



CV NEWS

A Newsletter For
Champagne Village Property Owners Association
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April 2002

Board Meeting Synopsis:

Items Approved:

1. Fire break proposal, to be done by California Service, to begin May 2002.
2. Finance Committee Policy.
3. Fashion show, by a commercial entity, to be held in the multi-purpose room.(Requested by a resident).
4. To remove 3 Sycamore trees on Sycamore Dr.
5. To purchase another treadmill for the workout room.

Announcements:

Next Board "Workshop": April 15th, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. (*Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.*)

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:

April 17th, 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

DEFIBRILLATOR: As reported last month, the Board has approved the purchase of a defibrillator as a life saving measure. We have approximately 20 volunteers to be trained in its use. Training will be on Friday April 19, 2002 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Village Hall. Those who will be participating will be notified. Further information will be provided to all residents at a later date.

EDCO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES:

EDCO has 3 different trucks come in on Fridays. One picks up your *household waste*, one picks up *green / yard waste* and one for your *recyclables*. Following are EDCO guidelines that allows them to serve you safely and efficiency:

HOUSEHOLD WASTE – The maximum volume of cans or plastic bags is 32-gallons and the combined weight of the container and waste cannot exceed 50 pounds.

GREEN / YARD WASTE – Place green / yard waste in a 32-gallon trashcan (No plastic bags). You can have up to 8 cans or bundles of yard waste each week. The weight of each one cannot exceed 50 pounds. Branches may be bundled with twine, no longer than 4 feet in length, and no more than 18 inches around. Palm fronds, ice plant, fruit, animal waste, dirt, rocks or concrete are not recyclable as yard waste. Place your yard waste containers 4 feet apart from your normal household waste. Face the container, with the sticker, toward the street so the driver can see it. Please pick up "YARD WASTE STICKERS" for your trashcans in the office.

RECYCLABLES – Cans, paper, cardboard, glass & plastic cans may all be put into one recycling bin, or you can use a 32-gallon trashcan, not to exceed 50 pounds.

NEW RESIDENTS:

#117 Dorothy Innes & Ken Brooks	No Phone
#195 Daniel & Helen Rouse	No Phone
#370 Lawrence & Caroline Repas	No Phone

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance was a whopping success – what a great party!!! Thank you to Tom McCue, Bob Saint, Dale and Betty Bearman, Joyce Harrington and all of their helpers for the great food.

50'S PARTY – Saturday, April 20th – Dust off your poodle skirt, saddle shoes and white bucks – we're going to have a 50's Party. Cost will be \$5.00 – the sign-up sheet should be up soon. We'll start at 5:00 PM and remember to BYOB. If you have anything 50's that we could use for decorating the hall, please call Carol Cowan (749-5957).

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

APRIL POTLUCK

Our APRIL potluck will be held on Friday, April 12th, in the Village Hall. The "Salute to Spring" dinner will begin promptly at 6 PM. We welcome all single residents of Champagne Village to join us. Have you moved to the Village recently, and are you single? If so, the potlucks are a great way to meet other singles. Please be sure to sign the Potluck sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. The April hostesses will be Alda Pickard, Mary Hill, Liffie Trumbill, Madge Morse, Tony Fletcher and Helen Lulow. We already have 21 of your favorite recipes! We'd like lots more recipes from all of you. Please remember to bring 1 or 2 of your favorite recipes to our April potluck.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

In March, we went to the Escondido Country Club. We had excellent food at two round tables, and great conversations. There's a sign-up sheet on the Singles Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. On Friday, April 5th, we will be going to Bistro 221, on Grand Ave. in downtown Escondido. We look forward to having you join us that evening. We'll meet at 4:30 PM at the laundry room, across from the Village Hall. In MAY, we will go to the Castle Creek Country Club for dinner. Please join us! For information call Mary Starkey (751-0825).

DAY TRIPS

You now should have the list of upcoming trips. I have already received responses from some of you. Do not delay!

CONCERTS/MUSICALS

Who among you wants to see "Pageant"? It's at North County Rep, and is a farce on beauty contests. The New York Times says it is "Screamingly funny!" At each performance, judges from the audience decide the winner. FYI -- I plan to order tickets by April 3rd for the Sunday afternoon performance on April 21st. Do not delay! Folks-- Plan Ahead! - On Saturday, May 18th, John Davidson is coming to the Center for the Arts in a "Salute to the USO Shows." Listen to this line-up: String of Pearls, The Tex Beneke Orchestra, Margo McRae, a big band vocalist, and even a comedian, Paul Desmond. Tickets are \$36. Please call me by Monday, April 15th, if you would like to go. AND REMEMBER - You do NOT have to drive to any of these events, since we have plenty of drivers! For all of the above outings, call Mimi (751-1032).

