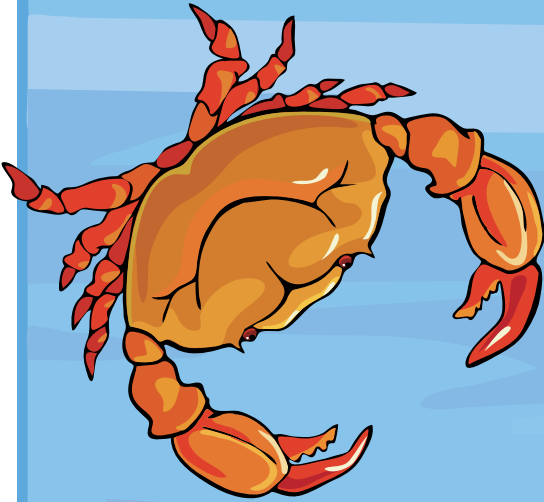




January–February 2011

# THE LODGE LOG

BLUE LAKE SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION



# ANNUAL CRAB FEED

**Sunday, February 20th, 2011  
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Crab Feed. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy delicious Dungeness crab, linguini with clam sauce, mixed green salad, garlic French bread, and brownies

**\$29.00 Adults**

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**Children Under 5 Free**

Payment must accompany reservation. Please call the Business Office for reservations **NO LATER** than Wednesday, February 16th, 2011. Cancellations after this date will result in a \$10.00 charge. To make reservations, call 209-795-2357.



## 2010 Calendar of Events

**Tuesday Evening Bridge:** 7 p.m.

**Wednesday Bridge Lessons:** 1 p.m.

**Thursday Bridge:** Second Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

**Pinochle:** First Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
(April 2011 through November 2011)

**Texas Hold'em:** Second Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. (September 2010 through May 2011)

**Friday Morning Bridge:** 9:30 a.m.

**Pofluck:** 2nd Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.  
(September 2010 thru May 2011)

**Crab Feed:** Sunday, February 20

**Job Faire:** Saturday, April 9,  
10 a.m. to noon

**Spring Fling:** Saturday, May 7

## President's Message

Now that's a storm!!

Thanksgiving week and the site is Arnold. We experienced three feet of snow and five days without power. Those hardy souls who stuck it out got to see help of all kinds. PG&E, Ebbetts Pass Fire, Cal Fire, and So. Cal. Edison had trucks all over clearing out the trees and repairing the downed lines. But it's over finally, and now the ski enthusiasts are having a ball. We're all so happy to give the snow blower a rest.

And thankfully the skies cleared enough so that our Holiday Brunch came off without a hitch. Many thanks to those Winter Rec. Committee members Jim and Ginny Harrington and Norm and Anne Friborg for their work in making this event a successful one.

Hope your holidays were joyous and relaxing. We plan to spend Christmas with our daughter and family in California, Maryland. Can't wait to go through the "scanning or pat down" process at the airport. Haven't decided yet on which method to choose.

The 2011 Pro Forma budget and notification of the annual assessment as well as explanations that caused an increase was mailed to all members. The Finance Committee met numerous times to bring all facets of the budget into focus and to keep any increase to an absolute minimum. Thanks to all of you for your hard, responsible work.

The Board has contracted our attorney to review and update our CC&Rs as it has been 15 years since the last review. The process is expected to take several months and our plan is to have a membership vote completed by the time of the 2011 June General Meeting. More information and a recap of proposed changes will be forthcoming when available.

Again, thanks to all of you who made this year a successful one. Hard work from our management, staff and volunteers are the reason we have such a wonderful association.

—Roy Silcox, President  
*Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Association*

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## HELP!

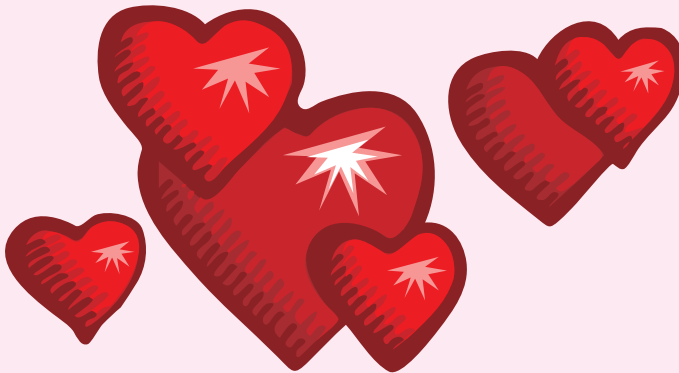
Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Association is looking for a VIP Coordinator (Volunteers in Prevention) for the 2011 year. The Coordinator must be a member of Blue Lake Springs. This job involves organizing the volunteers to inspect developed lots for compliance with CALFIRE requirements. It is recommended that the Coordinator be a fulltime resident. Call 209-795-2357 for more information.

