



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

June 2019

Join us for our Annual Independence Day Weekend BBQ!



Saturday, July 6, 2019 6:00 pm

Half Rack BBQ ribs \$21.00

Half Chicken \$16.00

Kids Buffet \$ 12.00 (up to age 10) Kids 5 and under Free!

Menu: Ribs or Chicken

Assorted Salads, Ranch Style Beans, Corn on the Cob Garlic Bread, Watermelon, Brownies

Kids Buffet: Homemade Mac & Cheese, Garlic bread, Brownies (Kids price DOES NOT include Ribs or Chicken)

***For reservations please call 209-795-2357. Cancellations after Tuesday July 2nd will be charged full price**

2019 Calendar of Events

Monday Afternoon Canasta

Third Mondays at 1:30
Linda Utter 890-7643

Thursday Morning Duplicate Bridge

Second Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Bev Vasquez 795-1356

Friday Morning Bridge

Every Friday at 9:30 a.m.
Debbie Kushnir 795-0600

(Please note for all bridge groups, please call ahead to save a spot)

Mahjong

First and Third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Leni Salayko 795-7166

Texas Hold'em:

Second Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
(September 2019 through May 2020)

Potluck

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
(September 2019 through May 2020)
Sue Pollak 795-1223



If there is any member who knows of someone who may need a get well card or sympathy card, please call the Sunshine Lady, Sheila Silcox at 209-795-5725.

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Monte & Teralind George

Unit 02

Arlo & Nicole Armstrong

Unit 09

Kurt & Ashley Rodenspiel

Unit 05

Annamarie & Brian Robinson

Unit 10

Steven & Genevieve Woerner

Unit 04

Thomas De Garzia

Unit 02

Marc Trotz & Anita Liboff

Unit 08



SNOWFLAKE LODGE HOURS:

FRIDAY/ SATURDAY 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm (year round)

Snowflake Lodge Restaurant is open year round Friday and Saturday nights, to members and their guests. It is a full service restaurant serving an extensive, ever evolving menu featuring the finest food on the mountain prepared by Chef Marc Kirby and his talented team. With a full service dining menu, you are sure to find your new favorite! Although alcohol is not served, you are welcome to bring your own wine with no corkage fee. Snowflake Lodge always offers complimentary soft drinks. We hope to see you in the restaurant soon!

For Dinner reservations please call 209-795-2357. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Blue Lake Springs HOA Members

The 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors year is coming to an end and I would like to thank all of our board members, and management, for all of the hard work and dedication they displayed this past year. And, I would particularly like to thank our two departing board members Bev Vasquez and Guy Pollack for their service to our community for two terms on the board, six years! That took a great deal of dedication on their part and I truly appreciate it.

I hope all of you enjoyed your Memorial Day holiday. The weather in BLS was less than ideal, but we still had a great time.

Mid-May we enjoyed our annual Spring Fling with a 1960's Sock Hop. It was well attended and those of us who were there had a great time. Our Events Committee decided to forego our annual winter event this year and instead we will spend the money on a new sound system for the lodge. This will pay dividends in the future as it will permit us to host more quality events down the road.

Our Summer Recreation Committee is ready to kick off the summer season with a whole host of fun events. One change to their agenda is the late addition of a kids fly fishing class. Last year's instructor was unable to return this year, so we were lucky enough to find someone else to take his place. You can find the details in the Summer Recreation Guide on our website.

As you may have read in other communications, BLS as well as most other HOA's in our area, has had difficulty this year in hiring as many certified lifeguards as we would like due to fewer kids taking lifeguarding classes, and school districts extending their competitive swimming programs through the summer months. Ideally we would like to have between ten to twelve lifeguards, but this year we have only been able to hire five. So, we have decided to fill the gap with lake, or pool, monitors. These monitors will have some basic lifesaving skills and will be CPR certified. We have put warning signs around our entrances, pool and lakes alerting people of the situation.

