



CV NEWS

A Newsletter For
Champagne Village Property Owners Association
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August 2001

Board Meeting Synopsis:

Items Approved:

The 2002 Reserve study, which is the first step in preparing the 2002 budget, was approved.

Purchase and installation of 3-36" box Shamel Ash trees, to be planted in the picnic area, to replace two dead Oak trees and provide shade at the north end of the grassy area.

Omission from the July CV News: The Board accepted the resignation of Linda Cherry, and appointed Dwain Rowe to fill the balance of her term.

Announcements:

Next Board "Workshop": August 13, 2001, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. *(Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)*

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:
August 15, 2001, at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM 2000-2001

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

Lighting Retrofit:

During the recent lighting retrofit, some of the light switches have been rewired in order to allow partial lighting during daylight hours. Please check with Tom or Karin for a demonstration.

Calendar Listings:

The times listed on the Calendar are the time that the hall or other rooms are reserved, NOT the times of the particular function. Please check with the individual groups for exact starting times.

Call For Volunteers:

We are looking for a volunteer who can assist the office in the formatting of the newsletter after it has been typed and proofed. Someone with desktop publishing or graphics background would be great for this position. We have the computer and can provide the software. All we need is someone with the creative touch.

WANTED: A few photos of the July 4th Picnic for the Village Photo Book. Contact Connie Bentley at 749-3450.

WORRIED ABOUT ROLLING BLACK OUTS?

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO SAVE ENERGY AND DOLLARS?

Don't miss the SDG&E informational seminar. They are here to assist YOU! Wednesday, August 15th, right after the board meeting in the Village Hall, (approximately 2:00 PM). Refreshments will be served.

ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS

You may qualify for a 20% discount on your energy bill if your yearly household income is at or below the following limits. This assistance is available through the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program. To apply for CARE, contact SDG&E at 1-800-411-SDGE (7343) or info@sdge.com.

Number of persons In Household	Total Combined Annual Income Limit
1 or 2	\$22,000
3	\$25,900
4	\$31,100
5 or more	Add \$5,200 per person

NEW RESIDENTS:

#89 John & Henrietta Fox	749-1349
#259 Carol Ann Bahn	751-9061
#305 Tim & Judy Fallon	(No Phone Yet)
#331 Thomas Coleman	751-1961
#371 Claudie & Jane Matlock	751-9047
#380 Christine Ernsting	749-2115

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

I want to give a special "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the 4th of July, and all those who called and asked what they could do to help. It takes a Village working together to have such a wonderful party for everyone to enjoy.

Watch for these coming events:
August 18 - Safari Dinner Dance
September 8 - Spaghetti Dinner with Entertainment

September 29 - Craft and Rummage Sale

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Social Activities, please call Dwain or LuAnn Rowe at 751-0172.

SENIOR FUN DAY

A group of Villagers have started going to the AMF Eagle Lanes in San Marcos, on Thursday afternoons from noon to about 3:30 PM, to participate in their "Senior Fun Day". The charge is \$7.50, which includes a light lunch and three games of bowling. If you have ever bowled (or would like to give it a try), come join the fun next Thursday. This way, you can enjoy bowling regularly (or occasionally), without having to join a league. Call Shirley Henderson (749-6447) or Jan Brostrom (749-4255) for more information.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND COME INTO THE JUNGLE ON SAFARI !!

We will be hunting for:
Roasted Baron of Beef
Chicken Almondine
Glazed Fresh Carrots
Caesar Salad
Herbal Rice Pilaf
Dessert: Creamed Snow of Kilimanjaro with Berries and Mint Leaves
Cream wafers

The FEAST for the Kings and Queens of the Jungle is planned for:

**August 18, at 5:00 PM, at the Village Hall
B.Y.O.B**

Dance music by "The Variations"
\$16.50 per resident - \$18.00 per Guest
Sign up NOW on the sign-up sheet by the copy machine in the Hall, and Pay your Table Host or Hostess by August 8th.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Classes were cancelled for the month of July, since the instructor was out of town most of the month. Classes will resume in August, with the first class

for Beginners at 10:00 AM on August 7th. We would love to see some new faces! The other classes will pick up again on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

CHI GONG

The first session of Chi Gong classes have been very successful, and we are planning a new session to begin in August. Many participants have already experienced improved health, and find they have more energy. Each session is like a mini health seminar, because the teacher is so knowledgeable and has so much information to provide. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining the next session, please call LuAnn Rowe, space #405 (751-0172).

