



PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 2001

TOD'S TURN

We were pleased to have arborist **Barrie Coate** speak to an expanded version of the Men's Club on January 10th. **Barrie** spent about two hours with Tree Committee Members, **Griff Nelson** and **Linda Dyson-Weaver**, along with Long Range Planning Committee Chair **Chuck Buchanan** and me looking at our forest. We were particularly looking at trees that might be problem trees but we were also listening to his advice concerning general concepts about forest management and how they relate to our particular forest. He suggested that there were some trees that needed to come down and other trees that should be examined to see if they are in good health and sturdily rooted. In general, he was very pleased with our mature and healthy trees and pointed out that we were very fortunate to have the choice to live in a real forest. He felt that thinning the trees was inappropriate for a mature forest, and in fact, that each tree was dependent upon its neighbors for strength and good health. He said that each time a tree comes down, it puts its neighboring trees in jeopardy. He said that our many double standard trees (two or more trees that grow from a single root or stump) were not a danger at all unless they divided at 60 feet or so above ground. He added that if members wish to do so, the two trunks could be cabled or even bolted together, but that that would be more of a "feeling safe" feature than a real safety necessity. He was also critical of our apparent need to clean up the duff that falls from our trees. Apparently, many of the roots of redwoods are very near the surface and they pick up nutrients and water from the fallen leaves or feathers that we all seem to want to sweep up. He suggested that leaf blowers belong in San Jose, not a redwood forest. He gave us some good information about how to recognize a healthy tree and some advice on lessening the wind-sail on trees that may be in some jeopardy. **Mr. Coates** is one of the leading arborists in the State and is used extensively as a legal expert on forest

management and tree health and safety.

Aside from the rather major expenditures that we are going to have to face in the near future concerning our bridge repair and water system replacement, we are faced with the need to increase our everyday operating expenditures. We don't pay our employees enough money to keep them working in the Park. If you've looked in the papers recently, you have seen that there are many, many jobs available in Santa Cruz at pay rates considerably higher than we can pay, given our current income. The Board has been trying to think of ways that we can generate more operating cash without significantly increasing our current assessment rates. We know we have many people in the Park for whom a big increase in costs would be extremely difficult. One possible way to increase our income would be to double our initiation fees. Currently, we charge \$5,000 for a membership and in an average year we have about ten new members. We are looking at raising that fee to \$10,000. That increase would save each current member about \$125 a year in assessments and allow us to increase our pay rates to a more competitive level. When you think about it, a membership at Pasatiempo goes for about \$200,000 and all you get is a golf course! We'd still be the best deal in town.

Tod Likins, President

*February 17, 2001
is the Cut-off for:*

- the Agenda for the PPMC Board Meeting on February 24, 2001; and
- Articles or Notices for the March 2001 PPMC Bulletin.

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If you're missing **Ev and Helen Morin** (and who isn't!), you can now reach them at :

3206 Estates Drive
Fairfield, CA 94533
707/427-3438

IN MEMORY OF

MARION HASWELL
DECEMBER 31, 2000

AGNES DUNN-RUIZ
JANUARY 7, 2001

There will be a Memorial Service for Agnes in the Social Hall on May 20, 2001

RONALD W. RIFFE
JANUARY 23, 2001

Please send your loving thoughts to:

Denise Bernard, whose broken ankle is mending in its own, sweet time;
Frank Conti, who is recovering from surgery;
Louene Christenson, who has not been well;
Bernyce Hale, who is at the Dominican Hospital Rehabilitation Center, at 610 Frederick St., recovering from a broken hip;
May Hart, who continues her recovery at Twilight Manor; and
Lucille Avery, who is also at Twilight Manor.

Frank and Betty Conti write:

Thanks to everyone in Paradise Park for their support, thoughts, prayers, and especially, the visits. We've never experienced such friendship and so many good neighbors. We're both getting better faster because of it all.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the County of Santa Cruz Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on our Castle Property:

**H-3 99-0345 211 Keystone Way
Paradise Park APN: 061-321-11**

Proposal to create three single-family residential parcels. Requires a Minor Land Division, Roadway Exception, Historic Preservation Plan, and an Amendment to Permit 80-116-PD. Property located at the west end of an unnamed 24'-wide right of way, about 190' west of Henry Cowell Drive in the Graham Hill Estates subdivision.

Owner: Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc.

Applicant: Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc.

