

# BOARD MEETINGS

**Third Wednesday, every other month**

Country Club at 4:30 pm

Mutual Water Co. at 5:30 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

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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 May 17, 2017 at 4:30 pm**  
**Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is May 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm**

## President's Report

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

Sunshine at last, clear blue sky, boats on the lake, great! Time to uncover the BBQ and check your property for fire safety.

Fire safety inspections will begin the first week in May lead off by retired Fire Chief Jim Comisky followed up by volunteers from our Fire Safety Committee. The budget has funding for a chipping day tentatively scheduled for the last week of June. Our status as a nationally recognized Fire-Wise Community has been renewed for 2017 based on our activities this past year and we will continue our efforts this coming fire season.

With the rains finally ending, we are turning our attention to our ailing community pool and its leak. The plan is to first partially drain the pool to determine if the underwater light fixtures are the source of the leak and effect repairs if so. If the leak lies elsewhere we will call in a pool maintenance company.

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

After a long wet winter it would seem spring is finally upon us, time to check your drip system for leaks or start installing one. Two thirds of our water use in this community goes towards outdoor landscaping, drip systems are a great way to conserve water in the long hot months of summer.

In early April the water company paid to have a professional leak detection company do an inspection of the entire water system, no leaks were found at that time. This service was last preformed in 2012 by the same company.

In early March a suspected leak was investigated on Broadview Dr. a homeowner had a sudden foot deep sink hole develop in the street in front of his home. A contractor was called in to investigate and a five foot deep hole was dug but fortunately no leak was found.

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## 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.

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Goal, of course, is to have the pool functional by our traditional opening weekend at the end of May.

The Ladies Club is continuing its winning season of social activities with a well-received wine tasting and Norma and Jan's famous Mexican Dinner.

Our new website will launch soon. This user-friendly, attractive website is largely due to the combined efforts of Lake County Websites, and our own Clelia Baur and Elvia Cubilla. The new website address will be [www.rivierawesthoa.com](http://www.rivierawesthoa.com). When it launches, the old website will continue to operate for several months as well.

Watch your mail for the annual reports and information we are required to provide each property owner and mark your calendars for the annual property owner's meeting on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM in the Clubhouse. The meeting will feature a short DVD of a startling study done on why some homes burn in a wild fire while others close by may not.

Our committees shift into high gear this time of year, so express your interest by signing up for the Fire Prevention, Marina, or Pool Committee. The Ladies Club would also welcome new members.

Phil Hartley

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

The Annual Meeting for the Riviera West Country Club and Harbor View Mutual Water Co. will be held Saturday, June 24th.

**Riviera West Country Club** at 9:00 am

**Harbor View Mutual Water Co.** at 11:00 am

We urge you to attend the Annual Meeting. Your ideas and involvement can make a positive impact in the community.

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The county department of Public Works was notified of this naturally occurring sink hole and the water company is in the process of trying to get the contractor fee reimbursed as it was a road problem. This problem led to the company hiring the above leak detection company for a survey.

The rate study is almost complete and a report on the findings should be presented at the next board meeting. This rate study was needed in order to seek grant and loan funding for the replacement of our aging wooden water tanks.

Norma Simmons

#### **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**

The State of California requires that we annually collect updated contact information from our members. According to Senate Bill 918, property owners are legally responsible for keeping their contact information current. Important communications, legal notices, etc. will be sent to the address that you provide to us. Your correct contact information is essential for us to reach you in case of emergency, potential danger to your home, or time-sensitive water company announcements.

You will soon receive a mailing from Riviera West. There are two parts.

- 1. Contact information form:** Mailing address, phone numbers, email addresses, renter information, etc.
- 2. Consent to communicate with you by e-mail** in lieu of first class mail for annual mailings such as the budget and audit reports, as well as newsletters and other documents. Any electronic record satisfies the "in writing" requirement, as long as it comes in a form that can be retained electronically or printed as per 2014 Davis Stirling Act 4035-4045.

Transmitting routine and lengthy documents by e-mail will reduce the printing and mailing costs paid by Riviera West members and Harbor View customers. Using email will also make it easier for us to contact you quickly in case of emergency.

Please look for this contact information request in your mailbox. We encourage you to complete and return it to the Riviera West office as soon as possible so that we can contact you quickly and efficiently!

## 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

**June 14th** Wednesday– Ladies' Club Luncheon TNT Restaurant, Lakeport  
11:30 am



**July 15th** Saturday Night Live  
Hosted by: Norma Simmons

**July 29th** Saturday Night Live– Hawaiian Theme  
Hosted by: Kerry and Doug Moore

**August 12th** Saturday Night Live  
Hosted by: Roberta Beat

**August 26th** Saturday Night Live– At the Marina  
Hosted by: Carina Deherrera

**September 9th** Saturday Night Live– Host needed.

**September 16th** Saturday– Ladies' Club BBQ  
Community members are no charge; Guest will be charged \$10 per person. (RSVP to Jan Wilson)

**RSVP MUST BE SENT TO JAN WILSON AT  
JANMAR61@MCHSI.COM OR 279-0490**

**October 6th & 7th** Fri. & Sat. – Community Yard Sale. The cost to participate is \$5 per owner this pays Penny Slaver, Record Bee & signs. For more info. contact Norma Simmons to sign up at 279-9604.

