

The Champagne Village Times



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**Happy
Fathers Day!**

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Doreen Smith, Social Activities
Matt Madsen, Disaster Control

Board Meeting Notes

Village Hall Restriction:

The Board approved restricting the use of the Village Hall between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Sundays for private parties.

Computer Approved:

A Reserve expenditure for a new workstation computer for the office was confirmed, \$1080.10. The \$1080.10 expense to be charged to Administration Office Reserves.

Seal Coating Approved:

The Board approved a bid from Bostick Paving to seal coat our streets at a cost of \$83,500 to be charged to Paving Reserves.

Fire Brush Abatement:

Approval to do fire breaks, not to exceed \$21,000, to be charged to Fire Break Clearing.

Sewer Repair:

The Board confirmed an emergency sewer repair of \$1050, to be charged to Water/Sewer Reserves.

Electrical Pedestal:

Approval for installation of SDG&E street light pedestal, \$2091.19, expense to be charged to Street Light Reserves.

Dishwasher:

Reserve expenditure to purchase a new Bosch dishwasher not to exceed \$859, to be charged to Village Hall Reserves.

Reserve Study:

The Board confirmed a bid from Trower to prepare a Reserve Study Update, \$400 to be charged to Professional Fees.

Inspectors of Elections:

Approval of Inspectors of Elections. Jeannie Hunt, Tom and Deanna Clatworthy, Pat Slaughter and Georgia Bolt.

New Village Hall Speakers:

Approval to pay for the wiring and installation of new speakers for the Village Hall, not to exceed \$1300, to be charged to Village Hall Reserves.

Kiosk Key Pad:

A Reserve expenditure to replace the Kiosk key pad circuit board was confirmed, \$2500 expense to be charged to Access Gates.

Next Board "Workshop": June 19, 2006, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting).

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: June 21, 2006, 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

Board Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading. SAC financials are posted monthly and may be viewed at this same location.

OFFICE NOTES

Trash Pick Up: Due to Memorial Day Holiday, the trash will be delayed by one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, June 3.

Kiosk: The Kiosk staff is still experiencing residents not calling to inform them of guests. Please make an effort to let them know when you have guests coming through the gate. When you don't, they have to call you and this backs up traffic.

Golf Cart Parking: Golf carts or cars are **not allowed** on the new concrete around the Village Hall.

Meals On Wheels: We have had requests for meals in your area. Our program is here to serve those who can't fend for themselves, either during convalescence or the long term. We are different from other meal programs. For the past 25 years we have served Vista and Oceanside, and due to the demands for meals in the surrounding cities, we are expanding to fulfill the needs of our seniors or disabled.

*Hot meals by noon

*No sign up fee

*Flexible schedule

*Homemade Meals, customized to dietary and personal needs by Feliccia's Restaurant.

If you have any questions, please call our office anytime (760/726-1225). You can also visit our website at www.vomow.org.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

THE SPRING GARDEN PARTY

If you missed the Spring Garden Party on Saturday, May 13, you missed a super event. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Clariece Gober, with her band of happy helpers, the Village Hall was magically transformed into a beautiful gardenlike fairyland. Three Sisters Catering provided the dinner and it was absolutely delicious. The turkey melted in your mouth, the pasta salad was great and the garden salad was cold and crisp. The rest of the food was

yummy too. Add a wonderful dessert of assorted pies and cakes and you have a fabulous dinner.

Now mix in your favorite old tunes played by The Billy Harper Band, then add a lot of good friends and you have the recipe for a wonderful evening. A great time was had by all.

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER / DANCE

JUNE 2, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM

By Betty Byall



Do you feel the soft warm breeze? The theme is a South Sea Island Evening. Get out your Hawaii style shirts and skirts. Sorry, no bikinis are allowed.

Your hosts for this mid-summer night dream will be Melba Crandall, Betty Byall, Angie Rossi, Al Bunnell and Ruth McClain. Bill and Kate Craig will provide some great music. We are serving orange chicken, steamed rice, chicken chow mein and ice cream and cake.

Bring your favorite liquid and some snacks for the 5:00 PM social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Because it is on June 2 and we have a short time frame, please put your \$5 in an envelope, write your name, space number and the event, and drop it off at the Village Hall. Make your checks out to SAC. Be sure to pay your \$5 before May 30. Please don't be late.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, JUNE 4



From 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, in the Village Hall. Come one, come all!

