

## 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

Secretary/Treasurer:  
Chris Smits

Director: Jean Swegle

Director: Richard Tracy

Director: Carina DeHererra

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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

## News

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**Next Country Club Board Meeting is July 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm.  
Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is May 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm.**

## President's Report

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

UPDATE: In accordance with the Order of the County of Lake Health Officer No. C20-3 (Addendum 4 issued April 23, 2020 and Addendum 5 issued April 24, 2020) please note the following:

- 1) The pool will remain closed until state and county restrictions are lifted.
- 2) The marina is open for shore fishing and launch of paddle-propelled watercraft owned by Riviera West property owners only. Sailboats are not included.
- 3) The new picnic/recreation park remains closed to general use. Group picnics or social gatherings in the park are prohibited. However, the bocce ball court and horseshoe pit may be used when strictly observing the following conditions per County orders:

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

April showers bring May flowers.... and pollens and grasses and weeds!

As we work on keeping our property cleared for the upcoming fire season, please remember that the area around the water meter needs to be clear and accessible to water company personnel.

If you have a drip system, now is the time to test them and repair any leaks. A well-maintained drip system will save you money and keep your outside plants happy and healthy.

Our backup generators are here and in place. Electrical connections and propane tanks are operational. The last step is the authorized Cummins factory startup which should happen shortly.

The water company has had some delays with implementing the new billing software. Last year's fire season and power outages created some delays on our part. And now with our software conversion team working from home, our timeline has slowed a bit. CUSI has been working with us to install and test the new system as quickly as possible.

### **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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- a. Social distancing must be maintained, two persons per court who stand apart. In the cast of bocce ball two persons can occupy each of the far ends of the court provided they do not then aggregate as a group.
- b. Players must provide their own equipment and are responsible for taking appropriate cleaning measures with their equipment.

The office remains closed to general traffic. Our office administrator and bookkeeper continue to carry out the business of the HOA and Water Company working in isolation. They occupy the building on different days and alternatively work at home. Please submit any questions, business needs or concerns to the office via email, the drop box at the office stairway or by phone. Be aware that due to reduced scheduling and the increase in phone and email traffic, response times may be delayed.

I have to report that we did have an attempted vehicle theft on Monday night, April 20. Our homeowner, alerted by a sound outside, stepped outside and observed two men by his vehicle parked on Riviera West Drive. A disturbing sight for sure. The two men ran away. The owner contacted the Sheriff's office to report the incident and informed the HOA office.

All scheduled projects have been completed except for a couple of new light timers that will be installed in the clubhouse. We will hold off on new projects until after the annual meeting.

Trial runs have been completed using Zoom, an online virtual meeting application, under the leadership of Chris Smits. Seems to work well and there is a high probability that both boards will use this system to conduct the annual meetings on June 20. Annual meetings are a requirement of state HOA regulations. Using Zoom, all community members can attend the meetings either via their home computers and tablets with internet service, or their phones. We recommend you download the free app from Zoom.com and explore its features prior to the June meeting.

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Since there is no business that currently requires Board of Directors action, we are postponing the regular meeting of the Board on May 20 until July. If the need arises, we will schedule a virtual meeting of the Executive Committee (which is open to all members).

Be aware that our normal annual fire prevention program will continue. All properties in RW will be inspected in May by the fire chief we contract with and notices issued for non-compliant properties. A chipping day will be scheduled in late June but do not create debris piles more than two weeks before the announced chipping date. The Fire Safety committee needs additional members. Commitment just calls for two meetings and a couple of hours of visiting parcels each year. Let the office know if you want to be part of this critical activity.

Hope everybody stays well and optimistic. Facing this new natural disaster, I am thankful I live in this wonderful area in a friendly, cooperative community.

Cheers,

Phil Hartley

***(Simmons, Cont. from pg. 1 column 2)***

The Board will be e-meeting during May. A Proposed 2020 Budget will be presented to the Board, and there will be an update on the Water Storage Tank Replacement Project and ways to fund it. The meeting will be held electronically using Zoom. The Agenda and information on how to attend electronically will be sent in an email and posted on the website. Watch for this information.

