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# A message from the General Manager

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year! With 2019 in the rear-view mirror, it is time to think about 2020. This year brings many exciting growth opportunities to us here in Bear Valley. As exciting as that growth is, the challenge at hand is

to avoid losing our sense of community.

Every day we see old friends and new faces in the office, but one thing that hasn't changed is the social fabric of the valley. It takes all of us to keep that fabric with an ever-changing population.

So, with a new year comes

a new challenge. Let's challenge ourselves to see new members as new opportunities to win them into our great community.

Oftentimes it's easy to think of new members as a threat to what we currently enjoy, but that's only true if we don't do our part by taking the time to graft them into this wonderful place that we all call home.

So, the challenge is this: In 2020, make it a point to find someone new, and take the time share why Bear Valley is special to you. Hopefully this becomes a big step in making Bear Valley special for them. Not only can we



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# Celebrating 50 years in Bear Valley Springs

by **Monique Herbst**  
BVSA Director

Bear Valley Springs is approaching its 50-year anniversary. There is so much history in our area, I thought this would be a great opportunity to share some points of interest I have collected. Please note, I am not a historian and this is just the tip of the iceberg to the information available.

Bear Valley Springs history began when the descendants of Frederick and Mary Fickert sold their approximate 25,000 acres to Dart Resorts. In July of 1970, the Articles of Incorporation were signed. The roots of the area's history precede this date with the Kawaiisu Indians and later the Fickert family and the

other settlers of the time.

The Kawaiisu people used this mountain area as their summer place for centuries. They would gather acorns and hunt during the warm months. A few years ago, the Kawaiisu Preserve was added, as an amenity, for our members to enjoy and learn about the Native Americans that called this land home. The preserve is located on Stirrup Way, off of Jacaranda, for anyone interested in walking this historic ground.

In 1869, the Fickert family purchased squatters' rights to 160 acres of land. Frederick was 29 and his wife Mary was 20 at the time. Over time the family purchased the surrounding properties from the other settlers to increase the total ranch size to

the 25,000 acres that later became known as Bear Valley Springs. The handles on the Oak Tree Country Club front doors are a representation of the "88" cattle brand of the ranch. The Fickert Family Cemetery is located off of Deertrail Drive. Between 1882 and 1967, they buried 11 family members and four ranch hands/Native Americans in the family plot. An interesting article can be read at: [bvcsd.com/posts/honoring-bear-valley-springs-history](http://bvcsd.com/posts/honoring-bear-valley-springs-history). This webpage includes pictures of the family, along with birth and death dates.

The school house, now located near the country store, is one of eight one-room school houses on the National Register. In 1875 there were 25 students enrolled from 15 families in the area. The school house as it is now is filled with albums, historic information, and relics from the settlers and Native Americans. For more information on this treasure, you can visit the Whiting Center.

The first home built in the new Bear Valley Springs was a 3,000 square foot home on seven acres on Oak Flat Drive. It was built as a model home to show future homeowners, an example of the possibilities. Chuck Connors, "The Rifleman," bought the property from Justin Dart. Connors owned the ranch, named "Medicine Hat Oaks," for 13 years.

Another attractive attribute to our valley is the wildlife. The elk are a true treasure that never gets old to see. Originally, Tejon Ranch imported 290 Rocky Mountain Elk from Yellowstone in 1967. The herd has grown and expanded into our ter-

ritory through the years. In 2004, the trophy elk, affectionately known as "Big Daddy" was shot and killed by a local poacher (who was later prosecuted). His antlers were recovered as part of the evidence and now hang in the meeting room at the Equestrian Center in his honor.

According to Duane Gore, OTCC Golf Professional, we have had some celebrities visit the golf course over the years, some of which were Buck Owens, Chuck Connors (The Rifleman), Shari Belafonte (actress), Noah Beery, Jr. ("Rocky" from the Rockford Files) and Georgia Frontiere (entertainer and partial owner of the Rams). President Ronald Reagan has also visited, as evidenced by a photo of him and a Dart Resorts executive hanging in our General Managers office. Some articles stated that he owned a ranch here in Bear Valley Springs, however, I could not verify that information.

I have always felt that we live in a very special and beautiful paradise. Personally, I have no desire to live anywhere else in California. The 50 Year Anniversary of Bear Valley Springs is a perfect opportunity to learn more of our history, and also, to take a step back and appreciate all that we have available to us. Please share your stories and knowledge of the local history over the coming year in honor of this special anniversary. 🐾

Sources: The Loop Newspaper, Wikipedia, RiflemanConnors.com, the Los Angeles Times and Tehachapinews.com.

