



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

June 2020

2020 ANNUAL MEETING



2020 BLUE LAKE SPRINGS ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2020

Mark your calendars! Saturday, June 27, 2020 is the Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Associations Annual Membership Meeting. All information for the Blue Lake Springs Homeowners and Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company will be sent to each member, so make sure you look for it in the mail. There will be a Director's election for both the Water Company and the Homeowners' Association following each of the respected meetings.

This meeting will be held virtually. We will keep the membership updated via email with teleconference information.

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Meeting: 9:30 am

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association Meeting: 11:00 am

(Immediately following the BLSWC's meeting)

Annual mailing packets were mailed on May 8, 2020

Please remember to read all the information sent to you.

2020 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



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 Homeowners

Juan & Rosita Gonzalez Unit 11

David & Linda Salverson Unit 13

Christopher & Lisa Page Unit 10

William & Virginia Dargen Unit 03

Paul & Nancy Dommies Unit 10

Sue Mae Phelps Unit 07

Michael Brophy & Carly Chillmon Unit 02





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 .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. ******The restaurant is currently closed due to State and Local mandates. We will inform the membership when we are able to re-open.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our busy summer season is here, and a most unusual summer season it is. We are challenged by changing guidelines from the State and County concerning COVID-19, and by our own judgements balancing the safety of our members with our desire to open the wonderful facilities we have here in Blue Lake Springs. Calaveras County has had a very low incidence of infection and we certainly don't want that to change.

On May 29 we received an opinion from our attorney that stated, in part, "Not having enough parking would not be considered gross negligence." This means that our HOA would probably not be liable in the event of an injury to a person parking in the street near our Lodge, which was one of the primary motivations for the parking lot we had planned.

However, the area directly in front of the Lodge entrance is the right place for handicapped parking - not the present location in the upper parking lot where a steep hill or many steps must be negotiated to gain access to the Lodge. An area for pick-up and drop off would allow access to recreational facilities by the walkway going past the gym, bypassing the steep stairway to the present check-in booth. These could be accomplished at greatly reduced cost and in much less space than the current plans.

That leaves open the question of what to do with the remaining area in front of the Lodge. What a few might describe as a parkland could equally be described as a wasteland with a few trees. The arborist we consulted told us that those remaining trees are at high risk because they are not protected by the pines lost to the pine bark beetles. Landscaping? Plant trees? If so, what kind? Your Board welcomes your ideas to improve the appearance and/or usefulness of this area.

This month ends my three year tenure as a Board member. There have been many challenges and accomplishments in that time. Facilities at Fly-in Lake have been greatly improved with the additions of a par course, disc golf course, beach volleyball, and horseshoes. The lake was drained and dredged to increase its useable size. The beach area has been expanded. Work has begun on making Fly-in Park a desirable picnic area. At the Lodge we have added bocce and pickle ball courts.

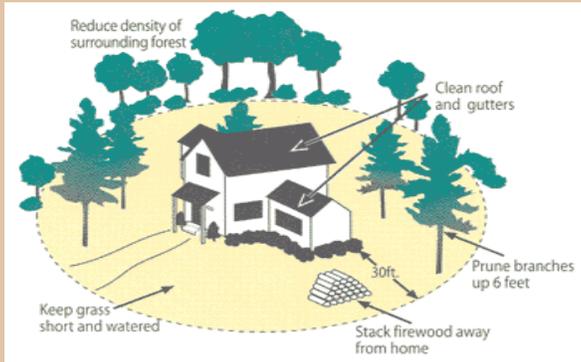
We have taken steps to improve access to our facilities to those with disabilities, and more work will be done. We have developed a policy to insure that homeowners have created a defensible space to reduce the threat of wildfire and have an employee dedicated to helping our homeowners comply. We created a policy to clean the messes created by bears. We set a goal of increasing our asset reserves to 50%, and in three years have increased our reserves from 22% to 36% on our way to meeting that goal. We have taken a much more professional approach to handling our finances than we had in the past.

Challenges have included a drought leading to pine bark beetle infestation and the loss of trees, followed by flooding that washed out our amphitheater and tennis courts.

I want to thank my fellow Board members. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on the Blue Lake Springs Board. Our discussions were just that - discussions and not arguments. We haven't necessarily agreed, but we have respected one another, and that makes all the difference. My hope is that this will continue with future Boards. I thank current Board members Denny Clemens, Doug Hjelmhaug, Mike McAtee, Steve Pollock, Dale Ward, and Joanne Schultz. Previous Board Members I've worked with include Bev Vasquez, Chris Gosswiller, Guy Pollak, and Bob Podesta. Our staff including Tony Abila, Amber Meyer, Thomas Hein, Mark Owens and his maintenance staff, Marc Kirby and the restaurant staff, Recreation Director Judith Anderson, have all been essential to our success. Thanks to all!

~Bruce Utter, Board of Directors President

VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)



Hello BLSHA,

Summer is near! The weather has been a little unpredictable the past few weeks, but now it is quite warm and the vegetation is dry. This means a high fire danger in our area. Starting on May 12, 2020 BLSHA conducted CCR inspections on all improved and unimproved properties. At the same time, CALFIRE Defensible Space Inspectors also conducted property inspections for fire danger. If you received an official LE100, please call CALFIRE for any explanation which you may require. If you received a CCR letter please send me an email at vip@blsha.com. I will be happy to go out to the property and take pictures of any violations which you request. I am in the office Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30am – 4pm. We will be happy to hand out extensions for those who have procured a lot cleaner and have a signed contract. This was just the first round of inspections, We will again be looking at the properties which received CCR violation letters after the July 4th holiday. Please contact me via email or call the office if you have any questions.

Please remember to watch your BBQ's and any fire pits that you may have on the property. Please remember to clear away all dead vegetation which may be near to your fire. This would include above you.

Mario's tree service and PGE are still removing and trimming trees in the area. If you see any markings on trees that you disagree with please feel free to call PG&E and set up a meeting with ACRT at your property. They will come out to the property and re-evaluate your tree.

Mario's is continuing to pick up logs and debris from the area. This process can take a few months. If you have any logs that are not visible from the street you may want to give PG&E a call. If they do not see it, it could be left on your property and become your responsibility.

Hopefully, the lakes and parks will open soon, and everyone can enjoy BLSHA the way they always have.

Have a great June!

Thomas Hein

BLSHA Fire Prevention Coordinator

Rec Ramblings



June 4, 2020

Lodge Log Rec Ramblings

Hello Members,

As we continue to navigate through these unusual times please know not only are we thinking of you, but planning as best we can for the summer! We had a busy Memorial Day weekend at Fly-in. Even with adjustments, limitations and some restrictions we appreciate how members happily complied to our set of uncommon rules.

The weather was perfect, folks were conscious of physical distancing and were genuinely overjoyed about getting out of the house! Here are some reminders:

1. Remember to check in at the Kiosk. Show your member card with current sticker and photo ID.
2. Until further notice all members will wear a daily colored wristband, which means you must check in daily.
3. We are not accepting guests at this time.
4. Please continue to physical distance.
5. Please use the hand sanitizing units near the check in Kiosk and restrooms.
6. We sell bottled water and lake toys. Also, we loan: games, horseshoes and frisbee golf discs.

Look for some additional Fly-in adjustments and know we are developing a plan to open the main facility once we have all of the state mandates in place. Frankly, we are ready to open as we know you are!

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 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

Administration
General Manager,
Tony Abila

Assistant General Manager

Amber Meyer

Facilities

Facilities Manager,
Mark Owens

Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation Director,
Judith Anderson

Assistant Recreation Director

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