



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

August 2019



—Starry Starry Night—

Sunday September 1st 8:00 pm

A celestial evening of local talent! Our Amphitheater is complete and the BLS Talent Show is returning this year. We are proud to announce our special guest Corey Sutton. Corey has a Glow-in-the-Dark Juggling Act which will be the featured performance of the night. Please sign up in the Rec Office if you wish to participate.

2019 Calendar of Events

Monday Afternoon Canasta

Third Mondays at 1:00 pm
Linda Utter 890-7643

Thursday Morning Duplicate Bridge

Second Thursdays at 9:30 am
Bev Vasquez 795-1356

Friday Morning Bridge

Every Friday at 9:30 am
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 am
Leni Salayko 795-7166

Texas Hold'em:

Second Thursday at 2:00 pm
(September 2019 through May 2020)

Potluck:

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
(September 2019 through May 2020)
Dody Raley 795-2876

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 209-795-5724



WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Manual & Linda Flores

Unit 11

Polly & Michael Bickel-Wong

Unit 09

Gary & Deana Capurro

Unit 07

**Srikanth Natarajan &
Srividya Srikanth Unit 13**





SNOWFLAKE LODGE HOURS:

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

August, the last hurrah for summer activities. As of this writing, we are looking forward to the Cardboard Boat Regatta on August 3, followed by movie night that evening. We continue with the many events scheduled by our Summer Recreation Staff, including water aerobics, bingo, inner tube water polo, teen volleyball, and more. The summer closes with our Labor Day Weekend events. You can read about it in the Summer Recreation Handbook, available on our website.

We should have the engineering plans for our deck, gym, and parking lot expansions early in August. This will allow us to go out for bids on these projects. The need for an expanded parking facility at the Lodge was apparent to anyone who has been here on a summer weekend. As we have mentioned in previous communications, the deck retrofit is mandated by more stringent safety requirements from the state. Expanding the deck will allow us to increase the popular outdoor dining area as well as increase the size of the gym below the deck.

August also brings the season of highest fire danger. As Jimmy Cooke points out elsewhere in this Lodge Log, roughly 80% of our properties had either no or minor issues in the first inspection. This is the best we've done and shows that we have had continuous improvement over the years that we've been doing inspections. That said, fires don't stop because we've met the requirements of PRC 4291. Step out onto your deck, look around and ask yourself how a fire could get to your house or cabin. I've heard some say that they can't afford to take down the large trees on their property. An answer to this is: don't. Take down the small trees that form the understory. They're inexpensive to remove and will go a long way toward creating a healthy forest. If you'd like a practiced eye to look at your property, a call to the BLS office will bring Thomas Hein to your property to offer his expert advice.

We are in a rural environment, but that doesn't mean that your pets should be allowed to run free of control. Both Calaveras County Law and Blue Lake Springs CC&R's require that dogs be on leash and under the owner's control. Have some courtesy toward your neighbors. You might know that your Bowser is as gentle as a lamb, but I don't know that when he comes bounding after me as I walk down your street. FYI for dog lovers, a dog run at Fly-in Lake is in our plans.

I am pleased to announce that we have filled the vacant Board position mentioned in the July Lodge Log. Joanne Schultz applied for the position and the Board unanimously accepted her application. Joanne brings a wealth of experience to our Board, presently sitting on the boards of two non-profits as Treasurer. She was the Chief Financial Officer of Ohlone College and Vice President of Merced Community College. In her career she has audited the books of companies large (Apple) and small, including several HOA's. Joanne has been coming to Blue Lake Springs for over 30 years, and is a part-time resident. Welcome, Joanne!

Enjoy Blue Lake Springs! Respect your neighbors.

Managers Desk

Pets in the Development

Recently the Association has had concerns from members regarding loose and barking dogs. Please be aware that Article III Section 4, Animals and Household Pets; states that pets shall only be allowed on roads and trails when they are leashed and otherwise under the supervision and restraint of their owners. It also states that each person keeping a pet shall be responsible for the conduct of such pet to ensure that the same does not interfere with the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the community. What this means is simply that as a pet owner, you are not allowed to :

1. Let your pet run free on roads, trails, and other owners property.
2. As a pet owner, you cannot let your pet create noise that would unreasonably disturb other owners, such as barking for a long length of time.

