

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Third Thursday,  
every other month**

**Country Club at 4:30 pm**

**Mutual Water Co. at 6 pm**

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

#### **Country Club:**

President: Philip Hartley

Treasurer: J. Richard

Secretary: Clelia Baur

Director: Doug Bridges

Director: Doug Moore

\*Historian: Betty Helf

#### **Water Company:**

President: Norma Simmons

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Treasurer: Ginny Leber

Director: Richard Tracy

### **Administration Office**

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#### **Office Hours/Days:**

**Mon., Tues., Thurs.  
9 am to 3 pm**

**Wed. 9am to 11 am**

**Friday 9am to 3:30 pm**



*Riviera West Country Club  
Harbor View Mutual Water Company*

## News

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**Next Country Club Board Meeting is January 19, 2017 at 4:30 pm**  
**Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is January 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

## President's Forum

### **Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

With a welcome amount of rain, and a couple of downed trees, we usher in a new year at Riviera West. We continue to repair and refurbish our aging infrastructure; our parking lot light poles are all up and running and we are installing a new computer router to solve recurring connectivity problems. Work is underway to re-seed the lawn in the Marina picnic area and the large shed there is being converted to member's recreational equipment such as kayaks.

The Ladies Club has been super active the last month under the energetic leadership of Kerry Moore. The Club held a Christmas dinner and a New Year's Eve party that were first class. The Club purchased a large screen television which is now mounted in the Club House. It is available for movie nights, big sports events, etc. and may be rented for private parties. The Club hopes by charging a nominal fee for sponsored events that they will be able to recoup the cost while providing an added perk for Riviera West community members.

### **Norma Simmons, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This winter has started with some much needed rain, the water treatment plant has had 13.78 inches of rain fall since September 1st. The whole state is still deep in a drought but this is a great start to a hopefully wet winter. We ask you to continue to voluntarily conserving water as this precious commodity shouldn't be wasted.

The water company paid Lake County Tree Service to remove a diseased Pine tree from the spray field property, this tree was a fire danger and threatened to fall on power lines. The price for dropping of the tree and chipping its smaller branches was 800.00 dollars, all work was performed adequately.

A water service was moved from the bottom side of a Mtn. Crest property to the top of the property. This move allowed the homeowners access to the upper water zone that has 80 lbs. of water pressure, the old lower pressure zone only provided about 18 lbs. of water pressure. The state requires 24 lbs. of pressure to be provided for homeowners.

### **Water bills**

Meters are read during the first few days of every other month, billings are created immediately thereafter, and water bills are sent out, usually by the 5th. Your water bill is DUE UPON RECEIPT since it is for service you received during the two months just prior to the billing. Any question? Call the office ... 707-279-8544.

## President's Forum

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### Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

A tip of the hat goes to Tom Smythe, our past Water Board president, who has taken on the Executive Director role for the Lake County Land Trust. The Land Trust is a charitable nonprofit organization directly involved in protecting important land resources. These include: wetlands, wildlife habitats, parks, forests, watersheds, riparian stream corridors, lakeside areas, and trails. They welcome new members. [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org)

Best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year. As Abraham Lincoln suggested, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be".

### Wintertime Tree Removal Guidelines – a Reminder

With the stormy winter weather, several trees have fallen across Riviera West. Some were dead or in bad health, while some appeared to be healthy. Whether you live in the neighborhood or own property here and live out of town, it's a good time to check the condition of your trees.

If you feel that your trees present a danger to your property or any neighboring property, please complete a Request for Project Approval to request an OK to remove your tree(s). You can download the project approval form from the [riviera-west.com](http://riviera-west.com) website or pick one up at the office. Use the form to describe your reasoning for taking down the tree(s) and the Architectural Control and Planning committee members will investigate. Though we technically have 30 days in which to respond to you, we will do our best to expedite your request during this stormy period.

Riviera West Office will be changing the hours of operation as of Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Riviera-West Harbor View

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MON.	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
TUE.	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
WED.	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
THU.	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
FRI.	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM



**Crab Feet**

**January 21, 2017**  
At the Clubhouse

**\$35 per person**

**Dinner Menu:**  
Cracked Crab with melted Butter & Lemon Wedges  
Green Salad  
Bread with Garlic Butter  
Vanilla Ice Cream with Kahlua and Cookies

The crab will be cracked but if you want to bring your own "tools", please do so.

**BYOB**

Cocktails served 5:30 to 6:30  
Dinner served 6:30

For those who do not eat Crab we will provide Lasagna, if requested on the reservation. The Lasagna dinner with lasagna and no crab will include the rest of the menu. The cost will be \$12.

All Reservations-INCLUDING MONEY-MUST be at the Riviera West Office by January 13, 2017, 3:00pm.  
NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE. No complimentary tickets can be accepted for this dinner.

## Calendar

Ladies' Club meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Clubhouse, September through May. You don't have to be a member to come and check out a meeting to see if you are interested in joining our club.

