently got it from Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise to Candleford*.

Near [the children's] home, beside the brook, was an old Elder tree which was said to bleed human blood when cut, and that was because it was no ordinary tree, but a witch. Men and boys of a former generation had caught her listening outside the window of a neighbor's cottage and chased her with pitchforks until she reached the brook. Then, being a witch, she could not cross running water, so had turned herself into an elder tree on the bank...The children once took a table knife, intending to cut it, but their courage failed them. 'What if it should really bleed? And what if the witch came out of it and ran after us?'

Please don't take a knife to our Elderberry, but the berries, which are especially rich in Vitamin C, can be made into pies, jellies, and Elderberry wine and feed the birds; and the Native Americans dried and stored them like raisins.



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK - BILL LOCKE-PADDON

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of creosote, which increases the risk of chimney fires. Please call the Office if you have any questions.

YARD WASTE

Please note that yard waste is defined as mulchable plant material only and must be cut up into no longer than 6-foot lengths. No garbage, debris, pots, plastic, lumber, wire, logs greater than 4" in diameter (if it looks big enough to be firewood, it's too big), roofing, rocks, or root balls. If in doubt, bag it as garbage. If it is too big to bag, call the Office and we'll pick up your debris at your doorstep for a modest fee.

Remember that everything you put into the yard waste area ends up at the Ball Field where it is mulched, chipped or cut into firewood. If you have any wood big enough for firewood, pile it separately next to the yard waste area in your neighborhood and the Crew will cut it up and stack it down at the Ball Field where it is available to the Members to haul off on their own.

I encourage anyone interested to mulch their own yard waste. Redwood compost is prime soil conditioner. It's easy to make or buy a compost bin. If you are interested, I'd be happy to show you how its done.

SEPTIC TANKS

Have you pumped your septic tank lately? Periodic pumping of your tank can save you money in the long run. Sludge can build up in the tank and spill over into the leach field thereby clogging it up. Pumping your tank every two or three years is a lot cheaper than replacing a leach field. Not to mention the fact that in most cases, there is a shortage of room to put in a new leach field and the street must be dug up creating problems with traffic disruption, water breaks, and marginal

road surfaces.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Please take note: ensure your contractor submits to the Park Office evidence of license and a certificate of insurance specifying Worker's Compensation Insurance and General and Vehicle Liability Insurance policies and expiration dates and naming Paradise Park Masonic Club as an additional insured.

I'm updating a list of contractors, who have already submitted these credentials, for your convenience. Call me if you would like to be connected with an approved contractor. I'll make no recommendations but will let you know of any complaints I've received about specific contractors.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Last but not least, thank you to all the volunteers without whom I could not efficiently carry out all the duties listed in my job description.

Thank you to the Members that have donated tools and needed materials.

A special thank you to Member **Thomas Allan** for inspecting the Covered Bridge sprinkler system at no cost.

Also, thank you to Member **Gary Hursch** for revising the Park's septic system agreement at no cost.

And thank you to Members **Gary Hursch** and **George Saam** for discounted professional services.

The new **Entertainment Books** for the Greater Monterey/Santa Cruz Area are available in the Office for \$30.00 and are good for now through November 1, 2000!

SECTION PARTIES

SECTION ONE, alias 'NUMERO UNO', celebrated with a Mexican fiesta and almost 100 of us showed up on Crescent Way. Drinks, wine, and Gordon Kaufman's marvelous Margarita's were served in Jim and Charlotte Reynolds' garden and an amazing assortment of appetizers amassed under Gaylaird and Marlene Bissell's carport. Dinner was served on tables set up down the middle of Crescent Lane: specially prepared chicken, Mexican-oriented casseroles, salads, and desserts. Just to the side of Tony and Dolores Averill's home, we sat down, with our plates heaped high, at tables set in a redwood grotto. As twilight faded, lights, aimed high into the redwood canopy, came on and the effect was magical and intimate.