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steel 4-burners & griddle cooktop & convection oven. KitchenAid microwave. Double sinks, solid surface counters & breakfast bar. Spacious dining area & French doors leading to the patio. Central Heat, A/C & blinds throughout. Soft, pleasing colors inside. Sit on the covered front porch to enjoy the mountain views across the street & watch the wildlife play. Plenty of room for gardens & RV parking. 10x20 wood shed included. **\$285,000**

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# BVCSD updated fees and charges

Submitted by

**Hamed Jones**

**Administrative Services  
Director, CSD**

Local agencies, such as the Bear Valley Community Services District, provide a variety of services to their community. While all services are beneficial to constituents, some services provide broad benefits, while others may be directed to a specific user group or individual. To the extent that local agencies use general tax monies to provide individuals with private benefits and do not require users to pay the full cost of the service, such users are effectively receiving a subsidy and the local agency is limiting funds that may be available to provide other community-wide

benefits. Unlike most revenue sources, local governments have greater control over the level of user fees they charge in terms of recovering full costs or providing some level subsidy.

Local agencies should regularly update their fee schedules to reflect the actual costs of certain public services primarily benefitting users. These "user fees" seek to recover costs associated with the provision of specific services benefiting the user, thereby reducing the use of General Fund or Enterprise Fund monies for such purposes. According to the District's adopted Budget and Fiscal Policies, Revenue Policy 3.2 states "all fees and charges for services shall be routinely reviewed to ensure that rates are equitable and cover the total cost of service

for that particular service."

Under Government Code section 61115(a)(1)(a), the District is authorized to charge fees to cover the cost of any service which the District provides. Any proposed fees and charges cannot exceed the estimated reasonable cost for providing the services for which they are imposed. District staff recently completed a User Fee Study in order to understand the total cost of services and identify potential fee deficiencies. The total cost of each service included in this analysis was based on the full cost of providing the applicable District services, including direct salaries and benefits of District staff, direct departmental costs, and indirect costs from central service support. The study determined the full cost recovery fee for the District to provide each service; however, each fee is set at the District's discretion, up to 100% of the total cost, as specified in the study.

On November 14, 2019, the District's Board of Directors held a public hearing and adopted a fee resolution with an updated schedule of fees and charges based on staff's rec-

ommendations from the user fee study. Further changes to the fee resolution were made and adopted by the Board on December 12, 2019. The last time the fee resolution had been adopted by the Board was over 13 years ago in June 2006, at which time the District's fees and charges for provided services were solely affirmed. You have to go back to 2004 to find when the last time the District's user fees were actually increased. Best practice should be to review and affirm or update the District's Fee Schedule annually. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends updating fees on a periodic basis to help smooth charges and fees over several years rather than having uneven impacts. Going forward, District staff will perform an internal review annually with a comprehensive review of services and fees performed every three to five years, which would include adding or removing fees for any new or eliminated programs/services.

The adopted fee resolution and user fee study is available for review online at the CSD's website at [www.bvcscd.com](http://www.bvcscd.com). 🐾



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# Let's talk lighting

Submitted by  
**BVS Environmental  
Control Committee**

One of the express purposes and intentions of the C&R's is to preserve the natural environment of Bear Valley Springs to the maximum extent reasonably practicable. Therefore, the intent of the Environmental Control Committee rules on lighting is that exterior lighting would be as unobtrusive as possible, maintaining subtle, low-level lighting that is in keeping with the semi-rural character of Bear Valley Springs. Exterior lighting is permitted to the extent required for safety, but glare or exposed filaments should be kept to a minimum to preserve the character and environment of the community.

Here are some of the ECC Rules related to lighting that you may not know:

1) Although we have all greatly enjoyed the many festive holiday lights displays, please remember that holiday lights and exterior holiday decorations must be removed within four weeks after the holiday date.

2) All exterior lighting except low wattage solar ( $\frac{1}{4}$  watt or less) must be extinguished by 10:30 p.m., with the exception of short periods to facilitate the arrival or departure of family or guests.

3) Security lights programmed to stay on continuously throughout the night are prohibited. Lighting controlled by motion detectors is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per cycle.

4) Landscape/decorative lighting should be shielded in fixtures to minimize visibility from neighboring lots and the common areas. Low voltage is preferred, with a maximum of 15 watts, or 120 lumens, frosted, incandescent and spaced no less than 18 feet apart.

5) Whenever possible, reflectors should be utilized in lieu of light fixtures. Light output for driveway lights is limited to a single 25 watt bulb, or 120 lumens per fixture, spaced not less than 18 feet apart along the driveway. The height of lights along the driveway shall not exceed 4 feet. Lights marking the entrance from the street may not exceed 7 feet at the bulb.

