

## Pedestrian/equestrian easements are not for motorized vehicles

Please Remember:

Use of the pedestrian/equestrian easements by any motorized vehicle is forbidden by County and State ordinance.

[Mariposa County Ordinance no. 950, section 13.24.010; Tuolumne County Ordinance no. 2234, section 9.20.030; California Vehicle Code, Section 23127]  
Violations can result in fines up to \$500.

The April Board meeting will be held on April 19 at 10 am in the Hacienda



# Discoverer

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## President's Message

# The association is a big part of the community

By Vicki Keefe

Yes, Don Pedro is a community – and the association is a big part of it.

For the last few years I have heard comments such as: “Why do we need the association? Why spend any money fixing the Hacienda - why not just sell it? What do I get for my dues, anyway?”

And for the better part of 40 years you, the members have through the association served the Don Pedro community in many ways. The association's Hacienda has served as a community center for meetings, classes, recreation, important personal or family occasions and communitywide events.

The high school and elementary schools have used the Hacienda facilities for graduations, fundraisers and other events at no charge. Churches and other nonprofit organizations have made use of the facilities also at no charge. The coun-

ties have used it at no charge. Every year you, the members of the association, donate the use of its facilities to community to the tune of about \$20,000. Currently, approved nonprofit or community organizations may use the pavilion and the lounge twice a year each at no cost.

If the association hadn't been here, where would we have held our community activities, our weddings, anniversaries, memorial services, holiday parties etc.? Who would have fought Tuolumne County Environmental Health for fair treatment regarding septic ordinances and who would continue to represent your interests with Tuolumne and Mariposa counties when needed?

What do you get for your dues? A community hub, a place for activities, events and swimming (and swim lessons), a place to pick up a book or even get a bit of exercise. Remember that as

association members you get personal use of the lounge once a year and the pavilion once in 3 years for no rental charge. The courtyard, front lawn, lawn/fountain, barbeque are free subject to availability.

You get seven volunteer member directors who spend anywhere from 10-20+ hours a week working for you - the association membership.

The association has always been there whenever this community needed it and as long as there is an association it will continue to represent you the members. It's up to you, the membership, to make sure that the Board of Directors is not only going in the right direction, but that you have elected directors that have your best interests in mind.

This year there will be two vacancies on the board and I hope that two members will join the board in making this association by the members and for the mem-

bers.

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Current Non-Profit Community Groups Listing: (alphabetical):

Big Oak Flat/Groveland School Dist., Building Blocks Pre-School, Columbia College, Don Pedro Baptist Church, Don Pedro High School, Don Pedro Sidewinders, Gold Chain Lions Club, La Grange Elementary School, Lake Don Pedro Elementary School, LDP Elem. School Parents Club, LDP Volunteer Fire Company, Mariposa County Agencies, Mariposa Co. Arts Council, Sew What Sewing Group, St. Louis Catholic Mission, Tuolumne County Agencies

# Kudos to many who help make it a community to be proud of

**A community is the product of its members**

We have many differences and we certainly don't need to agree on everything (almost never going to happen anyway) to be what we call good neighbors or community builders – Defined here as those who contribute to improving life in the greater Don Pedro area, and sometimes beyond, through service.

This month we'd like to note that it's not just the many wonderful organizations that improve our community, but that individuals often make largely unnoticed contributions in the spirit of “just being a neighbor” or “just doing their part”; and that these selfless donations of time, effort and/or resources improve the quality of life in our area directly for many and indirectly for all of us.

In these often contentious times where negativity, a “who cares” apathy and a “one person doesn't make a difference” attitude seem to be the rule, these people quietly go about doing their bit – and they do make a difference! They are the good neighbors and community builders.

Now here at the Association we hear of and see some things, but we know that there are many, many instances where individual or group contributions to our community are unknown to us.

If you know of some of these “random acts of kindness or generosity” would you please drop us a line or give the office a call? We'd love to have the opportunity to highlight such actions in this column as a small

thank you to the community builders among us.

