

# SILVER LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter Spring 2017

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### President's Update

Happy 2017. It certainly has been an interesting offseason this year. I'm sure you are all aware of the record amount of precipitation we have received in the Northern California region. Susanville experienced flooding in early February and we've all seen the debacle with the Oroville Dam. I tried to look up the depths recorded by the California Department of Water Resources and they had not taken a measurement in January or February. Our new Permit Administrator, Stacy Kronner, and I both speculate that they could not venture in to Silver Lake because there was too much snow.

I've received reports from local friends who are snowmobilers which have been all over the place, but it looks like we received somewhere around 15 to 20 feet. I drove out toward the lake on April 10<sup>th</sup> and took some pictures along the way. The turnoff from A21 onto Silver Lake Road had been partially cleared for about 100 yards. After that, it was close to 6 feet deep and the only sign of human presence were the snowmobile tracks. Stacy and I do not anticipate being able to access the lake until the beginning of July but will keep you apprised via our Facebook page.

Once again, I want to remind you that all this record precipitation means a potentially greater fire danger. Northern California will undoubtedly experience greater vegetation growth which will increase the fuel load. Please be vigilant in raking up and disposing of pine needles, branches, etc. as well as being cautious with outdoor fires.

I want to thank both the Smiths (#24) and the Verkes (#68) for their superb hosting of the socials last summer.

We collected over \$700 in contributions which paid for our expenses and will go a long way toward ensuring that we can continue to have these gatherings in the future. Unfortunately, I must again remind you of two regrettable grievances. First, the socials should not be considered dinner. There have apparently been some who feel it is an opportunity to feed their entourage and not have to prepare dinner afterwards. As a result, there have been times when some of us don't get to enjoy all the tasty offerings. Secondly, please don't "double dip." Evidently, there are those who will dunk a chip, veggie, etc. into the dip, take a bite and dunk again. While I'm sure that most of us are disease free, dipping is unsanitary. Is there any reason why one can't put the dip on a plate and proceed accordingly? I apologize for even having to mention these two complaints.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Toddy Cutler and Mark Rayburn for their contribution in the caretaker candidate search and interview process. After expending time and effort to obtain applicants, we had only one candidate. The gentleman was interviewed, references were checked and a background search conducted. While he would have been able to perform all the contractual duties, the fit just wasn't optimal.

Fortunately, a rescuer arrived in the form of one Mark Rayburn. That's right, Mark volunteered to come back for one more season. We should all be extremely grateful that Mark is willing to grant us this reprieve. With that sentiment in mind, I strongly recommend that you read the Board's summary of the caretaker's contract in this newsletter, or familiarize yourself with the contract itself. If you would like a copy of the caretaker's contract,

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## President's Update Continued

please email me at [grizz51dad@yahoo.com](mailto:grizz51dad@yahoo.com). Unfortunately, there are some who believe they can demand and/or take advantage of more than the caretaker is obligated to perform.

The Association will eventually need to decide exactly what they believe the caretaker position should look like. It is highly unlikely we will be able to find another person with Mark's unique and diverse skill set, his understanding of the complexities of the Silver Lake Tract, the various agencies involved, and the nuances of each cabin family. We should all remember that Mark has been extremely flexible and gone above and beyond his contractual obligations. We may not be so fortunate with our next selection.

To minimize any misunderstandings, I ask that each cabin designate a liaison to work with Mark and send me the name of the appointee which I will pass on to Mark. Unfortunately, Mark has been caught in the crossfire of cabin member's disagreements and that's just not fair to him. I would also strongly recommend that cabin owners and users start learning how to do the routine tasks (opening, closing, water systems, etc.) of their cabin, as Mark will eventually retire and we have no way of knowing how long it will take his successor to become fully adept at these jobs.

I am looking forward to another wonderful season, even if it is shortened. Again, I'll let you know via Facebook as soon as Mark or I are able to make it in to the lake.

Aloha, Alan

## Treasurer's Report

The Silver Lake Home Owners Association ("SLHOA") finished the 2017 Fiscal Year (5/16 through 4/17) with an operating profit of \$3,704, or approximately \$1,410 ahead of the 2017 Fiscal Year budget. These strong financial results are directly related to the support of the SLHOA Membership – Permit Holders (50 cabins of 54 participated) and Family & Associate Members (74 members).

At the end of the fiscal year, net of accrued liabilities, the SLHOA held cash and savings of \$13,136, an increase of \$3,705 from Fiscal Year 2015 balances.

As we prepare for the upcoming summer season, and in order to maintain the ongoing service levels and financial viability of SLHOA, the Permit Holders Dues and Family & Associate Member Dues will remain at their current levels - **\$490** for Permit Holders and **\$35** for Family & Associate Members.

We remain committed to SLHOA membership and to building the financial strength of the organization. As such, we continue to reach out to the non-participating Permit Holders to gain their support and work to increase our base of Family & Associate Members.