Cost is only \$2. Bring your own table service.

APPLES, ORANGES, PEACHES OR PEARS

Do you have more fruit than you; your friends and family can eat? Not a problem! Drop any extra fruit off in the Village Hall kitchen. All of it gets used for the men's breakfast and, therefore, enjoyed by many.

Many thanks go out to Russ and Shirley Morris and Ron and Nota Morey for donating a ton of oranges

for the Men's Breakfast. Thanks to all of you who keep on donating. We appreciate it greatly. If you're able, please keep it coming.

SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT MONDAY, JUNE 12, 5:00 PM



Game night is back in full swing and people are enjoying it. Come down to the Village Hall at 5:00 PM and bring your favorite games and some food to share. As usual, there is no fee for this evening event.

Some of the games we're likely to play are as follows: Poker, Mexican Train, Hearts, Pinochle and all sorts of board games.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC ALL DAY TUESDAY, JULY FOURTH



Our wonderful country, the United States of America is going to be celebrating its 230 birthday this Fourth of July. Let's help celebrate at the annual Champagne Village Fourth of July picnic with a patriotic parade and some great food and drink. The sign-up sheet is in the Village Hall copy room. The last day to sign up is Thursday, June 29. Residents are free and guests are \$5 each. After you sign up for yourself and your guests, you can buy the guest tickets in the mailbox area on Tuesday, June 13, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and Tuesday, June 27, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Start decorating your golf carts. There are going to be prizes awarded for the most patriotic, the most comical and the most creative. If you have a 4-seat golf cart and would like to lend it out for the parade, please call Doreen or Billy Smith (751-3305). You don't have to have your cart decorated to be in the parade. Just come on down to the park and join in the fun.

Last year we had a blast at the Fourth of July picnic. We had great food and great entertainment. The best entertainment of all and also the most fun was the entertainment provided by our talented Champagne Village Residents.

This coming Fourth of July, by popular demand, we're only going to have our talented residents perform for us.

So step right up all you talented, fun loving and uninhibited folks. Get out the guitar, trombone, tap shoes, or clogging shoes and start practicing. Whether you perform as a group and do a skit, **WE WANT YOU!** Whether your talent is serious or downright funny, **WE WANT YOU!** Whether you sing, dance, play an instrument or all of the above, **WE WANT YOU!**

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR GRAND MARSHAL

HELP! SAC needs your help in naming a Grand Marshal for the Fourth of July Parade. If you know of someone (a couple or a single) who deserves this honor, we're asking that you put that name in an envelope and put it in the slot at the office. All nominations must be in by June 15.

TABLE HOSTS OR HOSTESSES

When you sign up for an event in the Village Hall and you place your name in the first, highlighted space, you are volunteering to be a table host or hostess. The duties of the host of hostess include:

- ❖ Collecting payment from the other guests sitting at your table and giving the money to Karolyn Ebbert at #43.
- ❖ Setting the table the morning of the event, beginning at 10:00 AM.
- ❖ Providing light snacks for the cocktail hour.
- ❖ Bringing home the tablecloth and napkins to wash and return to the Village Hall on a hanger.
- ❖ Making sure the table is cleared and the area around the table is neat and clean.

Thanks so much for your participation in the Champagne Village events planned by the Social Activities Committee!

TO ALL OTHER GUESTS – Please make your payments to your table host or hostess.

COMING ATTRACTIONS
SAVE THESE DATES

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

Friday, June 2	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, June 4	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, July 2	Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, July 4	Fourth of July Picnic in the Park
Friday, July 7	First Friday Dinner Dance
Friday, August 4	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, August 6	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 26	Luau in the Park
Friday, Sept. 1	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Sept. 3	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 23	Chili Cook-off
Sunday, Oct. 1	Men's Breakfast
Friday, Oct. 6	First Friday Dinner Dance
Saturday, Oct. 28	Halloween Party
Friday, Nov. 3	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Nov. 5	Men's Breakfast
Friday, Nov. 17	Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE FOR THE VETERAN'S DINNER

Friday, Dec. 1	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Dec. 3	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 9	Christmas Party
Saturday, Dec. 16	Champagne Village Chorus Holiday Concert
Sunday, Dec. 17	Holiday Home Tour
Monday, Dec. 18	Caroling Around the Park
Sunday, Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



computer

Signups are going forward on the fast internet service. More than 60 households have signed up. To sign up, pick up a packet at the north

station in the Fireplace Room opposite the Association Office in the Village Hall.