Early in the evening, we were visited by a dramatic desperado. Bandoliers of mega-caliber cartridges were slung across his broad shoulders and a very large black mustache hung below his nose. Dark, devilish eyes peered out from under a wide-brimmed sombrero and a black broomhandle double-barrelled shotgun was brandished threateningly at the guests. But instead of relieving the ladies of their jewels and the gentlemen of their wallets, our bandido, Dick Fisher, made a raid on the appetizers and filtered Margaritas through his fearsome mustachios.

Muy muchas gracias to Marlene & Gaylaird Bissell, Pat & John Straub, Tiny & Bob Sand, Joe Sand, Jim & Charlotte Reynolds, and Betty & Cal Crawford. And to Pat Herzog and friends who will be hosting our section party in the new millenium.

The **SECTION TWO** party, held August 28th, was a great success with 66 in attendance. We had a fabulous foursome: Natalie and Jim Clark and Pam and Jim Wilson who did a super job. Delicious BBQ chicken and wine was served along with lots of good casseroles, salads, and great desserts. We had such a great time that the 5 of us offered to do it next year all over again.

Lois Hardy

SECTION 3's annual party was a 'pot luck' held at Bill and Noma Hardwick's house with co-host Bob Biendle. A very compatible group met August 21st at 5:30pm and enjoyed an evening of friendly discussion, eating excellent food, and the opportunity to become acquainted with one another. The weather was beautiful and everyone expressed anticipation for next year's get together.

Volunteer hosts for the year 2000 Section 3 party are Judy and Mark McEuen, Carol and Jack Vautin, and Judy Wahl.

From all reports, Section 3 had a successful event.

What a great time Tim and I had giving the **SECTION 4** party, along with Diane and Tim Brown. We met a great bunch of people; everyone made us feel so welcome. Thank you all for all your help.

Doreen Cooper

Section Six Soiree

SECTION SIX members experienced a grand evening of lovely weather and elegant surroundings at Don Schmidt's. Our potluck supper only lacked candlelight and strolling violins to be the classiest of all section parties. Maybe next year...

There was a great turnout that filled Don's gardens and patio. We dined among his topiary and eclectic collection of objects d'art on great food. Perhaps next time we can also plan some activity that will help us meet and get to know one another better.

Thanks to Don and all the members who participated.

Chuck Buchanan



PARADISE PARK
GOLF TOURNAMENT - 1999



At appointed tee times on the overcast and breezy morning of August 27th, thirty-six golfers teed off and played through Valley Garden Golf Course's nine holes. As lunchtime approached and the last foursome completed play, ten additional non-golfing friends joined them for lunch. **Bob Sand** and his grandson, **Tyler Likins**, volunteered to roast and serve the hot dogs and everyone sat down to enjoy lunch together as the sun finally burned through the overcast.

Trophies were awarded to:

John Vogel and Marilyn Wells
Lowest Un-Adjusted Score

Marilyn Wells and John Vogel
Lowest Modified Callaway Score

John Vogel
Closest to the Pin

Cappy Huffman and Maurice Priest
Longest Drive

In addition, everyone received a prize ticket and when one by one, everyone's ticket was called, each could choose from prizes donated by:

Outdoor World
Bay Photo Lab
Comerica Bank
Bank of the West
Bank of America
Wells Fargo Bank
Chubby's Diner in Scotts Valley
Erik's Deli
Nevada Bob's

Please patronize these generous donors and when you do, let them know how much Paradise Park appreciates their generosity.

In addition, **Larry Gilliland** made and donated 10 of his charming wooden garden Quail and **Jim Gloeckler** donated golf balls and wine. Stop by and give these guys a hug!

Deep thanks to **Jim & Marilyn Wells** and **Barry & Barbara Brown** for organizing this year's Golf Tournament and for volunteering to organize next year's!

FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE
STEVE TAYLOR

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the various activities throughout the Park from the Duck Regatta, Section parties, and Labor Day tournaments through the Saturday night 'ROCK AND ROLL' dance. Thank you one and all. To all of you that participated in some or all of these activities, you are part of Paradise Park's history and heritage this being the 75th birthday of the Park and an annual time that we all get together for Masonic friendship and fellowship. What a wonderful time it was for all, being with family and friends!