6) Low wattage solar lights, no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  watt per fixture, can be utilized as landscape/decorative or driveway lights. They shall be 120 lumens or less and spaced no less than 18 feet apart.

We hope that this review of our lighting rules will help you to evaluate the current lighting on your property and ensure you are in compliance. As a good neighbor, please look around and determine if there may be lights from your property that inadvertently shine into your neighbor's windows.

In the past, when the ECC has featured an article about lighting, the question invariably comes up – Why doesn't the association's amenities and buildings follow the same rules on their buildings and parking lots? As in many areas, the commercial nature of the amenities means that there are additional federal, state, and county laws and regulations, including OSHA and building codes, that must be followed for the safety of the general public, as well as our employees that supersede the ECC Rules. However, our management and maintenance teams do their best to preserve the natural environment, while still complying with regulations, including the use of timers where practicable. Should you have any questions about lighting or any other ECC rules, our staff is always willing to assist you at 661-821-5537 X222 or X211. 🐾

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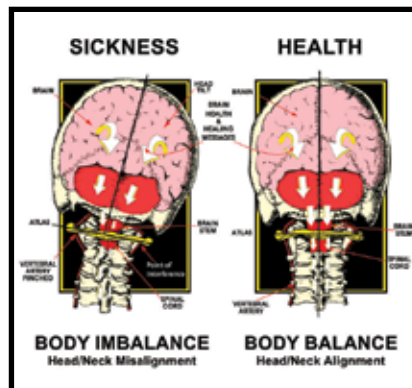
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# Employee Spotlight: Danielle Wood

## **Position:** **Administrative Assistant**

Many of you met Danielle during the launch of the new gatehouse software system, but we'd like to introduce her to those who have yet to meet her. Danielle can only be described as "sunny"; always bright, smiling and warm. Not only is she patient and kind, but she's also very competent, professional, and reliable. Danielle, we're glad to have you at the BVCS!

## **How long have you been with the District?**

I started working for the CSD at the end of May, just over seven months ago – wow time flies by!

Tell us about an interesting day or your favorite story of working for the District.

I feel so blessed to be working in this beautiful valley. I am still in awe of how much wildlife I see during my two-mile drive to work, as well as from my desk window. To see the local bobcat stroll by, out sunbathing or hunting on a regular basis, as

well as the breathtaking elk and cute deer, is absolutely amazing to me. Coming from working in a city, every day at work here is my favorite. You never know what you're going to see... like a snake or bat IN the office!

## **What do you like about working for the District?**

In addition to working with an impeccable group of people in all the departments who truly do love Bear Valley, what I enjoy most about working for the District is the direct link to the community. I love the small-town feel and seeing people in the office and then again at the Country Club, Bear Valley Church, the market or Whiting Center. Whether you call in, come to pay a bill, have a complaint, or give thanks, I truly enjoy helping you. Thank you to the lady who brought delicious chocolates and the gentleman on social media who complimented me for helping him with the new gatehouse portal. We appreciate the residents who bring us goodies or

express their gratitude. It means so much to us all.

## **What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure here?**

During my time with the CSD, I hope to accomplish providing a stronger connection between the Community Services District and my fellow residents. I hope you feel like you can come to us with questions or concerns and that you are also open to hearing what we are achieving and working toward. I want residents to know I am not just an employee; I'm your neighbor and I will do my best to provide great service and for many employees, this is our home too.

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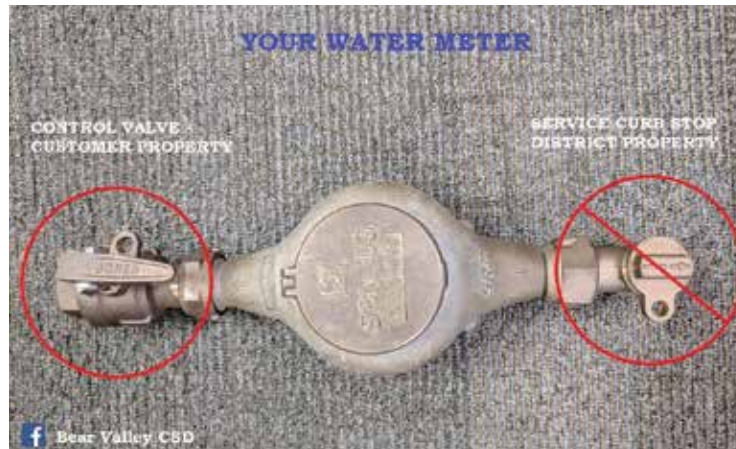


# How to turn your water off/on

Submitted by  
**BVS Community  
Services District**

This is the time of year when many residents leave the valley for an extended period, either for the season or for holiday vacations. Turning your water off and on at your meter is a simple procedure, and with the recent service rate increase from \$10 to \$50 per visit, handling this yourself can save money.

