



SILVER LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Wow, this summer went fast!! Seems like we all opened the cabins and in no time had to turn around and close for the winter, but not before a great Labor Day shindig at our Caretaker, Gene Stewart's cabin. The event included an incredible, not to mention really delicious, pig roast provided by the Bertotti's and Alan Siemer. Many thanks to the Bertotti family, Alan, and Gene, for a memorable and fun event to end the season on.

I'd also like to thank and acknowledge Alan Siemer again, as well as our other retiring board members, Richard Jenness and Gerry Wood, for all their support of the SLHOA and dedication to the Board. It's been really great to work with them and to benefit from their insight. And, I look forward to working with our new board members, Rob Yelland, Sally Jeskey Timperley, and Tara Bedney. With much gratitude, Sally has agreed to take on the role of Secretary, Tara, the role of Newsletter Editor, and Rob will be monitoring as needed the NFS/NFH. Ken Kendall has graciously agreed to stay on one more year, but will retire from the board next September. So please contact me should you wish to serve on the board starting next Fall. We've got a great group and I look forward to working with everyone. AND, I hope to follow in Alan's footsteps by keeping our meetings to no more than an hour! Contact information for each board member is listed at the end of this newsletter.

Please remember to contact Silver Lake's US Forest Service District Recreation Officer, Stacy Kronner, if you need a tree tagged at your cabin to take down. You can reach her at (530) 258-5162, or at srkronner@fs.fed.us. If you wish, once the tree is tagged, you can contact Mark Rayburn to set up a date for Spike Petersen to take it down. Mark charges a very nominal fee to coordinate the felling and assist Spike. After they complete the work, Mark will send you an invoice for his services that will

include Spike's fee and instructions on where to send a separate check to Spike. Should you also want the trees cleared and cut into rounds, please let Mark know. There are additional fees for this work.

Also, if you're receiving this Newsletter via USPS, you'll see your updated SLHOA Directory, or you'll be receiving it separately. Many thanks to Kim Andrews for keeping such close tabs on us all. Additional updates and shared information can also be posted on the Silver Lake website, or on the Silver Lake Facebook page (links above).

Lastly, I'm very pleased to say that our Caretaker, Gene Stewart, will be returning to Silver Lake next summer. You can contact him by email at gene4261@yahoo.com, or by cell at (541) 954-7167, should you need to make any arrangements with him before next June. Gene has been working to coordinate the pumping of outhouses on his list, but unfortunately, the company has not been responsive in setting up a time to get out to Silver Lake this year. So it looks like we'll be contacting them again in the Spring and working to get them out there early in the season to take care of it all. Will keep you posted.

Staub topped off all propane tanks at the lake in early October (they ran out at Cabins 16 and 17, but will be back in the Spring to get those). Please let Gene know if you need anything from Staub when they return next Spring so he can coordinate that with them.

Here's hoping Lassen gets a bit more of the white stuff this winter! Watch the Silver Lake Facebook page and website for updates as to access to the lake next Spring, and information as to possible chipping of wood debris piles at the lake. Feel free to email me directly should you have any questions or concerns at bandrews@calacademy.org. Looking forward to serving the SLHOA.

Happy Holidays to all!!

Barb Andrews

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year 2019 (05/01/2018 through 11/30/2018) – 7 Months

Revenues

Permit Holder Dues	\$ 23,520.00 (48 paid, 49 budgeted)
Family and Associate Dues	2,345.00 (67 paid, 70 budgeted)
NFH Dues	175.00 (7 paid, 8 budgeted)
Bank Interest	0.92
SLHOA Events	<u>734.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 26,774.92