DUCK REGATTA

First place in the Duck Regatta and the \$100 cash prize was won by **Eric Bernard**. Second place and the \$75 cash prize went to **Brian Stout**. **Diane Beekman** won third place and the \$50 prize which she graciously donated to our Recreation fund. Thank you, **Diane**, for your generosity. Fourth place and the \$25 cash prize went to **Christiana De Elia**. Congratulations to all the winners; and to all the donors whose duckies brought up the rear, thank you for your donation.

BOARD MEMBER DUNKING DUCKS

As for those that bought tennis balls to throw at the Dunking Ducks, I want to thank all of you for the bath and hair wash. The river didn't seem too cold until I got out and tried to dry off. It was a lot of fun for everybody on both sides of the Dunking Ducks. Maybe if some of you encourage some of the other Board Directors, we might get them to join in the dunking next year. (**Bob Sand** perhaps enjoyed his role as Dunker this year rather than as Dunkee dur-

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FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE - STEVE TAYLOR

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ing the past several years.)

SECTION PARTIES

Section Three held their Section Party on August 21st. The other Sections (**One, Two, Four, and Six**) held their parties on August 28th and the rumor around the Park is that no one came away hungry. There is no clear winner as to the best food and fellowship. For all those that put on the dinners this year - WELL DONE! And for all that volunteered to host and cook the dinners next year, many thanks in advance.

JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Labor Day tournaments were exciting and competitive as usual. This year the Junior Tennis Tournament had only four participants and turned into a round robin with **Logan Williams** and **Brantley Sandretti** tying for first place, followed by **Tanner Jacobson** and **Ryan Jacobson** tying for second place.

SAND CASTLE AND MUD BALL TOURNAMENTS

The beach activities for the children were hosted by the **Sands**. There were about 40 kids in attendance for the Sand Castle and Mud Ball Tournaments. When asked who the winners were, it was a unanimous decision: everyone that attended was a winner. Ice cream was served after the tournaments. **Mark Jacobson** and **Lisa Stiefelmaier** were the host and hostess with the mostess.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

This year the Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by **Douglas Dobson**. There were 32 people competing for winning places and the top winners went to **Lars & Jens Gardner** of Firebaugh. This is the first time they had

There were two days of hot competition across the bridge at the Adult Tennis Tournament which was hosted by **Mike Minium** and **Fred Dunn-Ruiz**. In a tough final, **Paul Crawford & Mike Minium** took first place from **Christ Unti & Charles Heatherly**, who took second. Third place was won by **Bryan Dunn-Ruiz & Mike Dobson** over the fourth place team of **Sally Carnan & Eric Unti**.

During both days of competition, donuts and coffee were sold in the morning, and hot dogs, chips, and sodas were sold until competition was finished in the afternoons. Thanks to all the tennis players, to those that came to watch (and eat), and especially to the cooks and servers.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Sunday at 10am, the Cribbage Tournament took place at the Social Hall and was hosted for the 10th year by **Lloyd & Karron Ames**. After six hours of 15-2, 15-4 and a pair is 6, **Brenda Hansen** won the coveted cribbage board, followed by **Connie Fisher** in second place, **Joe Bradley** for third, and **Carl Ames** taking fourth place. Thanks to **Karron Ames** for providing the freshments which always are scrumptious.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

After the Tennis Tournament finished, the center of excitement moved to the Volleyball Court near Sandy Beach. This tournament was hosted by **Jim Dobson** and there were five teams competing in a double elimination tournament. First place was won by the team of **Nick Moluso, John Miluso, Kelly Malpas, Andrew Anido, & Kyle Anido**. The second place team was made up of **Tany**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE
STEVE TAYLOR

1999 ROCK & ROLL DANCE

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McCathy, Jim Dobson, Steven Taylor, & Jeff Murray. Tom Dobson, Mike Dobson, Jenny Kohr, & Bryan Dunn-Ruiz comprised the third place team; and the fourth place team included Mike Minium, Chris Unti, Lars Gardner, & Jens Gardner. The fifth team that played was the most colorful and was nicknamed 'THE STRIPES AND SPOT' because they wore their team colors on their heads.

Again, I would like to thank those that helped with the Section parties, the food, the games, and the dance over the Labor Day weekend. Your help is what Paradise Park is all about - working together for the betterment of our Masonic family and enjoying the social activities of this Park in Paradise.