The monthly meeting of the Champagne Computer Club will be Monday, June 5, at 7:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Any resident of the Village is invited to attend. We discuss issues arising out of using computers.

**THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE
 INDEPENDENT INVESTOR CLUB**

By Dale Matheny

Everyone is invited to come to our next Independent Investor Club meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday June 5 in the card room. We have been discussing how to protect our investments from inflation. Come with your ideas or questions. We meet just before the Computer Club meeting.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Patrick McGuire

JUNE POTLUCK

The June Singles Potluck will be held on Friday, June 9, at 6:00 PM. **SINGLE NEWCOMERS** are especially welcome! The June hostesses are Terry Martino and Ruth Williams. Thanks to the three people who signed up for the May Potluck: Joyce, Loretta and Madge.

We've said this before and apparently we need to say it again. It's unfair to the monthly hostesses to attend without signing up because they do not know how many tables to set. So folks, here's the new deal. If 20 singles do not sign up, the potluck will be cancelled. You can always call me or Dottie Jarvis, if for some reason, you cannot make it to the Village Hall.

The categories are salad, main dish or dessert. You may want to consider bringing your optional \$1 for the 50/50 drawing. Any questions? Call (749-4724).

the use of the latest techniques in the maintenance of golf courses, as witnessed by the excellent

SINGLES OUT TO DINNER GROUP

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006

By Joyce Martin

All singles are invited to join the fun! We meet in front of the laundry room and leave promptly at 4:30 PM. Then we carpool to the restaurant of choice, usually somewhere in North San Diego County.

Please see the sign up sheet across from the poolroom. Hope to see you on the third Friday of each month. Sign up by the Wednesday before.

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



I did get a letter from my travel agent that said I could expect a one or two dollar per person hike in prices due to the increase in fuel prices. Charter bus companies are passing these prices on, to us, the consumer, so we are hit on

our own car and elsewhere too.

I have no trips scheduled at this time and I am waiting until I get my strength back to move forward with any trips. Please be patient.

My recovery is moving along on schedule — I go to “Rehab” on Mon, Wed, and Fri. and on other days I walk on our street, but only for about 10 minutes. I expect to be up to 30 min. in about 8 weeks. Twelve weeks after surgery I should be doing everything just like before, and have a full recovery. My sleep pattern is still out of sorts. I only sleep about two hours and I’m up, but all doctors have said that’s normal for what I went through, and expect it will be normal in a few months. For now, when I get fatigued, I lay down for a while; and I still get fatigued easily.

CV MEN’S GOLF CLUB

By Bob Day



At our April general meeting, President Matt Madsen introduced Scott Hardie, the golf course superintendent of the Lawrence Welk Resort. Scott has substantial experience and education in

condition of our two courses. One note of interest is that sometime in the future the Oaks course will be reduced to nine holes.

Scott addressed member’s questions relating to the placement of the cup on the green. The cutting device used to place the hole location on the green will be sharpened weekly in order to assure a clean cut for each new hole location.

Scott, also, requested that those using a handicap flag on their cart should maintain at least ten to fifteen yards clearance from the green. There will be boxes full of soil at each tee box on the Oaks in the near future. Players should remember that divot repair is important to good course maintenance and make use of the soil provided.

As with any business, budget constraints are always a problem for golf course maintenance. The maintenance of the sand traps is a good example. The Resort now has two machines to smooth the sand traps from the top down, in order to limit the continuous need for more and more sand.

The Second Annual CV Oaks Coed Classic was held on May 9. Sixty golfers teed off in a scramble format, followed by 72 players and guests sat down to a catered barbeque lunch. The foursome of Jay Holle, Mike Kapp, Annette Lee and Marian Ellison took first place for the tournament on the golf course and all those who golfed were awarded one of the many donated door prizes. Our thanks go out to Sharon Groepper and Matt Madsen for organizing a great tournament. Also, thanks to the dozen or more volunteers for their work before, during and after the festivities. And, we also want to thank the individuals and businesses who donated the many door prizes.

As for the Men’s Golf Club, the big winner for April on the Fountains course was Alan Waite. On the Oaks, Tom Clatworthy, Jay Holle and Matt Madsen led the way.