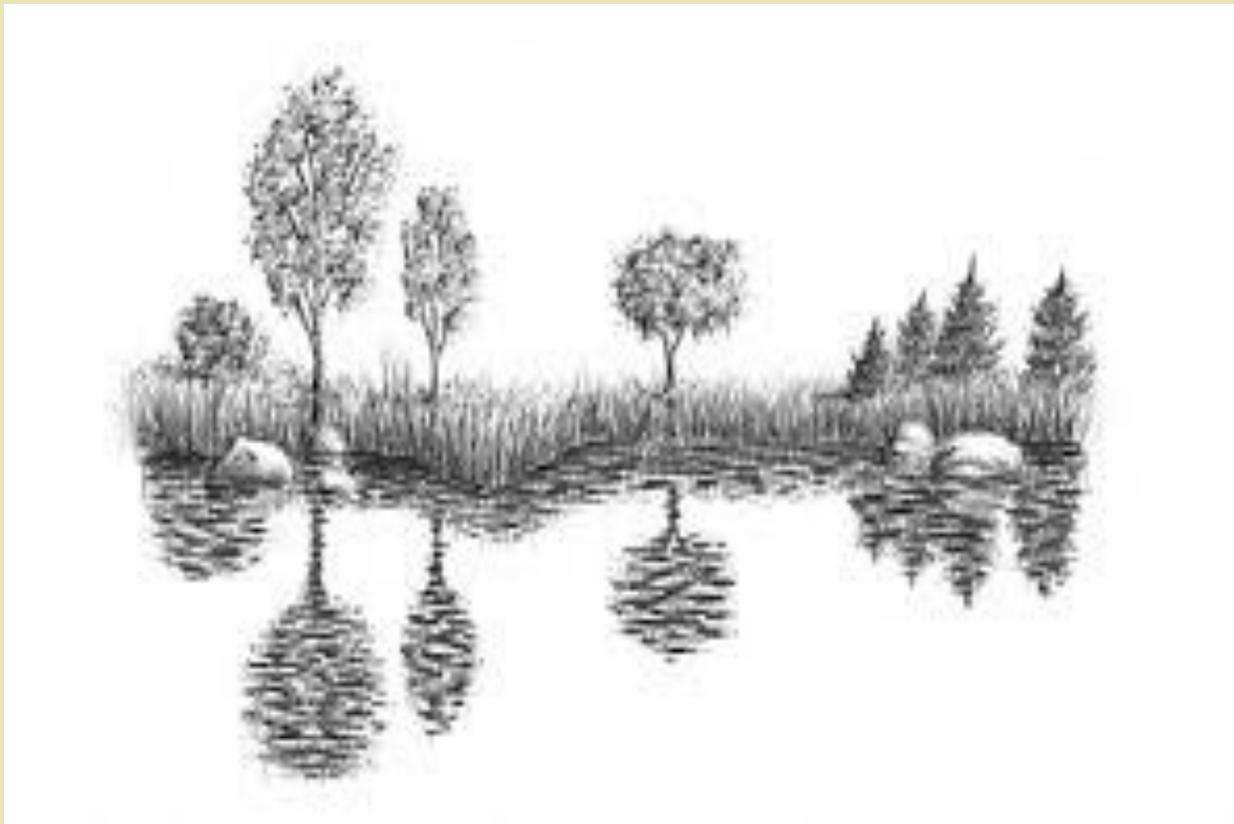
The long awaited disc golf course, exercise course and dog trail will be in operation by mid June at Fly-In. We have all of the materials on hand, we are just waiting for the ground to dry out. Also we will be adding an ADA compliant picnic table, with a rental BBQ near the check in office by mid June. If this table/BBQ is popular, we will add one or two more next season.

We will be forced to begin draining Fly-in Lake in mid August this year so that we can get the lake dredged before the winter rains. This will be a two-step process with the lake being drawn down about half way in August, and the final drawdown after Labor Day. This will permit members to continuing to use a portion of the lake before the final draining in September. We had hoped to have this work accomplished early in the spring, but the weather didn't cooperate. Once the lake has been dredged it will increase the useable surface, shore areas and beaches by about 1/3 and will permit us to introduce more water related amenities next season.

I want to thank you for having me as your president this year. It has been a undertaking that I have truly enjoyed.

Mike McAtee

BLSHOA President



Rec Ramblings

Memorial Day Weekend! What can we say? It felt like a winter weekend! We were prepared, bulletin boards decorated, staff trained, flags out and....it was the “Liquid Sunshine” opening. We smiled to ourselves as the highlight of the weekend was watching teenagers playing in the pool as it snowed. One teenager exclaimed, “this is the best!”

We didn't let a wet weekend dampen our spirits though, as we prepared for our next big event. Make sure you mark your calendar for our Touch a Truck event being held Saturday, June 29 at the Fly in Lake parking lot at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your family and sit in a fire truck, police car and....maybe you will even get to meet the newly purchased bomb squad robot.