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

If you are single, and a resident of Champagne Village, you are a “member” of Champagne Singles. If you haven’t participated in any of our activities so far but would like to, please call Jan Brostrom at 749-4255. This is not a particularly “organized” group yet, and we have no dues. We try to meet the social needs of people alone by planning group activities. On the 2nd Friday of each month, we have a potluck and meeting at the Village Hall at 6:00 PM. The next one will be on August 10th. Also, there are smaller groups that do such things as going out for lunch together; out for dinner; to plays, concerts and one-day trips; and dancing. If you have ideas for other activities you’d like, please let us know. We also participate as individuals in Gladys Wilkinson’s tours.

THE GOING OUT FOR DINNER bunch will be dining at Tony’s Spunky Steer, across the freeway from North County Fair, on Friday, August 3rd. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the copier room, or call Mary Starkey (751-0825).

THE LET’S DO LUNCH group is planning to go to Bruno’s Italian Restaurant in San Marcos, on

Wednesday, August, 8th. There is also a sign-up sheet for this, or call Helen Samuelsen (749-6438). An afternoon of DANCING is planned for Tuesday, August 21st, at the Joslyn Center in Escondido, from 1:00 to 3:15 PM. The “Stardust Harmonaires” will be playing for your dancing pleasure. A sign-up sheet is in the copier room, or call Tom Taylor (749-1712).

Call Warren Denny (749-1438) for information and assistance on the equipment in the Exercise Room at the pool. He urges everyone to find a partner or two and go WALKING regularly.

PLAYS, CONCERTS & ONE-DAY TRIPS GROUP: Mimi Baca reports that Dixie Stern-Talbot, former resident and director of our Village Chorus, has a role in “My Fair Lady” at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts on September 7, 8, 15 and 16. (Dixie will play Henry Higgins’ mother.) Call Mimi at 751-1032, about a possible car-pool to one of these performances. She has also posted information about other events and trips on our bulletin board. Feel free to make copies of this information.

The Village’s Social Activities Committee’s dance for August is the “African Safari” on Saturday, Aug. 18th. The big sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the copier room. There are four tables designated for Singles (with a red star). Be sure to sign up immediately before they’re all filled up. The cost is \$16.50 for residents and \$18.00 for guests. The money should be turned in by August 8th to your Table Hostess (the top name in the square).

Who was it that was looking for her pink plastic bowl cover after the Singles Picnic? Jan has it. Call her at 749-4255.

For more information about the Singles’ activities, please call Jan Brostrom (749-4255), Virginia Ewing (751-1415), or Chuck Bonner (751-0495).



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, August 3rd, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 5th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Village Hall. Cost is only \$2.00. Bring your own table service.



CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

As in past years, we devote summer collection activity to analysis of consumer trends. In July we researched beer container disposals, without regard to container type or calorie content.

Although total containers recovered were about the same as last July. There was one real switch in brands:

	July			
	2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%
Bud / Michelob	45	41	47	44
*Coors	31	28	20	19
Miller	22	21	32	30
Corona	7	6	4	3
Other	5	4	5	4
	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>100</u>

*Heavy TV campaign, 2001 – Apparently, at the expense of Miller.

In August, we plan to analyze soft drink disposals. If you sign up right now for the Collection Crew (Paul Gober – 749-7745), you may participate in this exciting project!

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Any Champagne Village resident who needs help in getting to their medical appointments are urged to

call “Friends Helping Friends” at 749-4255 (Jan 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.

