



CV NEWS

A Newsletter For
Champagne Village Property Owners Association
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January 2002

Board Meeting Synopsis:

Items Approved:

Monthly hearing aid services, which will be free of charge and will be sponsored by SAC. Further details will be sent out regarding times and dates.

Announcements:

Next Board "Workshop": January 14th, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. *(Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)*

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:

Jan 16th, at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM 2001-2002

Joan Van Ingen, President – 749-0932
Dick Cummings, Vice President – 751-2546
Doreen Smith, Secretary – 751-3305
Warren Denny, Director – 749-1438
Ed Ford, Director – 749-3258
Ray Kessler, Director – 749-3059
Dwain Rowe, Director – 751-0172

Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading.

NOTE: Both monthly reports given by Tom Riggs, Community Mgr., & Rick Gibson, Property Mgr., are posted on the bulletin board at the mailbox.

OFFICE NOTES

ASSESSMENTS: Please remember Assessments are now **\$176.00**, starting with January payment.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Office will be closed on Mon. Dec. 31st & Tues. Jan. 1st, for New Years. We would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

FIREWOOD IS AVAILABLE: \$80.00 - ½ cord for mixed. \$120.00 - ½ cord for oak. Please call the office if you would like some.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Please remember, your newsletter articles must be signed and submitted to the office by the 18th of the month.

NEW RESIDENTS:

#189 Robert & Mevita Day	751-4262
#206 George & Florence Gilmour	751-1792
#207 Sydney & Maxine Gorrie	751-9013
#302 Juanita Witman	749-5572
#342 Millie Bryant	749-2876
#436 William & Vera Thompson	751-2025

S OCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

What a wonderful fun year 2001 was, with all the activities going on. SAC wishes to thank all the volunteers for the many things they have done throughout the year. We'll be working on the activities for 2002, and will have a schedule for February's CV News. If any of you have some good ideas, please contact LuAnn Rowe.

Our Christmas party was a great success, thanks to all the work that Doreen and Billy Smith put into it. Also, a big thank you to Joyce Harrington and Orlie Macioci for leading our Christmas Carolers, and to all the kitchen helpers for the great dinner afterward.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

JANUARY POTLUCK

The January Champagne Singles potluck will be held on Friday, January 11, in the Village Hall. Dinner will begin promptly at 6 PM. We welcome all single residents of Champagne Village. If you've moved in recently, the potlucks are a great way to meet people. We have many wonderful cooks who make delicious dishes. Please be sure to sign the Potluck Sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. If you can't make it down to the Hall to sign up, call Donna Shaw (751-1799), and let her know you are planning to attend. Please call Terry Martino (751-3096), if you would like to be one of the hostesses for January.

LETS DO LUNCH

This group is still looking for a new leader! Until someone comes forward and volunteers, we will temporarily suspend this fun monthly outing. If you and a friend enjoy going out to lunch, why not offer to CO-CHAIR this group? Please call Helen Samuelsen (749-6438), to discuss what it entails.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

On Friday, January 4th, our dinner bunch will be going to the popular Claim Jumper in Rancho Bernardo. There's a sign-up sheet on the Singles Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. Or call the chair, Mary Starkey, (751-0825). We look forward to having you join this ever-expanding group on Friday, January 4th. We'll meet at 4:30 PM at the laundry room across from the Village Hall. This is another great way to meet other singles and have a fun evening.

CONCERTS/MUSICALS

On Saturday, January 26th, we are planning to attend a "Command Performance" with the Academy Award winning Red Buttons at the Center for the Arts, downtown. The rest of the line-up includes The Ink Spots, one of the most famous vocal groups of all time, singer Fran Jeffries and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Make your decision quickly and call Mimi (751-1032), between Jan. 5th and Jan. 8th (by noon), if you are interested in attending.

MOVIES

Do you like movies? Call Mimi on any Friday morning to see if she's planning on attending the first showing at Edwards in San Marcos.

DANCING

If you enjoy dancing, here are some locations for you to consider:

- Joslyn Senior Center (ESC), Tues. 1 PM & Sat. at 7 PM (live bands)
- Joslyn Senior Center (San Marcos), Sun. afternoons
- San Luis Rey Downs on Sat. evenings.