**Saturday Night Live Events starts at 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse (unless otherwise stated at a later date). No RSVP needed  
Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Reminder:

As you may have noticed, we have changed the TGIF's to SNL on Saturdays. With many of the concerts and events in Lake County being held on Friday, we thought we would try this out for this year and see how it goes.

Kudos and Thanks:

Thanks to all of those who attended the Wine Tasting Event with Fults Family Winery. All who attended had a good time and we learned more about our local wines and wineries. Dustin Fults was a great source of information. Many who attended took home the Wildfire Red wine which FFV donates a percentage of it's sales to local Firefighters.

Kudos to Norma Simmons and Jan Wilson, in advance, for the Mexican Fiesta Dinner. I'm sure no one will go hungry!

Also, thank you in advance to the Ladies helping with the Homeowners Annual Meeting Packets.

- Kerry Moore Ladies' Club President



The 2017 Summer Concert Series is June 16th to August 18th at Library Park in Lakeport. Concerts begin at 6pm this year.

June 16	Johnny Young Band	Country/Rock/Red Dirt
June 23	Clean Sweep	Classic Nostalgia
June 30	Jake Gill	Country
July 7	The Swinging Chads	Americana Rock & Roll
July 14	Boys of Summer	Eagles Tribute Band
July 21	Funky Dozen	Disco/Funk/Soul
July 28	Brad Wilson	Blues
August 4	Tom Rigney	Cajun Zydeco
August 11	LC Diamonds	Rock & Roll
August 18	Decades	Nostalgic Rock & Roll

## Lake County Time Capsule: Cattle County

*Kathleen Scavone, M.A.*

A nation that forgets its past can function no better than an individual with amnesia." – David McCullough

Cattle are not native to California or, for that matter, North America, but were introduced to these lands by the Spanish during the mission era.

According to the "Historical and Descriptive Sketchbook of Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino", by C. A. Menefee, 1873, "The first farming (in Lake County) was commenced in 1854." Menefee added, "Stock raising is the chief source of natural wealth outside of the mines. The hills are devoted to stock, and so much of the valleys as are not used for the production of grain ... Around the lake are some of the finest dairies anywhere to be found. Butter and cheese are produced and shipped in large quantities. The rich land bordering the lake seems especially adapted to grazing. Clear Lake cheese is recognized in the markets as the finest that can be found."

Problems arose prior to the "first farming of 1854" in Lake County due to the raising of cattle. From the introduction to my novella, "People of the Water," a fictional account of the events leading up to the Bloody Island Massacre of 1850:

"Like many Indians in California, the Pomo Indians of the Clear Lake Basin in California were run off of their tribal, ancestral lands, forced to work the ranches or Missions, beaten and massacred. Charles Stone and Andrew Kelsey purchased stock from Salvador Vallejo, and garnered permission to use his land for grazing. Kelsey and Stone mistreated Indians to the extreme – they starved, beat, and worked them to death. "It was common knowledge in nearby settlements that Stone and Kelsey were cruel to the Indians. The Indians could no longer tolerate the hunger and the beatings, so they killed some cattle for food. This incident did not bode well with Stone and Kelsey.

Many more atrocities ensued – one Indian was tied to a tree then beaten, some Indian homes were burned down, and others were marched to the gold fields where most perished due to exposure and starvation. Added to those heartrending incidents was the fact that Chief Augustine's wife

Added to those heartrending incidents was the fact that Chief Augustine's wife was kidnapped and forced to live with the white men.

"So, in the fall of 1849, Stone and Kelsey were murdered by Indians. In the spring of 1850, a detachment of the United States troops led by Captain Nathaniel Lyon was sent from the San Francisco Presidio or Benicia with whaleboats hauled by wagons, along with cannons, in retaliation for Stone and Kelsey's deaths. Pomo people in their village of Badonnapoti on what is now called Bloody Island, in Clear Lake, California, were targeted and massacred by the soldiers.

"Women and children were killed indiscriminately – soldiers chased them into the water, bludgeoning and shooting them. This massacre was replayed again and again over the course of a month as the soldiers continued killing Indians, working their havoc westward toward Ukiah.

"The United States government concluded its tyranny in 1851 by drafting a treaty and trying to initiate a Rancheria. The treaty, like so many others, was never ratified. The site is marked by California State Historical marker number 427, located at the intersection of State Highway 20 and Reclamation Road, 1.7 miles southeast of Upper Lake marks the area, once an island, where this story took place. The brutality of the Bloody Island Massacre and similar atrocities to other tribes is a grievous legacy. The courage of the Pomo people lives on forever."

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