



Running Deer Ranch Newsletter – February 2011

RDR Board of Directors – 2010-11

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Vice President – John Crass
Secretary – Don Bullard
Treasurer – Joanne Russell
Director – Leo Kennedy
Director – Ken McAlister
Director – Wayne Woodard

President's Message:

By: Michael Brannon, RDR President

Running Deer Ranch has been a part of my life for 40 years. I've watched for years and now I have participated for years. What I have found is participating really helps to make things happen! So, my message this month is this.

First, the RDR Board is lacking (3) nominees to take vacant seats that need to be filled at our Memorial Day General Membership Meeting. Any member in good standing may be nominated by a board member or another Member in good standing. If you are interested, please contact any Board member or attend the Memorial Day Weekend Meeting. We would really appreciate new voices and new ideas and this can only happen with the addition of new members to the Board.

Second, I would really like to thank those members of the Board and the membership at large who have volunteered over and over again and kept the Board going strong, we owe our success to them.

So far this year, the Board is making small but important changes. The introduction of a G-mail account and improvements to the website is discussed by Don Bullard, (Secretary) see his article in this Newsletter. We've added more parking on

Board of Director Appointees

Carl Steinkraus – SNRA Rep 237-1182
Connie Flowers – Newsletter 238-3685
Past President – Nancy Brownell

the Point, added base and improved the quality of the road in that area.

One important aspect of RDR membership is the support we give to SNRA (South Nacimiento Road Association). This SNRA Board helps manage the maintenance of all the roads that operate from the Gate at the county road to the Gates of Tri-Counties, Cal Shasta and 300 feet to the gate at Rancho de Lagos. It is in the best interest of all RDR landowners to help SNRA operate successfully.

Just a reminder! It is important if there is any change in ownership to a property in the RDR Association that the Board be apprised of that information. Please contact a Board member by email or in writing of any changes of which you are aware.

At the very least, I hope your membership in RDR inspires you to adhere to, and support, the rules and regulations about road, ramp and Point use. The rules in place have been painstakingly worked on over the years and they are there to protect the rights and privileges of all of our members. If you object to any of them, now is the perfect time to step up. Join the Board and have your say. We would love to hear from you!

A thought for the day - Don't let emotions of the moment determine or control your actions.



Treasurer's Report

By: Joanne Russell, Treasurer

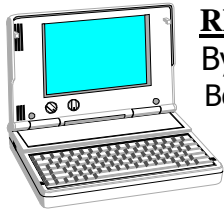
2010 closed the year with 106 paid Members, over the 2009 number of 101. The funds collected went to the normal business expenses including –

- Insurance (\$3273.01)
- Porti-Potties (\$1426.79)
- Keys (\$572.31).

The majority of the funds went to –

- Point improvements (\$3500.00)
- Road Maintenance (\$4323.60).

Of course, these numbers do not reflect the large amount of work done by volunteers throughout Running Deer Ranch. Without their support in their time, their equipment, and their additional contributions, we would not have been able to achieve all that we did this year. Thanks to all of you that paid your dues, volunteered and helped to make RDR what it is today.



RDR WEBSITE

By: Don Bullard, RDR Board Secretary

The RDR Owners' Association Website is:

www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com

The site has links to other south shore associations (such as Tri-counties and Cal Shasta), as well as SNRA and historical and current Lake information. On the RDR link you will find the RDR yearly calendar, newsletter, future RDR Board of Directors meetings and past Board meeting minutes. It also has an area for comments and opinions and an email link to contact the Running Deer Ranch Board of Directors.

RDRBoard@gmail.com

The RDR Website is intended to be the primary source for Running Deer Ranch owners' information. This will save the Association mailing costs and ensure RDR Association Members have current access to upcoming meetings and events, and updates by committee chairmen on what is happening at Running Deer Ranch and The Point. The agenda and potential vote proposals for the upcoming General Membership Meeting in May 2011, will be posted once approved by the RDR Board.

This will allow owners to be prepared for General Meeting discussions.

We encourage all owners to visit the website and become familiar with its contents. If you have suggestions for improvements or other required information that should be posted, please send those to Don Bullard, RDR Board Secretary, at the Board email address. RDRBoard@gmail.com

The current Webmaster, Norm Flowers, is looking to retire from that position and would like to find someone who has an interest in assuming the responsibility. The domain name is registered until December of 2011. If no one wants to take over by that time, the site will be terminated. It costs about \$10.00 per year to maintain the domain name and about \$10.00 a month for the web hosting folks. Norm has been paying these fees since his name and occupation is on the site. However, if someone didn't want to incur any costs, perhaps the clubs and associations might sponsor the site in order to keep it going. Microsoft Front Page is currently being used for the site. It is quite likely that other webpage software could be used to adapt to the site.

If anyone is interested in assuming the webmaster job, please give Norm a call at 238-3685 or e-mail him at norm@tcsn.net to discuss the details. It doesn't take a lot of time for the maintenance, maybe an hour a week. If the format was to be changed, it would take a bit more depending upon your expertise.