Supervisorial District: 5

Project Planner: Joan van der Hoeven, 454-3140

Date: February 14, 2001

Time: The morning Agenda beginning at 9:00am

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers

County Government Center

701 Ocean Street, Room 525

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

All interested persons are invited to provide comments to the Planning Commission either at the public hearing or in writing. Written comments may be sent to the **Planning Commission at the County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Room 400, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.** A copy of the staff report will be made available for review at no charge or purchase for a nominal fee one week before the public hearing at the **County Planning Department, 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA.**

Dr. Barrie Coate addendum:

Chuck Buchanan noted the following concern that Dr. Coate mentioned during his walk through Paradise Park: that Southern Sword Ferns, which are prevalent throughout the Park, harbor Greenhouse Thrips. These thrips can do great damage to other plants. Dr. Coate suggested that a good way to prevent thrips from migrating to your other plants is to cut these ferns back to the base in February and be sure to discard the cut fronds quickly and thoroughly.



MEN'S CLUB



The Men's Club is holding its second annual Valentine's dinner on February 17th beginning at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. We will have some danceable music and an after-dinner speaker. Bill Hardwick

has assembled a great group for the meal preparation. Dave Studer is decorating the hall. Tickets are \$7.00 per couple and \$3.50 for singles. Pick up your tickets at the Office by February 15th, none will be sold at the door.

Chuck Buchanan, President



LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The next Long-Range Planning Committee meeting is on February 8th at 7:30pm in the Social Hall. Please note that the February meeting falls on the second Thursday of the month instead of the usual first Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will review the draft of our next survey designed to gather information about the future needs of PPMC.

Chuck Buchanan, Chairperson

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership Applications: Date Posted

Kristi Doberenz 01/22/01
for 470 York Avenue

Associate Membership Applications:

Cabot Caldwell 04/25/00
to Sandra Caldwell, 459 York Ave.

Charles Decker 11/09/00
to Louise Schillig, 282 Keystone Way

Kathleen Nagel 01/04/01
to Kenneth Nagel, 540 Council St.

Alternate Associate Membership Applications:

Cheryl Pozzi 11/14/00
to Roger Coit, 142 St. Alban

Barbara Harris 01/10/01
to Daniel Brown, 307 The Royal Arch

If you file a Schedule A Itemized Deduction Form with your 1040 Income Tax Return, please add an additional \$103 to the Property Tax you paid in 2000. This represents each Member's proportion of the Santa Cruz County Property Tax the Park paid for our land during 2000.

PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB E-GROUP

There is an Internet-based e-mail group for Paradise Park Masonic Club. Joining this group allows you to raise questions before all members of the group and then read their responses as they are sent in. You can ask questions and make suggestions on anything pertaining to PPMC. The membership in this e-group is limited to PPMC Members, Associate Members, and Alternate Associate Members. You can submit your request to be a member of the group by going to the web site at

www.egroups.com/group/ppmc

(Note: use all lower case letters)

and following the instructions there.

You may also join by sending an e-mail to PPMC-subscribe@egroups.com.

If you have any other questions, contact **Chuck Buchanan** at 831/471-2314 or e-mail him at impersol@jps.net.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

Jerry Morgan

Recreation activities are slow in the Park in the winter, but the Saturday afternoon Young People's Movies are still drawing them in. Participation in the Saturday Night Dance has fallen off, but with better weather coming, it'll pick up again. Our monthly Bingo, however, is going strong and everyone, of course, is invited. The Social Hall is warm; the coffee's on; and the fellowship can't be beat!

A consensus of Members at Tuesday's Koffee Klatch recommended that the Recreation Fund be used to replace old, unsafe tables and carafes which were no longer usable; so the following purchases have been made:

10 new 8 ft. walnut folding tables for a total of \$750;

4 new card tables for a total of \$86; and

9 coffee carafes for a total of \$72.

Also, the Park will be flying American flags commemorating deceased Members on our flagpole at the front of the Park. This will be done on a rotating basis with a sign identifying each flag. Please contact the Manager if you are interested.

Jerry Morgan, Recreation Director

Anyone interested in learning and/or playing Mahjong, please contact **Barbara Brown** at 421-0811. We have someone who has offered to teach us and we could meet once a month in our homes or the small Social Hall.

Favorite Park Recipes

Spinach and Corn Casserole

½ Cup Onion, minced
4 Tbls. Butter
2 Cans Creamed Corn
2 Packages Frozen Spinach, cooked & drained
2 Tbls. Vinegar
Salt & Pepper to taste

Blend together and put into a casserole dish. Then mix the following ingredients and sprinkle over all:

½ Cup Bread Crumbs
2 Tbls. Parmesan Cheese, grated
2 Tbls. Butter, melted

Bake for 20 minutes at 350°

Courtesy of Katie Cease

ANY ONE FOR CANASTA?

Everyone is invited to play Paradise Park Canasta in the small Social Hall from 12:30 to 4:30 on the first Monday of each month (*Knitten Kittens*). If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you the rules.

Come join us - we'd love your good company.