Erik A. Foraker

## Caretaker Responsibilities

As a reminder to the Silver Lake Home Owners Association membership, the caretaker position has a number of responsibilities and duties at the Lake which are paid for through the annual SLHOA assessments. First and foremost, the caretaker provides security, oversight, and emergency response to membership. The caretaker's responsibilities extend to working as a liaison with the US Forest Service and the District Rangers Office personnel, performing regular inspections to Permit Holder's cabins and Silver Lake campgrounds, and coordinating and/or performing SLHOA directed maintenance and repair projects.

Please note that the caretaker is not responsible for, or obligated to perform, specific tasks for Permit Holders. However, the caretaker can elect to take on specific projects for the SLHOA membership based upon time availability. It should be expected that any work performed directly for a Permit Holder will be performed at a charge to be negotiated between the caretaker and the Permit Holder.

SLHOA Board of Directors

## Loads of Snow and Water! – April 2017



McCoy Flats Reservoir – April 10, 2017, Courtesy, Alan Siemer



Silver Lake Turnoff – April 10, 2017, Courtesy Alan Siemer



South and North Caribou Peaks from Feather Lake – April 16, 2017  
Courtesy, Barb Andrews

## 2017 Annual Water Test Results

Because our year-end lake water testing from 2015, which was conducted immediately after an unusually heavy rainstorm, showed a higher level of coliform bacteria than previous years' annual tests, we decided to conduct an additional water test at the beginning of the 2016 season as well as at the end of the year. We suspected that the higher bacteria count at the end of 2015 was due to bacterial from the soil being washed into the lake with the storm run-off. We are happy to report that the bacterial levels on both the beginning of 2016 season and 2016 year-end tests were back to the low levels we have seen for many years.

The SLHOA Board reminds members that these tests give an indication for safety of recreational uses of the lake, such as swimming and boating, and do not indicate the lake or your well water's safety 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. In discussions with members with professional backgrounds in drinking water safety it has been pointed out that 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, swimming, chipmunks, etc. The same goes for cabins that draw their water directly from the lake.

A best practice for cabin users to avoid problems related to bacteria and viral contaminants in the water they plan to drink, use for brushing teeth, or for washing dishes, is to simply boil the water for 3 minutes. 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.

For more info on preparing drinking water check out:

[http://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/dwq/Boiling\\_water\\_01\\_15.pdf](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/Boiling_water_01_15.pdf)

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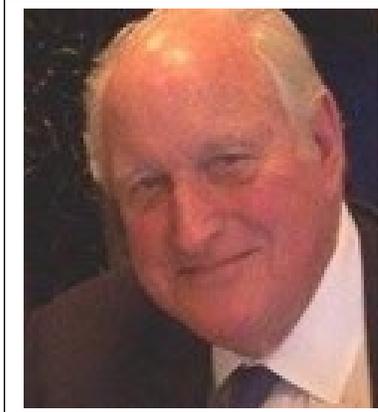
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Scott Carroll

## PASSINGS

### **David Wheeler – April 8, 1932 – September 26, 2016 Fort Bragg, California**

David Grandjean Wheeler passed away peacefully after a brief illness on September 26, 2016 at Mendocino Coast District Hospital in Fort Bragg CA. He was 84 years old. Throughout his life, David made friends easily and was gifted with a wonderful sense of humor.



His family and friends enjoyed his quick wit and uncanny ability to deliver a good joke at any given moment. Those who knew David could expect any conversation with him to be intelligent and engaging.

David was born on April 8, 1932 to Rae Alan and Beatrice Wheeler in San Rafael CA. He graduated from San Leandro High School in 1950. Afterward, he served in the US Coast Guard during the Korean War. After his military service, David graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA degree in Business Administration, concentrating in sales and marketing. David met his future wife, Patricia O'Malley, at College of Marin, and they were married in 1955 in Las Vegas NV. They settled in Walnut Creek CA, where they raised their three sons, David Jr., John and James. David and Pat remained in Walnut Creek for the duration of their marriage of 57 years. Upon Pat's death in 2013, David sold the family home and relocated to Fort Bragg.

David was a serial entrepreneur who owned and operated many businesses throughout his lifetime. He retired in 2008 after running the Santa Rosa Boat and RV Show for many years. David was an avid reader and enjoyed many other hobbies including traveling, wood working, boating and classic cars. David and his wife Pat traveled extensively to 44 countries in all. They enjoyed sailing, going from Miami to Ottawa Canada via inland waterways in one boat, and from Seattle to Xtapa Mexico in a beautiful 43' motor sailor. They were members of the Richmond Yacht Club for 42 years. David was also active in Rotary Club International and the Diablo Classic Car Club. David is survived by his companion, Kerry Shipley of Fort Bragg; his children, sons David Wheeler Jr. (Marta) of San Diego, John Wheeler of Concord, and James Wheeler (Annette) of Alameda; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. His wife Patricia preceded him in death.