Email: ldpoa@hughes.net phone: 852-2312

Continuing with the theme of this article we will be mentioning an individual's service and also mention of a project that started small and that has grown through enthusiasm and generosity of a few that has now become many (and is still growing).

**Individuals:**

Mr. Kent Smith is one of our members that is in the business of fire safety – he makes his living at it. Now perhaps you don't realize that because the Hacienda is a semi-public (although technically private) quazi-commercial entity has very strict regulations about the inspections of fire extinguishers etc. They have to be certified regularly by a licensed technician. Sounds easy, and yes, we could call up and hire one to come test and service the over 20 extinguishers here at the Hacienda - at a cost of hundreds of dollars (+ trip charge).

However, the members do not have to add this bill to the cost of running the Hacienda because Mr. Smith donates his time and expertise to do it for us. In addition, on his own time he collects, tests, reconditions fire extinguishers (the good commercial grade ones) and then gives them away for free to any who need them. We have handed them out for him several times here at events at the Hacienda. Thank you, Kent, for your good neighbor community spirit!

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(P.S. Sorry, Kent - he'll be a bit embarrassed by this mention – he says he's “just helping out”.)

Jan Wilmeth will be offering her time and talents to teach an eight-week class on writing your life story. This class is offered at no charge and open to all adults.

These two-hour classes will be held at the Hacienda on Thursdays starting April 10 through May 29, from 10 am to noon.

This exciting class has been a big hit when offered in other areas (and presently in Greeley Hill) so thank you Jan for offering here! Call Jan Wilmeth 852-2875.

The LDPOA is hoping to have more community interest classes become available at the Hacienda. Have an idea, request, knowledge or skill that you'd like to share? Please contact Ken Kennedy 852-9503 or come by the Hacienda on Monday mornings 9 am to 11am to meet with him in person.

**Group / Community:**

You've probably noticed some work being done at El Prado. Now this started out as a moderate project to get mainly the ballfield ready for the Little League season with a few volunteers and some funding from the Association. [Yes, there were some disagreements on what, where, who and how much etc. but that's beside the point here.]

The point that I wish to make here is that once the call went out for help, the response has been astonishing. Tremendous amounts of labor, services and materials have been donated either whole or in part by both indi-

viduals and businesses that have allowed a great deal to be accomplished.

I could not do justice to try to mention everyone here so I will ask you to pay particular attention to the next edition (mid-month) of the Foothill Express where there will be a large article contributed by the Little League to thank everyone.

**Community Building is Contagious!**

Enthusiasm begets more enthusiasm – Isn't it great? With the community showing that they want and will support improving the use of the natural parks, etc., it is encouraging to two other committees that have been working toward better uses of these areas.

The Grants Committee has been looking into ways to fund park improvements that will allow families more use of several of the natural park areas (while not violating county or state regulations).

They are working to coordinate with the Mariposa County Trails Committee about improving the pedestrian and equestrian trails, both in and outside the subdivision and also working with the newly re-forming Tuolumne Co. Trails Committee for the Don Pedro area to help in pulling all the factors together.

A large thank you goes to those that are willing to invest many hours working on these and other committees to improve our community (but that's a whole 'nother Kudos), because community means everyone in the area working together for the whole area.

*Obrigado!*

*Merci!*

*Kudos*

*Gracias*

# LDPOA News & Events

Remember: The LDPOA Board Meetings are on the third Saturday of each month.

## Learn to write your life story

Starting on April 10, this exciting class will be offered for free at the Hacienda.

Jan Wilmeth will show you how to share the memories and stories that make up your life.

Come give it a try Thursdays from 10 am until noon.

## New and improved library at the Hacienda!

By April 7 our new library should be ready. Thank you for your patience during the renovations.

The exercise area should be finished by the end of April.

## Important Hacienda dates to note:

The Board of Directors meeting is on the third Saturday of this month, April 19. The executive meeting is at 9 am, general board meeting at 10 am at the Hacienda. In May the meeting will be held Saturday, May 17 at 10am.