Any questions? Please call

Pat Rundell, 421-9360



Do you have an Associate, Alternate Associate, relatives, or friends who would like to receive the *Paradise Park Bulletin*? For a year's subscription, just send a check for \$15 to Paradise Park Masonic Club, 211 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-7003. Be sure to include the name and address where the *Bulletin* should be mailed.

Recreation Calendar for 2001:

(Please notify the Office of any changes which should be made to this schedule!)

Potlucks: will be the 4th Saturday evenings of January, February, March, April, May, June, October, and November in the Social Hall beginning at 5:30pm. During July through September, there will be *Weenie Roast Potlucks* held every Saturday evening in the Picnic Grounds beginning at 5:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 14th in the Picnic Grounds

Memorial Day Weekend Cleanup: Saturday morning, May 26th. After which, lunch will be served for all Memorial Day Cleanup volunteers at 1pm in the Picnic Grounds and will be hosted by the PPMC Board of Directors.

Annual Meeting: June 30th in the Social Hall at 7:30pm

Annual Membership Picnic: July 1st at 1pm in the Picnic Grounds

Annual Flea Market: July 20th, Preview. July 21st - 22nd, Sale

Golf Tournament: Friday, August 24th at Valley Gardens Golf Course in Scotts Valley

Section Parties: Saturday evening, August 25th

Quacker Derby: Sunday, August 26th, Middle Beach.

Dunk-a-Director: Sunday, August 26th, Middle Beach.

Ice Cream Eating Contest: Sunday, August 26th, Middle Beach.

Sandcastle Building Contest: Sunday, August 26th, Middle Beach.

Mudball Contest: Sunday, August 26th, Middle Beach.

Junior Tennis Tournament: Saturday, September 1st, 9am at the Section 4 Tennis Court

Senior Tennis Tournament: Saturday, September 1st, after Jr. Tennis Tourmie at the Section 4 Tennis Court

Ping Pong Tournament: Saturday, September 1st at the Social Hall

Shuffleboard Tournament: Saturday, September 1st across from the Covered Bridge

Horseshoe Tournament: Saturday, September 1st by the Green Swings

Labor Day Weekend Dance: Saturday, September 1st in the Social Hall

Cribbage Tournament: Sunday, September 2nd in the Social Hall

Senior Tennis Tournament continued: Sunday, September 2nd at the Section 4 Tennis Court

Volleyball Tournament: Sunday, September 2nd (after the Senior Tennis Tournament)

Trick or Treat in PPMC: October 31st (maps with houses dispensing treats available in Office)

December Holiday Party: Sunday, December 16th

FROM THE BOARDROOM . . .

Some Background Information: Your Board of Directors meets once each month, generally on the 4th Saturday. We begin our meetings promptly at 8am, work through lunch, and adjourn only after all business is completed, usually between 2pm and 4pm. An agenda is prepared prior to each meeting. Agendas always follow the same format. Any Member who would like to meet with the Board should speak with the Manager. He'll try to put you on the agenda and to set aside time for the Board to meet with you and discuss whatever issue or issues you wish to discuss.

Summary of Board of Director's Meeting of December 2, 2000

Minutes

Approved the minutes of November Board Meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report approved, seconded and carried.

Manager's Report

A. **Ted Keller-Re:** Yard waste pile on corner of St. Ambrose and Scottish Rite. Manager to try to find another location for waste and have an appropriate price for member (**Ted Keller**) to purchase the debris location at the corner of St. Ambrose and Scottish Rite, but only if Manager can find another location for debris. To be discussed at January Board Meeting.

B. **Jim Wells-Re:** Update on zoning issues. **Jim Wells** waiting for further information and will return to the Board with results after talking with Paradise Park Attorney.

C. **Chuck Buchanan-Re:** Long Range Planning Committee Survey. Committee to have future surveys. Results to go in future Bulletins.

D. **Bob Biendle and Lloyd Ames-Re:** Fire and Safety Committee Procedures. **Bob** and **Lloyd** are Coordinators and will seek out volunteers, 1 or 2 in each Section in the Park. To meet quarterly to work out Fire and Safety Procedures.

New Members

A. **Irene West-Re:** Purchase of 628 St. Augustine Ave. from **Jack West**. Approved

B. **Lynn Raadik-Re:** Purchase of 187 St. Bernard Street from **James Blaine**. Approved

New Associate Members

A. **Genevieve Davidson-Re:** Associate Member to **Thornton Davidson**. Approved

B. **Sara Yeager-Re:** Associate Member to **Irene West**. Approved

New Alternate Associate Members

A. **Deborah Morgan-Re:** Alternate Associate to **Robert Morgan**. Approved

B. **Chris Feist-Re:** Alternate Associate to **Terry Feist**. Approved

C. **Mark Jensen-Re:** Alternate Associate to **J. Wilmer**. Approved

Extended Guest To the B.O.D.