As summer is winding down and the part-timers return to their homes away from us, I would like to remind all that we still have

SATURDAY NIGHT POTLUCKS

ON THE THIRD SATURDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30PM AT THE SOCIAL HALL - BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SETTINGS AND A CASSEROLE, SALAD, OR DESSERT TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE.

AND A HOLIDAY PARTY

IS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 19TH, STARTING AT NOON - SO MAKE THAT A RED LETTER DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR.



Thank you to everyone who showed up to participate in this year's CLASSIC ROCK & ROLL DANCE. Eric Marquez jockeyed the disks and made the Social Hall hop, and everyone else provided the best atmosphere anywhere to have a good time. Young and old residents and whole families attended the dance. Overheard was, "Did you see my dad dancing with Mom? I didn't know he could dance!"

What a great time to come together in the Park as a family and experience that sense of community that you just can't get anywhere else. Paradise Park Masonic Club is truly a special place.



While the emphasis was on good ol' Rock & Roll, our great DJ Eric did his typically wonderful job balancing the music to accommodate most requests.

If you enjoyed yourself and had a great time, tell your neighbors, the Board, and the Manager. Any complaints? - please let me know: Lloyd Ames, 425-0825

The special people to thank are the following volunteers without whose help the dance could never have happened:

Carl Ames	Lauren Yeargin	Natalie Blacklaw
Jenna Alander	Jim Pfaff	Natalie Clark
Judy Gloeckler	Jimmy Gloeckler	Barbara Brown
Dick Fisher	Connie Fisher	Brenda Hansen
Bob Wetzel	Mark Kay Wetzel	Scott Snyder
	Kristin Cederquist	

And a special thanks to my wife Karron for all her tireless work in preparing for the dance and shopping for the decorations and refreshments.

Lloyd Ames



THE MEN'S CLUB

will have its first luncheon meeting Wednesday, October 6th. The speaker will be Paul Wafford of Bargetto Winery with samples. Doug Hipsley will be the chef for the day and the menu will complement the wines being served.

On November 3rd, our State Senator Bruce McPherson will be our speaker and Ken Rhea will be chef for the day.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, beginning at 11:30am. We have a speaker each month and provide a lunch, prepared by Men's Club volunteers, for \$4.

All men are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you there. Any questions? Call Bill Hardwick, 427-2054

PARADISE PARK FLEA MARKET

The Paradise Park Flea Market will return in ten short months, July 28 - July 30, 2000, and we will be implementing some exciting new ideas!

How can you help? Well, start collecting your Flea Market items now and throughout this coming year and bring them to the Park Office for safe keeping. You can contact Don Schmidt at 458-0663 if you need help or have questions. Please remember no mattresses *please*, and *please* be sure that any furniture you donate is in good condition and that all appliances actually work!

Watch in future Bulletins for more information about

PARADISE PARK FLEA MARKET - 2000!

CONNIE FISHER

Please ask all your guests receiving mail via your Park mail box to include YOUR NAME in their address as follows: *Guest's Name*

c/o Your Name

XXX Paradise Park

Santa Cruz, Ca 95060-700X

MAILROOM ALERT



FAVORITE PARK RECIPES !!

Honey Bun Cake

- 1 pkg Yellow Cake Mix w/pudding
- 4 Eggs
- 2/3 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 1/3 Cup Water
- 1 8oz. carton of Sour Cream
- 1/2 Cup firmly packed Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground Cinnamon
- 2/3 Cup chopped Pecans

Glaze

- 1 1/2 Cup sifted Powdered Sugar
- 3 Tablespoons Milk
- 3/4 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract

Combine the first five ingredients in a mixing bowl. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Set aside.

Combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Set aside.

Pour half of the batter into a greased and floured 13x9x2" baking pan. Sprinkle half of sugar mixture over the batter. Repeat procedure. Gently swirl the batter with a knife.

Bake at 350° for 30 - 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven.