Golfer of the Year leaders through April are: Buck Marx, and Matt Madsen on the Oaks, and Bob Olsen on the Fountains.

Like the Marines, the CV Men’s Golf Club is always looking for a “few good men.” Player’s handicaps range from single digits to those in the 30s, so all fit in. Handicaps are adjusted to equalize play on the Oaks Course, as well. One thing we

guarantee is that you will have a good time. Anyone interested in joining our fun-loving club

can contact Membership Chairman Lee Rabeneau (751-2544). We usually meet in the Village Hall at 12:30 PM the last Thursday of every month.

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie



The Red Hat Diva Gold Tournament, which we hosted, was a fun and successful day. Eighty-Six Ladies adorned in purple golf outfits and red hats played a Two-Best Ball Tournament.

Two Flights and four places in Gross and Net scores were paid a total of \$713. We dined at the Canyon Grill, which was decorated with purple and red balloons. The Mexican Buffet was delicious. A sleeve of balls was given to each golfer. Many raffle prizes, including money hats, were won the lucky players.

Remember to sign up for the three-week Club Championship Tournament beginning, May 31. No meeting, no 50/50.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



Our meeting of May 4 was called to order by our President Karen Smith, following the delightful refreshments served by Doreen Burchett and Doreen Smith.

We had many topics to discuss starting with the CV Oaks Co-Ed Classic scheduled for May 9. The tournament included eighteen holes of golf and a luncheon, which was well planned with the leadership of Sharon Groepper and committee.

The tournament day was enjoyed by everyone (some of us wished our score was a little better!). It was fun to be with old and new friends in the great outdoors. The winners of the day were: 1st Place: Marion Allison, Annette Lee, Jay Holle and Michael Kapp. 2nd Place: Doreen Burchett, Deanna Clatworthy, Ralph Galarneault and Allan Whaite. Congratulations!

We enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Everyone who golfed received a nice door prize. Thanks to all of you who worked to make this a great event!!

The election of officers will be held June 1.

The installation of new officers will be on June 15, with a luncheon. Karen Smith, President, asked that we each bring a picture of ourselves during our early days, for a little entertainment.....

The 50/50 raffle: \$6.50 was won by Jackie Whaite. Karen Smith donated two lovely bracelets won by Doreen Smith and Leah Kapp.

We invite anyone who maybe interested in joining us on Thursday morning golf to call Deanna Clatworthy, Membership Chair (751-0204).

TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



Stan and Naomi Daly hosted a great potluck that was the meeting for May. The next meeting will be a play day that will take place on Sunday, June 11, at 5:00 PM. The last play day was outstanding, so you don't want to miss this one! Be sure to sign up either in the copy room or at the courts so that the hosts will be able to provide enough refreshments.

For all you who are new to the Village and want to play tennis, call Ray Kessler (749-3059) and he'll be happy to give you information about the Tennis Club.

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



Thanks to generous support from around the world and Champagne Village, Campaign SightFirst II is ahead of schedule with U.S. \$40 million raised to date. We will continue our club support with our fashion show and silent auction on November 5, 2006. Campaign SightFirst II is the Lions health initiative to eradicate preventable blindness in vulnerable populations around the world. Our club president has been appointed to a leadership position for three years in this worldwide project by Past International President, Tae-Sup Lee, chairman of CSFII. Our

club has taken a lead role with this project in our district. We look forward to your continued interest and generous financial support.

Another defining project of Lions is our “White Cane Drive” in October of each year. The monies raised from this project are used exclusively for local blind and low vision concerns in North County. Your contributions have provided eye screenings and glasses for the young and wise, cataract surgeries with support from Southern California Lions Eye Institute in Murrieta and Shiley Eye Center in San Diego, support funding for North County Blind Center in Vista and support funding for service/guide dogs.

Your recycled reading and prescription glasses provide the basis for our “Lions in Sight” project providing glasses for the young and wise for over nine million people to date. Keep up the good work! We also recycle inkjet cartridges to benefit cancer research at the City of Hope. Please continue recycling your old glasses and cartridges at the Village Hall sign-up room.

Our immediate past president, Billy Smith, collects aluminum cans in our Village to strengthen our club and charity account, which provides support funding for various charities throughout Southern California. Please call Lion Billy (751-3305) to pick-up those cans.