DANCING

If you enjoy dancing, here are some locations for you to consider:
Oceanside Senior Center, April 14th, at 3:00 PM; and April 25th, at 1:00 PM.
*Joslyn Senior Center (ESC) Tues. 1 PM & Sat. at 7PM, with live bands.
*Joslyn Senior Center (San Marcos) Sun. afternoons

* San Luis Rey Downs on Saturday evenings.
Call Ruth Yanez (751-8939) or Virginia Ewing (751-1415).

A Special Request: Please remember to continue saving sample/trial sizes, and other goodies for our Christmas gift giveaway game.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, April 5th, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 7th, 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" at 749-4255 (Jan Denny). Jan will find a driver to take you, and there is no charge for this service. Of course, if you have a real emergency, please call 911.

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 or Vista, and occasionally La Jolla or San Diego. If you only want to volunteer for Escondido runs, that's okay. And we understand that you may not always be available. That's why we need lots of alternates. The more drivers we have, the less often you will be called upon.

GETTING TO KNOW... SKIP SKILLON

By LoReta Phelps

Just in case you were wondering what was going on at the Village Hall on the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day, it was Skip's birthday party. He had recently reached the century mark, 100, and family brought cards and good wishes. One card was from Phil Mickelson, the noted golf pro.

Skip was born in Portageville, Missouri, near St. Louis. His career in the theater business started at St. Louis' Ambassador theater. In 1927, he took on the task of operating the palatial Indiana Theater Complex in Indianapolis, which was second only to the Trianon Ballroom and Theater in Chicago. The Ambassador featured some very well known actors, bands and singers.

In 1931, Skip came to Southern California to operate theaters in San Diego, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and later in Pasadena, including the Pasadena Playhouse, which was the training ground for many Hollywood actors.

Late in 1967 he retired and moved from Altadena to Newport Beach, playing golf with an old friend and business partner, Jude Poynter, who was the World Senior Amateur Golf Champion in 1971.

With their love for golf, he and his partner decided to build a golf course. In 1990, Skip and his wife Rosemary, and Jude moved to Valley Center to accomplish this. Not long after the move, Rosemary passed away, followed some years later by Jude Poynter. So the dream of building a golf course never came to be.

Skip's golf buddies of the past still remember him. He'll be honored at Indian Wells by the Senior Masters Amateur Golf Association during their tournament from April 15th to the 19th this year. Twenty-five years ago, he was one of the original members of the tournament in its infancy, when it moved from Half-Moon Bay to the desert. Today, this most prestigious of all the amateur tournaments can boast the 250 lowest handicap golfers in the world.

After his wife's passing, Skip began to look for companionship other than his four German Shepherds. That's when he discovered Champagne Village, where he could meet people and play a little golf.

At 97, he passed his "behind the wheel" driving test. However, shortly afterwards he developed an eye problem that left him legally blind. Worst of all, it prevented him from playing golf. Now he found time on his hands, which didn't last too long as he discovered the pool room in the Village Hall. He says he plays a pretty good game despite his eye problem and enjoys playing with the guys there.

Skip and Rosemary were married 52 years and had three children - Anne, Craig and Carol. Carol and her husband, Mel Schuler who live in Valley Center have two grown sons, Nick and Chris. They, being closest, are Skip's support team.

Skip's family sometimes refers to him as "Mr. McGoo" because he's always on the go. Other times they call him "The Energizer Bunny" and if you look real close you can see the resemblance.

LIONS CLUB

Help us help others in need! Your donations of used clothing, household items, and aluminum cans make this possible!

We are a service club that is dedicated to assisting the blind. We buy glasses for school kids, help in the training of seeing eye and care dogs. Many other needy organizations have our support also, such as the local hospice group, Children's Hospital, and we send blind kids to camp.

This club is open to men and women that live in the village. WE NEED YOU! Please join us on the first and third Wednesday, at 5:30 in the Village Hall for dinner on us, to see what the club is all about. For more information, please call Billy and Doreen Smith (751-3305).

