



# LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

**August 2020**



## Reminders During Covid-19 Pandemic

- The Blue Lake Springs facilities are open to members and their immediate family members.
- No renters or guests are allowed at this time.
- Masks are required
- Wash your hands regularly. Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the facility.
- Maximum occupancy for the Lodge and Fly-In Lake is 250 people.

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

**Michael & Lisa Balestreri Unit 2**

**Darrin & Jennifer Cargill Unit 07**

**Mae Umbriac & Andrew Tubley Unit 08**

**Teresa Stark Unit 02**

**Juan & Jessica Orellana Unit 05**

**Craig Michaels & Deborah Halloran Unit 09**

**Michael & Mary Ward Unit 11**

**Stephen & Laura White Unit 13**

**James & Marcy Bertram Unit 11**

**Flaherty Ward Unit 08**

**Michael & Mechele Cobo Unit 05**

**Silvio Grespan & Erica Saffirio Unit 01**

**Glen & Buffy Ann Schaezlein Unit 12**

**Kenneth Rider Unit 02**

**Richard Bertalan & Christopher Davidson Unit 12**





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Blue Lake Springs! We are now in August which traditionally is the last month of summer, so I hope you are enjoying the summer while it lasts. Judging from the continuous flow of cars, campers, boats, and kayaks heading up the mountain, this may be the busiest summer in our community in recent memory.

The BLS summer recreation program continues through August, and is ending on Labor Day. As many of you may know, the summer program activities have been limited by Covid-19 related county and state restrictions. There are however many recreation activities available to our members, so ask the rec staff what is available when you check in. Please note that this year access to the BLS facilities is limited to 250 members and family members only. There are signs posted at the Lodge Lake facility and at Fly- In Lake which describe the restrictions in place.

Fly-In Lake continues to be hugely popular this summer. We had a portion of the lake dredged earlier in the year, and while this needed to be done, a number of benefits came from this project. The cove area of the lake has been expanded for use by kayaks, floatation devices, and an expanded picnic area. The beach area is significantly larger, and we now have more space for volleyball, horseshoes, Ping-Pong, and disc golf. If you have not been to the lake lately, go take a look and see for yourself the improvements our BLS management and maintenance teams have made this year.

The Snowflake Lodge restaurant continues to be closed. We look forward to a reopening and refreshed operation hopefully in the near future. We are using this downtime to review the restaurant operations. The board has authorized the establishment of an ad hoc restaurant committee to review revenue enhancements and expense management opportunities. This committee is composed primarily of BLS members, and I want to thank in advance the committee members who have volunteered their time and efforts. The Board looks forward to the committee findings and suggestions.

The month of August also marks the beginning of the financial budget for next year. The Board and the finance committee will begin the preliminary process of the 2021 budget, with a completion target of October/November. The 2021 budgeting process will be very challenging this year due to external events not in our control, and general uncertainties in the year ahead.

On a final note, we have had many wildlife sightings this summer, including bears, coyotes, and mountain lions to name just a few. They live here too, so be aware they are in the BLS neighborhood. Please make sure to secure your garbage from the wildlife, and keep track of your pets.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and stay safe!

Regards,

Doug Hjelmhaug

President, BLSHA Board of Directors

Happy August BLSHA,

Hope everyone is enjoying their 2020 summer? Ok, maybe tolerating their 2020 summer? This past month has been hot and dry! Thank you to everyone who took the extra time to clean their properties for the 2020 inspections, and thank you to those who have received CC&R violation letter and have taken prompt action. The Association looks outstanding! Of course, we have a few properties that still need immediate attention. If you have or do receive a CC&R violation letter, please just take the time to send us an email at [vip@blsha.com](mailto:vip@blsha.com). Extensions will be granted to those who are progressing, in those first 30 days.