As a chartered member of Lions Club International, our scope of service opportunities in Champagne Village are far reaching, meaningful and rewarding. Our strength comes from individuals like you in our Village who show understanding, compassion and a desire to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please consider joining the worlds largest service organization to become the best you can be. Call Lion Mark Henderson (749-5546) or discuss your interest with any Lion you might know.

HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Village Hall. We are a group of “lightly organized” ladies, who enjoy crafts, needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc. And we invite any resident who enjoys hand work, or would like to learn, or just like to get acquainted with some friendly Villagers.

We are accepting yarn donations for a project for children in Darfur, Africa. We are also accepting handmade caps and baby blankets. Any donations of materials or time will be greatly appreciated. Please bring yarn to Happy Hands on Tuesday, June 1-4 (or join us). For more information, call Janina Garvey (749-1730).

PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota



Are you a pinochle player?

If you are new to Champagne Village or just have forgotten – WE DO have a group of pinochle players who meet the first and third Friday of each month. The time is 1:00 PM in the Card Room. It’s just a friendly, fun time. Cost is \$1. If you are interested in playing, please give Marion Psota (751-3940), a call and we’ll put your name on the list of available players. Someone will call you the week of play and check if you’re able to join us on Friday.

MONDAY MEN & WOMEN’S BRIDGE

By Melba Crandall

Monday Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The hostess for June will be Norma Moore (751-1784). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011), for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

By Mary Roth

A friendly group of bridge players meets every Tuesday evening - 7:00 PM - Village Hall – come join us!!

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Spencer

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Bob Spencer (749-6698).

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Joyce Martin

Wednesday, June 14, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall.
Hosts for the evening: Angie Rossi and Melba Crandall.

Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring (service for twelve) of Hors d'oeuvres or Dessert. Please bring your own libations.

Three prizes for women and three prizes for men are awarded. Please bring \$2 per couple for the prizes.

Come early, circulate, visit with friends and enjoy the delicious food that has been prepared....and then Play Bridge!

PENNY CANASTA

By Betty Bearman



Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every Thursday in the Card Room. We will need subs for the summer season so if you can spare a Thursday or two help us out. You might win a few bucks in the process!! Call Betty Bearman (751-0477), for more information.

HAND AND FOOT

By Sandra Watkinson

We need more players to make this a more fun game for all of us. Also with summer vacations, pool visits, graduations and weddings coming up, we need subs!! If you can only play once or twice that would be wonderful. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Meet Mondays at 1:00 in the little card room behind the laundry. Call Sandra at 749-0164.

BUNCO

By Carolyn White



Bunco is a fun dice game and very easy to play – and you can win prizes.

The cost is only \$3.

We play the second and fourth

Fridays of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Village Hall. This month the dates will be the June 9 and June 23.

We need to know if you will be there so we can make up tables of four, so please call Carolyn White (751-1833) or Lanny Scalise (751-2630) to reserve your seat.

Mark your calendar and we will look forward to seeing you there. **BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR!** The more people that play, the more money you could win.

BUBBLY BABES

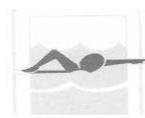
By Mary Starkey

Hi again, Bubbly Babes! May event to Grand Traditions was a big success because your hostess, Annetta, worked hard on the project and success showed. Would you believe that 21 of us went out? Yes, we now have 34 fabulous Babes. Next month will be at the Escondido Country Club to celebrate the Queen's birthday tentatively on, June 20, 2006 at 11:30 AM. Meeting at our clubhouse....flyers and menu will be in your mailboxes shortly.

Yours in Red Hatting, Queen Mother

WATER EXERCISE

Deanna Clatworthy



Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM, and Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 PM. Come try the water aerobic 40-minute cassette tape. If you like it and plan to continue, there is a one time charge of \$5 to cover batteries, tapes and a new tape player when needed. See Nicki, Ruth or Deanna at the pool.

STRETCH CLASS

By Jackie Lohrke

Stretch thru Conscious Movement



Jackie Lohrke will teach how to move consciously through movement on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM, at the Village Hall.

Please dress comfortably, bring mats, towels and small cushions. Tummies will be more comfortable if breakfast is small and eaten early before class. Her instructions will be based on years of practicing and teaching Yoga and other disciplines. Any questions, please call Jackie (749-2335).