Thank for dropping off your old glasses in the Village Hall (by the Xerox machine). They are sorted, repaired by the Lion's Club International staff, and then given to those who cannot afford to purchase glasses.

Call Billy Smith (751-3305) for pick-up at your door if you have ALUMINUM CANS to donate. Call Chuck Chandler (749-8874), or Billy Smith to pick up your used clothing or household items. These donations are given to the Interfaith Council

Thrift Store in Escondido. They offer assistance to many needy families with shelter, clothing and food.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

At our last meeting, Feb. 28th, we instituted a new policy of having a raffle before each meeting, the proceeds of which will go 50% to the winner, and 50% to the Men's Club treasury. Neat way to beef up the treasury, huh?

We welcomed two new members to the Club, Willard Youts and John Coston, who told us a bit about themselves. Welcome to the Club, guys, we're happy to have you as members. Also, welcome back to Mike Menko, who has re-joined. There are two more new members, who will be welcomed at our next meeting. We've got a membership of 99 as of now.

We're sorry to see the departure of Tommy Halgrim, who will be moving to an assisted living facility in Monterey, CA. Good luck, Tommy, we'll miss you.

President Bob Saint reminded everyone that if you sign up for Thursday golf, and you don't show up without notifying the Tournament Chairman, it's going to cost you \$5.00! Also, NO ONE is to sign up others without their consent, or erase a name & substitute another on the sign-up sheet.

There will soon be a defibrillator at the Village Hall and at the Golf Course for emergency use. We've had 12 of our members sign up for the instructional course on how to use the machine, so if the need should ever arise, we'll be ready to help.

Jean Slaughter, Bob Saint, Bill Cowan and Matt Madsen have worked together to revise the rules on the Fountains, making them clearer and correcting the old ones to make them easier to understand. Matt gave us a slide show, going over the changes and discussing the Rules of Out-of-Bounds, Hazards, and Obstructions; after some minor adjustments and corrections, these rules will be presented to the membership for approval and inclusion into our by-laws at the meeting on March 28th.

The Oaks Ladies Club has invited us to a “Eagles Take Flight” Tournament on Thursday, April 18th, starting at 7:30AM, with coffee & eye-openers, a shotgun start at 8:00 AM, followed by a Libations & Lunch program at 11:00 AM. Remember to invite your non-golfing friends or spouses to join us at the lunch! The signup sheet is on the Pro Shop board.

Our April meeting will be on the 25th, BE THERE! The difference between now and when I played during my younger days is my drives are shorter and my short game is longer!

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

Forty-two members attended the meeting following the first Eclectic, March 13th. The second Eclectic was held on March 20th. A gourmet luncheon is being planned on April 10th by Jane Humphrey and Eleanor Golemo. Prizes will be awarded.

President Marie Wilson announced the Club Classic will be held July 22nd.

Jane Humphrey is in charge of the Safari for March 27th at Mt. Woodson Golf Club in Ramona. She will also arrange another Safari for May 8, when the Fountains will be closed.

We have invited the Men’s Golf Club to join us June 26th. Watch for a sign up sheet. Mark your calendars for the course being closed Oct. 7-11 for aeration on the front nine, and the back nine Oct. 14-18.

Doreen Burchett won low gross for February with 73. Helen Rose won Low net with a 51.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

Men’s Invitational

Eagles take Flight

Thursday, April 18th

Coffee & Sweets 7:30 AM

Shot gun start 8:00 AM

A SAWBUCK FOR ALL EAGLES

Libations at 11:00 AM

Lunch at 11:30 AM
WEAR RED, WHITE OR BLUE

Please remember to invite your non-golfing spouse/friend to join us for lunch in the Village Hall. Signup at the pro shop board.

Our Special Events “Lady on the Go” luncheon and fashion show was held March 7th, at the Village Hall. We had 80 ladies in attendance.

We enjoyed a catered lunch of chicken salad, fresh fruit, roll and chocolate or banana cake. It was all so delicious. Eight lucky ladies took home table decorations.

The fashion show by Draper & Damons was wonderful. Our models were Priscilla DeArman, Shelia Osbourne, Jeanne Hunt, Joyce Martin, Joan Saint, Eileen McCarthy, Flossie Bishop and Doreen Smith. They all looked beautiful and did a great job modeling 32 fashions. Our many thanks to each of them.

