



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

September 2019

Welcome Back Potluck



Join friends and neighbors for tasty food and exciting Bingo on the second Wednesday of each month. Social time and appetizers begin at 5:30 pm. BYOB. Then enjoy a sit down dinner with dessert at 6:15 pm. The fun continues with 5 games of lively Bingo after dinner

For more information or to be added to the Potluck call list, please contact Brenda McAtee 209-795-0960

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 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)
Roy Silcox 795-5724

Potluck

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
(September 2019 through May 2020)
Brenda McAtee 795-0960

Dear Homeowners,

**We seem to have misplaced blue
tablecloths used for Bridge. If you
borrowed them, please return
them, or if you have any
information, please call the
Business Office 209-795-2357
Thank you**

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

Laura & Joshua Welch Unit 11

Jane & Richard Hawkins Unit 10

Brian Criss Unit 08

Michelle & John Morrow Unit 13

Alan & Cynthia Marty Unit 12

Ron & Tammera Wright Unit 12

Brook & Lisa Crossman Unit 02

Remington & Lydia Moulin Unit 10

Sean & Rosemary McLucas Unit 05

Kay Powell Unit 01





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

Labor Day weekend marks the end of our busy summer season in Blue Lake Springs. We've had an excellent summer with enthusiastic crowds, especially on holiday weekends. With the arrival of autumn it's time to get busy with the many projects we have planned to prepare for next summer.

Plans for parking lot expansion at Snowflake Lodge have been received and we've gone back to our architect with some suggested changes. We will be able to add approximately 50 new parking spaces, including additional wheelchair accessible spaces and limited parking for golf carts. The same is true for the planned deck retrofit and expansion along with the enlarged gym beneath the deck. The other large expense in the Lodge Lake area is the repair of the culverts under the lower tennis courts which is necessary to prevent damage to the tennis courts themselves.

Fly-in Lake will be drained at the beginning of September. This is to allow dredging of the cove area to expand the useable area of the lake and to perform maintenance tasks around the lake. We recently consulted with an arborist about the best type of trees to provide shade for our planned picnic area near the cove. Plans call for the addition of about a dozen picnic tables in this area. The disc golf course is complete and construction of the exercise stations is well under way. As mentioned last month, an enclosed dog run is planned for the corner of this property as well.

The progress made in making our community fire safe has been very encouraging. Most of our members have been pitching in to do their part in clearing their property. We all know that obtaining and keeping fire insurance is increasingly a major issue. As insurance becomes less available and more expensive, the value of our property decreases. Call Thomas Hein (795-2357) for assistance in assessing the fire risk of your property and in dealing with your insurance carrier. Don't forget that second inspections are scheduled for September 23~25, and that keeping your property fire-safe is a year round responsibility.

The Finance Committee has begun the job of preparing the budget for 2020. This is a detailed process which needs to be completed and approved by the Board no later than the November Board meeting. We will be incorporating the results of our recently completed asset review, and we remain committed to funding our asset reserve account to targeted levels.

A portion of the funds for improvements to our facilities will be devoted to improving accessibility for those with special needs. We welcome your inputs as to where to best spend this money to best benefit our members and guests.

Lastly, our Board Meeting for September will be at Snowflake Lodge starting at 9:00am on Saturday, September 21. We'd love to see you there!

Bruce Utter
Board of Directors President

Hello BLS HOA,

Summer is coming to an end! While Summer is a lot fun, I enjoy the fall and winter the most.

This year the 1st VIP inspections were held in July, not June. BLS continued to have snow and rain until Memorial Day, so the ground was quite saturated. CALFIRE had not suspended burning until mid-June. For these reasons, the inspections were held after the July 4th holiday.

The 2nd inspections were to happen on August 19th. Unfortunately, CALFIRE did not get the notices out till the middle of August. This is why the 2nd round of inspections will begin on September 23, 2019. This should give time to all homeowners to become compliant.

If you have any issues with your fire insurance or your CALFIRE inspection notice, please send an email to vip@blsha.com. Please attach your notice. I have visited many properties, with many more to come. Please send all requests through email, so that the information is documented.

PG&E and The County are still cutting down and removing hazardous trees. You should see them around the HOA over the next month.

Please let us know when you see garbage or dead trees in the HOA. We need your help to find them all! Have a great September!

Thank you,

Thomas Hein

BLS HOA Fire Prevention Coordinator

Jimmy Cooke

BLS VIP Coordinator



Rec Ramblings

Summer is winding down and we are already missing the laughter at the pool. Fortunately, we have Labor Day weekend and an exciting evening planned the return of BLS Has Talent...now warmly called Starry, Starry Night.

On Sunday, September 1, at 2 p.m., we will conduct a short rehearsal. All participants must check in with Veronica during the day so we can create the program. We ask all performers to find reserved seating at 7:30 p.m. The evening starts at 8 pm.

Two special guests are featured...our own Thomas Hein, just coming back from Las Vegas, will be singing and Corey Sutton of String Theory. So, pack up the kids and come out for a heartwarming evening.

As plans are formulated for 2020, we always take time to reflect on our summer season. This was the year of the foam machine and water slides. We were blessed to have Bobbie teach yoga and Jalyne teach water aerobics.

The summer highpoint was the cardboard boat Regatta organized by creative and well known Veronica. Word has it she has planned a summer Kids Theater Camp for next year. She will be coaching kids on costume design, props, acting and writing. Bobbie will be conducting a Camp for little ones three to six years old. More on this later.

Touch a Truck will be back, along with 4th of July water slides and the infamous foam machine. Kids can learn basketball, fly fishing, and tennis. Sean will teach how to ride a paddleboard at Fly in, and those interested in pickleball may participate in clinics.

As a reminder, the online store does have 30% off sales; we want you to know we appreciate your support of summer recreation. If you haven't taken the time to visit our website check it out...apparelnow.com/blue-lake-springs-hoa-apparel. Keep in mind 12% of your purchase is returned to summer recreation.

See you next summer,

Judith A. Anderson, Summer Recreation Director



Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

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, 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 we'll 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-

Administration

General Manager,
Tony Abila

Assistant General Manager,
Amber Meyer

Snowflake Lodge Chef,

Marc Kirby

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Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation Director,
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