HAPPY HANDS

A fun-loving group of ladies meets 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; 14 blankets, knit caps, baby booties preemie layettes by the dozen to Piece by Piece; and three afghans to the Lions Club. 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.

LIONS CLUB

We are 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. This club is open to men and women that live in the Village, and we need every resident to assist us in this very worthwhile endeavor. 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, call Billy or Doreen Smith at 751-3305.

Thank you for continuing to drop off your old glasses in the Village Hall Xerox Room. PLEASE SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!! Call Billy Smith at 751-3305 for pick-up at your door. FOR

DONATING CLOTHING, call Chuck Chandler at 749-8874.

MASONIC CLUB

Meets the second Wednesday of each month, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in the Card Room. For more information, call Bob Gallagher, 749-8049.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

A GOOD time was had by all!! That was what our Oaks Ladies Invitational was all about. All I heard was "when are we going to do it again?" Sorry, not 'til next year. The day was successful due to the work of many people. Vice President BOB OLSEN purchased the food, and was in charge of the cooking and serving. He was helped by his wife Sally, Allen & Jackie Whaite, Russ and Priscilla DeArman and Jean & Pat Slaughter. Thank you to all the men who made those great salads, and desserts - they were excellent! (I tried most all of them). How about that LEMONADE on the golf course at the ninth hole? Good work, Clay Pittman! Also, thanks for lighting our barbeque, Clay. Congratulations to the winners who walked off with all the big money, "while the rest of us just watched!!?!". Thank you to President Bob Saint for overseeing this nice event.

Glad to see our sick, lame and lazy are all on the mend. Both Cliff Dowell and Don Phelps are doing well. Nice to know that Gill Taylor is back home. We are having a rash of "Holes in One". So far in July, we have had two. Ken Johnson – Oaks #7 and Ray Urbaniak – Oaks #14.

Next meeting will be Aug. 30th. Lunch? Check the board for the time and details, and you will also get a call from the hard-working phone committee.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- "A golf course is the epitome of all that is transitory in the Universe, a space not to dwell in, but to get over as quickly as possible."

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

What a spectacular first of the year meeting we had with our new board on July 5, 2001! Ice cream bars, lemonade and pretzels were provided by our new President, Lue Guthrie and by Linda Cherry. Lue gave us a clever story about "potatoes".

We started right off with two "Holes-In-One"! Congratulations to Joan Saint on Hole #7, and to Carlene LeCocq on #14. They both received \$33.00 prize money.

Joan Saint gave out "Sweeps" money for the past 3 months, and Sally Olsen gave out "Ringer" for past 3 months. Lue Guthrie won the 50/50. Joan Saint, Ceil Steckel, Sheila Osbourne and Dorothy McGinn won "Free Balls".

Sheila Osbourne received a beautiful trophy for "Ace of the Year" and Linda Cherry for "Most Improved". Congratulations, Sheila and Linda.

We welcomed new member Dorothy McGinn. She moved here from Upland, CA. We now have 38 members and 7 social members.

Many thanks to Dixie Talbot for our lovely Installation Luncheon. The Bridal theme was fun, and we enjoyed seeing all the wedding pictures and trying to figure out who was who!

A big THANK YOU to the Men's Golf Club for a fun Tournament on the Oaks, and the delicious lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads and Desserts. There were many prizes and winners. Thanks again to President Bob Saint, VP Bob Olsen, and all those who helped make it a wonderful day!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marcy Scribner and Ellie Gall, especially at this time.

Looking ahead!! We are planning a Baked Goodies, Arts and Craft Sale on Sept. 29, 2001. We will have a table full of delicious baked goods and craft items, so please plan on coming out and supporting us, and enjoy a "fun day" in our Clubhouse. Joyce Martin is in charge, with Betty Ann Maurer helping. More about this later.

Please pay Dues NOW! Make check to "CV Ladies Oaks Golf Club" and give to Marion Ellison, #456. \$25.00 for Active Member, and \$7.00 for Social Member. Dues are delinquent on August 1, 2001.