Location of the water meter varies from property to property, but it is always located near the road. It will be in a plastic or cement box just below ground level. Once you remove the top of this box, you will see your water meter. The meter should have two valves, one on the street side of the meter (the curb stop) and one on the residential side of the meter (the control valve). The curb stop is the valve used by District staff and use of this valve by residents is prohib-



ited. For our purpose, we want to locate the control valve on the residential side of the meter.

Once you have located the control valve, you will notice that the handle points in-line with the pipe. This indicates that the valve is open and the water is running. Because this valve isn't often used, it may be stiff. If it is stuck in position, wear gloves to improve your grip and use a lubricating oil to help free it. Turn the valve slowly until

it stops – never leave it partially opened or closed. Once you have shut off the water to your house, open a hose-bib, sink or other faucet to drain the water that remains in the pipes.

When you are ready to turn your water back on, make sure all faucets are closed except for a tub or sink on the highest level of your home – we will leave this faucet open to allow any air in the lines to escape. Turn your control valve on and listen



for the water pressure to equalize throughout your home (the noise from the open faucet will stop). Bleed air from your lines by slowly opening your faucets, hot and cold separately, until the air stops flowing. Repeat with each faucet.

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# Welcome to 2020 – Let it be a year of clear vision for us all!

Submitted by  
**Will Handley**  
Bear Valley Springs  
Sportsman's Club

The Sportsman's Club rounded off 2019 with our Toys for Tehachapi Tots fund raising dinner at the beginning of December. It would be fair to say that this was a great success, as it turned out to be a great evening for everyone involved. We had 126 people attending the event, all of whom brought a toy or made a cash donation to which were added the toys collected in the donation bins at several locations in the valley and at Keller Williams' office in town.

The net result was about 120 toys donated and cash donations amounting to \$1,846. These will all now have gone to

the kids in town to make sure they had a great Christmas.

Our thanks go to everyone who generously donated toys or cash to this cause. We also need to thank the Oak Tree Club catering department staff, who did a great job in preparing and serving food and drink to the members at the event and thanks also to the Club members, who helped make this such a success. In particular, thanks are due to Carol Miller and Sue Sharp, who did the organizing, Bonnie Marquardt for the table decorations and the members who manned the check-in and collected toys and cash donations.

We also held a Turkey Shoot in November in the run up to Thanksgiving. Those that attended the shoot had a great time and more than half the

shooters took home a voucher for their Thanksgiving turkey. Sadly, we had a smaller turnout than we had hoped, but that was compensated for by the entertainment that we all enjoyed. All that can be said is that those who could have come along and did not missed out on a great opportunity to get their Thanksgiving turkey and have fun at the same time. Much of the success of the event was due to the work done by the Range Masters Mark Wood and Connie Everett.

We have two events in the

starting gate for the coming year. One is our "Day at the Races" party for the Kentucky Derby at the beginning of May and the other is an RV trip to Paso Robles in March. Full details will be sent out to members and we will be publishing information about the Club's activities on EBuzz every week, so any non-members who are interested in joining in can keep up to date on things they might enjoy.

We wish everyone in the valley a great year and hope that it will be one of joy and success. 🐾

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# BVSA Lake Fishing Survey report

Submitted by

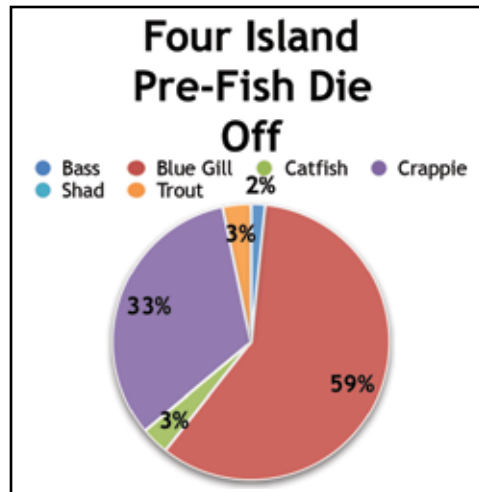
**Janet Fulks**

**Chairperson, Lake Quality  
Advisory Committee**

After the fish die-off in September, a Lake Quality Taskforce was developed to create a plan for sustaining lake quality. Besides helping to attain appropriate aerators for the lake and instruments to monitor lake quality, the committee wanted to get an idea of the status of fish in the water bodies in BVS. A voluntary survey was used to collect information in September. The survey indicated 81 fish were caught in Four Island Lake and they were 100% catfish. Prior to the fish die-off in July, one resident, who kept meticulous logs, fishing nearly every day of the year, gave us an indication of the fish population in Four Island Lake before the event, as seen at right.