The ACC (Architectural Control Committee) meets on the first Thursday evening of each month. This month, that is on April 3. Next month it is on May 1. If you are submitting plans, they need to be in our office one week before the ACC meeting.

'Coffee, Donuts and Conversation,' your weekly opportunity to speak with LDPOA Board members, will continue on Mondays in April, from 9 am to 11 am at the Hacienda kitchen. That's Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

## Upcoming April activities include:

Little League meeting (lounge); wedding (pavilion, kitchen); wedding (pavilion, kitchen); wedding (lounge).

## Roberts Ferry School annual fundraiser dinner

Roberts Ferry School has its annual spring fundraiser dinner and auction on Saturday, April 12, at the school.

They are serving a delicious tri-tip with all the trimmings, including salad

bar, beans, bread and dessert. Raffle prizes too!

## Regular monthly activities include:

Architectural Control Committee (first Thursday), LDPOA Board of Directors (third Saturday), Discoverer labeling on April 25.

## Regular weekly activities include:

Coffee, Donuts and Conversation (Mondays 9 - 11 am), personal fitness group (MWF 7:30-9 am), Sidewinders square dancing (Tuesdays 7:30 pm), tae kwon do class (Mondays 4-6 pm), Columbia College art class (Mondays 1-4pm), life stories class (Thursdays 10 am - noon).

## To review what went on at the Hacienda in March:

Town Hall/community meeting (pavilion); Don Pedro High dance (lounge); LDP Elementary Parents Club dinner (pavilion, kitchen); bunko (lounge); birthday (lounge, kitchen); Sidewinders square dance (pavilion); houseboat owners meeting (lounge). Apartment B rented for six nights.

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The LDP Owners' Association website is [www.LDPOA.com](http://www.LDPOA.com).

Pam Hatler - LDPOA office secretary

## Pool opening on Memorial Day weekend

Looking Ahead - Since we have already been getting inquiries concerning the pool ... (Brrrr - right now it's like 47

degrees!) ... the Hacienda pool is scheduled to open for Memorial Day weekend starting Friday, May 23, 10 am to 8 pm.

## Exploring performing arts here

Interested in the Performing Arts?

We'd love to hear from anyone who has an interest in teaching music, voice, dance, etc., or in developing groups for these activities.

Is there any interest in perhaps developing a community theater?

Let's explore the possibilities for utilizing the Hacienda to help bring the arts to Don Pedro.

If these are ideas that you'd like to explore further please contact Ken Kennedy, 852-9503.

Or call the Hacienda office and speak to Pam, 852-24312.



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## Lake Don Pedro Owners' Association

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Correspondence to the Board or Association should be sent to:

**LAKE DON PEDRO OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**5182 FUENTES DE FLORES**  
**LA GRANGE, CA 95329**

Business office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

## Change of Address?

It is the responsibility of Lake Don Pedro property owners who have moved, or who will move soon, to send a change of address notice to keep important Association mailings and the Discoverer coming. Please use the form below.

## Rates for various services from

# Lake Don Pedro Owners' Association

## Hall and apartment rentals

	Member	Non-Member
Pavilion (43' x 80')	\$ 250*	\$ 800
Lounge (47' x 21', 32' x 19')	\$ 25*	\$ 300
Kitchen	\$ 50*	\$ 100

**REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS FOR EVENT RENTALS:** (Deposits will be refunded if there are no damages & clean up standards are met)

Pavilion	\$100	\$ 500 - 1000**
Lounge	\$ 50	\$ 500 - 1000**
Kitchen	\$ 50	\$ 250

## RENTAL RATES FOR APARTMENTS

(Deposits are refunded if there are no losses or damages and rental rules are followed)

### Apartment "A" (Upstairs, sleeps 8 people)

	Member	Non-Member	Season
Daily Rate	\$ 175	\$250	April - Sep
Weekly Rate	\$1,050	\$1,500	