SNRA Update

By Leo Kennedy

The SNRA 2011 budget proposed by the SNRA Board was passed by the members. Assessments will be \$400 for owners north of Towne Creek and \$133 for Running Deer Ranch owners. About half of the funds will go two main repair projects: on Allen Road and on the Gage Irving loop (the part that runs roughly between the Boe and the Hamilton properties). The other half will go for a variety of areas of chip seal repair and other maintenance. The special assessment to

repair Running Deer Rd. between Hamilton's and High Meadow Way did not pass.

An auction will be held at the SNRA Members' Meeting and BBQ in June. Items available, so far, will be a water trailer and a "bitch" pot trailer. The water trailer has a 5-600 gal. tank and is a bit heavy to handle in an emergency on dirt roads; works good though. The bitch pot (pardon the language) is a bitumen heating pot on a trailer. Bitumen is like tar and we used to use it as a primer on pot holes before cold patching them. We've switched to mostly having hot patch done by a contractor and haven't used the bitch pot in a while. Now it has a block of old bitumen in it that doesn't want to melt! If you want more info on either of these items email Leo at runningiron@wildblue.net

Officers are needed for the SNRA Board. We need a president and a secretary. If you'd like to be nominated, contact Leo at runningiron@wildblue.net

Just a reminder that there is an emergency calling list available on our website: www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com.

If you want to be added or to change your info, contact Leo at runningiron@wildblue.net.

Note: there is now a fire trailer at the Bullard's, located at **5525 Whispering Pines Lane**

Point Dock Ownership

By Ken McAlister

If you own one of the docks moored at the point it is your responsibility to keep your Monterey County license and your insurance current. Current means the RDR Board is to be kept up to date with the proper paperwork showing your legal status as a dock owner. Proper mooring cables and anchor system per Monterey County Ordinance 04065. A copy of current Dock License issued by Monterey County Water Resources Agency. A copy of your current insurance policy naming both



Jess Felgenhauer and SLOCO Running Deer Ranch Company Inc. as additionally insured.

For more details see: www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com
Running Deer Ranch -> Miscellaneous -> Dock Owner Requirements

General Information -> MCRWA Dock Requirements (pdf) Ord.04065

Monterey County water Resources Agency, PO Box 930, Salinas, California 93902 (831) 755,4860, SLOC Running Deer Ranch Company.5050 Aluffo Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446



Running Deer Roads

By: John Crass, RDR VP

As we enjoy our time at the lake I think most of us drive on the roads, use the Point and launch ramp, while not thinking too much about it. We pay our dues (most of us) and assume everything gets taken care of. That is why we pay the dues.

What we do not realize, as I did not for many years, in order to maintain our roads so they are safe and last it takes time and money. The money that we collect through our dues to maintain the road puts a good dent in what is necessary, but would not come close to covering what is needed without the hard work and volunteered time by many people in our community.

It is important that everyone help to take care of the roads and do their part. This includes simple things that don't require any time and money but does require stepping up and volunteering help on work parties.

Listed below are a few things people can do on a daily basis to help our community:

- Stay on the roads with your vehicles. Driving off the roads can cause damage to the road and/or drainage which can lead to road erosion.
- Driving slowly on the point to help us protect our recent investment in base on the Point.
- Do not build or fence on the easements which can hinder

maintenance or cause us to do more.

- Think before you move dirt close to the roads as when it rains the dirt and mud washes onto the road.
- Come spend as much time as you can at the work parties. Any time is worth it.
- Inform the board if you notice any damage that needs to be repaired due to damage from rain, gophers, ground squirrels, and pesky humans.

There is a core group of people that mostly live in Running Deer full time that do a majority of the work that allows all of us to enjoy our time at the lake. Some of the people who are always at the work parties and helping are:

Jerry & Doris Ahrens ,Karl & Thelma Bell, Ken McAlister, Bert Lindsay, Carl & Georgia Steinkraus, Mike Brannon, Bill & Greta Boyle, Norm & Connie Flowers, Leo and Sue Kennedy, & Chuck Enterline.

Then there are a few people who either cannot make the work parties or are physically unable to do the work anymore; they will generously give a donation to Running Deer. I apologize for not getting the names of the donators; please know you are greatly appreciated. Please forgive me if I have left anyone out.

Let's all hope the lake fills up and we have a great summer at the lake on good roads.

Pat on the Back



The RDR Board would like to give a ***Pat on the Back*** to every volunteer who has given time and skill for the benefit of all Running Deer Ranch owners. Volunteers use their tractors to keep the launching ramp clean; volunteers monitor the Point on three-day weekends; volunteers maintain the roads, repair the Main Gate, and perform other important task.

Jerry Ahrens, Curt Bentley, Larry Brannon, Mike Brannon, John Crass, Chuck Enterline, Connie Flowers, Norm Flowers, Leo Kennedy, Bert Lindsay, Ken McAlister, Joanne Russell, and Carl Steinkraus. We apologize to, and thank those volunteers who have been unintentionally left off of this list.