## **Survey Information Post July 2019 Event**

There were 26 surveys turned in, primarily from Jack's Hole, as fish were caught and released into Four Island when the water from Jack's Hole was being contractually drained back into Cub. From Aug. 31 to Sept. 9, 2019, residents reported catching 351 fish in Jack's Hole and verified transporting 149 of these back to Four Island Lake. While useful, these counts may involve a variety of fishing techniques that favor catching a particular type of fish. Nonetheless, it is clear that the event has changed our fish populations. The committee is considering



better methods to count and identify fish, but this provides some initial information. In addition, many of the fish caught were very small, with large numbers of juvenile fish, 2-3 inches.

As we manage our water quality, we would like to begin with a goal and draft plan for the fishing component of the lake. We invite anyone interested to the Angler's meeting on Janu. 6 at the Whiting Center, in the Green Room from 5 to 7 p.m. The input at this meeting will contribute to a draft document to submit

to the Lake Quality Advisory Committee and eventually to the board.

## **Update on Fish Planting**

Usually trout would be planted in BVS lakes in the winter, but there are none available in California this year. The state of California has purchased most of the available trout at the fisheries. The cost of bass is \$10 for a 4-inch fish and \$10 for each additional inch. This information caused the committee to determine that prior to planting more fish, we need to better understand what types of fish would serve our needs and what fish populations can be sustained in a way that fish can survive and grow into adults.

Please spread the word about the Jan. 6 meeting. This will help us to understand this resource and amenity better. If you would like to look at a few websites relevant to planting fish and fishing in California, you can visit:

Statewide information on fishing and stocking: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Hatcheries/Criteria>

A commercial site associated with stocking <http://freshwaterfishco.com/pond-and-lake-stocking/>

September Fish Survey Information				
Body of Water	Bass	Blue Gill	Catfish	Crappie
Jack's Hole	17	14	168	148
Cub Lake	1	0	1	6
Four Island	0	0	81	0



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# Oak Tree Women's Golf holds annual awards luncheon

*Submitted by*  
**Diane Griffin**  
 OTCCWGC  
 Publicity Chairperson

The Oak Tree Women's Golf Club held their Annual Awards Luncheon on Dec. 7, 2019, to honor all the winners for the year and to install the 2020 Board of Directors. The most prestigious award, Most Improved Player of the Year, is given to the two ladies who lowered their handicaps by the largest percentage. For the 18-holers that was Meg Prior, while Brenda McMullen represented the 9-holers. Great job ladies.

In addition, many other awards and accolades were presented. For the 18-holers, Low Gross for the Year went to Meg Prior (79); Net for the Year was earned by Kari Munoz (63); and there was a tie for Low Putts for the Year by Lee Kapka and Dede Potvin (26). The 9-holer winners were Low Gross of the Year - Leslie Arnett (48), Low



**Meg Prior won Most Improved Player for 18-holers.**



**The 2020 Board of Directors were installed at the luncheon. From left: Diane Griffin – President, Dede Potvin – Tournament Chair, Linda Cross – Playdays, Lee Kapka – Treasurer, Donna Zanutto – Handicap Chair, and Meg Prior – SCGA Delegate. Eva Lance – Secretary, was not in attendance.**

Net of the Year – Brenda McMullen (31), and Low Putts of the Year – Leslie Arnett (12).

Major tournament champions and flight winners received their monetary awards, while the major winners were also presented with their plaques and trophies. President's Cup winner was Bridget McGowan; Vice President's Cup winner was Donna Zanutto; Linda Cross won Senior Club Champion and Meg Prior won Club Champion. Additional awards for Ringers and Eclectic flight winners were announced.

The luncheon was held at the OTCC, with chicken marsala, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables as the main dish. Apple crisp a la mode was served for dessert. Each attendee received a small lighted Christmas tree. A larger lighted tree as the centerpiece was given as a prize to those whose names were drawn. Throughout the day a video of the hundreds of pictures taken of club members over the last year played on a screen. That video, along with the president's book, was presented to Dede Potvin by Linda Cross as a thank you for all Dede has done over her four-year tenure as our president.