Our next Board Meeting is Aug. 2, 2001, in the Clubhouse Card Room, at 12:00 Noon. SEE YOU THERE!!

TENNIS CLUB

We will have a “play day” on Friday, August 10th and Friday, August 24th. Tennis is at 5:00 PM, and at 6:30, pizza at Lorenzo’s Pizza Restaurant in the Village Shopping Center. Call your reservation in to Addie Wilkins (751-1859), if you will be joining us for pizza.

There will be a Sunday “play day” at 7:30 AM, on August 12th. Coffee, donuts and juice will be served by our hosts Rob and Marge Jacobson.

We welcome new members and our membership chairman, Don Phelps, will be happy to visit with you and give you all the details. Please call him at 751-9796, for more information.

“WELCOME” to our newest members: Jay & Doreen Burchett and Renata Ameter!

BRIDGE

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

Bridge is fun!!

A friendly group of bridge players meet every Tuesday evening - 7:00 PM - Village Hall – come join us!! August Hostess: Joyce Martin (749-8422)

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, August 8, in the Village Hall. Hosts are Teresa Stalzer and Cliff Dowell – 749-3985, and Joyce Martin and Gene McVey – 749-8422. Sign up at the Village Hall to make your reservation, and

indicate whether you will bring hors d’oeuvres or a dessert to serve 12.

Each month, more couples join in the fun and informality. All you need to bring is your libation and your food donation. Oh yes, \$1.00 per person is required for the bridge game. There are 3 prizes for ladies and 3 for men. You could be one of the winners! Cocktails begin at 5:00 PM, bridge between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar.

Sadly no couple has signed to host September’s bridge. Unless someone does, there will be no bridge. If you have not acted as hosts this year, consider signing up for September.

MONDAY LADIES BRIDGE

For August, Monday Ladies Bridge will meet from 1 – 3:30 PM. Hostess – Madge Morse (749-4106)

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 either Shirley Henderson (749-6447), or Carolyn White (751-1833), by the preceding Wednesday.

WATER EXERCISE

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

ODDS AND ENDS

FYI:

It has been brought to our attention, again, that there has been a recent rash of thefts in the North County – Particularly in Mobilehome Parks such as ours.

For example, a Park very much like ours (gated, senior citizen) in Valley Center was hit with the

theft of FOUR SETS of golf clubs ON THE SAME DAY in July!

Please be extremely careful when you are storing anything of value – make sure the items are put in such a place that they cannot be seen from the street – even better, put them inside your home or storage shed.

Better to take the couple of extra seconds to be safe than lose your valuables!

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Neither Rain, Nor Snow.....

The Village Volunteers who deliver your Newsletter each month, are asking for your help by maintaining the letterbox at your unit. Many have loose tops, heavy weights on the lids, and posts rotting in the ground. Some even have hooks or nails protruding from the box, to catch the hands of your friendly Volunteer, attempting “The swift completion of his appointed rounds”.

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Games, Anyone?

If anyone is interested in Horse Shoe’s or Ping Pong call Chuck Bonner at 751-0495. We have a Horse Shoe pit at the picnic area. Ping Pong is at the pool.

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Shopping Adventures:

Trips to Westfield (North County Fair) and Henrys (Boneys) are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Leave Village Hall at 9:30A.M. and return 2:30P.M. Some side trips available. Sign up at Village Hall.

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AARP:

Attention, any members of AARP in Champagne Village. Have you tried to offer any input, or make any inquiries, with the association on an individual basis relating to any issues that you feel might be in the best interest of seniors in general? I have, on

several occasions since the first of the year, and response is poor and minimal at best. This is not related to the products and services they advertise in their magazine.

In the interest of raising a stronger voice between the AARP members and the association offices, I have made contact with the AARP California legislative representative, and have been invited to join him at a meeting with Congressman Randy “Duke” Cunningham on August 23rd, in Escondido. It appears that the primary issue to be discussed will be prescription drug cost relief for seniors.