Please help us add to this list. Call Ruth Yanez (751-8939), or Virginia Ewing (751-1415).



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, January 4th, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 6th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Village Hall.

Cost is only \$2.00. Bring your own table service.



FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

All Champagne Village residents who need help in getting to their medical appointments are urged to call "Friends Helping Friends" (749-4255), Jan Denny, (formerly Brostrom). Jan will find a driver to take you, and there is no charge for this service.

More volunteer drivers are needed, so if you would like to help, please call Jan and she will add your name to the list. Most of our requests are for doctor appointments in Escondido, some for Rancho Bernardo, and occasionally La Jolla. We understand that you may not always be available, and that's okay. The more drivers we have, the less often you will be called upon.

Getting To Know...Ray Kessler

By LoReta Phelps

For those of you who already know Ray, it's hard to imagine that he's eighty, and many say, "He certainly doesn't look it!"

Ray was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but celebrated his first birthday in the Los Angeles area. He remained there until his last two years of high school, which were in Robinson, Illinois.

In 1940 Ray returned to California and was accepted into the Army Air Corps in November of 1941. He put in three and a half years in the Pacific Islands, flying P-38's, P-39's and P-51's. A good deal of the time was spent on the small island of Canton, which boasted one palm tree. Could that be the reason for Ray's affinity for those trees today?

He was a squadron leader, and led several flights over Japan. It was on one of these runs that his plane developed engine failure, and Ray had to "ditch" in the Pacific Ocean. He was picked up by a sub that was on patrol, and spent five "wonderful" days eating real food, including his first fresh milk and eggs in eleven months. (To this day he still loves milk.)

After the war, he continued his college studies at San Jose State, majoring in Education. He began his teaching career at Merced High School in 1949, but was recalled to the service during the Korean Crisis, and served in the Air Force for two years, flying the F-86 and the F-94.

After Korea, he had an opportunity to buy into a crop dusting business, which brought him to Oceanside, California. It was a good business, but not for a family man, so Ray returned to education in the Oceanside School District, where he was a teacher and vice-principal for eight years. Then served as a principal for an additional twenty years, before retiring in 1982. He still works when needed, on expulsion panels.

Ray and his wife, Sue, moved here in spring of 1997, from a home that they had built in Vista. They raised sheep, chickens, pigs, a few steers and the last of six children.

Both of Ray's thumbs are green. A walk around their house on Ironwood View reveals his and Sue's obvious love of nature. In fact they refer to the back room on their house as "The Coyote Room".

Ray really enjoys life here with his many friends in Champagne Village. He's an experienced card player, and holds his own on the tennis court. However, it seems Tuesday and Thursday mornings' golf games provide him with the most pleasure.

LIONS CLUB

Lion's Club International is a service club that is dedicated to assisting the blind. We buy glasses for school kids, and help in the training of seeing eye and care dogs.

The club is open to men and women that live in the Village, and we need every resident to assist us in supporting the blind. Please join us on the first and third Wednesdays, at 5:30 PM, in the Village Hall for dinner on us, to see what the club is all about. For more information, you can call Billy and Doreen Smith (751-3305).

Thank you for continuing to drop off your old glasses in the Village Hall Xerox Room. They are sorted and repaired, if needed, by the Lion's Club International, and then given to those who cannot afford to buy glasses.

Call Billy Smith (751-3305), for pick up at your door if you have ALUMINUM CANS to donate. DONATING CLOTHING??, call Chuck Chandler (749-8874), or Billy Smith to pick up your clothing, shoes, etc. These donations are given to the Interfaith Council Thrift Store in Escondido, who offer assistance to many needy families with shelter, clothing and food.

MASONIC CLUB

The Masonic Club meetings have been cancelled until after the first of the year.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

This past year was a great one for our club members. Remember all the various and interesting games we played on both the Oaks and Fountains? How about those great lunches we had (thanks to the great Kitchen crew). The Safaris to a number of interesting courses, and meeting the many new members, who were introduced to our club. Oh, yes, we had one negative... we lost the Ryder Cup, but just wait until next year, and we will get it for you, Orlie!

WHO do we thank for all of this?