Expenses

Caretaker Cabin Insurance Premium	\$ 1,392.30
Caretaker Cabin Maintenance	1,141.42
Waste Management	1,688.10
Caretaker Net Pay	6,233.14
Employment Development Dept.	230.70
IRS Quarterly Fed Tax	1,036.24
Lassen County Prop Tax	667.30
Misc. – Other, Stamps, Check, etc.	637.06
NFH Dues	2,135.00
US Forest Service	3,312.50
Silver Lake Water Testing	264.00
SLHOA Events	166.44
Road & Trail Maintenance / Other	120.00
Utilities – Propane	323.46
Wells Fargo/PayPal Fees	<u>54.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 19,401.66

INCOME

\$ 7,373.26

Checking Account Balance

\$ 19,825.52

Savings Account Balance

5,215.39

TOTAL

\$ 25,040.91

Erik A. Foraker

Nominating Committee and Elections –

At the Labor Day SLHOA Annual Meeting, Tara Bedney, Sally Jeskey Timperley, and Rob Yelland were voted in as new board members and Barb Andrews, as a current board member, was voted in as the new President. Ken Kendall has agreed to serve on the board through Labor Day 2019, and then step down. Please contact Ken Kendall or Barb Andrews if you are interested in serving on the board.

Ken Kendall

Caretaker's Cabin –

There are certain repairs needed to the caretaker's cabin that Gene Stewart has identified. They are (i) floor replacement, (ii) repaint the interior fascia (baseboard), and (iii) oil the deck. Some of the repairs are being taken care of by Gene now, but the board will be discussing the remaining repairs and costs at their next board meeting, April 2019, and report back to the SLHOA at the July Homeowner's meeting.

Alan Siemer

UPDATES FOR TREE REMOVAL AND WOODCHIPPING

Tree Removal/ Tagging:

Cabin owners should contact Stacy Kronner if they need a tree tagged to take down. Once it's tagged, homeowners can contact Mark Rayburn to set up a date for Spike Peterson to take it down if they wish for him to take care of it. Spike will only fell trees and not clear or cut into rounds. It's about \$150/tree to fell.

USFS has commissioned the Landreth's and de Graff's to remove the trees that had been hit by lightning located in between their cabins. Ken McNany proposed that next July 4, cabin owners pull together a work party to help with the removal.

Wood Chipping/Burning:

Scott spoke to Stacy Kronner about the idea we had to see if chipping tree and pine needle waste would be an acceptable alternative for burning or hauling it away. She said chipping is perfectly acceptable way to deal with the material and that we would want to make sure that the chipped material is then spread no deeper than one inch thick on the soil.

There is a wood chipping program in Butte County. It's run by the non-profit Butte County Fire Safe Council. The website for the program is here: <http://www.buttefiresafe.net/chipper-program>. The program operates early in the summer and residents who wish to participate notify the program and haul their fire hazardous brush to within 5 feet of the road, stack it rows no higher than 4 feet in height, free of mud, rocks and roots, with all the ends facing toward the road, and then the program comes by and chips it all for them. Homeowners can line their driveways/paths to a thickness of 2in with the chips, but cannot distribute the wood chips on the main roads. It's about \$1,000/week and they can do about 5 properties a day.

Scott contacted Zamora's in Susanville (wood chipper rentals) to see what chipper they had and which would be best for the job. He told them that it would be for a mix of pine needles, brush and trees and they recommended their 12 inch chipper, which is their brush chipper. The cost is \$288.12 per day 8 hour run time per day, including taxes. After three days they said it's better to go for the week price, which is \$1152.50. Their phone number is: [\(530\) 251-4033](tel:5302514033)

Wood Burning – Stacy Kronner has also said that the USFS does not have to come out to approve a burn pile location, but that burn piles and burning activity have to meet certain specifications listed on a residential burn permit either from Cal Fire or the USFS.

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Pick-up will begin June 29, 2019 and end September 8, 2019 (weekend after Labor Day).