If you have any issues that are of a general interest for seniors please contact me, Joe McGowan (#172 – 751-2928), and I will be glad to try to present them for consideration while I have their attention.....I have no official capacity with AARP, other than being a dues paying member.

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EZ TENNIS

Some thoughts from newcomers to the Champagne Villagers: We came here from a similar Village at Lynx Creek, a stones throw from the border of mile-high Prescott Valley, AZ, the summer home of Phoenix summer heat escapees. The winters there were tolerable, and about half of the occupants live at Lynx year round. During the time the Phoenix people were there, it was a time of more activities, so the year-rounders were left to find things to do when they were gone.

As an example, they have two tennis courts exactly like we have at CV (with over 60 members), but Lynx has a maximum of 10 club members at any time during the year. During winters, they dwindled down to 3. We had a super computer-user group that Doreen@JayBuchett.com helped to build, and being tennis players, we designed EZ Tennis to be used in the Village Hall, where we enjoyed much sociability, exercise and laughter. Additionally, we discovered that people well over 65 could learn to play in a couple of weeks, and put together a consistent game, but if they had some knowledge of regular tennis they learned more

rapidly. Ladies over seventy, having never played a net game, do very well, thank you.

The game requires no cost (we will donate the rackets and other equipment), and is played inside, with what CV Hall time that is available, on a M/W/F basis for 1-2 hours.

The game is fun to watch if you don't feel like playing, and want something to do for your recreation time. After watching for a while, you might like to join in the fun. All you need are tennis shoes. Do you have an interest in EZ Tennis? If so, please drop by the office and look at the photos of the Lynx Court, and sign your approval. Doreen/Jay #424. Surprisingly, the Phoenix folks, (there now for the summer), are just a tad above us here at Champagne Village. You can see for yourself by visiting their website, which we started: www.thevillagesatlynxcreek.com .

BOOKMOBILE

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on August 14th and 28th . *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 grounds beginning at 9:00 AM.

TRAVEL WITH GLADYS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2001

DAY TRIP TO THE DEL MAR RACES

AT BEAUTIFUL DEL MAR, "WHERE THE TURF MEETS THE SURF". CLUBHOUSE, SHADED AREA, OVERLOOKING THE FINISH LINE.

INCLUDES: BUS, SNACKS & DRIVERS TIP.

PRICE \$27.00 EA. PAY BY AUGUST 3, 2001

THE RACES START AT 2:00, WE WILL LEAVE VILLAGE AT 12:00 NOON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, DAY TRIP - CAMPO TO TECATE.

6-hour vintage train adventure to Tecate, Mexico. "Take a scenic ride aboard a Vintage Train through

the rustic backcountry of San Diego's East County to Tecate, Mexico! Journey on "The Impossible Railroad", and cross the border through tunnels and over bridges into Mexico, and the quaint town of Tecate. Enjoy Mexican hospitality as you dine and shop at a wide variety of restaurants, stores and central park craft booths. Also, a mini walking-tour of the Tecate Brewery. You will travel in comfort on a variety of vintage passenger rail coaches, pulled by steam locomotives. You will have several hours to explore Tecate, and then reboard and enjoy the scenic trip back to Campo. PRICE \$65.00 PP. Sign up as soon as possible. Pay by September 15th . Price includes: First Class Bus Service from Champagne Village to Campo, First Class Rail Tour to Tecate, Drivers Tip.

NOVEMBER 19th to 21st - RIVER PALMS CASINO. 3 Days - 2 Nights LAUGHLIN, NV INCLUDES: Bingo & Keno, Free Nightly Entertainment, Paddlewheel Boat Tours, Pool & Spa, 1200 Slots & Video Games & More.

PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDES: 1 free choice buffet, 1 breakfast buffet, fun book, luxury bus, snacks, drinks and drivers tip.

PRICE: \$70.00PP, DOUBLE; SINGLES \$80.00

Sign up in the Village Hall - Pay by October 10th .