Basketball Camp is back by popular demand and spots are filling up. Coach Tim Lilly will be conducting the clinic. Also, you can learn to fly fish with Ed, practice Yoga with Bobbie in July, or learn to play tennis. Check out the Rec handbook or our bulletin boards for more detailed information.

Please make a note our annual July 4th Kids Fishing Derby is Thursday, July 4. Our dear friend and former employee Bobbie Owens will oversee the derby which starts at 6:30 a.m. Those 16 and under may fish. Please remember to carry your HOA member's card as we will be checking We will have our every popular Chalk it Up and the Snack Bar will be open late. Come by and have dinner and then stay for our fireworks on the lake!

Psst.. get ready for the **Amazing Race Cardboard Boat Regatta**. You may make your entry at your home or cabin and bring it down to race at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 2. We will be sending out more information on this event. Direct your questions to Veronica. There are particular rules to follow so make sure you check in before you start building; we wouldn't want to disqualify your team.

Another summer and we in Recreation are so excited to see all of you. Our wish is for you to say, “This was the best summer vacation ever.”

Judith A. Anderson, Summer Recreation Director



July 4th Fishing Derby Update

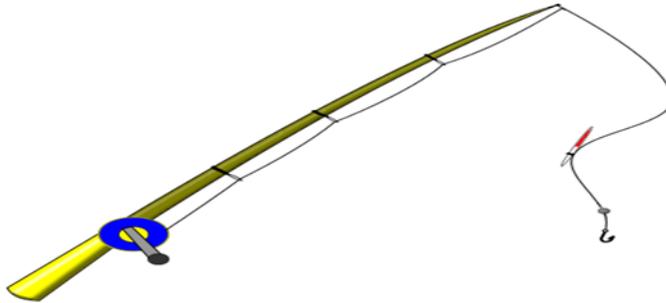
No fishing until the derby

6:30 to 8 a.m.

For kids 16 and under.

Trophies for youngest, first caught and longest fish!

Remember no fishing off the docks or in the roped off areas.



FAMILY SEASON CARDS

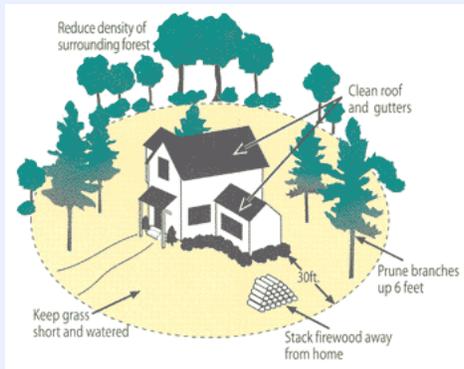
Family Season Cards must be picked up at the Recreation Office or the Business Office. The cards may be picked up by either the member or the person whose name is on the card. Please be ready to show identification. Cards may not be picked up by other family members unless their names are on the cards. In order to prevent a delay in picking up the card(s), have your lot/unit number ready to give to the staff. If you have any questions, please call the Business Office at 209-795-2357

Summer Check-in System

Beginning Memorial Day weekend the Recreation Office "check-in" will have the same procedure as we did last summer. You still must show your member card along with photo ID. Once you have signed in you will receive a daily wristband which indicates you have completely checked in at the Recreation Office.

While we understand this is an additional step to the check-in process, we think you will be pleased. Once you have received your wristband it will be easier to come and go. No more hand stamps; flash your wrist and we know you have already checked in.

To make it easier on beach goers on busy weekends, you may use the lower gate in the cul-de-sac to bring in your rafts and other beach equipment. You will still need to check in at the Recreation Office and get your wristbands. You can use the lower gate for entry. There will be staff members checking wristbands.



Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Blue Lake Springs has been a designated Firewise USA Community since 2014. This national program was first introduced to BLS by Pete Padelford who saw the benefits of developing an awareness of how to take preventative measures for fire safety while living with the threat of wildfire. With the continued efforts of Doug Nunes, there are now 10 HOAs in the Arnold area that have also achieved this recognition by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) The Firewise USA® program provides educational resources for communities located in wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas as to how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses.

For more information see: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

For information on the history of the Firewise-USA Communities Program: <https://www.hsd1.org/?view&did=785531>

One of the requirements for keeping this Firewise USA designation active, each community must sponsor an annual event or project promoting fire safety. “Wildfire Community Preparedness Day”, is on the first Saturday in May. This year, as in past years, we have had a town hall type event at Independence Hall in White Pines sponsored by the Hwy 4 Firewise Committee, along with all the fire protection agencies presenting information about what is going on in our community. Some of the topics covered were the creation of shaded fuel breaks surrounding Arnold, evacuation routes, registering with the county for emergency alerts, 100 ft. defensible space requirements, property insurance, burn permits and more. This event is a great opportunity to visit with each of these agencies and ask questions.