2018 ANNUAL WATER TEST RESULTS

On an early October morning, in borrowed canoe (thank you Amanda and David of the Stephens' cabin!), a friend and I paddled around the lake to collect three sets of samples for the SLHOA annual end of season bacteria testing. Samples were collected from the north and south sides of the lake towards the cliff, and at the exit cove near the caretaker's cabin. They were placed on ice and taken that day to the analytical laboratory in Reno, Nevada for testing.

The tests we run look for enterococcus, total coliform, and E. coli. While the E. coli and enterococcus results were in line with what we normally see, the total coliform result was several times higher. This is likely due to the samples being collected after unexpected heavy rainstorms in the days before. Rainstorms often flush soil and other potential sources of coliform into the lake. We had a similar situation a number of years ago when we sampled immediately following a heavy rainstorm, and, as expected, tests run the subsequent spring showed normal levels. After a brief consultation with the hydrologist at Eagle Lake Ranger District, we will continue to conduct yearly water tests of the lake in the late fall. Any water tests in the spring will more than likely produce normal results due to the winter snow pack and spring flush of water. As mentioned below, a best practice is to always boil drinking water.

The SLHOA Board reminds members that these tests give an indication for safety related to recreational uses of the lake, such as swimming and boating. They do not indicate the safety of the lake water nor your well water as a source of drinking water. We are not testing for many things that could be a concern for drinking water, such as viruses, fuel and fuel additives. As we have mentioned before, the only water that is tested regularly for safety for consumption is the water found in the Forest Service well in the campground. Many of our cabin wells are not built or maintained to the same standards as the Forest Service wells, which could make them more prone to contamination from surface run-off, critters that fall into them, etc. The same is true for cabins that draw their water directly from the lake.

A best practice for cabin users to avoid problems related to bacterial and viral contaminants in water used for drinking, tooth brushing, and dish washing is to simply boil the water for 3 minutes. Note that because we are above 5,000 feet the time required is two minutes longer than lower altitudes. If water is cloudy, let it settle and filter it through a cloth, coffee filter, or paper towel before boiling. A flavor helper tip from the EPA's page on water disinfection: Adding a pinch of salt per quart or liter, or pouring the boiled water from one clean container to another several times can improve the flat taste that can come from boiling. Another method of water purification for your consideration, is to use water purification tablets, such as Potable Aqua.

For more info on preparing drinking water visit: http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwg/Boiling_water_01_15.pdf

and at

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/emergency-disinfection-drinking-water>

Scott Carroll

2018 SLHOA Labor Day Social at the Caretaker Cabin



The Great Roast Pig



**2018 Regatta Winners,
Kate and Henry Vare
Mortensen/Landreth Cabin 54**



Sunset on the Cliffs



THE LASSEN ERUPTION

The following excerpts are taken from the Lassen National Forest Service Newsletter entitled *The Lassen Eruption* from 1924 and 1925. These excerpts are courtesy of the Lassen National Forest Service, Eagle Lake District Office. The accounts have been copied as written, with punctuation errors and all.

The Lassen Eruption, No. 4, Vol.1, August 1, 1924

"...During Mr. Barrett's stay on the Lassen he, with the assistance of Supervisor Durbin, Forest Examiner Wieslander and Ranger Carl Syme laid out sixty one lots, two public camping grounds, and one resort site on the Silver lake Special Use Tract.

"This Summer Resort promises to be one of the most popular recreational areas on the Forest, at the present time the road is merely passable but this is to be remedied in the near future. It is estimated that seventy-five automobiles were parked on the area July 4."

No. 6, Vol. 1, October 1, 1924

"The Susan River Road which Lassen County is paying the bills on is nearing completion. This road will be about eight miles long and will have a maximum grade of five per cent. This road will make Silver Lake one of the most accessible lakes in the State. Almost the entire lake shore has been laid out in summer home sites and the lots are going like hot cakes. W.G.D.

"The State Highway Commission and Shasta County have at last cooperated in the road construction between Burney and Fall River Mills. I heard \$20,000 were available now and one camp is established near Cassel. I look for some good roads in this section before long. R.P.B."