Daily Rate	\$125	\$200	Oct. - Mar
Weekly Rate	\$550	\$1,200	

Deposit \$175 \$250

### Apartment "B" (Downstairs, sleeps 6 people)

Daily Rate	\$150	\$180	April - Sep
Weekly Rate	\$ 900	\$1,080	

Daily Rate	\$100	\$150	Oct. - Mar
Weekly Rate	\$450	\$540	

Deposit \$150 \$180

We now accept:



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## Office rental information

Office 1	9x12	Leased	\$162.00
Office 2	11x12	Leased	\$198.00
Office 3	8x17	Leased	\$190.00
Office 4	8 1/4 x 12 1/2	Leased	\$156.00

## Office services

Fax - To receive . . . . . \$ .50 per page  
Fax - To send . . . . . \$1.00 per page  
Copies . . . . . 10 cents per page

Please allow the office to make copies and send faxes for you.

**\*Two new member benefits:** Free personal use of the Lounge once (1) per year & free personal use of the Pavilion once (1) every three (3) years. (Subject to availability.)

Additional member bookings are charged at the stated rates. Deposits and insurance are required for all rentals.

\*\*If alcohol will be served: • the deposit is the higher amount • you must provide security

Note: If you are renting space for an event the following may be used (subject to availability) for no additional cost: courtyard, front lawn, lawn/fountain area, barbecue, and horseshoe pits.

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:** Will be allowed free use of the Pavilion twice per year and the Lounge twice per year (as scheduling permits). Each additional use will require a Use Fee of \$50 (Pavilion) and \$25 (Lounge) to cover utilities and maintenance. Deposits, completed Use Agreement forms & insurance coverage are required each time.

## Please change my address as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot#: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit#: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ New Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form to: Lake Don Pedro Owners' Association, 5182 Fuentes de Flores, La Grange, CA 95329