GOT THE COMBO?

Be in the know.... And stay informed on the Guest/Contractor's code. The Contractor's code is changed every month – it will open the combination lock on both the Gage Irving Gate and Main Gate. It will also open the Main Gate using the key pad. Don't leave home without it... KNOW THE COMBO and **always carry your key**. To receive the monthly code change E-mail Leo at runningiron@wildblue.net.

GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2011 – 9:00 am

The Lobo's

(Look for directional signs.)

ALL property owners are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Significant issues that may affect you will be discussed. Be a part of the decision process, be an involved property owner and voice your opinions.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Your attendance represents your thanks and support to your Board of Directors and the work they have done on your behalf. Each Board works endlessly in your best interest – now it is your turn to support them with your attendance –There are three Board vacancies to be filled as we extend our thanks to the following outgoing Directors: John Crass, Joanne Russell & Ken McAlister. Thank you for your contribution of your time and energy

Something to Ponder

For good health, avoid these exercises: carrying grudges, stretching the truth and jumping to conclusions

LAKE INFO

Monterey County has a web page that shows current lake elevations, releases, etc.
Go to: www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us/ and look under *Data Available*



Lake Elevation - 764.35' (as 2-1-11)

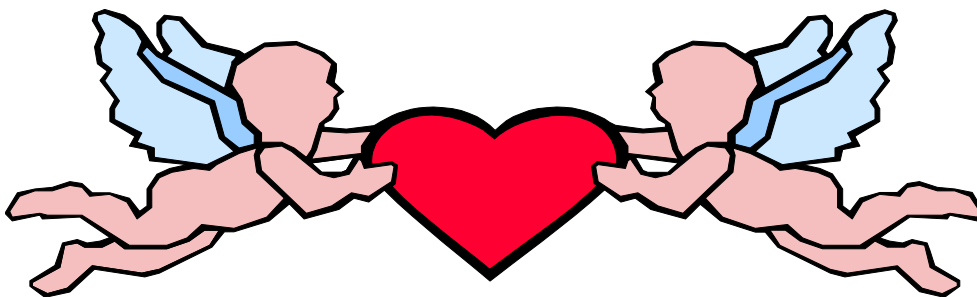
2011 Lake Use Permits

Annual permits are \$100 and the daily permit is \$6 per day.
To purchase and/or for information on how to purchase your permit, call 805-237-4924

Remember when?



Photo by N. Flowers – May 9, 2006
The Point is about 80% under water



~Happy Valentines Day~

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**SATURDAY FEB 19TH - 9:00 AM
TOLL FREE CONFERENCE CALL RE: POINT MASTER PLAN
See enclosed insert for more details**

**RDR Board of Directors Meeting
See RDR Web Site
www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com**

**Sunday - May 29th,
RDR General Membership Meeting
& Board of Directors Election**

**SNRA Meetings - 2nd Sunday of each month
Cal Shasta Clubhouse - 9:00 am**

**“Think left and think right and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try! ”**
- [Dr. Seuss](#)

Kind of makes you wonder a little doesn't it?

Do you enjoy The Point? I know that my family sure does! What a wonderful asset the Running Deer Ranch association has been graciously granted by Jess Felgenhauer. I refer to "The Point" as an asset very purposefully because it is just that, a treasured asset of the entire RDR association.

But perhaps you don't use The Point so often so you may say this article isn't for me! **NOT TRUE!** As I mentioned, the asset has a part to play in the property value of each owner in the association.

Like any asset that we own, from time to time we need to invest in those assets to make sure they are preserved and hopefully improved in time. To improve or maintain anything, it takes energy, resources and imagination. Just like on our own properties, that maintenance or those improvements, start best with a little planning....

Your 2011 Board has determined that one of our priorities this year will be to develop a master plan for The Point so that future boards and RDR members can develop detailed plans to preserve and improve The Point at Running Deer Ranch.

On Saturday Feb 19th, 2011, at 9:00 am, I will be hosting a toll free conference call and on-line meeting for all members of RDR who are interested in participating in developing the general plan for The Point. This forum will provide a chance for lively discussion and idea sharing, some clarification of what we will be planning for in the plan and of course Action items for follow up. There have been a host of great ideas already flowing so give it some thought and bring your own thoughts and questions to this 1st meeting. The Board's goal is to present this plan at the May General Membership Meeting.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, here is the important information.

- Most importantly, send Board member Wayne Woodard (pasocab@gmail.com) a note so he can send you a few reminders before the meeting.
- If you don't have email, give me a call at (408) 768 9259.
- Date and Time of the Meeting: Saturday Feb. 19th, 9:00 am
- Conference call Dial in information: 1 800 733 6808 Pass code 2436025
 - (follow the directions on the phone)
- GoTo meeting: In you Internet browser type in this address.
Please join my meeting.
 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/644388881>
 - 2. Join the conference call:
 - 1 800 733 6808
 - 1 913 904 9638 International
 - Pass code 2436025

Best regards, Wayne