### **Edward Charles Thor, 1950 – December 2, 2016**

Ed Thor, beloved husband, step-dad & friend passed away on Friday, Dec 2, 2016. Ed died of Alzheimer's at age 66. Throughout his life and even during his illness, Ed lived his life with grace, love & dignity. Ed was a passionate outdoorsman who loved the beauty of nature. He loved his garden, and was a sailor, bicyclist, skier and avid hiker. Ed was a native Californian, raised in Orinda. He attended undergrad and graduate school at the



University of California at Berkeley. Ed's PhD was in Agricultural & Natural Resource Economics. Ed began his career with the US Dept. of Agriculture and teaching at the University of California at Berkeley in economics, environmental policy and computers. He authored many journal articles and technical reports. Ed was VP Finance of Tri Valley Growers in San Francisco with responsibilities including international development, technical assistance and training in Poland, Bulgaria, the Baltics and parts of the Soviet Union. Ed was the CFO of Corn Nuts and facilitated the sale of the business to Nabisco. Ed completed his career as COO at Mozzarella Fresca and helped facilitate the sale of the company to the largest cheese company in the world, Lactalis of France. Ed will be remembered as a beautifully complex man, generous of mind and spirit. He will be celebrated for his quiet warmth, deep kindness, his wry wit and wisdom. He is survived by his wife, Dana, stepdaughters and son in laws: Christina and Sam Cece, Theresa and Jeff Eaton, Drs. Kathleen and Jon Weiss, and grandchildren Samantha and Alexandra Cece, Ben Weiss, and Grayson Eaton and his extended family, brothers and sisters-in-law: Drs. Eric and Janet Thor, Dr. Peter and Karen Thor, Drs. Ann Thor and Stuart Lind and numerous nieces and nephews. Ed leaves a legacy of love, laughter and amazing memories. Ed's family extends much gratitude to Hospice by the Bay and its amazing staff and volunteers. We give thanks for the caring and compassion at Bello Gardens. We also thank our wonderful friends for their love and support over the past seven years.

A private service was held to celebrate Ed's life. Donations in Ed's honor can be sent to Hospice by the Bay, 17 E Sir Frances Drake, Larkspur Ca 94939, [www.Hbtb.org](http://www.Hbtb.org) or to the Alzheimer's Assoc. of Marin, 4340 Redwood Hwy, Suite D, 314 San Rafael, 94903 or [www.alzncorcal.org](http://www.alzncorcal.org). Ed donated his brain to UCSF Memory & Aging for Alzheimer's research.

# Growing Families!!



Mark Pitcairn and Adrienne Cady-Pitcairn with Jane



Michael and Jenna McNany with Camden James



Johnny and Megan McNany with Keenan and newborn Joseph John (JJ)



Laura (Patrick not shown) Wheeler-Dunn with Murphy, Miren, Piper and Fin



Charles Thor and Carrie Wurlitzer Thor with William and Lindsay



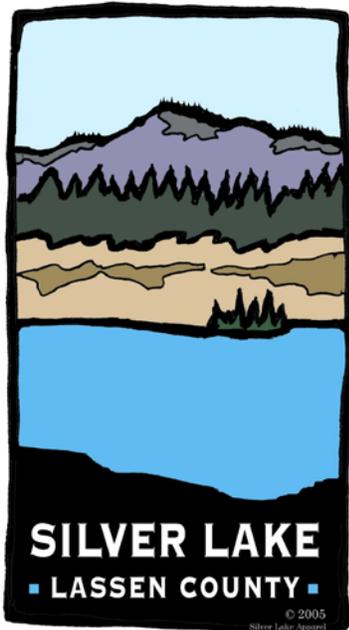
Willow and Wesley Wheeler  
(Parents: Tommy and Ashley Wheeler)



Jeff and Jehan Kylo-Moulton with Peregrine

## SILVER WEAR ORDERS

It's almost Summer and time to get your new favorite Silver wearables by contacting Kim Andrews at [skandrews@earthlink.net](mailto:skandrews@earthlink.net) or by phone (707) 337-2987 for an order form!



## 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

Sunday, **July 2, 2017**, 3:00 p.m.

**SOCIAL**, 5:00 p.m., hosted by the Jesky's, Cabin 8



**Volunteer to host our Labor Day Social!** Please contact Alan Siemer, or Barb Andrews so we can get the announcement out for location.

## SLHOA GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are planning a SLHOA Golf Tournament over the 4th of July weekend at Bailey Creek Golf Course in Chester. The tournament will be held on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, with tee times to be announced. Make your own twosomes and we will put them together as a block of foursomes. Single golfers are also welcome, and will be included in the mix. The cost for each golfer will be Bailey Creek green fees of \$79, plus \$10 for prizes. Green fees include 18 holes of golf and a cart.

RSVP to [alanbrainerd@gmail.com](mailto:alanbrainerd@gmail.com) by June 15, 2017.

Alan Brainerd



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**Thanks!**



*Silver Lake, Earth Day - April 22, 2017  
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