### **Social Committee:**

Currently, there are no social activities or Ladies' Club meetings on the calendar due to the COVID-19 restrictions of social distancing.

The Ladies Club will remain in hiatus until such time that we can meet to discuss its future and to vote for new officers. In the meantime if you have missed all your favorite activities, please

volunteering to be a Ladies' Club officer.

### **What's in Your Mailbox?**

**(hint: look for the Annual Packet!)**

By C. Baur

This month, you should be receiving the 2020 annual member's packet from our office. It includes all of the information that you are legally entitled to as a Riviera West and Harbor View Mutual Water Company member. An invitation to our annual meetings is included, along with information about "virtual attendance" via the internet or phone. Documentation about our business and finances is also in the package.

Take the time to review the material and give us a call if you have any questions. A few items of special and timely importance:

- **Proxy forms** – please complete and send in the proxy forms
- **Election ballots** – both the Water Company and the HOA have open Board seats this year. Read the candidate statements and indicate your choice on the ballot. Be sure to follow the instructions for signing the envelope and mailing in your ballot so we can be sure to count your vote. Even though you sign the outer envelope, your ballot will be counted anonymously as always. Remember, ballots must be received at the office no later than 9:00 am on Saturday, June 20, 2020 to be counted.

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In the packet you will also find the annual MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION sheet. We are legally required to obtain your contact information every year. Only with your current data can we send you vital updates about COVID-19 restrictions, fires & evacuations and power shut-downs, as well as business and administrative communications. Please complete and send the information sheet!

The annual mailing this year contained many Informational sheets. I'm sure you're wondering who does the copying, collating, envelope-stuffing, counting and weighing, stamp-sticking and general all-around management of this important project. Even though we could not have our customary "stuffing bee" gathering this year because of the lockdown, a core group of volunteers stepped forward to help our Office Administrator get this mailing out the door. The community thanks these dedicated workers, who creatively overcame social-distancing challenges to get the job done:

- Michaela Keenan
- Kerry Moore
- Norma Simmons
- Chris Smits
- Jan Wilson

## Lake County Time Capsule: Hot Springs History

Kathleen Scavone

Lake County's heyday of hot springs resorts occurred between 1875 and 1920. Some resorts were well known prior to that, however.

Our county's hot springs history is remarkable and diverse. Back then, folks from the cities and countryside would flock to Lake County to soak and swim in the many and assorted spring waters that ran from hot to cold. Many of the precious waters were bottled for consumption and boasted healing cures for whatever ailed one. \Lake County's spring waters or resorts numbered in excess of 100. They included Allen, Bear, Grizzly, Harbin, Royal, Siegler, Wilbur and many more.

California Indians took advantage of the many hot springs in what is now Lake County when the springs were used as gathering places and spiritual oases for centuries, long before the EuroAmericans "discovered" them.

Lake County's hot springs originated due to an intense heat deep below the earth's surface.

Layers of rock heat up which are situated above the molten rock. The magma is thought to be located about 4 miles beneath the earth at The Geysers, which is now known as the largest geothermal field in the world. Since the rock is layered with fractures, water is heated naturally, creating hot springs and fumaroles across the land.

The book, "History of Lake County 1881" states:

"The springs of Lake County are a marvel, and to write of their beauty and usefulness would require the pen of a poet. They may be divided into three general classes, as follows: Pure cold water, cold mineral water, and thermal mineral water. Of the first there are thousands and thousands; every hill and mountain side teem with them, and the weary traveler and his thirsty beast find streams of pure water, cool and fresh, gushing from the wayside banks, and gathered into troughs for his convenience. The flow of these springs vary from a few gallons a day to barrels per minute.

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The largest flow, perhaps, in the county, is from the Howitzer Spring, the stream from which crosses the road a short distance north of the toll-house on Cobb Mountain. The amount of water which comes pouring forth from this place is something wonderful to contemplate, and, what is more strange, the yield seems to be always the same; winter's flood nor summer's drought seem to have no appreciable effect upon it."