This year, we thought it would also be interesting to sponsor a Blue Lake Springs fire safety project and we decided on clearing the area out by Hwy 4 and Moran Road. We may do this again next year at another location within Blue Lake Springs and hope that you will join our merry group and show what can be accomplished in a day! Many thanks to Jon Dashner, Laura Schulenberger, Jan Jakubik, Dale Ward, Jimmy and Louise Cooke and the Blue Lake Springs Maintenance Crew.

I've got to say, "wow!" What an amazing and noticeable difference six homeowner volunteers can make with rakes, weed eaters, chain saws, loppers *and* some great help from our awesome BLS Maintenance crew with their tools and wood chipper! On Friday morning, May 3rd, this small, but mighty group gathered at the "point" by the Blue Lake Springs sign out by Hwy 4 and Moran Road. Jimmy had already been out there to stain and paint the entrance sign to our community. Our plan was to clear, thin out, and prune an overgrown area of small trees, brush, pine needles and manzanita to demonstrate what "fire safe" looks like. The area was literally transformed from a "jungle" to a park!

As a Firewise-USA Community, we are eligible for grants, discounts on homeowner's insurance and educational resources. I thank and encourage every one of you who cares enough about the safety of our beautiful community to learn, and then do what is necessary to protect it from a wildfire.

Louise Cooke

Hwy 4 Firewise Committee



Hello BLS property owners,

Summer is almost here! No, really it is! Do not be led astray by the snow and rain that we have received in the past few weeks. I know it is summer because there are kids in the pool and I smell an outstanding snack bar. There is nothing like cleaning your property all day to make it PRC 4291 compliant and then taking a dip in the pool at the Lodge. Speaking of PRC4291 (like how I slipped into this subject?), the first VIP inspections have been rescheduled for July 9 and 10, 2019. This will give all property owners a few more weeks to become compliant. In the meantime, the BLS HOA will be conducting inspections on every property that still has logs and slash that are over 6 months old. PG&E is coming back for the trees and branches that have been recently cut down, but not for anything over 6 months old, unless you have some sort of guarantee from them. If you have logs and slash on your property from the last few years, you will be receiving a BLS HOA CC&R violation letter. Please email me at vip@blsha.com if you wish to have us come out to your property and give you a consult on your logs and slash.

Please be aware that many of you will be receiving a CALFIRE VIP inspection notice. The VIP's will be marking down every violation, no matter how small. The reason for this is because CALFIRE has put together a "collector app." This app allows CALFIRE and out of town firefighters to know exactly what they are up against at every property in the sub-division. This does not mean you will receive an automatic citation. CALFIRE will determine which properties with violations receive extra attention. The BLS HOA does not have any authority on what properties receive notices or citations. You will receive a violation notice even if you only failed to be compliant because of a contrasting address sign or a wood stack, within 30ft of a structure, that is not covered with a fire retardant tarp. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at the aforementioned email address.

If you need to purchase a contrasting and reflective address sign, please go to blsha.com. There you can print and fill out an application, then send the application and your check to the address that is listed on the application.

If you are under the impression that PG&E is coming back for your logs and slash from the past few years, please give them a call and make sure that your property has been entered into their notes.

I feel a Chicken Caesar Wrap and an Arnold Palmer in my near future. I love when the snack bar is open! See you there!

Thank you,

Thomas Hein

BLS Fire Prevention Coordinator

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Office Hours

Tuesday-Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Friday and Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Please Call for Reservation (209) 795-2357

Summer Recreation (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Recreation Office Phone (209) 795-4009
Email: blsrecreation@caltel.com

Board of Directors Meetings

Third Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors

President, Mike McAtee

Vice President, Bev Vasquez

Treasurer, Bruce Utter

Secretary, Denny Clemens

Director, Guy Pollak

Director, Doug Hjelmhaug

Director, Steve Pollock

Your Association welcomes letters from members and we will publish them in the Lodge Log on a space available basis. If necessary they will be edited for style and shortened to 200 words. Letters will not be returned to author. Formal policy is on file at the Association office. Members should request a copy of the policy if they are considering submit-

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