No. 7, Vol. 1, November 1, 1924

"Owing to the heavy rain and snow storm the construction of the Susan River Road was brought to an end just two days before the job would have been completed. This road is approximately 7 miles long and cost about \$3,500. The only cost to the Forest Service being the time spent in making the survey and general supervision. The Red River Lumber Company cooperated to the extent of furnishing two splendid teams of horses free of charge. This road follows the Susan River from Clover Valley to Silver Lake. Special Use permits for many summer home sites have been issued since the survey was completed and it is expected that within a few years at least 50 houses will be built. W.G.D."

No. 14, July 1, 1925

"The road crew has just completed the Susan River Road which connects Silver Lake with the Pine Creek Road south of Clover Valley. This road was financed by Lassen County and built under the supervision of the Forest Service. The completion of this road makes Silver Lake one of the most accessible lakes in the County, since it enables one to reach the lake from the south over a road with not to exceed a 5 per cent grade.

"The area around Silver Lake will undoubtedly become one of the most popular tracts on the Forest for summer home sites. Mr. Wieslander and Assistant District Forester Barrett surveyed the entire area last season and already approximately 15 lots have been rented. It is quite possible that by the end of the season one-half of the total of 60 lots will have been applied for.

"The road crew is now repairing the road from Westwood Junction to the Worley Place, which will take about one week's time. After this, they will start on the construction of the Sheepshead road, which extends from Eagle Lake to Dixie Valley. This is a cooperative project, Lassen County paying one-half the expense of building the road.

"The Board of Supervisors of Lassen County seem to have very good faith in the ability of the Forest Service to construct roads since they would not contribute anything towards this road unless the Service would agree to supervise the work. W.G.D."

No. 16, August 1, 1925

"The road to Silver Lake has been completed and is reported to be in very good condition. Travel has been heavy the last month...."

"Fireman Allen was dispatched to a couple of lightning fires on Sugar Loaf Mountain recently and upon his arrival he unsaddled Old Slim and tied him up to a sapling. Jack fought the fires all night and the next morning went for his horse but found that Old Slim had departed leaving a piece of rope tied to the tree. Jack shouldered his saddle and blankets and "toted" them off the mountain to the road. The horse was found in Hat Creek Valley and Jack got him back next day.

"Fireman Runnels, who also has a lot of love for the dumb beasts, road his favorite horse, Snort, to Magee Peak and unsaddled him and proceeded to fix up the ground wire to the lake. On returning he thought it would be expedient to carry the lookout man up a nice piece of dry wood. Jack came up the trail with this long crooked piece of dry wood wrapped about his neck in such a shape that he looked like a two-legged Texas steer, and when Snort saw him coming near he gave one ghastly snort and made his departure for Cow Creek ranger station. Jack very promptly shouldered his 40 pound saddle and "toted" it to the 7 miles to Cow Creek R.S. and found Old Snort quietly devouring some good hay. Jack says he could have pulled Old Snort's tongue out with a pair of red hot tongs at that minute but now has forgotten about it.

"You boys had better invest in either a good halter or a log chain to anchor Slim and Snort with. R.P.B."





Sally Cutler Overholser

Reno - Our world is a little less bright today. Sally Cutler Overholser, 48, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday July 7, 2018 after a three year battle with cancer. Her shining smile and personality will be greatly missed.

Sally was born on March 13, 1970 in Napa, California to Larry and Dilys Cutler. She graduated from Vintage High School in 1987. Sally attended the University of Nevada, Reno and graduated in 1993 with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. She later obtained her Master of Arts degree in Literacy in 1996 and was an elementary school teacher until 2007. In college she met the love of her life, Jason Overholser, and they married in 1998 in Napa. They began their life together in Sarasota, Florida. 2 years later they moved to the Central Valley of California. In 2001 Sally gave birth to their first child, Hailey. Two years later, they welcomed Collier. In 2003 she and her family returned to Reno and eventually had their third child, Chloe, in 2007. Sally was extremely proud to help start and run Optimum Physical Therapy with her husband.