**Financials****Budget Comparison Cash Flow (Cash)  
LAKE DON PEDRO OWNERS ASSOC. - (0119) Feb-08**

	MTD	Actual YTD	Actual Annual
<b>INCOME</b>			
Assessments	1,923.33	363,906.80	375,240.00
Plan Check Income	0	350	1,500.00
Apartment Rental	975	7,078.00	21,000.00
Hall Rental	50	925	20,000.00
Office Rental	2,000.00	9,500.00	8,372.00
Vending Machine Income	0	600	500
Interest	269.99	2,055.27	2,500.00
Other Income	10	1,077.15	500
Late Fee	120	4,920.38	4,000.00
Transfer Fees	0	4,800.00	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,348.32</b>	<b>395,212.60</b>	<b>448,612.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
Management Fee	3,700.00	29,634.30	44,400.00
Office Supplies	1,221.49	4,933.52	5,000.00
Copier Costs	233.79	1,863.25	3,100.00
Office Salaries	2,379.00	19,062.90	32,000.00
Travel / Mileage	66.24	731.98	500
Legal	6,599.25	17,846.93	8,000.00
Accounting	0	3,790.00	6,000.00
Computer	239.98	3,382.33	1,200.00
Printing	2,022.78	3,116.53	2,000.00
Election	0	4,563.74	3,000.00
Collections	0	8,539.00	100
Member Documents	0	0	3,000.00
Public Relations	5.71	1,297.76	1,000.00
Postage	752.43	7,064.29	15,000.00
VISA	0	0	500
Social Activities	0	188.57	500
Insurance	15,796.67	39,356.52	60,000.00
Payroll Taxes	531.63	8,864.20	20,000.00
Taxes/License	141.98	1,186.98	500
Workers Comp	955.07	2,633.11	3,500.00
Vending Machine	0	94.23	500
<b>TOTAL ADMIN EXP</b>	<b>34,646.02</b>	<b>158,150.14</b>	<b>209,800.00</b>
<b>UTILITIES EXPENSE</b>			
Electric (Hacienda)	1,205.62	12,223.30	22,500.00
Electric (Well)	42.11	1,965.28	2,600.00
Electric (El Prado)	44.21	380.84	950
Electricity (Barn)	69.98	598.61	800
Water Testing	0	0	1,200.00
Water (El Prado)	146.4	3,080.39	4,000.00
Propane	238.17	454.27	2,000.00
Trash Removal	350.12	2,800.96	3,000.00
Office Telephones	251.04	1,663.51	3,200.00
Pay Phone	110	880	1,320.00
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,457.65</b>	<b>24,047.16</b>	<b>41,570.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE EXPENSE</b>			
<b>HACIENDA</b>			
Maintenance Salary	3,790.50	24,843.26	60,000.00
Maintenance Supplies	275.33	1,864.61	8,000.00
Maintenance Repairs	26.58	1,520.30	9,000.00
Landscaping	0	3,422.14	3,000.00
Septic Maintenance	0	1,606.21	1,500.00
Septic Testing	0	0	1,500.00
Maintenance Equipment	0	1,047.80	1,212.00
Well Maintenance	0	1,085.00	3,000.00
Hacienda - Security	21	1,711.00	16,000.00
Pool Maintenance	0	3,072.33	3,200.00
Small Apartment	73.74	388.86	2,000.00
Large Apartment	33.24	121.7	2,000.00
Pest & Weed Control	135	865	1,000.00
Janitorial Salaries	780	7,255.50	12,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	21.21	2,183.36	3,500.00
<b>PARKS</b>			
El Prado Baseball	25	1,224.59	2,000.00
Pond Maintenance	0	0	1,000.00
General Park Maintenance	78.54	78.54	2,000.00
FICA Expense	0.02	-5.09	0
Medicare Expense	-0.01	-1.26	0
FUTA Expense	0	308.49	0
<b>TOTAL MAINT. &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>5,260.15</b>	<b>52,592.34</b>	<b>131,912.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>42,363.82</b>	<b>234,789.64</b>	<b>383,282.00</b>
<b>RESERVE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,328.00</b>	<b>65,330.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-37,015.50</b>	<b>95,094.96</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ADJUSTMENTS</b>			
PREPAID DUES	274.64	-1,891.66	0
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>274.64</b>	<b>-1,891.66</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CASH FLOW</b>	<b>-36,740.86</b>	<b>93,203.30</b>	<b>0</b>
Beginning Cash	149,403.11		
Ending Balance	112,662.25		

**Minutes**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicki Keefe  
Clem Brown  
Carolynn Bartholomew  
Mike Cummings  
Mike Harding  
Bob Steele  
Ken Kennedy

**OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:** Sherri Lucy, The Management Alternative

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Vicki Keefe, President.

As the first order of business, Vicki Keefe, Board President, addressed the members present in regard to the chain of events relative to the Association's baseball park and work to be completed prior to the start of the Little League baseball season.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Victor Afanasiev addressed the Board requesting that the open forum be included in the minutes in the future and that the minutes be tape-recorded.
- Dwight Mueller addressed the Board indicating that the El Prado Park is not a wetland for the park itself. Dwight expressed several opinions on the park issues and encouraged the Board to support the young people in the community by fixing the park. Dwight also had a lengthy commentary on volunteer issues.
- A homeowner addressed the Board indicating that the Bylaws require that the Association maintain the assets and stated her opinion that she feels the Board is falling short on the streets. Other needs include the bike/walking paths and the park areas being maintained so that they are useable. The homeowner expressed her opinion that the Association is not family friendly and stated that funds should be put aside for maintenance of outside facilities. Ken Kennedy updated that he is working with the Sierra Conservatory to obtain a grant to improve the wetland parks. The owner suggested that the Board postpone the cabana expenditures for park improvements.
- Eric Forester complained about ATV use on the horse trails. He also expressed concerns about parcel #765 indicating that a bridge is needed over the culvert to alleviate water problems. Carolynn Bartholomew updated on efforts in this regard indicating that the Board can't do anything at this time. The homeowner then inquired in regard to the pedestrian easement and was advised by Vicki Keefe, Board President, to contact the County in this regard. The homeowner reported that there is a tree down at parcel #214 in Tuolumne County.
- Judy Parcel updated that she is in the process of installing an engineered septic in Tuolumne County finally after four years. Judy suggested that the dues be raised \$10 and set aside funds specifically for park maintenance.
- Judy Freitas addressed the Board stating her opinion that the Board is not family friendly and discussed this issue with the Board at length in this regard.
- Debbie Freitas reported that the Horse Club is back in action.
- Ruth Smith addressed the Board indicating that in the past groups have not asked for handouts and had bake sales to fund projects. Ruth suggested a special assessment to those who use the ballpark to fund improvements.
- Margaret Crabtree addressed the Board as a supporter of outdoor facilities.
- The homeowner who runs the Snack Shack for the Little League games then addressed the Board for the need to have the Snack Shack rebuilt. This homeowner also stressed the need for more interaction between the elderly and the young and addressed volunteerism.
- Shelley Cummings thanked those who have been supportive of the Little League efforts and indicated that Vicki Keefe has not been supportive at all.
- Bill Kinsella then addressed the Board in regard to the fact that park maintenance is being completed by the Association, improvements are not. Mr. Kinsella then addressed the Board in regard to enforcing the architectural requirements included in the trifold in the CC&Rs.
- Ron Howenstine, a commissioner of the Southern Tuolumne Planning Commission, addressed the Board indicating that they need to move out of the