Start with our great Club Officers:

Pres. Bob Saint

V-P Bob Olsen

Sec. Bob Bolt

Treas. Ken Stackhouse

Then, our hard working Committee Chairman:

New Members Lee Rabeneau

Fountains Tournaments Bill Cowan

Oaks Tournaments Billy Smith

Hole-in-One Dick Keen

Golfer of the Year	Tom Clatworthy
Rules	Orlie Macioci
Ryder Cup	Orlie Macioci
Fountains Handicaps	Norm Peterson
Oaks Handicaps	Russ DeArman
Safaris	Terry Quimby

We had great participation for our Club Championship on both the Oaks and Fountains, and it was the same for the Golfer of the Year. It was a real fight to the end.

Oaks Champion	Vince Marrone
Fountains Champion	Matt Madsen
Golfer of the Year - Oaks	Billy Smith
Golfer of the Year - Fountains	Angelo Scalise

They received their awards at our Christmas party.

Our slate of officers for 2002:

Pres.	Bob Saint
V-P	Bob Bolt
Sec.	Terry Quimby
Treas.	Ken Stackhouse

When Pres. Bob asks you to help next year, be ready to say "YES".

Did you enjoy the Christmas Party? It was a great way to end the year, and yes, everyone could sit down and enjoy without working in the kitchen.

President Bob, we thank you for the outstanding job you did, making our club fun & interesting all year long.

Dues are due: \$35.00 to Ken Stackhouse, #219, check only, paid to: CV Men's Golf Club.

Are you a real dedicated Golfer? If so, can you top this???

Two guys came into the clubhouse after a round of golf both were soaking wet. The Pro asked, "How was your game?" One said, "It was the worst game of golf I've ever had. On the 2nd hole it started pouring rain. We got drenched. Then on the 4th hole, Fred, one of the guys we were playing with, had a heart attack and died. The rest of the day was; hit the ball, drag Fred, hit the ball, drag Fred.

Hope you all have a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

The Fountains Ladies Golf Club met on Wednesday, December 12th, following our regular play day. The ladies enjoyed a catered Mexican luncheon, followed by dessert. The members brought unwrapped toys and food staples, which we donated to St. Claire's Home in

Escondido. Thanks, ladies, for the great response. A brief business meeting was held following lunch.

Marlys Holman introduced our new officers for the upcoming year:

President:	Marie Wilson
V. President:	Bev DeVilbiss
Secretary:	Carol Carlson
Treasurer:	Priscilla DeArman

Mary Connolly thanked her officers for the year, and introduced social members and guests who had joined us for the day.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

Oaks Ladies Golf Club meeting was Dec. 6th, and we had 24 members in attendance. Loretta Pittman provided refreshments. Jeanne Hunt read short stories and jokes.

We sure were happy to see Linda Cherry back after her surgery. She looks great. She gave a report about members unable to be with us, due to various illnesses; Ione Macioci, Marci Scribner, and Gado Hawkins.

The budget was amended to allow more money for Sweeps & Ringers, and the Men's Invitational.

Welcome to Margaret Koepfel, a new Social Member. Report was given about "Turkey Shoot". We had 49 members attend. The theme was "Turkey in the Straw". Dixie Talbot and her committee prepared and served a delicious luncheon, and had wonderful decorations. Joyce Martin read an appropriate story. All had a great time. Our sincere thanks to Dixie and her committee. Publicity chair, Pat Slaughter, brought the pictures of the "Turkey Shoot" for all to see.

Hole-in-one chair Mary Roth gave out "Free Balls" to winners Sheila Osbourne, Vera Graves, Deanna Clatworthy and Linda Cherry.

Rules chair, Jeanne Hunt, reminded us to play READY GOLF, and to please write your scores at the NEXT TEE, to help speed up play. Also, it is everybody's responsibility to know the RULES.

Golf is a great sport and very difficult. Lets be kind, considerate and remember it is FUN and a CHALLENGE!

We hope you and your families had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Happy, Healthy NEW YEAR 2002.

TENNIS CLUB

We are a great group of people that really enjoy playing tennis and exercise in the fresh air. We would love to have new members join us. Please call our membership chairman, Don Phelps (751-9796), for information. He would love to visit with you and share club activities with you. There are all levels of players, and we have a spot for you!