Please make sure that you are a responsible pet owner. Also, please do not leave your dogs doody bag lying on the roadside. Please take it with you and dispose of it properly.

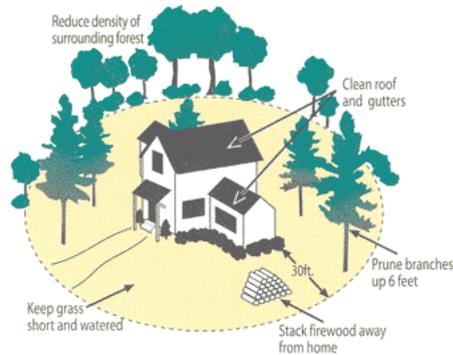
Garbage Spills

As many of you are aware, the development has been plagued once again with garbage spills from the local animal population. This is due to garbage cans not secured properly or the can enclosure is not bear proof. If you do not have a bear proof enclosure you may want to look into purchasing one. I know the cost is a bit high, but if used properly, they keep the bear and other animal life from getting into the garbage.

Leeches

This year we have been experiencing leeches at Fly-In Lake. This is the first time we have ever had an issue with these little critters. How they got there we are not sure. We have looked into ways to rid the lake of the leeches, but have not found anything at this time that will not hurt the other inhabitants of the lake, like the fish, frogs, and mammals, along with the humans. We do know that once we drain the lake they will die off. Leeches cannot hurt you, but who wants a leech on them? There are postings at Fly-In Lake from the Calaveras County Department of Environmental Health with more information.

VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)



Hello BLS Property Owners,

I was not sure if we would be getting hot weather this year, but I can feel it now! I miss the Memorial Day weekend snow! I hope all of you had a wonderful July. The fireworks and family time were amazing. However, we are now coming into the most dangerous part of the year for fire danger. August to November is when California has experienced nasty fires that have been fatal. BLS HOA has done an outstanding job being PRC4291 and BLS HOA CC&R compliant. I believe we are ready for the next few months. While there are some properties that still need attention, we are looking pretty good. Nate's and Mario's tree service have been doing a very good job with the trees for PG&E. I would like to say a special thank you to Nate Jr. of Nate's tree service. He has helped many property owners get their logs and slash removed over the past few months. Thank you Mr. Gray!

We are still looking for all logs on the ground and standing dead trees. If you or your neighbors have standing dead trees, please give us a call so that we might help that property owner find the right tree service provider. If you need a tree service provider or a lot cleaner, please visit blsha.com. The far right tab says Fire Prevention. Under that tab, you will find the links for the BLS HOA recommended lot cleaners.

The bears are out! They love garbage cans that are not in a METAL bear box. When I first moved up to Arnold, I purchased a wooden bear box. Within one week, the bears had destroyed the wooden box and I had lost a couple hundred dollars. There wasn't even a way to fix it. So.....if you use your property as a rental, please give us a call and we can sign you up for the BLS HOA garbage program. It will save you money. Also, please invest in a metal bear box! This will save you even more money. I have not seen one that has been destroyed yet. It is nice to drive through the HOA and not see garbage littering the streets and driveways.

Please remember to go blsha.com and register your email with us. It is in your best interest to sign up for this service. If something is happening at your property, it is helpful that you know right away. If we don't have your email or phone number, you will receive a letter within the next week. A lot of damage can happen in a week. Septic Alarms being activated, trees could hit a structure and people walking around on your property. These are just some of the things that we can share with you immediately. We cannot sign you up. You must voluntarily request this on the homepage of blsha.com.

Stay cool, stay safe and have an outstanding rest of the Summer!