Combine all Glaze ingredients and beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. (Yield: 1/3 Cup)

Drizzle glaze over cake and cool. Cut into squares. (Yield: 15 to 18 servings)

Courtesy of Lots Hardy

THE AD HOC LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the September 11th meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee, we decided we must focus on two areas: 1. Health & Safety, and

2. Paradise Park Masonic Club Future Directions

Health & Safety begins with the water system (domestic supply and fire flow) and includes roads, drainage, sewer/septic, covered bridge structure, and community facilities.

Health & Safety issues are nearly all capital projects. Relatively large expense and long term benefits characterize capital projects. Design and installation of a water system is a capital project. There are other projects that may enhance our Paradise Park Masonic Club experience, such as redecoration of the Office lobby, that are not considered capital projects because they are less permanent. Non-capital projects can often be accomplished through volunteer efforts and/or the operating budget. Non-capital projects usually take less time to plan and execute.

Because of the expense and longevity of capital projects, they must be carefully planned to assure the benefits of the cost.

The Committee will propose to the Board of Directors that we begin a capital projects analysis process. This will help identify our current physical plant conditions (water system, roads, etc.) and what needs further, more professional analysis.

After we get a good start on the Health & Safety issues, we want to explore the more subjective issues of Paradise Park Masonic Club's future directions. This involves all of us because it impacts all of us. To begin the process, we ask that your read the insert called PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB: WHAT DO WE WANT IT TO BE? included with this issue of the Bulletin. The Committee welcomes your ideas and concerns as we begin to think about where we are going. We plan to have further communication opportunities about our future in meetings and through surveys.

As always we are happy to receive your ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

Chuck Buchanan, Chairman

CASTLE MEMORIES

At the special Town Hall meeting last month, the Secretary of the Board, Norm Brown, asked that Members write something about their use of the Castle Property for recreational purposes, both currently and during past years. This is needed as verification that, if we do sell the Castle Property, we can assure taxing authorities that we did indeed use that site for the stated purpose of Paradise Park, i.e. recreation.

We need your letters or notes as you remember your time in Paradise Park as a kid, or maybe as a new-timer/old-timer, climbing up Shrine Way to enjoy the view, the exercise, the challenge, curiosity, or just for pure pleasure

Send them to the Office where the Manager will have them held on file.

Thank you all very much.

Please send your good thoughts and prayers to:

Agnes Dunn-Ruiz, who is home recovering from a heart attack;

Norm Brown, who is now home after being hospitalized for heart procedures;

Don Moore, who is recovering from an accident to his left hand and two subsequent related surgeries;

Lloyd Ames, who is now home after being hospitalized for heart procedures;

and **Alda Houchin**, who fell and has broken a bone in her leg.



PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB: What do we want it to be?

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."

Long Range Planning Committee

Chuck
Buchanan,
Chairman

Ray Boaz

Tim Heer

Malcolm
Kirby

Tod Likins

Carole
Nelson

Griff Nelson

Vera
Reinstein

There are many opinions and feelings about our unique environment. Paradise Park Masonic Club has a rich history and many of our current members have fond memories from childhood. In many cases family membership encompasses several generations.

We are unique in our environment having a forest and river that adds to our pleasure and concerns. We are also unique in a common Masonic base for beliefs about how we relate to one another and others.

Paradise Park Masonic Club is, in many ways, like a small town. We have a physical plant including roads and bridges, water systems, fire department, garbage pick-up, electricity, phone, and cable TV distribution, etc. All of the systems must be maintained to assure comfort, health, and safety.

We also have another, more subjective aspect of Paradise Park Masonic Club. That is our sense of community or our willingness to care about and care for each other. Our sense of belonging includes the outward and visible signs that we care as well as the interpersonal relationships we build. To make our community what we want, our sense of community is as important as the physical plant.

Our community must be built in the reality of the 21st Century. We are a part of a larger community and depend on services provided by City, County, State, and Federal governments. We also exist with people who don't share our particular sense of community. In order to optimize Paradise Park Masonic Club we need to share a common picture of what we want. To share a picture we must communicate about it and keep it current with the influences within and around us.

Our pictures will change frequently as the physical, cultural, and social worlds change around us. When we create a picture it is usually good for only a short time before it needs to be changed. Whenever changes occur we need to communicate with the rest of our community in order to keep a common picture alive and working. We need to establish a process so that all of us can contribute to and agree with our picture of the future.