LINE DANCING

By Nota Morey

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Village Hall. Come join us – line dancing is fun and great exercise. If you have any questions, call Nota Morey (751-9503).

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RV CLUB

By George Cholaki

Our thanks to Candice and Dale Hollick for their very informative presentation on their RV travels in Oregon and especially the Eugene area. In addition, they shared some wonderful Rving experience and insights they have had over the years.

This May meeting was our fourth for the year and several concerns about our RV storage area have been expressed. If you have any thoughts pertaining to our storage facility, please let me know. Again, I wan to thank everyone for keeping the gate locked. We have noticed a wonderful improvement.

This will be our last meeting until the fall. Many of our CV-RVers have trips planned for this summer and we hope you all keep good notes to share with us when you return.

I can be reached at (749-9997), Space 350 (Ironwood View).

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Janet Hyman

If you love scrap booking or would like to learn more about it, please join us. We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the card room of the Village Hall.

Just bring your supplies, maybe a light snack and come on down and have some fun. It's also a great way to share our individual creativity. We can always learn new and clever ways of making our memory books even better.

Our next workshop will be Saturday, June 24. Please call Janet Hyman (749-8120) to let her know that you're interested or if you need additional information.

MEN'S POOL

By John Dolan

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



VESPERS

By Margaret Meadows

This is a non-denominational service held every Sunday in the card room at 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM with Pastor Jake Duran officiating. All are welcome.

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S CLUB NEWS

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett



The last meeting of the CV Pet Lover's Club was held on May 16, at 3:30 PM in the picnic grounds. We were pleased to welcome ten more families who own pets to join our club and share information on a number of subjects that pertain to everyone in the Village. We were warned of Rattlesnake sightings in CV areas including in and outside of the Dog Walk Area. We shared information on Veterinarians as well as what can be done in the event of a lost pet or should a disaster occur. Attention was brought to the fact that

CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



Thanks to a great bunch of volunteers last month's trash pickup was very successful. You know the old saying; "There's always room for one more." So if you'd like to join the road crew call Addie Wilkins (751- 1859).

CVPOA DISASTER COMMITTEE

By Matt Madsen

DISASTER TEAM UP-DATE

May, 2006 is the start of a new Disaster Team Leadership format. To summarize the changes, it goes as follows:

Your Block Safety Officer will keep tabs on his/her assigned houses, and up date the Area Safety Officer at the end of every month. The Block Safety Officer is responsible for taking action if one of his/her homes needs a Blue Dot on the mailbox due to their inability to leave the home by their own power. This new information will be given to Karen Smith for immediate follow-up.

A big change is that most communications within the Disaster Program will be done via E-mail and our reverse 911 system. In a real emergency, all communications will be by personal notification at the residence; or via e-mail, 911, telephone, or cell phone.

It is essential that you be assigned to a Block Safety Officer; that you know who he/she is at this time, and that you communicate changes in your status to that person as soon as possible.

Because of the importance of our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), we will be separating the CERT Coordinator job from the Area Block Safety Assignment, as they have very different duties during an emergency. One individual would have difficulty doing both jobs at one time.

The Disaster Chief role will be one of making sure everything is getting done on a timely manner. This individual will be the focus person for other Community responsibilities. This job will be by annual appointment of the Board of Directors.

We Dodged a Potential Bullet last week.

a very few pet owners don't have the courtesy to pick up after their pets in the dog walk area. We will still pick up after you, but would appreciate you taking your own responsibility to do so. It makes us all look bad when you don't dispose of your pet waste. We have provided a box with plastic bags for those who forget to bring their own. Although we had a good turnout, we had hoped for more of the general population to share in our concerns. Our mutual desire is to have everyone share in the enjoyment and love we have for our pets. We encourage all pet owners and pet lovers to register with us to be included in the telephone call list for pet owners. (Doreen Smith, #458 or Doreen Burchett, #424). Everyone appreciated having Bob Thurlow conduct the meeting and we enjoyed the refreshments he provided. The Doreen's appreciate his willingness to write up the meeting for this issue of the CV Times. We are looking for volunteers who would like to conduct future meetings. Our meetings are held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the second month of each quarter. The next meeting will be August 15, and it is to your benefit to hear our concerns for you. More information will be included in the July CV Times. Several of us walk our dogs in the pet area daily around 4:00 PM, or later when it is warmer. It is a good way to get acquainted with the other owners and their pets.