Thomas Hein

BLS HOA Fire Prevention Coordinator

Volunteers In Prevention

Blue Lake Springs is an 80% fire safe community, thanks to the hard work of our property owners and lot cleaners. The results from the inspection notices reflect a definite improvement over previous years. **But, the next three months are the height of fire season and we need to continue to be diligent in keeping our properties free of hazards. Cal-Fire PRC 4291 (100 ft. defensible space requirements) is year around.**

I have totaled up the different categories of fire hazards that were observed and noted by our inspectors.

Category 1/ Compliant: 889/53%

Category 2/ Small Corrections needed: 441/26%

Category 3/ Multiple Fire Hazards noted: 232/14%

Category 4/ Worst properties/ No effort made to be compliant: 124/7%

If you combine categories 1 and 2, we have approximately 80% of our properties that have done a substantial amount of work to be fire safe.

I suppose the bottom line is that I believe Blue Lake Springs has made a considerable effort to be a fire safe community. With all the information that has been sent out, or included in the Lodge Logs, and the devastating fire in Paradise, I have noticed a definite improvement over last year on this first inspection, even though our property owners had an extra month with the inclement weather and backlog of lot cleaners to get it accomplished.

Jimmy Cooke

BLS Cal-Fire VIP Coordinator



Cal-Fire VIP 2nd Inspection

We have been informed that Cal-Fire was delayed in mailing out the Property Inspection forms until this week. As a result of this, we are postponing our 2nd VIP (Volunteer in Prevention) property inspections until the week of September 23rd to provide time for corrections to be made. If you have any questions, please email Thomas Hein at vip@blsha.com.

Thank you,

Jimmy Cooke

Blue Lake Springs Cal-Fire VIP Coordinator

WILDFIRE IS COMING. IS YOUR HOME READY?



SIMPLE STEPS: ▶ DEFENSIBLE SPACE ▶ HARDEN YOUR HOME ▶ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Rec Ramblings



Hello Members,

Just a quick hello and a chance to catch you up. July was action packed...starting off with our annual July 4th annual kids fishing derby. The first fish was caught at 6:50 am by Judah, the youngest fisherman was Ethan, and the longest fish was caught by Wesley and measured 22 inches.

We had it all during the July 4 week: basketball camp, a bounce house, two water slides, Chalk It Up, and then fireworks on the lake. Our celebrating continued on Saturday with the Family Fun Games and then the BBQ with a DJ. The best part of the entire 4th of July period was some of our BLS War Veterans demonstrating how to respectfully fold an American flag.

As the weeks rolled by we were treated to Bingo and Yoga with Bobbie, teen volleyball and family inner tube water polo. According to the kids the best part of July was when we fired up the foam machine! Young and old played in the mounds of floating, soft foam. By the way it is like playing in snow on a hot day.

Then we kicked off our first annual cardboard box Regatta organized by Veronica. We conducted a BLS Department race. Representing the Administrative Office, "Anchor Management" won first place! Coming in second was the Maintenance staff racing the Minnow, a fantastic pirate ship. Maintenance also took third place. Fourth place went to the Recreation Department, with a boat named "Wreck Creation" 5th went to the lifeguards and coming in last was the "Frying Dutchman" created by the Snack Bar staff.

Ahoy Matey! You still have time to enter our 1st Annual Cardboard Box Regatta on Saturday, August 3. Sign up at the Recreation Check in window or email blsrecreation@caltel.com for more information.

And...back by popular demand "Starry, Starry Night on Sunday, September 1 at 8 p.m. We have a special guest coming, and entertainment for young and old! You won't want to miss this special evening in our newly remodeled amphitheater.

Judith A. Anderson, Summer Recreation Director



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Office Hours

Tuesday-Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Web Site: www.blsha.com

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, Bruce Utter
Vice President, Denny Clemens
Treasurer, Mike McAtee
Secretary, Doug Hjelmhaug
Director, Steve Pollock
Director, Dale Ward
Director, Joanne Schultz

Your Association welcomes letters from members and 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 submitting a Member to Member letter.

Administration

General Manager,
Tony Abila
Assistant General Manager,
Amber Meyer

Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Snowflake Lodge Chef,
Marc Kirby

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Facilities Manager,
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Summer Recreation Director,
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