Thursday, January 10th, will be our business meeting and pot luck at the Village Hall at 4:30 PM. Sign up on the board in the copier room for the dish you will be bringing.

Tennis and Pizza nights will be: Friday, January 10th, tennis at 4:00, pizza at 5:30 at Lorenzo's Pizza in the Village. January 25th, tennis at 4:00 and pizza to follow at Worlds Best Pizza on El Norte Parkway. Volunteers are needed to plan our annual Valentines Day party. Call Billy Smith (751-3305), for more information.

MONDAY BRIDGE

Join us on Monday afternoons from 1 – 4 PM. Our January hostess is Alda Pickard (749-3594).

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

Bridge for everyone! Every Tuesday night – Village Hall – 7 PM. January Hosts: Marion & Herb Ellison (751-0041). See you January 8, 2002.

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM, in the card room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Gary Beach, (749-3387), for a reservation.

COUPLES BRIDGE

Wednesday, January 9th, in the Village Hall, our first meeting of the New Year. Hosts are Teresa Stalzer (749-3984), and Cliff Dowell. Let's get the year off with a bang. Bernie Guthrie is going to post the sign-up sheet each month for you to make your reservation, and indicate whether you will bring hors d'oeuvres or a dessert to serve 12. Now all you have to do is bring your libation, and the \$1.00 per person to go into the prize fund. Oh yes, please sign the list indicating the month you will host. Let's make this a fun year.

HAPPY HANDS

A fun-loving group of ladies meet at the Village Hall every Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, to work on the craft of their choice – knitting, crocheting, needle work, plastic canvas, etc. During the past several years, they have made and contributed four full-size blankets to the Interfaith Council in Escondido; three afghans to the Lions Club; and 14 blankets, knit caps, baby booties, and premie layettes by the dozen to Piece by Piece. Much of the yarn for these projects has been donated by generous Champagne Villagers. New members are always welcome! Come join us whenever you can. For more information, call Nancy Musko (749-1125).

PENNIES

Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Village Hall. Call Dori Sherwood (749-9505), for more information.

BUNKO

Our Bunko group meets twice monthly (second and fourth Fridays), at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Those interested in playing, please call Shirley Henderson (749-6447), or Barbara Schulte.

EZ TENNIS

EZ TENNIS meets in the Village Hall every Friday, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. You are invited to join us to socialize, exercise and have fun. Equipment is furnished, and the game is EZ to learn. Participants need to wear tennis shoes for safety. Spectators are welcome, too! No reservations are required...drop in when you can. For more information, contact Jay and Doreen Burchett (751-4008).

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

COMPUTER CLUB VOTES IN \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE

A \$5.00 initial membership fee was voted in at the December meeting of the Champagne Computer Club (CCC). It will take effect the first of the year. Betty Ann Maurer was selected as treasurer at that same meeting.

A modest exploratory brain surgery was performed on an ailing computer at that meeting by Dr. Orlie Macioci, assisted by Nurse Annetta Citino. Narration and script was by Richard Coffman, CCC coordinator. The exploratory surgery determined that the computer "had a screw loose", and needed a brain transplant. We are awaiting word from Dr. Orlie if he will have time to perform the transplant sometime in the near future. The Club membership also voted to let Club members check out the Instructional CDs on the honor system, that is, there will not be a Club member on-site at the computer stations in the Card Room checking out the CDs. A single CD per Club member is to be checked out for one week. While the computer stations are for the use of any Association member, it would be appreciated by the Club if only Club members checked out the instructional CDs, since they are paid for by Club funds. With the payment of the \$5 fee, any Association member can become a full CCC member. See details about joining the Club at the computer stations in the Card Room. The next monthly meeting of the CCC will tentatively be held on Friday, January 4, from 3 to 4 PM in the Village Hall. At this writing, we are awaiting confirmation of the request for that time and place. Check the computer station area for all notices about the CCC. Any Association member is welcome and invited to attend the CCC monthly meetings.

The membership of the Club has now grown to more than 120 individuals. Contact Richard Coffman (751-2772).