SNAKE PATROL NOTES

By Terry Quimby

It's snake season. So if you see one, don't kill it. Call someone from the Snake Patrol below. A few have been spotted and captured. Some have been seen at the dog run. You can get rattlesnake shots from your vet for your dog. A very good idea. The Snake Patrollers are:

Wayne Clark: 751-3908,
Tom Clatworthy: 751-0204,
Bill Cowan: 749-5957
Ray Kessler: 749-3059,
Terry Quimby: 751-2882,
Charlie Service: 749-0575

Remember, don't kill it, call one of us instead.

About 10:15 PM a few days ago, a parole violator decided to run from the law and ended up in the back yards of #443 & #444.

The Parolee was attempting to evade the law and in some manner lost control of his small car. The car flew through our CV perimeter fence. The individual was thrown from the car and died instantly. The car ended up next door, and was totally demolished.

Had this car exploded upon impact, as is often the case, we would have had an instant disaster situation as we have heavy brush, gas lines, and homes lined up. All easily subject to fire and explosions.

Fortunately, disaster was not to be...this time. It goes to prove to us that bad things can happen very quickly.

It is time to remind you to keep what you need in an emergency relatively easy to get to. Medicines, documents, water and some food, and a small amount of fresh clothing might make things a lot better for you if you have 5 minutes to decide what you are going to grab. #443 & #444 did not have 5 minutes had this car hit their homes and exploded. They would be lucky to get out with their lives.

Your Disaster Chief has been called on the phone, and at the Village Hall to settle Handicap Mail Box Parking. The Handicap Parking is reserved for AUTOMOBILES ONLY. Golf carts have their own parking areas and cannot be parked in the Auto Handicap space. Even with a Handicap Display placards! Carts parked in Handicap Zones will be asked to vacate the space immediately.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



This organization of volunteer drivers is on hand to help Villagers get to their medical appointments if they have no other means of getting there. If you need our services, please call me, (749-4255) and I will find a driver for you. Give me as much lead time as possible. But, of course, if you have an emergency, call 911.

If there are any more drivers out there who would like to help, please call me at the above number and

I will put you on my Friends Helping Friends roster. If you prefer to take people only to Escondido, that's okay. I'll make note of it. Sometimes we have calls to go to Vista, Rancho Bernardo, and occasionally as far as San Diego or La Jolla. Of course, you are not obligated to say "yes" to any of my calls. I'm so appreciative of the drivers who are now helping out, but could use a few more.

ODDS AND ENDS

PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT PROGRAM

For households that are 62+ or disabled, with an annual income of less than \$24,000 per year, the State of California has a program where they will pay the property taxes, thus relieving the home owner/occupier of the burden.

In return for this, they place a lien against the property for the amount of the deferred taxes and do not collect the amount due until the house is sold. They do charge interest on the outstanding debt, but that is reduced or eliminated by the homeowners' rebate each year.

Yes, it is advisable to continue filing for the homeowners' tax rebate each year, but in this case the amount of the rebate is used by the State to reduce the lien amount outstanding and is not paid to the homeowner in cash. The homeowner still comes out ahead, since the amount of the annual property tax bill is far more than the amount of the tax rebate previously received.

The way the system works is as follows:

1. Preferably after July 1 of each year, the homeowner completes and mails the "Property Tax Postponement Application", which is very similar to, but different from, the homeowners' rebate form.

2. About a month later, a letter is received from the State Treasurer's Office indicating that the homeowner's application has been accepted.

3. Nothing further happens until after the regular property tax bill has been received by the homeowner in October or November. Some days/weeks after the bill is received, the homeowner receives, in the mail, tow vouchers from the State Treasurer's office. These vouchers are to be attached to the property tax bill for the two

installments or the tax, due in December and April, and mailed to the property tax office in lieu of sending checks. The property tax office then collects the tax from the state.

4. Should the vouchers arrive after the due date of the tax there is no late payment penalty. Also, should the vouchers arrive after one installment has been paid, the state will issue a refund check to the taxpayer for the amount paid.

5. This must be done each year. Should income for the homeowner exceed \$24,000 in any one year, he/she will be ineligible for that year, but will qualify in subsequent years, if income again falls below that amount.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please add your name to the list of names accumulated by Karin or the association manager in the office. If you, have any questions, please contact the undersigned. There is no charge for filling out the forms when they become available.