## IMPORTANT!

Billing statements for the 2011 Association Assessments were mailed to you on November 30th. Please remember that the Association Assessments for 2011 are delinquent after May 1st, 2011. If you have any questions concerning your billing statement, please call the Association Office @ 209-795-2357. Stickers will be mailed after dues are paid. Please find your membership cards so you are ready to put stickers on the card for 2011.

# Valentine's Dining Special

**Friday, February 11**  
**Saturday, February 12**



A special invitation with the menu will be sent to anyone who has signed up for email or you can view the menu on our website.

(If you haven't signed up to receive our dining specials, please do so on our website, [www.blsha.com](http://www.blsha.com).)

## Manager's Report

Thanksgiving weekend was full of events for everyone with the snowstorm and power outages that were experienced throughout Blue Lake Springs and all of Arnold. Most of the power outages were caused by trees falling/snapping due to the heavy snow loads. Power was out in some areas for a 5 day period. If you experienced more than a 48 hour power outage you may be entitled to a rebate from PG&E, the number is 1-888-743-4743. Not only were power lines damaged by trees, but private residences were also damaged. Blue Lake Springs Security Department conducted over twenty-seven emergency notifications to property owners with trees on their homes. One major problem the Security Department faced when conducting the emergency contacts was the lack of visible street addresses located on properties. Please make sure you read the article on this subject in this issue of the Lodge Log.

The Association has experienced a sudden increase of advertise signage within the Blue Lake Springs Development. Please take note, that not only does this become unsightly but is also against the Blue Lake Springs Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&R). Article III, Section 1, Signage, second paragraph states:

*Address signs with numerals of at least four (4) inches in height are required and must be visible from the street to assist in the location of properties by emergency vehicles and services. No signs of a commercial nature shall be displayed on any property. No more than one "For Rent", "For Lease" or "For Sale" sign of reasonable dimension (as determined by The Association) or*

*job identification signs of a type usually employed by contractors, subcontractors or tradesmen will be permitted. All such signs shall be removed within ten (10) days following conclusion of the construction, sale or other activity.*

If you have questions on permissible signage, please contact the Association Office.

Another CC&R that is of concern for Association members is the number of dead trees still out in the development. Article III, Section 3, Trees and Vegetation, paragraph (B) states:

*(A) A defensible space shall be maintained around all structures, according to standards set forth in the Public Resources Code, Section 4291, which is endorsed by the California Department of Forestry. The owner of any property adjacent to improved property, where a structure is built within the defensible space required, shall provide the necessary additional clearance on the adjacent property.*

*(B) All owners are required to cut down dead and diseased trees and/or vegetation and remove all debris on both improved and unimproved property.*

*(C) Failure to comply will give The Association the option (after 30 days written notice) to bring said property into compliance and bill said owner/owners for all associated cost, including any legal fees.*

It is extremely important that property owners realize the threat a dead tree can pose to surrounding property/trees, and take the necessary steps to remove all dead trees from their properties.

Recently, the Association was asked what accommodations are made for those who are physically handicapped and wish to gain access to the Associations facilities. The easiest way for anyone that is handicapped to gain access to the facilities is to call the Association Office at (209) 795-2357 or the Associations Recreation Office at (209) 795-4009. The Association will make accommodations for any member or their guest through several handicap accessible entry points.



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Anthony & Mary Musich	Unit 9
Larry Alden	Unit 10
Carlino & Julie Cecilio	Unit 13
Jason Fitzsimons	Unit 13
Manjunath & Chitra Mittha	Unit 13
Paul & Catherine Moody	Unit 13



## New Menu



The new Snowflake Lodge dinner menu will be available soon. We'll send it to anyone who has signed up for email.

(If you haven't signed up to receive our dining specials, please do so on our website, [www.blsha.com](http://www.blsha.com) or you can view the new menu on our website.)

## Job Faire

### Saturday April 9

10 a.m. to 12 noon



We will be hiring the following positions:

- Certified Lifeguards
- Recreation Office Staff
  - Recreation Aide
- Snack Bar Attendants

Bring a copy of your resume, or email [blsoffice@caltel.com](mailto:blsoffice@caltel.com) attention Recreation Director for more information. We will meet near the pool or inside if we have poor weather.