### Upcoming Events

**January TBD** – Crab Feed if crab is available  
Hosted by: Norma Simmons & Jan Wilson  
BYOB

**February 5th** Sunday– Super Bowl Party  
Details to Follow

**February 18th** Saturday– Valentines Dinner  
Hosted by: Wilma and Harold Taylor  
More info to follow BYOB

**March 18th** Saturday– St. Patrick's Dinner  
Hosted by: Kerry and Doug Moore  
Corned Beef and Cabbage BYOB

**April** – Open; volunteers needed

**May 6th** Saturday– Mexican Fiesta Dinner  
Hosted by: Norma Simmons  
BYOB

### **BYOB**

**Cocktails & Appetizers served  
at 5:30 p.m. and Dinners at 6:30 p.m**

**Cost of most Dinners and Brunch are \$15 Except  
Crab Feed**

**ALL RSVP MUST BE TO JAN WILSON AT  
JANMAR61@MCHSI.COM OR 279-0490  
NO RSVP WILL BE ACCEPTED IN OFFICE**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Happy 2017!**

We had a very successful 2016, thanks to all those who participated in the well attended events. At our Holiday Open House we collected a lot of food for the Family Resource Center. We also gave toys to the ten children currently living there, as well as to Toys for Tots. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to Sandra Estrada for spear heading this project and to the Lake County Airmen for generously donating toys as well.

The Ladies' Club was able to purchase a TV for the Clubhouse in December 2016. We look forward to hosting new gatherings, starting with the Super Bowl Party on February 5th.

A big thank you to Kent Kubach for installing it for us!

Our goal for 2017 is to redo the Clubhouse kitchen and replace the counter tops. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

**- Kerry Moore Ladies' Club President**

## Fires in the 1950's

Did you know that the Riviera-West area of Mt. Konocti burned in the 1950's? Lifelong residents remember that a fire started in Kelseyville and burned for a week, coming over the crest of Konocti into our area. Past issues of The Lake County Record-Bee since 1875 have been micro-filmed and are available at the Lake County Public Library in Lakeport, so I decided to track down this story. In 1957, when this fire occurred, the Lake County Bee was published once a week on Fridays. The first item relating to this fire was published in the Friday, September 6, 1957 issue, page 1:

"Mt. Konocti Fire Fighters Find Rattlesnakes Too"

In spite of the looks of things Mt. Konocti has not become an active volcano again. That is a brush fire which has burned more than 300 acres to date.

In addition to the steep sides of the old mountain, rattlesnakes in one spot delayed fire fighters in their efforts to stop the stubborn blaze.

Following the first outbreak of fire and huge pillars of smoke it was apparently under control Tuesday. Wednesday afternoon the fire roared into action again leaving a complete strip of blackened hillside on the west and creeping down the mountain on the lake side.

It flared up again briefly Thursday afternoon, but is believed about to succumb to strenuous efforts of foresters and volunteers."

The following week's issue, September 13, 1957, carried a picture of the mountain on fire on the front page with this caption:

"SHADES OF KONOCTI PAST - When fire ravaged the brush covered slopes of Mt.

Konocti last week, billowing smoke appeared to be coming from the hidden crater of the extinct

volcano. Fire fighters found rattlesnakes in the path, hampering control efforts, when they tried to stop the spread of the rampaging fire."

history was Andrew Rocca, a mining engineer.

*For these historical documents, we wish to give a special thanks to Betty Helf for her efforts.*



### Butterscotch Cheesecake Bars

1 (12 oz.) pkg butterscotch chips	1 (8oz.) pkg cream cheese
(14 oz.) can sweetened condensed	1/3 C butter
2 C graham cracker crumbs	1 tsp vanilla
1 C chopped nuts	1 egg

Preheat oven to 350° (325° for glass dish). In a large microwave safe bowl melt morsels and butter; stir in crumbs and nuts. Press half mixture onto greased 13 x 9" pan. In a small mixture bowl, beat cheese until fluffy; beat in sweetened condensed milk, vanilla and egg. Mix well. Pour into prepared pan; top with remaining crumb mixture.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool to room temperature. Chill before cutting into bars. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 24 bars.

*-Connie Morgan*

### Sausage-Mini Ravioli-Spinach Soup

1/2 # Italian sweet sausage (I use 1#)  
3/4 cup chopped onion  
2 garlic cloves minced  
2 (14-1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic & oregano  
1 carton chicken broth fat free  
1/2 tsp fennel seeds  
1/2 tsp ground pepper  
2 Cups (I use 4) fresh torn spinach  
1 9oz package of mini ravioli (Trader Joes) or cheese stuffed tortellini uncooked  
Remove casings - brown onion/garlic till sausage is crumbly. Drain well. Add tomatoes, broth, fennel and pepper. Bring to boil, cover reduce and simmer 15 minutes. Add pasta, cover simmer 6 minutes stirring occasionally. Stir in spinach. Note: If you want to freeze don't add pasta until you defrost and heat to serve.

*-Jan Wilson*