Charles Rogers,
AARP Tax Preparer
Phone: 858-485-5612

Getting To Know... Tommy Henderson

By LoReta Phelps

Most of you know Tommy as the "mailbox man" as he is the one who took over making the mailboxes after the previous maker was unable to continue. What some of you may not know is that Tommy also makes decorative birdhouses that he places on top of a spindle-type post.

If you listen carefully to Tommy talking you'll detect a slight Scottish accent that he comes by honestly. He was born in Scotland and came to this country when he was about five.

He and his family landed in New York and from there went directly to Venice, California, because that's where his dad's uncle lived.

Tommy graduated from Venice High School where he says he wasn't much of a student but loved athletics. He did the pole vault, jumping against two world champions. He also did the long jump, high jump and the hurdles.

In 1939 he participated in the Scottish Highland Games in Santa Monica and won the prestigious Aggregate Cup.

Outside of school he played fast pitch softball with a carpet company team. He played basketball for the LA Shamrocks, an amateur team. This was before the professional basketball teams started. He and his brother, George, played semi-pro football for the Venice Athletic Club. During the four years that they played, they sponsored the Boys Club so all the money earned went to them.

After high school, he worked as a masonry contractor. Then in January of 1942, he went into the Army and landed in Melbourne, Australia. While there, he took part, along with approximately 200 Australians and Americans in the "Inter-Allied Track and Field Meet". He competed in the high jump, the pole vault and the hurdles. As a result, his commanding officer sent a letter to his mother telling her that Tommy had won the trophy for the highest individual score and two other prizes.

From Australia he went to New Guinea. Because a closer base was needed for planes that were bombing the Philippines, they invaded the island of Morotai, which is between Halmahera Island and Borneo. Tommy ended up in Manila and came home the end of October in 1945.

At that time, the military was giving tests to those getting out of the service to help them in their return to civilian life. As a result of his tests, Tommy was told he could go to Notre Dame or any college he wanted. But he enjoyed working with his hands so he opted to go back to doing masonry.

Tommy didn't just do "masonry"; he built pedestals for expensive imported statues, which can be seen occasionally on TV. He did fancy fireplaces and worked for many churches. He also did projects at famous people's homes. (Johnny Carson, Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Kirk Douglas, Ernest Borgnine and others.) On weekends, he did projects for family members.

From his childhood, Tommy has been involved in church. He was Youth Director at the Santa Monica Baptist Church. He has sung in the choir, sung solos at weddings and sung duets with one of his sisters. He now sings in the Village Chorus.

Before Tommy came home from the service, he was seriously involved with a young lady only to find

out she had found another Scot. Disillusioned, he prayed, "I picked this one, Lord you pick the next one."

Tommy's grandmother had come from Scotland to visit, but because of the war could not return home. It was through her that Tommy was introduced to Doris. (The name, Doris, means gift from God.)

They were married in June of 1949. Unfortunately, the grandmother was unable to attend their wedding because she had to return home. She had no visa, only a visitor's pass.

Doris and Tommy have been married for 57 years and lived in Culver City before joining some of their family in a move to Mission Viejo. That same family closeness is what brought them to the Village where they have been for seven years.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:

By Fran Robinson

If anyone needs to have their blood pressure checked, please phone Fran Robinson (751-5488).

VAN TRIPS: The Village Van leaves the second and fourth Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joe's and Henry's. 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.

SEE'S CANDIES: One pound gift certificates are \$10.35. This will give you \$14.10 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. Please **do not** leave with Karin in the office.

GOLF CART CLINIC



A-1 Golf Cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the picnic grounds at 9:00 AM.

Escondido Golf Cart Service will have a clinic on the last Friday of each month, at the Picnic Area at 9:00 AM

NEW RESIDENTS:

#246 Chuck & Connie Phillips 749-9994

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning
Battery Purchase
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



We hope our many readers are visiting the Bookmobile on its twice monthly stops.

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on Tuesday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 21 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Stops are made near the mail boxes.

Books, cassettes, videos and magazines will be available for your pleasure. It is an opportunity and convenience for all of us. Let's enjoy the service. Call Betty (751-1473).

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Due to Memorial Day Holiday, the trash will be delayed by one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, June 3.