A. **Robert Charves-Re:** Extended Guest Privileges for friend, **Don Hansen**. Approved.

Unfinished Business

A. Masonic Pledge with help from **Lloyd Ames & Mendell Roberts:** Paradise Fraternal Pledge for new Members. Approved.

B. Security Gate, at rear of Park. Declined

C. Parking Permits. Declined

New Business

A. **Nelson Request:** Manager to respond to **Nelson's** letter.

Extended Guest Privileges Request

A. A Members request for extended guest privileges, denied.

B. Member **Ken Ernst-Re:** Extended Guest Privileges for friend, **Darrasel Weisheit**. Approved.

C. Member **Norene Hansen-Re:** Extended Guest Privileges for son, **Justin Mason**, and friend **Tiffany Olson**. Approved.

D. Member **Agnes Dunn Ruiz-Re:** Extended Guest Privileges for grandson, **Bryan Dunn-Ruiz**. Approved.

Upstairs Apartment: Board will look into possible uses.

Rules and Regulations: Discussed at Executive Meeting.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of up-dated Committee's Lists. Approved.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded and carried.



Coyotes

Please note that the coyotes we've been hearing closeby during this winter appear to be increasing in numbers. They've been seen several times inside the Park during daylight hours! If you're feeding the raccoons, you are probably also enticing the coyotes to stay nearby this food source. While they remain close, they'll be feeding on our quail and squirrel populations, too. We have already lost one small pet to these predators, so be careful to keep your pets inside or close beside you and please don't feed the raccoons.

FOR SALE BY MEMBER

Member's improvements offered for sale as of January 30, 2001. All sales of below improvements and/or allotment use privileges are subject to the approval of the Membership and authorization to transfer rests with the Board of Directors.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The sellers solely provide the descriptions of improvements for sale. Such information is not verified or checked for accuracy by Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. The Club does not warrant and disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of any information provided. All questions about allotment improvements should be addressed solely to the seller.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
SECTION 1			
462 York Ave.	Patricia Herzog 458-8841	\$220,000	Lovely newer home. Sunny lot w/bright interior. Tastefully decorated, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1,100 sq. ft; fully insulated w/forced air furnace plus gas log stove, Jennair range; island in kitchen; full attic, walk-in closet in MB, 1 car garage; large deck; all in one w/d & double door fridge included.
428 Joppa	John Garcia By appointment Only! (650) 952-3123 426-6187	\$425,000	River front property, extra large parcel, complete new kitchen and bathrooms, gas and electric heaters, fireplace, two car garage, ample parking. Beautiful large yard with built in barbecue, fountain and deck. Home and garage are stucco. Might negotiate on furniture. All new appliances, washer and dryer, stove, dishwasher, microwave, and refrigerator, new light and fan in kitchen.
SECTION 4			
678 St. Paul Street	Constance Sonnichsen c/o Deke Sonnichson 650/326-7679	\$85,000 As is	Cabin on Eagle Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, large kitchen and large living room, dining area, electric floor heating. Appliances included: Refrigerator, gas range, and turkey roaster. Furnishings include Beds, chairs, and sofas.
SECTION 6			
170 St. Bernard St.	Hazel Kindwall c/o Carolyn Unger 469-9107	\$285,000	Sunny lot, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, no road noise, no flood danger, garage parking, and spaces on both sides, corner lot. Appliances include: oven range, some furniture, drapes.
146 St. Alban	Larry Gilliland 423-5634	\$335,000	Garage 22' x 22' (484 sq. ft.), faces Keystone and front of house faces St. Alban. House is approx. 1,400 sq. ft., built in 1994 with new septic. It has forced air heat, propane free standing stove, and six-year-old appliances.
120 Keystone Way	Gordon Crafts 423-3228	\$350,000	Large 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, location in front of Park, unobstructed view of river and forest, improvement approx. 1,600 sq. ft., central gas heating, two phone lines, new roof, storage shed in carport, in and out driveway, ample parking. Room for expansion. Furnishings include: 1 MAC computer and desk

The Social Hall

makes a great place for children's birthday parties and sleep overs, especially now that we have the big screen television for video entertainment. The Kitchen facilities are also available for your use.

If you are interested, call Laura at the Office, 831/423-1530.

Use fees for Members are:

SMALL SOCIAL HALL AND KITCHEN - \$25/day

(with a Security Deposit of \$250)

BOTH SOCIAL HALL ROOMS AND KITCHEN - \$50/day

(with a Security Deposit of \$250)

PICNIC GROUNDS - \$25/day

(with a Security Deposit of \$50)

Security Deposits are refunded in full if the facilities are returned well cleaned.