ODDS AND ENDS

We would like to thank all the Villagers who participated in our annual Christmas Caroling Program. You have succeeded in brightening the lives of many of our neighbors who are unable to get out, and we have received many thanks from these Villagers, who are extremely appreciative.

VAN TRIPS: The Village Van leaves the first and third Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joes and Henrys. The van leaves the Village Hall at 9:30 AM, and returns at 2:30 PM. Sign up at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome.

The Village Van also goes to the Von's Shopping Center, on El Norte Pkwy. every Friday at 9:00 AM.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS: You can donate your old Christmas Cards, to be made into books for children. Please put them in the box across from the copier in the Village Hall.

SWEET ADELINES: Here's some exciting news for the many Sweet Adeline fans here in the village. There's a show full of stars coming up in February, featuring not only the Sweet Adeline San Diego Chorus, who just won the International 1st place award -- that's the best in the world, guys--- but also the International champion quartets from 1999, Rumors, 2001, A Cappella Gold, and 2002, Fanatix, plus the men's International champion quartet for 1998, Revival, and cameo appearances by Jung-Ho Pak and Mickey Finn. That makes for a "Starry, Starry Night" being presented at 8:00 P.M. on February 9, 2002, at the prestigious Copley Symphony Hall in San Diego.

We've arranged to block off 40 seats in the Grand Tier section for our friends at Champagne Village, and have a bus lined up for carefree transportation. Tickets in the Grand Tier are \$28.00. The bus cost is undetermined at press time. Exact cost and departure time will be posted soon.

Due to the limited number of seats, they will be booked on a first-come basis. Please contact Joyce Harrington, Bobbi Judy or Janice Gleyzal. We will also be manning an open air "booth" by the mail boxes for your convenience.

If you prefer to go on your own, other seating choices are available directly from the chorus in the price range of \$32 to \$15. Incidentally, there is no elevator service available at the Copley Symphony Hall. Ladies and gentlemen, this is not hype. This is going to be a great show in a great location, and we hope with lots of great Champagne Village people watching it! Bobbi Judy (749-4850), Joyce Harrington (749-8369).

MENS POOL

Come play with us weekdays. Call John Dolan (751-8500), or Skip Skillion (749-1811), for information.

WATER EXERCISE

Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 AM.

BOOKMOBILE

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on January 15th and January 29th. *They are scheduled to be in CV every two weeks.*

GOLF CART CLINIC

A golf cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month, at the Picnic Area, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Victors Mobile Cart Service will have a clinic on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Picnic Area, beginning at 9:00 AM.

TRAVEL WITH GLADYS

January 9 to January 11, 2002

(3 days 2 nights) River Palms Caribbean-Themed Resort Casino in Laughlin, Nevada.

Amenities: Bingo & Keno, Free Nightly Entertainment, Paddlewheel & Boat Tours, Pool & Spa, 1200 Slots and Video Games.

\$65.00 Per Person, Double; \$75.00 Single

Package includes; 1 Free Choice Buffet, 1 Breakfast Buffet, & Fun Book

Thursday, March 28, 2002

Santa Anita Races, A Salute to Seniors.

Clubhouse admission, table service, luncheon, Cordon Bleu (with all the fixings) mixed green salad, roll with butter, choice of coffee, tea or milk.

Racing form and handicapper to go over the days program. First class bus, music, snacks.

Price \$35.00 Sign up and pay by February 10, 2002.

Friday, April 12, 2002

Matinee of "Palm Springs Follies"

We will leave Village early, in time for a leisurely lunch & shopping.

1:00 P.M. Theater time.

Price per person: \$65.00.

Payment due by March 1, 2002.

Saturday, April 20, 2002

"Branson Entertainment Spectacular"

*8 Days * 12 Meals, (7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners).

Includes round trip air from San Diego, CA, All Transfers, Escorted Regal Riverfront, St. Louis-Branson Towers, Branson-Doubletree, Kansas City.

Price Double \$1,439.00, Single \$1,769.00. Deposit \$100.00 each at booking – Balance due by February 19, 2002. Cancellation Waiver, Land and Air, \$60.00.

Brochures available. Complete schedule of shows & tour.

Call Gladys (749-3248).

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2002

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays in the Village. The following list shows the holiday weeks in 2002 that trash service will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2002