Think about achieving what we want in several phases:

- Right Now,
- In 3 Years,
- In 6 Years, and
- In 10 Years.

The Long-Range Planning Committee would like your views and ideas about how Paradise Park Masonic Club should look and be in each of the time periods above. Write us, call us, and talk to us as we work toward a common view of our present and future.

Please contact Chuck Buchanan, 831-471-2314, 852 Paradise Park or other committee members.

"If we keep doing what we are doing, we'll end up where we are headed."

FROM THE BOARDROOM...

Some Background Information: Your Board of Directors meets once each month, generally on the 3rd Saturday. We begin our meetings promptly at 7:30 a.m., work through lunch, and adjourn only after all business is completed, usually between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. An agenda is prepared prior to each meeting. Agendas always follow the same format. Any member who would like to meet

Summary of the Board of Director's Meeting of August 21, 1999

- ♦ **Minutes.** Approved minutes from prior meeting of July 17th, as corrected.
- ♦ **Treasurer's Report.**
 - ✓ **Vera Reinstein**, acting as interim treasurer, issued a lengthy report that summarized and made suggestions on various financial issues the Board has been dealing with. **Vera** also reviewed individual general ledger accounts, including Postage, Office Expense, and Vehicle Expense.
- ♦ **Correspondence, New & Unfinished Business.**
 - ✓ The Board reviewed the progress of our Castle Site subdivision application and how to meet the issues that the County raised.
 - ✓ **Alan Schattenburg** will continue working 32 hours per week.
 - ✓ The Board unanimously approved a ban on "car tents" and set a removal deadline of December 31, 1999.
 - ✓ Skateboarding review deferred to next meeting.
 - ✓ The Board received a bid for installation of utilities at the Castle site. Additional bids are being sought.
 - ✓ Reviewed a complaint from a member seeking repair of property claimed to have been damaged by the Club.

♦ **Correspondence, New & Unfinished Business** *continued*

- ✓ Received a request for additional recycling bins from a member.
 - ✓ A beach area in Section 6 is now being maintained. A bike rack and garbage can have been placed on the site.
 - ✓ The Board approved a policy on delinquent accounts, determining that a member is not in good standing if his or her account is delinquent. *[Note: See the September Bulletin for details]*
 - ✓ The Board discussed the problem of fences. *[Note: The Rules prohibit fences except by prior written approval of the Board. The Board thanks all members for their cooperation].*
- ♦ **Interviews.**
- ✓ The Board approved and welcomed new Member **Brian Kettman** and new Associate Member **David Studer**.
 - ✓ The Board approved extended guest privileges for Michael Ostrander and Daniel DeVecchis. Welcome!

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From The Boardroom...

Summary of the Board of Director's Meeting of August 21, 1999 - continued

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♦ **Manager's Report.**

- ✓ The Manager reported on sales status and delinquency problems.
- ✓ The Manager suggested using a consultant to formulate a water plan. *[Note: The Board approved the formation of a ad hoc committee on Long Range Planning. This Committee will make recommendations about the water system. Watch for future details].*
- ✓ The office computer network system is now up and running.
- ✓ The Board approved funding for the St. Alban drain project.
- ✓ The Board approved funding for an inspection of the Covered Bridge.
- ✓ The Board declined to take action on a proposal to hire a consultant to undertake a biological assessment of the River. *[Note: The Board understands that the membership wants us to do everything possible to get a dam permit. However, the Board is concerned that it lacks the information needed to make a informed decision on this issue. Therefore, the Board has expanded the membership on the River Committee and has asked the Committee, under the direction of Steve Taylor, to research and report within 60 days on the entire dam/Fish & Game issue].*

♦ **Tree Issues.**

- ✓ The Club continues to receive letters from the attorney for a member threatening to sue the Club for damages to a member's property.

♦ **Bylaws Committee**

- ✓ No report.

♦ **Emergency & Safety Incident Reports.**

- ✓ Two incidents were reported.

♦ **Building Committee**

- ✓ No report.

