

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: Clelia Baur

Secretary: Clelia Baur

Director: Doug Bridges

Director: Doug Moore

Director: Bob Gunion

*Historian: Betty Helf

Water Company:

President: Norma Simmons

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Treasurer: Vacant

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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*

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**Next Country Club Board Meeting is March 21, 2018 at 4:30 pm
Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is May 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

President's Report

Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

These late winter months have been busy for Riviera West. Two new homes are nearing completion and several lot sales have been recorded. Projects underway include:

- The pool has been emptied and stripped of its degraded fiberglass/plaster. Now awaiting warmer nights to apply new plaster. Work is being done by Blackard Pool Construction in Napa.
- All cabinetry, counters and appliances have been purchased for the kitchen remodel and installation will begin in a few days with completion the third week of March (fingers crossed). Old cabinets were traded for free labor, old dishwasher has been sold and old refrigerator and microwave are for sale. Vendors include Kelseyville Lumber, Pabst Blue Ribbon General Construction, AM Stoneworks and Lakeport Sears.

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Norma Simmons, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Fellow Property Owners,

It has been a rainy season so far; we will hope and pray for a miracle March to deliver the 20 more inches of rain to get to the yearly average, a far different situation from last year. The lake water quality has been quite a bit more difficult to treat this winter from winters past, although the new plant has handled it without a problem.

The main computer to run the water plant has failed and a replacement had to be ordered, this item was approved to purchase at the February special board meeting for the sum of 9,993.00 from Frisch Engineering the same company that designed and built the SCADA for the new water treatment plant in 2015. Hopefully this one should last at least 6 years, as that is the average lifespan of a commercial duty computer.

Please fill out the income survey that will be mailed to you in the next two months, this is how we get grant funding for our new tanks project.

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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.

(Hartley, Cont. from pg. 1 column 1)

- The old, dusty couch and upholstered chairs in the clubhouse have been sold and replaced with six easy chairs which will give us more room for the growing number of people participating in dinners and social functions sponsored by the Ladies' Club.
- The fireplace has a new screen and will have an electric faux fire installation in place of the old propane set. Replacing the propane fired installation was not possible because of current building code restrictions.
- The doors to the restrooms in the marina have been replaced.
- The bus stop at our entrance has been remodeled so as to discourage its use as a homeless camp. Necessary repairs have also been made.
- We are moving ahead with the foreclosure on the property at 4515 Idlewood Drive. This large, desirable lot has no living owner or entitled relatives. It will be auctioned for delinquent fees and back taxes.

Several other improvement projects are under consideration.

Mr. Jim Govern who has rendered loyal service for the past 13 years has submitted his resignation as of March 30. Thank you, Jim, for the incredible breadth of services and projects you have completed over the years.

Relatedly, the Board has approved a re-organization plan for how Riviera West will maintain, operate and improve its common property assets. This includes four main functions; pool maintenance and operations, custodial services, grounds and landscaping and marina facilities and grounds. The current practice of employing one individual to provide service for all four functions will be discontinued. While the plan calls for having a part-time employee maintain and service the pool, the other functions will be contracted out and/or our water company may assume some of the activities.

The Super Bowl proved to be an exciting game with an unexpected finish and the Ladies Club provided a great party for all of us to watch the game and share the fun.

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When you receive the survey, if you have any questions about how to fill it out or what you should put on it please feel free to call Jeremiah Fossa at 279-4143.

The water operators continue to work with the state and public to try to promote consolidation of all the small water systems from Jago Bay north to Riviera West. We will hold a public meeting around Memorial Day that will allow everyone to meet with various fire, state and county representatives, as well as nearby neighbors. In this meeting, we will hear the benefits of creating a much larger water system that will better withstand natural disasters and economic upheavals.

Norma Simmons

Riviera West Traffic Quiz Question of the Day:



What is the speed limit in Riviera West?

(Answer: 25 MPH on all of our roadways)

Did you get this question right?

First, a heartfelt thank-you to the people who practice safe driving in our neighborhood!