The luncheon ended with the installation of the 2020 Board of Directors. Afterward most of the ladies stayed for fun games of

Christmas Bingo that added to the merriment of the day. 🐾



**Brenda McMullen won Most Improved Player for 9-holers.**





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	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:00 AM- 2:30 PM	PAINTING WORKSHOP (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE
	2:05 PM-3:55 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	4:00 PM -9:00PM	PRACTICES BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE	4 TO 17	BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE	COACHES
T U E S	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-8:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	THERAPEUTIC CLASS (LOW TEMP JACUZZI)	ADULT	\$5 PER CLASS	MARTI SPRINKLE
	8:00 AM-11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	8:00 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-3:55 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	2:45PM-4:00PM	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (GREEN RM)	9 TO 16	FREE 1ST TUES OF THE MONTH	MARGARET
	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	SELF- DEFENSE CLASSES (GREEN RM)	TBA	SEE INSTRUCTOR	MR. ANDERSON
W E D	4:00 PM -9:00PM	PRACTICES BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE	4 TO 17	BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE	COACHES
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	8:30 AM-1:30 PM	PIANO MUSIC CLASS (GREEN RM)	TBA	SEE INSTRUCTOR	TASHA MCJUNKIN
	9:15AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-11:50 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
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	9:15AM-11:30 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
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	7:00 AM-2:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE GAMES	4 TO 17	BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE	COACHES
	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	CCW TRAINING (GREEN RM)	TBA	SEE INSTRUCTOR	STEVE CAMPBELL
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# Oak Tree Golf Clubs donate \$3,220 to Honor Flight Kern County

Submitted by  
**Duane Gore**  
PGA Golf Professional

It was a beautiful day for a golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2019, at the Oak Tree Country Club Golf Course. The 76 players gathered to honor our nation's veterans for their selfless service to our country. In doing so, they were also generous with their donations to

Honor Flight Kern County in the amount of \$3,220. That is more than enough to send two veterans to Washington D.C. to visit their war memorials.

All the veterans who planned to play in the tournament assembled near the American flag for a photo, followed by the rest of the players for another photo. With the flags of each service branch displayed around the practice putting green, Richard



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Oldenburg, a Korean War veteran Marine, played Taps on his trumpet. Then it was off to the fun, four-person scramble.

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ed Tom and Brenda McMullen, Erik McMullen, and Ray Gibson. The top players in the second flight were Lee Tharp, Jim Moore, Hugh Meadows, and Kevan Mayer. In the two skill events, the Closest to the Pin on Hole #11 was Dane Hurst with the Closest to the Line on Hole #14 going to Lantie Bell.

Besides a portion of the tournament entry fee going to Honor Flight, the proceeds from 50-

50 ticket sales were donated as well. In addition, many donated their winnings from the tournament and 50-50 tickets to send our veterans to Washington. Jim McCormick, OTMGC President, happily presented the check for \$3,220 to Rick Zanuto for Honor Flight Kern County. What a tremendous way to say thank you to our country's veterans for all their sacrifices and service to our nation! 🐾

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# Ladies Golf competes at tournaments

Submitted by  
**Diane Griffin**  
OTCCWG  
Publicity Chairperson

In the last three weeks, our Oak Tree Ladies Golf Club has excelled at three major away tournaments. With each event, the number of winners from our club kept increasing and we could not be more proud of their accomplishments.

At the Rio Bravo Witch Hunt, held Oct. 23-24, 2019, Alice Jukes made a Hole-in-One on a par 3 the second day of the two-day tournament. This helped lead her and her partner, Linda Cross, to a 2nd Gross, Guest/Guest, 1st flight win.

The following week on Oct. 29, 10 of our ladies traveled to Kern River Golf Course to play in the Swinging at the River Tournament. In this partner event, we had two of the two-somes win. Sharon Lozar and Cathy Panek took 2nd Net in the 3rd Flight, while Monique Herbst and Dede Potvin earned 3rd Net in the 4th Flight. In addition, Sharon won Closest to the Pin. The other teams from

Oak Tree included Linda Cross and Joy Webber, Lee Kapka and Alice Jukes, and Bridget McGowan and Tammy Gore.

One of the biggest and best tournaments of the year is played at Seven Oaks Country Club. It's a three-day event, which started Nov. 5, with a practice round, followed by two days of partner best-ball competition. Of the nine ladies from Oak Tree who played, all but one were winners. Unfortunately, the partner for our ninth player, Linda Cross, got sick, leaving Linda to manage on her own in a very competitive field.