♦ **Recreation Committee**

- ✓ Steve Taylor reported on upcoming Labor Day events. *[NOTE: A big, BIG "THANK YOU" to Steve, his committee and the many volunteers who made our annual Labor Day bash a success. Thanks especially to the Ames' for the wonderfully successful Rock 'n' Roll Dance!]*

If you have any questions about this information, or about any aspect of the operation, maintenance or governance of our Club, please contact any Board member. Although Directors have a specific title, any Director will be happy to answer questions on any topic. We would be happy to hear from you!

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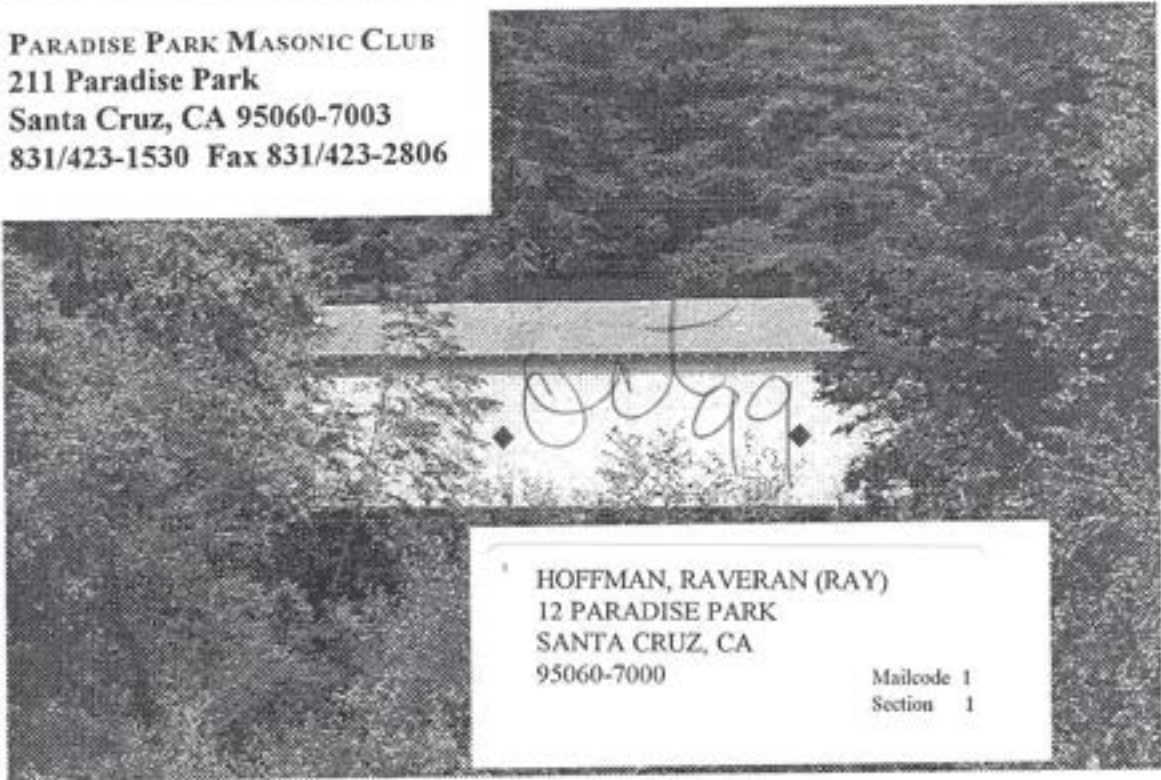
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MEMBER'S IMPROVEMENTS OFFERED FOR SALE AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