Sally loved spending time with family and friends. Her true passion was watching her kids compete in sports and perform at various events. Sally loved summers on the water in the family boat and winters skiing on the slopes of Mt. Rose. Sally was a fantastic hostess and was always finding a reason to host parties and get-togethers with friends. She was our sunshine.

Sally is survived by her husband Jason, daughters Hailey and Chloe, son Collier, her sister Tracey (Keller), brother-in-law Ed, and three nephews Thomas, Chris and Colton. Sally also leaves behind a loving family of cousins, aunts, uncles and close friends she considered family. Sally is preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Dilys Cutler and her mother-in-law Cheryl Weiant.



John Woods Wheeler

June 29, 1958 - July 11, 2018

The family of John Woods Wheeler announces his passing on July 11, 2018, at the age of 60. He was the victim of a tragic bicycle vs pick-up truck accident in Concord. John was born on June 29, 1958 in San Rafael, California to David and Patricia Wheeler, the second son of three. He grew up in Walnut Creek and was a life-long native of the East Bay and San Francisco. John graduated from Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord and California State University, San Francisco with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

As a youth John worked at and loved the Alexander Lindsay Junior Museum in Walnut Creek. It was the museum and scouting that shaped his love for the outdoors. John traveled extensively, partaking in outdoor adventuring and toured much of Europe on his bicycle.

For over 15 years John was a bicycle messenger in San Francisco. He later developed his passion for jewelry crafting and design, collaborating with people and working with his hands. He started his own jewelry business and was a Market Street vendor in the city for many years.

John's most recent job was as a bus tour guide in San Francisco, which he did brilliantly. He was a titan of the tourism industry, entertaining hundreds of tourists as he enlightened them with San Francisco's diverse history. John's wealth of knowledge of all things San Francisco was bestowed upon him by his family, who settled in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1850.

John spent a great deal of his life acting at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire and the Dickens Christmas Faire where he touched many lives over the past 40 years. He was also the Founder of the Neil Higgins Society, a 30-year-old neo-pagan brotherhood. He was one of the greatest abalone divers we will ever know and loved the ocean. He was the catalyst that always brought people together for so many amazing events and adventures and made everyone he encountered feel special.

John was predeceased by both his parents, Patricia in 2013 and David in 2016. He leaves behind a daughter, Mara Wolfe-Wheeler of San Francisco, his brothers David (Marta) Wheeler of San Diego, and James (Annette) Wheeler of Alameda. He had four nephews and nieces, Matthew (Jennifer) Wheeler of San Jose, Laura (Patrick) Dunn of Los Angeles, Tommy (Ashley) Wheeler of San Diego, and Amanda Wheeler of Alameda. Besides his family, John's life touched a wide circle of very caring friends.

SILVER WEAR ORDERS AND SLHOA WEBSITE

Think of summer, and time to get your new favorite "Silver Wear" from Kim McNany Andrews! Just access the link to purchase on the main page of the SLHOA website.



www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com

Kim has also created a new website for the Silver Lake Home Owners. Ask to become a member! You must be a member to use the member button. Just go to the website, log in and create a password. Kim will receive a message regarding your request and can approve you. Once you are a member, you will have access to newsletters, forums, events calendar and more. So far we have heard from many of you.

Thanks, Kim!!

SILVER LAKE SLHOA MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks all hosts and attendees of the SLHOA social events for their generous donations of food, beverages and dollars that offset the cost of financing these events. Your continuing support helps to maintain our expenses at the lowest possible level.

NEXT SLHOA MEETING

Saturday, July 6, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL, 5:00 p.m., Location TBD

LABOR DAY SLHOA MEETING

Sunday, September 1, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL, 5:00 p.m., Caretaker's cabin



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