Winners were as follows: Joy Webber/Lee Kapka won 3rd Gross, Guest/Guest 2nd Flight on Wednesday; Tammy Gore/Kari Munoz won 4th Gross, Guest/Guest 2nd Flight on Wednesday; Kitty Bower/Bridget McGowan won 1st Net on Thursday; Kitty also won Closest to the Pin on #5 Wednesday and #8 Thursday; Meg Prior and her partner won 4th Net, Guest/Guest 1st Flight on Thursday; Dede Potvin and her partner won 4th Net, Guest/Guest 2nd Flight on Thursday.



**Our ladies enjoying Seven Oaks.**

Congratulations to all our ladies who traveled to these tournaments and represented our club in such grand fashion. This past year of competition is finished, but we have a great year planned ahead. 🐾



**Alice Jukes Hole-in-One at Rio Bravo.**

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# Tailwaggers Dog Club celebrates second anniversary

Submitted by  
**Romelle Kemp**  
Tailwaggers Dog Club

The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club started with a dream. It started with a mission. It start-

ed with a group of like-minded individuals sitting on a living room floor – individuals who loved their dogs and who wanted to make a difference in their local community. They envisioned a happy, positive

organization that would not only sponsor fun canine-related activities, but would promote safety and responsible dog-ownership. And, it started without a penny in the bank.

Little did that founding group realize how much time and effort was required to achieve these goals. But, the club now boasts a membership 145 individuals (not all of whom own a dog). These folks chip in to perform tasks, which include everything from decorating a float for the 4th of July parade, to raising funds for various projects, planning holiday get-togethers or bringing in certified trainers who offer classes and workshops in obedience, scent work, trick training and agility.

It was the dream of that founding group to have a club of community-minded volunteers. We have realized that dream by supporting STOP (Save Tehachapi's Orphaned Pets) and Have A Heart Humane Society, raising funds, fostering animals, and providing information about pets that are ready for adoption. We have promoted enhancements to the dog park, such as improving the watering station and sponsoring the planting of 22 trees around its perimeter. Our therapy dogs, accredited by Therapy Alliance Group, spread "love, smiles and joy" by visiting the hospital, assisted-living facilities, and schools, and by reading with local children in the Whiting Center.

Holding true to that original vision, we have become a positive and happy organization. We offer weekly Walkabouts and monthly Hikeabouts, where members get



out and socialize while enjoying fresh air and exercise. A couple of times a year, we host "Happy Hounds," a wine tasting get-together, and our meetings feature outstanding speakers who cover a variety of enlightening and informative topics.\*

What lies ahead for the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club in 2020? We will continue to uphold that original mission to remain dedicated to sharing, learning and giving to the community, to provide experiences through education, training, fun events and social activities. We will keep on advocating responsible dog-ownership and we will keep working hard to maintain our perfect safety record in all canine-related activities.

\*Meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the equestrian center lounge. (There is no meeting scheduled for January.) All are invited, members and non-members alike. For more information or to join the club, contact Molly Mackin at 818-512-9836. 🐾

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### ARE YOU TOO OLD?

Sometimes one might feel that they are just too old to learn new things. When you are older it is beneficial to exercise not only the body, but also the brain. What are some ways you could do that? When you engage in activities that mentally stimulate the brain, you more likely to retain your cognitive abilities longer. Here are some suggestions:

Engage in meaningful conversations: Older people seem to spend excessive amounts of time alone. If you are that person, young or old, spend time having meaningful conversations with others. Talk about world events, family, the past, some things you would like to do in the future.

Be creative: how about a garden box, or a hobby project, get out in the sun (we all need light to thrive), or a musical instrument. These challenge both your mental

and physical dexterity, which in turn will strengthen neural pathways.

Could you dance, work a puzzle, play cards or a board game, bake, learn a language, or even play a computer game?

Do you have an animal or know someone who does? Play with your dog or cat or even your horse. Maybe you do not feel balanced enough to ride your horse but you can spend time playing with your horse; teach him some tricks, brush him.

We live in a beautiful area. Get out in it. Limit your time in the house and spend time out in this natural setting. By doing this, you will bring so many benefits to yourself.

Here is an energy shake to get you going: 2 cups pineapple juice, 1 T. green powder, 1 t. powdered Siberian ginseng, 1 t. powdered hawthorn, 1/2 cup yogurt, 1/2 cup berries or



other fruit, 1 banana frozen. Whir it up and enjoy.

Every day we see something new. It might be a bobcat, baby deer, skunk, raccoon, elk, or a fox. You just never know. We had seven deer grazing in the yard and even the horses were excited about that.