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way and proceed with installation of a storage area, not a snack shack, which would mean that the County would not be involved.

14. Wes Barton addressed the Board and submitted a letter to be included on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Barton stressed the need for strategic planning.

15. Ron Howenstine addressed the Board requesting a private meeting with the Board to discuss a personnel issue and disagreed with the comments made by Mr. Barton.

Carolynn Bartholomew then moved that the minutes of the January 19, 2008 and February 4, 2008 Board of Directors meetings be approved as presented. Ken Kennedy seconded, all agreed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clem Brown, Board Treasurer, reported that Association funds as of January 31, 2008 were as follows:

Operating account	\$149,403.11
Reserve account	\$88,212.76
CDs	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Association Funds</b>	<b>\$250,615.87</b>

Clem then explained that Reserve funds are not surplus funds and are allocated for specific maintenance and replacement needs.

Mike Harding moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Carolynn Bartholomew seconded, all agreed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Architectural Committee: Committee Chairperson, Mary Brown, reported that the Committee reviewed three plans at the last meeting, two in Tuolumne County and one in Mariposa County and that all requests were approved.

2. CC&Rs Committee: Mike Harding, Chairperson, updated that Dave Griffith is joining the Committee. Mike further advised that there are three issues resolved, that five letters have gone out and that there are four new complaints being investigated.

3. Public Relations Committee: Ken Kennedy, Chairperson, reviewed with the Board and the members present upcoming town hall meetings. Ken further reported that there are four volunteers who have indicated an interest in serving on the Committee that he is following up with. Ken then updated on other upcoming events in the community.

4. Mariposa and Tuolumne County Schools: Carolynn Bartholomew, Chairperson, updated on various upcoming school activities.

5. Parks/Trails Committee: Mike Cummings, Chairperson, inquired to the Board as to the authority he has on dealing with community issues. Vicki Keefe addressed this issue with Mike Cummings and a discussion was held in this regard. Mike Cummings then moved that the Chair of the Parks/Trails Committee have the authority to make decisions relative to the maintenance of the parks, be authorized to direct Association staff as needed and volunteers and to keep Vicki Keefe, Board President, informed of Association staff projects. Bob Steele seconded the motion, all agreed.

Carolynn Bartholomew moved that the committee reports be approved as presented. Mike Cummings seconded, all agreed.

At this point, County Supervisor, Lyle Turpin, addressed the members and updated on various issues including horse trails and encouraged members to contact the Sheriff's Department at (800) 774-8341 or dispatch at 966-3614 if they notice any suspicious activity in the trail areas. Mr. Turpin further reported that there is a Trails Committee meeting at the Water Company on March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Management reviewed with the Board the correspondence sent out and received since the last Board meeting and a discussion was held in this regard.