We've noticed that some drivers are clearly exceeding the speed limit. This endangers others as well as yourself. Let's keep in mind that our vehicles can be lethal when operated without due consideration on our hilly, curvy roads. Driving safely and keeping it at 25 helps protect pedestrians, including seniors and children, as well as pets and wildlife. Remember that gaining a few minutes by speeding isn't worth the risk of an accident.

And for pedestrians, do your part to contribute to traffic safety in our sidewalk-free environment. Pay attention to your surroundings and be prepared for vehicles that might approach on a curvy roadway. Be considerate of drivers, keep a watchful eye on children and use a leash when walking your pet. If you use earbuds, turn the volume down or use only one earbud so you'll hear a vehicle approaching.

Your efforts as a thoughtful driver – or pedestrian – are much appreciated by all of your neighbors in Riviera West!

WEBSITE UPDATE – rivierawesthoa.com

By Clelia Baur, webmeister

Meeting Minutes:

Based on recommendations for homeowners' associations, we will begin encrypting our board meeting minutes before posting them to the website. This keeps our business records protected while still making them available to Riviera West members. Just use the same password as you are using to view the member directory. Any questions? Please call the office.

News and Events: Don't forget to periodically check the News and Events link on the home page for updates on Riviera West and Harbor View business, event announcements and helpful information for members.

Could you be our next board member?

We are accepting applications for membership for open positions on the 2018-2020 Riviera West Country Club and Harbor View Mutual Water Company boards of directors. Member participation on the boards is one of the things that makes us a strong, effective organization. Being a board member is interesting and educational, and you have the satisfaction of knowing you are contributing to your community. Just download the application from the website or pick up a paper copy at the clubhouse. Submit your application to the office by **April 25, 2018**.



Calendar

Ladies' Club meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the clubhouse, starting on September 13, 2017 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

March 17th Saturday- St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Hosted by Doug and Kerry Moore.

5:30 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, BYOB, \$15 per person

April 21st Saturday- Italian Dinner, 5:30 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner

Hosts: Bill Lillo, Joetta and Mitch Kastner

Menu to follow in Invitation

BYOB, \$15 per person, RSVP

May 5th Saturday- Cinco De Mayo Dinner,

5:30 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner

Hosts: Barb Curtis and Sandra Estrada

Menu to follow

BYOB, \$15 per person, RSVP

June 12th or 13th Tuesday or Wednesday- Ladies Club Luncheon. All ladies in the community are welcome. More details to follow.

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

**Ladies Club Dinners: Cash and checks accepted.
Please make checks payable to the
Riviera West Ladies' Club or RWLC**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Neighbors,

January started off with a delicious Crab Feed! The dinner was well attended, and everyone enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Monique and Kent Kubach who shopped for the best price and picked up the crab for us. They also served us with the help of Jan Wilson and Norma Simmons. Thank you all!!

February brought our second Annual Super Bowl Party. I would say the food was the star of this event, we had so much! The game was also exciting, and our pools helped to keep the excitement going. Congrats to all the winners!

We did not have a February Dinner due to the kitchen remodel. As often happens, our plans for the kitchen were delayed and therefore the contractor is starting later than expected. The project will still not be done by our St. Paddy's Dinner. The April dinner should happen as planned.

As we look ahead, we are happy to have some new hosts cooking upcoming dinners. Thank you to those volunteers! More are always welcome. I also want to extend a belated welcome to our newest Ladies Club Members, Jackie Nelson, Linda Prather, and Karen Whittington. Welcome Ladies!

- Kerry Moore, Ladies' Club President

Lake County History: Italians in Lake County

(Jan Cook, Lake County News)

In the 1880s many Italians left their homeland and migrated to the United States looking for land and ways to make a living. About 80 percent of the Italians who came to California were from the northern provinces. Most of them were men who came to earn money for their families who remained in Italy. They came as laborers who worked in mining, ranching, vegetable gardening and lumbering as they had done in Italy, while others operated hotels, boarding houses and restaurants. The Italians who came to Lake County followed all of those trades.

Lake County's early Italian population was small, in contrast with that of some other California counties. By 1880 a few Italians were living in Lake County, most of them in southern areas from Eastlake to Middletown to the hills west of Lower Lake, a pattern that continued into the 20th century.