Our meal of the month was: Ham baked in honey, clove and pineapple juice, cornbread, baked beans and coleslaw. For dessert, baked apples stuffed with raisins and butter brown sugar with a rum sauce over the top, and some ice cream or whipped cream



on top.

The answer to the question of the month was: Roman Chamomile.

It's the largest animal on planet earth, two species, intelligent, honors the dead, great hearing, has three to five toes. What am I?

If you have any questions



or concerns about long term care, feel free to call Debby @ 661-342-0258.





# Carriage Club does it all

*Submitted by*

**Debbie Cianca-Mayer**

**Bear Valley Springs Carriage Driving Society**

BVS Carriage Driving Society had a busy year in 2019! There were fun and educational workshops to help members desensitize their horses, teach ground manners, and refine driving skills. For a number of our members, these skills were put to use on trail ride/drives, the July 4th parade, as well as at the BVS Pony Club Mule and Horse Show.

Monthly meetings were also fun and educational! Presenters included:

- Diana Palmer, who told us all about the Oak Creek wild horses
- Melissa Auman taught us about healthy hooves
- Kat Martin and Jim Atwood shared their personal tales of





emergency horse rescues

- Mary Beth Garrison discussed the history and importance of the Rio Tinto Boron Mine (famous for the 20 mule team)
- Dr. Michael Reuben described cutting edge technology to improve equine performance
- Amber McGee explained her methods of horse training
- Jon Storrs did a hands-on demonstration of the Auchenbach method of driving
- Members of the Back Country Horsemen told of their adventures
- Erika Williams presented her Pony Club award-winning report on Cushings disease
- Debbie Swarens, director of the BVS Pony Club, defined the many programs encompassed by this organization.

Of course these presentations each followed a delicious pot-luck dinner!

There were field trips this year, too, as follow ups to some of the presentations. In July, the club ventured out to see the Oak Creek horses and in April, we visited Boron to tour the mine and the 20 Mule Team Museum.

As you can see, we are an active group and are comprised of riders, drivers and people who just love equines of all shapes and sizes. If you fit into one of those categories, come join us! We meet the second Thursday of each month in the equestrian center lounge at 6 p.m.

Hope to see you there! 🐾



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 12oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$27	3 Swiss Sherry Chicken \$16	4 Swiss Sherry Chicken \$16
	5 Swiss Sherry Chicken \$16	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 *Three Course Chef's Dinner Special \$15	9 12oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$27	10 Braised Lamb Shank \$26
	11 Braised Lamb Shank \$26	12 Braised Lamb Shank \$26	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 *Three Course Chef's Dinner Special \$15	16 12oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$27
	17 Dungeness Crab Cakes MP	18 Dungeness Crab Cakes MP	19 Dungeness Crab Cakes MP	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 *Three Course Chef's Dinner Special \$15
23 12oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$27	24 Fresh Semolina Fettuccine Alfredo \$12	25 Fresh Semolina Fettuccine Alfredo \$12	26 Fresh Semolina Fettuccine Alfredo \$12	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 *Three Course Chef's Dinner Special \$15
30 12oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$27	31 Steak au Poivre \$24 / \$34					

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# January 2020

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			1 Orange Chicken with Jasmine Rice & Stir-Fried Vegetables \$12.00	2 Meatloaf With Mashed Potatoes & Gravy \$12.00	3 Beer-Battered Cod & Chips \$12.00	4 Spaghetti with Italian Sausage & Garlic Bread \$12.00
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## ➤ JANUARY 2020 ➤

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY WINE SPECIAL	THURSDAY WELL SPECIAL	FRIDAY SOCIAL HOUR 4-6	SATURDAY
			1 CLOSED Happy New Years!	2 THIRSTY THURSDAY \$4 Well Drinks	3 No Entertainment	4  Wildside Band 7:00-11:00
5 \$5 Margaritas Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 WINE O WEDNESDAY Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	9 THIRSTY THURSDAY \$4 Well Drinks	10  Karaoke 7:00-11:00	11  Hot Foot 7:00-11:00
12 \$5 Margaritas Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 WINE O WEDNESDAY Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	16 THIRSTY THURSDAY \$4 Well Drinks	17  DJ Jamie 7:00-11:00	18  Bone Shakers 7:00-11:00
19 \$5 Margaritas Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 WINE O WEDNESDAY Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	23 THIRSTY THURSDAY \$4 Well Drinks	24  Karaoke 7:00-11:00	25  Summer of Love 7:00-11:00
26 \$5 Margaritas Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 WINE O WEDNESDAY Line Dancing 6:00-8:00	30 THIRSTY THURSDAY \$4 Well Drinks	31 No Entertainment	

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