## A Visible Address—It's A Good I.D.

Reflective address signs that meet Calaveras County ordinances and the BLSHA CC&Rs are available from the Calaveras County Sheriff's Volunteers at the Arnold Sheriff's Substation (in the Meadowmont Shopping Center) when the substation is staffed with volunteers.

The signs could assist emergency services find the location of your structure or lot at a critical moment. It's surprising then that 95% of the properties in Blue Lake Springs do not display reflective address signs that meet County ordinances. It is time well spent to obtain your sign prior to a critical situation or an emergency event. The signs can benefit a homeowner who does not occupy their structure full-time. Following the last series of large snowstorms a number of BLSHA members who were out for walks in our subdivision had observed structures with damaged trees upon their roofs. In many of those cases it was not clear to the observer what street address this had occurred at. Valuable time was lost as BLSHA members

and staff attempted to determine the location of an incident so that the property owner of record could be determined and contacted in a timely manner.

The Sheriff's Volunteers would be glad to assist you in obtaining your signs and they can be reached at 209-795-0473 when they staff the substation. It is also highly recommended that the BLSHA has at least one current phone number at which you may be contacted if a concern was to arise with respect to your BLS property. Perhaps the best way to bring your contact information to the attention of the BLSHA is to send it to the office by email, [blsoffice@calltel.com](mailto:blsoffice@calltel.com). It is also a good idea to have your account information at hand for contacting service providers for landline telephone service, cable TV service, electrical service (PG&E), etc. When large storms affect those services in our subdivision, the number of structures affected all at the same time can be quite large! The sooner you can contact a service provider and have yourself placed on their list of customers needing service, the sooner your service could be restored to your cabin. Perhaps the most valuable tip we can give is to meet your neighbors and establish a neighbor who could bring a concern about your property to your attention during a period of time when you may be absent and vice versa.

—BLSHA Office  
and Security Department Staff



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## Volunteers in Prevention (VIP)

As the New Year dawns, I will reflect on the past. Here at Blue Lake Springs, we have had one of the largest snowfalls for the month of November which resulted in many broken trees and branches. This all adds up to more work for the lot cleaners and homeowners prior to the start of the 2011 fire season. I have been the Blue Lake Springs VIP Coordinator since 2005 and have decided to hang up my clipboard at

the end of the 2010 season. It has been my pleasure to work with our VIP volunteers, CALFIRE and BLS homeowners to achieve a 100% Fire Safe Community, while transiting from the old 30' clearance to the new 100' clearance. Our HOA is now looking for a new VIP Coordinator to take over responsibilities prior to 2011. Thanks for all your support.

—Dave Ryniec

## ANNOUNCEMENT

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# Fiesta Fling



**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

**More details in the next Lodge Log.**

## H<sub>2</sub>O Highlights

Dear Shareholders:

This past year we completed another section of rear yard water main replacement. The Meadow Drive/St. Andrews project was completed on time and under budget, adding four new fire hydrants to our system. All affected property owners will be notified by mail that they will be required to connect to the new water main by November 1, 2011. With the completion of this phase and the planned 2011 project, we will have approximately 70% of the rear yard water main replacement project completed.

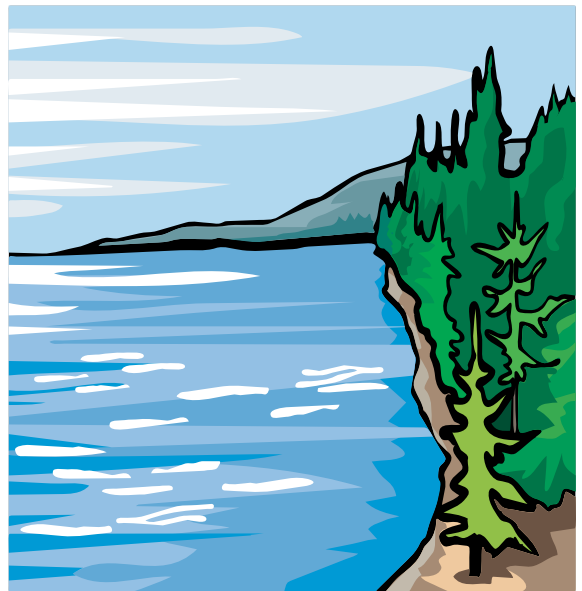
At the November Board meeting the Board of Directors approved the 2011 budget with no increase in rates. Included in the budget is funding for the 2011 Seminole Way/Silverado Way replacement project. This spring your Board of Directors will be developing plans for the remaining water main replacement projects. We will report to

you at the annual meeting regarding the costs. An increase in rates for 2012 is expected.