Please remember that weeds grow, even after you have your property cleaned in May. Please take the time to trim all of your weeds and ground cover to less than four (4) inches in height, within 100 feet of all structures. That includes structures on adjacent properties. That does not mean you are being asked to clean the adjacent property, but you must clean your side and give the structures on the adjacent properties the defensible space required under the BLSHA CC&R's. We will be continuing the fire inspections until October. September and October is a dangerous time for fire. The vegetation will be dry, dead and taller than the required maximum height. Please keep the area around your propane tanks clear of all vegetation, and make sure you are trimming the branches that are above your tank.

If you have logs on the ground, you will receive a CC&R notice. We have spoken to many members who say that the log(s) in question have been there for decades. Wonderful! We found it and can fix it before there is an issue. If your logs are from trees that have been felled by PG&E, I highly urge you to keep on them. If they do not pick up the logs and slash, it will become your responsibility to clean. That can get very expensive. If you have an unimproved property, make sure your contract with PG&E guarantees the removal of the logs. Please do your due diligence. Do not take this lightly.

There have been numerous reports of trespassing and noise complaints. Some folks are walking through properties to get to the lakes faster. Please be considerate and simply ask your neighbor if they would be OK with you and your family walking past their bedroom windows. There have also been many calls about noise coming from homes in the Association. If you are renting out your home or just visiting, please remember that reasonable noise is allowed, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. If there is a home near you that is being unreasonably loud during the day, give us a call at **209-795-2357**. If there is a home near you that is being unreasonably noisy before 7:00 am or after 10:00 pm, please call the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office to lodge your complaint. Sound travels very well through these mountains. Please be considerate.

There has also been many complaints about pets not being on a leash. Please remember that there is not a leash law, but a control law. You must have complete control of your pet, when they are not on your property. Also, please be careful with your pets. There are many animals such as coyotes and mountain lions, in the area. Our neighbors lost their cat to a mountain lion, and another neighbor lost their dog to a coyote. Please be safe.

Have a great August!

Thomas Hein

BLSHA Fire Prevention Coordinator



## Rec Ramblings

Hello Members,



To say this is an unusual summer is putting it mildly. First, we want to thank you for your cooperation in wearing face masks as you check in both at the facility and at Fly-In. As we have been saying all summer...we are happy to see half your face!

Our independent Fishing Derby is still going on, and to date the longest fish is 17 ½ inches and was the most beautiful lightning trout ever. Remember our Derby closes on August 4. When you catch a fish make sure to measure it and take a picture for our “Derby” bulletin board.

Our Second Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta was scaled down this year and truthfully we were not okay with not having one this year. So...we raced a few boats in the lake and pool and were amused by the happiness members experienced.

Sadly our end of season BLS Has Talent is postponed until next year; however we will be showing a movie on Labor Day weekend and will include a trip down 2020 memory lane. Remember, to attend our movies you must have a ticket. Tickets are available on the Wednesday before the Saturday movie.

Our 2020 commemorate t-shirt sales have been brisk. If you want this keepsake come by the Check-In Office to see what we have left.

As always,

Judith A. Anderson, BLS Summer Recreation Director



## Responsible Pet Owner Reminders

- Dogs are **NOT** allowed at Fly-In Lake or Lodge Lake in the water or on the beach at any time.
- Pick up after your dogs and dispose of the bags correctly. Do not leave bags around the subdivision.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times.



## Unpaid Assessment Reminder

The 2020 assessment fee is due January 1st, and delinquent after May 1st. If you have recently received a statement from CID Consortium, that means you have not paid your assessment fee. Please call CID to make a payment at:

888-786-6000.

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday-Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Office Phone: (209) 795-2357 ~ Fax: (209) 795-4438  
Email: [blsoffice@caltel.com](mailto:blsoffice@caltel.com)  
Post Office Box 712, Arnold, CA 95223  
Web Site: [www.blsha.com](http://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](mailto:blsrecreation@caltel.com)

**Board of Directors Meetings**

Third Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

**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,  
Veronica O'Boy

**Security**

Vernon Nicholson

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