In the 19th century some Italians worked briefly in Lake County and later moved on, leaving little mark on the county. Only a few settled here permanently and created lasting businesses.

Italians replaced Chinese workers after the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 reduced the supply of cheap Chinese labor in California. Italian laborers cut wood for the Sulphur Bank Mine and the Great Western Mine. Italian gardeners grew vegetables in the south county.

In 1880 Louis, Jack, Peter and Joseph Deluechi, all gardeners, lived in the Excelsior area near Lower Lake. Peter had 20 acres in Lower Lake planted with grapes in 1889. Although Peter Deluechi [or Delucchi] and G. W. Munstreti are credited with growing grapes in Lake County in the 1880s, most of the known early-day grape growers and wine-makers were not Italian.

One Italian who made a lasting contribution to Lake County's history was Andrew Rocca, a mining engineer. Rocca was born in Genoa in 1838 and migrated to the United States at the age of 15. After working at several mines around California he was hired as superintendent of the Great Western Quicksilver Mine near Middletown in 1876. He hired Italian laborers to replace the Chinese who were forced out by the anti-Chinese laws. Rocca expanded his business ventures into other mines, real estate and water projects, becoming a wealthy man. Eventually the mercury mines were worked out and Rocca's children all left Lake County. Rocca died in Lake County in 1921. His daughter Helen Rocca Goss wrote about the Rocca family and the mine in her book "The Life and Death of a Quicksilver Mine."

In the early 1900s, Italian miners at Andrew Rocca's Helen Mine lived in a boarding house that Rocca's friend Pasquale Cavagnaro and his family operated for about 20 years.

Some of the Italian surnames from Lake County's early days are also found in Napa County; among them are Cavagnaro, Traverso, Banchemo and Rossi. Napa County had a large Italian population and it quite possible that some men from Napa County found employment in Lake County.

In 1910 Dr. W. R. Prather's Adams Springs Resort employed four men named Rossi and one named "Travess, all born in Italy.

Another permanent Italian immigrant arrived when an Englishman named George Wrey hired Joe Perini to cook at Wrey's Lake County ranch. Wrey had met Perini in San Francisco and hired him away from the Palace Hotel.

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Joe Perini and his wife Josephine Delmonte made Lake County their home and bought a 550 acre ranch in 1901. The Perini family lived on Perini Road near Lower Lake for decades raising vegetables, grapes and cattle and making wine.

According to Tom Smith of Lower Lake, in an interview recorded in the Mauldin Notes, "Perini's was known as the Italian Gardens long before Perini's time. Italians had raised a commercial garden there."

The Perinis became famous for their large public Italian dinners, a tradition that lasted more than 70 years. Their daughter Theresa continued the family tradition for many years after her parents died. The former Perini ranch is now Snows Lake Vineyard.

Unlike most of Lake County's early Italian residents who tended to live in southern Lake County, Angelo Biggi, a jeweler and watchmaker, and his family settled in Lakeport in the 1870s. After Angelo and his wife Caterina died, their son Peter and his family were still in Lakeport in 1940. Another Biggi, Giuliano, emigrated from Italy and was naturalized in 1942. Giuliano is remembered as the founder of Biggi's Family Camp in Loch Lomond.

Family resorts like Biggi's attract Italians from around Northern California each August for Ferragosto, an ancient Italian holiday. Food, fun and family all unite for a memorable gathering that has been celebrated in Lake County's Little Italy near Loch Lomond for almost 100 years.

Steve Magagnini at the Sacramento Bee captured the spirit of Lake County's Ferragosto in "Body, soul, fed at Italian gathering," published in the Bee on Sept. 6, 2013.

During the 20th century more people of Italian heritage moved into Lake County, quietly blending into the community and settling all around Clear Lake. A few of them became well known like long-time game warden Dave Dondero (1874-1967), rancher and county Supervisor Donald Martinelli (1903-1984) and county Supervisor Gene Lovi (1928-2010).

Lake County's Italian population remains small, with only about 4,700 claiming an Italian background.

Arrivederci!

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