Anderson Springs was a popular destination for work-weary vacationers. Anderson Springs began operation in 1873. There were accommodations for 30 at the hotel, and there were also bathhouses which utilized the nearby hot springs. One could also take a steam bath on the creek's hot spring. Some of the springs at Anderson Springs were hot and some cold, with a total of nine different springs. The minerals which could be enjoyed included iron, magnesia, sulfur and combinations thereof. Anderson Springs advertised, " No fog. No harsh winds. Sparkling trout stream bordered by trees. Ferns and flowers. Lovely wooded trails. Grand mountain scenery."

Harbin Hot Springs has a long resort history since it was settled by James Madison Harbin. In 1866, soon after his arrival, it became a destination resort. It was a common site for travelers to pull in by stagecoach, having endured a nine-hour journey from San Francisco. Besides "taking the waters," guests had the option to play games such like croquet or bocce ball. It was not uncommon for famous folks like heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries to train at Harbin in the early 1900s. After World War I, when the Model T Ford car began to pop up across the country, the hot springs resort industry in Lake County declined. Then, folks chose to vacation where the highways led them. Since Lake County was far off the beaten path, the numbers of hot springs resort vacationers diminished almost to the point of no return. *Kathleen Scavone, M.A., is a retired educator, potter, writer and author of "Anderson Marsh State Historic Park: A Walking History, Prehistory, Flora, and Fauna Tour of a California State Park" and "Native Americans of Lake County." She also formerly wrote for NASA and JPL as one of their "Solar System Ambassadors." She was selected "Lake County Teacher of the Year, 1998-99" by the Lake County Office of Education, and chosen as one of 10 state finalists the same year by the California Department of Education same year by the California Department of Education.*

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

## Wildflowers of Riviera West - Pacific Hound's Tongue

One of the pleasures of living in Riviera West is enjoying the wild plants that thrive on Mount Konocti. As a special feature, our newsletter will highlight a different local wildflower in every issue. These delightful volunteers are a cheerful presence in the neighborhood, particularly on vacant properties and in the surrounding countryside. Please do not pick the wildflowers; try taking a selfie instead! Left undisturbed, they will create seeds and we will be able to enjoy future generations of beautiful flowers.



PACIFIC HOUND'S TONGUE (*Adelinia grande*)

- Bright blue flowers with white centers
- Upright stems about 24" tall
- Large, dark green leaves form the base of the plant
- Seen in shady areas in early spring

"*Adelinia grande*, previously known as *Cynoglossum grande*, is a species of flowering plant in the borage family known as Pacific hound's tongue. It is the only species in the genus *Adelinia*.

Pacific hound's tongue is native to western North America from British Columbia to California, where it grows in shady areas in woodland and chaparral. On the forest floor of California oak woodlands typical plant associates are *Calochortus luteus*, *Delphinium variegatum* and *Calochortus amabilis*.

It is a perennial herb producing an erect stem 30 to 90 centimeters tall from a taproot. The leaves are mostly located around the base of the plant, each with an oval blade up to 15 centimeters long held on a petiole. The inflorescence is a panicle of flowers on individual pedicels. Each five-lobed flower is bright to deep blue with white appendages at the center.

It is 1 to 1.5 centimeters wide. The fruit is an array of four slightly bristly nutlets. Native Americans made a preparation of the roots to treat burns and stomach aches." Text credit: Wikipedia, April 30, 2020 .

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HELP OUR WILDFLOWER population survive by not planting invasive species. Invasive plants can spread aggressively, endangering wild plants and the wildlife that depends on them. Invasives in our area include vinca major periwinkle, pampas grass, leafy spurge, purple vetch, French broom, Scotch broom and other broom plants, and the infamous yellow star thistle. Some of these bad actors were planted by folks who didn't know they were introducing a problem. And some even continue to be sold at local nurseries! Before buying, be sure your selection is not an invasive plant. If you have a problem plant on your property, ask a reputable nursery or the UC Master Gardener program (<http://mg.ucanr.edu/index.cfm>) for advice on non-invasive alternatives.

### HELPFUL LINKS:

California Native Plant Society <https://calscape.org/>

North Coast California <https://northcoastca.com/blog/a-wealth-of-wildflowers-in-the-north-coast/>

Lake County Resource Conservation District and <https://www.lakercd.org/>

California Invasive Plants Council <https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/profiles/> and <https://www.lakercd.org/2019-native-plant-list.html>