Ken Kennedy moved that the Manager's Report be approved as presented. Mike Harding seconded, all agreed.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. El Prado Park Revitalization Project: Mike Harding moved that Mike Cummings be allowed to proceed with fixing the backstop, painting the bleachers, repairing the ball field and to modify the dugout as needed at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 for materials. Ken Kennedy seconded, all agreed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Storage Shed: Vicki Keefe reviewed with the Board a letter received from the County as follows:

*This parcel is zoned open space (copy attached) and has the general recreation, general plan designation. The zoning was applied to this site by ordinance #1202, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 25, 1982.*

*A new shed may not be constructed on this property under the current zoning unless it is to replace the "existing" shed, and the "existing" shed must have been constructed prior to May 25, 1982. If the "existing" shed was constructed prior to said date, a new shed could be constructed the same size and location as the "existing" shed.*

*If a new shed is to be larger or in a different location, the property could potentially be rezoned to K or C-K at a cost of \$1,890.25 and a shed constructed as an accessory use. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.*

Larry Houseberg  
Planning Division, Tuolumne County Community Development Department

Mike Harding then moved that the Association in conjunction with the Little League make every effort possible to get a storage area built prior to the start of the Little League season at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 with the stipulation that Mike Cummings obtains any permits that may be required. Mike Cummings seconded the motion, all agreed with the exception of Clem Brown who abstained from voting. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m. by Vicki Keefe, Board President. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hacienda.

Respectfully submitted,

LAKE DON PEDRO OA

Sherri Annoni Lucy, PCAM, CCAM  
The Management Alternative  
CEO / Association Manager

## Director's Message

### Apathy or Complacency

By Ken Kennedy  
Director: L.D.P.O.A

After the wonderful turnout we had for the Tuolumne County town hall meeting in spite of the inclement weather, I was surprised that only 15 attended the Mariposa County town hall meeting in March, with beautiful weather. Maybe our Mariposa owners are just happier with their local government and services than are those in Tuolumne.

District 2 Supervisor Lyle Turpin was our guest host, along with guest speakers Dr. Moser of Public Health, Sheriff/Coroner Brian Muller, District Attorney Bob Brown, Fire Chief Jim Wilson and Dana Hertfelder from the Department of Public Works. As to what was discussed, you should have been there. Hope to see you at the next one.

Whoever would have thought a simple recounting of our February general meeting would have produced the preverbal tempest in a tea pot? Not me. My phone is still ringing off the hook with comments and complaints.

Two directors think I should be censored and censured. One call was from a very irate Tom Porter of the Deerwood Corporation. (I knew I had not misspelled his name because I had not even mentioned him.)

Apparently a website on which I recommended reading a specific blog entry has been maligning both him and his company for some time. Even though I explained to Tom that if I recommend reading a specific day's comic strip then that in no way would constitute an endorse-

ment of the paper itself in which the cartoon appears. Tom still thought it only right that I say something nice about him and Deerwood under my name. SO. Here we go.

I have never been inside of a Deerwood built home but I must say from outside they are very lovely. In fact I look out my back window at one every day.

I am not a golfer so I cannot comment on the improvements of the golf course other than that it is truly beautiful. I did, however, ask two ardent golfers I know who've played the course. Ellie said that she enjoyed playing the opening weekend, as did Harley, who stated he appreciates the added difficulty of the course. Both look forward to playing there now it is open.

Margie and I appreciate having the restaurant back, and have eaten breakfast and lunch there in the past few weeks. The food was tasty and the dollar value was in keeping with the ambiance. However, being retired and on a fixed income, as are many in the area, I doubt we will attend many \$24 buffets. Who knows? Maybe later they will initiate a senior or family night.

I understand that when longtime employee Wes Snyder retired this month Tom presented him with a lifetime membership to the course and the pink-slip to his pickup. Way to go, Tom.

This month, for obvious reasons, I will not comment on the March meeting. I will just say, WOW, you should've been there!

Hope to see you April 19 at 10 am.