All sales of improvements and/or allotment use privileges are subject to the approval of the Membership and authorization rests with the Board of Directors.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
SECTION 1			
468 York Ave.	L. Burton	\$175,000	3BR,w/walk-in closets,3BAw/shower,tub,cust.Built in '76,2300sqft,sunny, spacious, quiet,out of flood range,tile entry,lg closets,guest rm w/priv ent,paved driveway,patio, septic tank,sensor lights,new paint in/out,thermal windows,new roof,unfurn,2 all elec kit w/wd cab,ranges,ovens,micro, disposal,frig, d/w,lg frontrm& dinerm w/brkfast bar, elec&propane heat, carpet,laund rm,w/d,wtr htr,lg screened deck w/skylite,rdwd beam ceil,2 car garage w/opener,wkshop. Shown by appt. only. 426-3620
528 St. Ambrose St.	G. Stewart Call if before 10:AM	\$ 80,000	2BR,1BA,approx.800sqft improvements,large livingrm w/wd stove, ceil fan.Utility area w/built in custom cabinets incl w/d,all appliances incl.,carport,house bolted to foundation.
540 Council St.	B. Uber	\$ 68,000	2BR,1BA,780sq ft cottage, living room, with stone, carpet, completely re furnished. Custom tiled bathroom with two skylights, new hot water tank, all new plumbing. 400 sq.ft. detached garage with work shop. Solid Redwood Construction. Nice location.
542 Council St.	K. Fowler MAKE OFFER	\$ 89,000	2BR,1BA,laund/utility rm,potential for 2nd bath,new roof,most windows replaced, completely remodeled bath,4-yr old leach lines,vermont castings propane heater,d/w,gas stove,gas water htr,new ceil fans in bdrms & livrm,new ceil insulation, new berber carpet,new side deck,front deck,exterior paint completed by spring '99,negotiate wash/dryer/frig. Call owner before showing,if no one home show anyway. Willing to negotiate. Will carry a note.
SECTION 2			
334 Royal Arch	G. Williams SALE PEND- ING	\$107,000	2BR,1BA light,spacious1250sqft,yr-round home,large back deck & private back yard.updated kit & bath,lg livroom w/skylights,ceiling fan,french doors,propane heat(crm color jotel stove) installed Oct.'98 w/programmed thermostat,lg wooden shed for storage in back.
SECTION 4			
597 Keystone Way	J. Olson MAKE OFFER	\$ 77,000	1BR,2 sleeping lofts,1 1/2 BA,oak cabinets, stove,micro & frig built in.Cozy cottage in sunny choice location. Lots of decking to sit outdoors & enjoy the beautiful redwoods.Carport w/storage,room for 2 cars,excellent condition inside & out.
632 St. Augustine Ave.	B. LaVere AS IS	\$150,000/ BEST OFFER	Prime location by tennis cts,1/2 block to beach-San Lorenzo River behind house, 4BR,2 1/2 BA,dwnstairs rm suitable for rumpus rm/shop,kit, stove,frig, d/w, livrm/dinrm 20'x30',heat by wd stove.New field for septic'97,10yr old roof,w/d. Approx. 2,000 sqft.
662 St. Augustine	F. Meek Jr. SALE PEND- ING	\$ 70,000	4BR,2BA,1800sq ft improve, diningrm, frontrm, kit w/nook, dishwasher, dryer hookup, microwave oven range,frig,ack.,135,000BTU forced air heater, new 40 gal water heater, propane, shop/work area, washer, 20x20 deck, new paint carpet & fireplace,frontrm & bedrm furniture included. Financing available.
SECTION 6			
155A St. Alban St.	E. Metcalf	\$125,000 (\$50,000 down, owner will fi- nance)	Cust built '72 2-story,2000sqft,LR/BR redwd/beam ceil;stone firepl; dine area;kit w/beautiful cab;carpet stairs,sm. Famrm/wet bar;sew rm w/view;lg sun rm off deck, furnica BA w/spec toilet,lg. Hall closet. DOWN-STAIRS:toilet, shower,laundry,guest rm.,work shop,carport,covered patio w/sink,icebx, stor,elec.heat,partly furnished.
183 St. Bernard	M. Akin	\$237,000	3 Bdrm/ 2 bath river-front home with hardwood floors, new appliances, cabinets, countertops and fixtures. Sunny location includes deck, patio and large landscaped yard with automatic sprinkler system. Beautiful move-in condition.
187 St. Bernard	J. Blaine	\$108,000	2BR,1BA,2800sqft allot,20'x35' home,170sqft basement,150sqft stor,2-car carport, shade trees,riverside lot,lotsa sun,some furn,elec stove,new frig,new propane wtr htr,wall to wall carpet.

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