Finally, this is the time of year that we must remind every homeowner to be sure to winterize their home before leaving. Properly draining the water pipes in your home before leaving for extended time is simple and will save you the expense of water damage to your home and the loss of thousands of gallons of water from our system. If you have questions don't hesitate to call the water company office at 209-795-7025.

—Sincerely,

*John C. Speakman, President  
BLSMWC Board of Directors*





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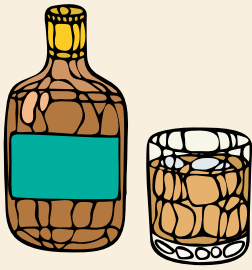
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Snowflake Lodge Restaurant Presents a Traditional

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

**March 19th, 2011**



## Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage  
New Potatoes, Carrots,  
Tossed Green Salad  
Ice Cream with crème de menthe

**\$17.50**

**For reservations, call 209-795-2357**

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## Potluck

Eighty-one members and guests attended our second potluck of the season. We had a German theme and the dishes were outstanding.

Thanks to the Kitchen Committee; Laurie and Ron Andrade, Jim and Ginny Harrington, Dave and Mo Ryniec and Cyndie and Roger Hawkins. Also, I would like to thank Luann Baugher, Potluck Co-Chair; Harry Tittle and Norm Friborg, Bingo Callers; and Don Peterson, bartender.



The 50/50 raffle was won by Guy Pollak and the blackout bingo was a four

way split by Jim Harrington, Jackie Gutierrez, Karen Davis and Anne Friborg. Regular bingo winners were DJ Stein, Sue Pollak, Dave Baugher, Cyndie Hawkins, and Dick Lawlor.

The theme for the November 10, potluck was comfort food.

Sixty-two members and guests attended the November potluck. The theme for November was comfort food and we had stew, pot roast, mac and cheese and many other "make you feel good" dishes.

It was a very lucky evening for Joe and Greda Schmitt. Joe won the 50/50 raffle and black out bingo and Greda won one of the bingo games. Other bingo winners were Judy Evans, Laney Aguiar (Gerry and John Budd's daughter), and Nannette Reilly.

Thanks to the kitchen committee; Roy and Sheila Silcox, Tom and Marie Jones, Elaine Nelsen and Nancy and Dan Faulkner. Thank you Sherry Tittle for filling in for Luann. Also thanks to Norm Friborg and Harry Tittle for doing the bingo and Harry also helped at the bar.

Next potluck will be January 12, 2011. We are planning a chili cook off, which should be a lot of fun.

—Mary Peterson, Potluck Chairperson

## Rec Ramblings

The holiday season is over and we trust you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Early snows have left Blue Lake Springs looking like a winter wonderland! With cold weather, hot chocolate and a fire it is hard to think about our upcoming summer... but we must.

Work has started on the 2011 summer recreation season schedule and we think you will be pleased with what we are planning. It certainly is important to keep our ideas fresh and yet we know that repeat activities and certain events are the center of our program. This year we will bring back the Carnival and hope to have face painting and a crafts table.

We have also scheduled a BLS Community Book and DVD Swap. More details on that later. Additionally we are considering a special event called the "Teddy Bear Sleepover." Shhhhh... it's a surprise. Details to follow.

Of course we will offer swim lessons, tennis lessons, Kids Kamp and Cubby Bear time; keep reading the Lodge Log and check online at [www.blsha.com](http://www.blsha.com) to stay connected!

Happy New Year!

—Judith A. Anderson,  
Director of Recreation

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## Holiday Brunch



A special thank you goes to Ginny & Jim Harrington and Anne & Norm Friborg for chairing the great Holiday Brunch.

—Sheila Silcox, Chair, Winter Rec

# January/February 2011

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## Tuesday Evening Bridge:

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Call Marilyn Szukalski at 795-3811 or Bev Vasquez at 795-1356

## Bridge Lessons:

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Call Bobbie Neely at 795-7815

## Pinochle:

First Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (Apr. 2011 through Nov. 2011)

Call Carol Lipe at 795-2367

## Texas Hold'em:

Second Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. (Sept. 2010 through May 2011)

Call Sherry Tittle at 795-1655

## Friday Morning Bridge:

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Call Judy Evans at 795-7399 or Bobbie Neely at 795-7815

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