We want to especially thank Dixie Talbot for the great job she did in organizing the day and program. Also thanks to her committee for all their help.

DON’T forget – Our next meeting is April 4th, in the Card Room, at 12:00 noon.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club is open to any resident of Champagne Village. We are a great group of people that really enjoy playing tennis, and the exercise in the fresh air. **YOU DON’T HAVE TO PLAY AT A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL!** There is a place for you, even if you are a beginner. For information, please call Don Phelps, membership chairman (751-9796), for information. He would love to visit with you and share our club activities. We are fortunate to have Stan Daily, a tennis member that can teach at all levels.

Our activities for the month of April are: Sunday Play Day will be hosted by Bob and Joan Saint, on the 14th, at 8:30 AM. Pizza nights are on Friday, the 5th, at Lorenzo’s Pizza Restaurant in the Village; and Friday, the 19th, at World’s Best Pizza on El Norte Parkway.

MONDAY BRIDGE

Play bridge with us Monday afternoon at 1:00 PM in the Village Hall. Norma Moore is our April Hostess. Call her at (751-1784).

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

Bridge for Everyone! Every Tuesday evening - 7:00 PM - Village Hall. April Hostess – Beth Borgal (749-0479).

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, April 10th, in the Village Hall. Hosts are Bernie and Lue Guthrie (749-7946), and Mike and Mary Roth (751-1442). Sign up at the Bulletin Board to make your reservation, and indicate whether you will bring hors d'oeuvres or dessert to serve 12. Cocktails are at 5:00 PM, bridge between 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

Bring your libation and the \$1.00 for prize money. The more attendees, the more money you can win! There are 3 prizes for men and 3 for women. Join us for the camaraderie, as well as the great food.

There are a number of months with no host signup. There is very little work involved, as all food is donated by attendees. If you have forgotten to sign up, please do so.

HAPPY HANDS

Every Tuesday, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, over a dozen ladies meet in the Village Hall to work on the craft of their choice, knitting, crocheting, needle work, etc. Many of them work diligently making blankets, caps, booties, sweaters, etc., that are donated to “Piece by Piece”, an organization that

supplies these articles to abused and neglected children of all ages throughout San Diego County.

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.

BINGO

April 19th is our next **BINGO** night. Progressive jackpot is now worth over \$140.00. **BRING A FRIEND** and try your luck! Lots of fun! Refreshments served at the break. Any questions??? Call Billy or Doreen Smith (751-3305).

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 (749-1808).

EZ TENNIS

EZ TENNIS meets in the Village Hall every Friday, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Doctors say that laughter and exercise help to give you the better things in life by improving your health. You can get both by first coming to watch EZ Tennis, and then joining the merriment. There is no cost of any kind, as everything is furnished...just wear tennis shoes, and you are ready to play. The equipment is plastic rackets and a foam ball. No reservations required...drop in when you can, and settle back in a chair in the comfort of the Village Hall. For more information, contact Jay and Doreen Burchett (751-4008).

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

The regular meeting of the Champagne Computer Club will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 5, in

the Village Hall. Any resident of the Village is welcome to attend.

ODDS AND ENDS

SPRING FASHION SHOW: Saturday April 27, 11:00 AM, in the Multi-Purpose Room next to the Laundry Room.

Featuring: **WEEKENDERS**

Figure flattering **WEEKENDERS** fashions made for travel, leisure time and active living. Easy care / machine washable; Mix-match-interchangeable for easy travel, sizes 2-30. Try on your favorites before you buy. **RSVP by April 24:** Ivelisse Druet (749-0835) #266, Door prizes.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION: Two AARP Tax-Aides will provide free personal income tax counseling and tax form preparation assistance each Monday, through April 15th. The service will cover both Federal and State Tax Returns.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Village Hall. Please bring all your paperwork for the Tax Year 2001, and a copy of your year 2000 tax return.

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.

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: 1st Thursday of each month, 10:00 – 12:00

Services: Check and clean all hearing aids.

Sell batteries of all sizes.

Otosopic evaluation.

Schedule hearing test appointments.

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 April 9th and April 23rd. *They are scheduled to be in CV every two weeks.*

GOLF CART CLINIC

A-1 Golf Cart Clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the Picnic Grounds, beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

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.

Thanksgiving Day – November 28, 2002

Christmas Day – December 25, 2002

New Year's Day – January 1, 2003