



Bear Valley Springs Bear Tracks



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A message from the Manager

Dear Bear Valley Springs Residents,

At this time, we would like to announce that Ashley Brown, our Food and Beverage Director, has accepted employment with another company and left us in September to start her new career. We want to thank Ashley for all her hard work over the past year and a half and wish her the best of luck with her new opportunity in San Diego.

I would like to announce that Josh Cardwell, our new F&B Director at Bear Valley has joined our team. Josh comes to us with over 20 years of Country Club F&B Management experience. His most recent position was the F&B Manager at Seven Oaks Country Club for 17 years and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of two full-service restaurants, a full-service snack bar, beverage

cart service and assisted in the operation of banquets for up to 600 guests.

Josh has experience with fine dining, casual dining, social events, catering events and will be focusing on menu development, event planning, service standards, attention to detail, team member training and improving your dining experience in the future. He and his wife have family in Tehachapi and are looking to relocate from Bakersfield in the future.



Submitted by
Don Ciota
General Manager/COO

Please join me in welcoming him to BVSA! 🐾

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From Pauper to Prince: Rio, a German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois story from the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center

Submitted by
Molly Mackin
Tailwaggers Dog Club

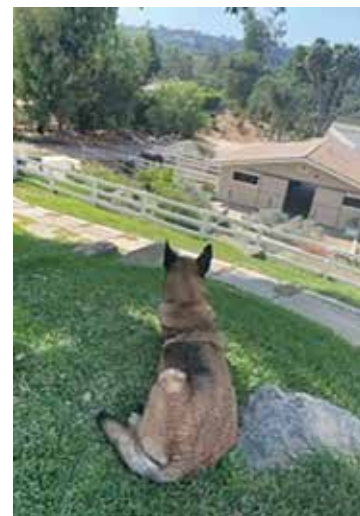
There is something contagious about the love of courageous people who come together for the sheer purpose of saving an animal's life. Even in this rapidly-changing and polarized world, there are open-hearted individuals who will go to extraordinary measures to help desperate animals find their forever home. With time and patience, even the saddest stories can have a happy ending.

So today, I want to share a true story about a German Shepherd/Malinois dog whose story initially seemed destined to be a tragedy. He arrived at the Animal Care Center thin, gaunt, untidy, and with no name. Though he should have weighed 100 pounds, he was skin and bones at a mere 59 pounds. While his incredibly calm demeanor and good breeding suggested that he once he had a person to love, his playful spirit had been crushed under the weight of neglect and abandonment. You get the picture.

He waited day after day in the shelter with no one coming to save him. Although his sad, lonely eyes predicted a story of hopelessness, he still had a spark in his walk. When he was brought to a BVS adoption event in May, our Tailwaggers rescue team fell in love with



him. Although we could not find a home for him that day, we were determined not to give up on him. We met with Sergeant Jay Rivera of the BVS Police Department who heard our desperate plea to save this dog before he ran out of time. Sergeant Rivera agreed to foster him, even though he had never fostered a dog previously. In making that decision, in that one minute, I knew we found our hero.



Sergeant Rivera named the dog "Bravo." He taught Bravo to be potty trained, walk on a leash, play in the dog park with other dogs, sit, swim in the lake, and ride in the car after being bribed with McDonalds hamburgers and fries! Thanks to Sergeant Rivera, Bravo thrived and blossomed into a beautiful Shepherd/Malinois who learned that he can trust people again. He was ready to

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On Saturday, Oct. 5, from noon to 3 p.m., the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association will hold its 7th Annual Veterans Open House, BBQ, Pot

Luck and Mixer at the Whiting Center.

This event is open to all Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association members, families

and friends.

A special invitation goes out to all other honorably discharged veterans and families, first responders and BINGO Club members.

We have spoken with many of you about our unit, so take this opportunity to come and meet with us and learn more about our mission and involvement with area veterans support and aid groups.

The free BBQ will feature burgers, brats and dogs, plus chips and soft drinks.

All items were donated by the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association Board of Directors.

Bring an appetizer or dessert if you wish.

BONUS BINGO!!

Our monthly BINGO games

will be held in the Whiting Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

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For more information, contact Paul Tate at 661-972-5985, pwtate@msn.com, or Jed Hanan at 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol.com.



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27981 Skyline Dr. – \$462,500



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The Free BBQ will feature Burgers, Brats, & Dogs, chips, and soft drinks. All were donated by the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Assn—Board of Directors.

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Saturday, October 5th

Time: 12 PM - 3 PM

Whiting Center

Tour Across the Solar System in BVS!

Next time you take your kid(s) out to Cub Lake, turn it into an adventure through the solar system! Bring along a ruler with both inches and mm scales and start at the far end of the basketball court in the parking lot cul-de-sac. This will be the center of our solar system where our Sun is a brilliant burning sphere about 2' in diameter - picture a beach ball. At the other end of the basketball court (36 million miles) is the planet Mercury. Mercury is really tiny, just 2 mm (1/12") across. Head down the walking path to the other basketball court. Just beyond the basket closest to the parking lot (67 million mi) at just under 1/4" is cloud-shrouded Venus. About the same size but under the far basket (93 million mi) is our home, Earth. Continue on the path to just before the turn off towards the Dog Park. Almost 1/2 the size of Earth, our rusty-red neighbor Mars (142 million mi) will be at the barbeque grill to your left.

Next stop will take a bit more walking as you're leaving the inner solar system and heading into the realm of gas giant planets of the outer solar system. Watch your step as you'll be passing through the asteroid belt along the way! At the turn into the Dog Park is the king of our solar system Jupiter (484 million mi). At this scale, Jupiter is 2 1/2" across, about the size of a baseball.

Distances continue to grow as you go farther out. For Saturn (886 million mi), walk back to your car and drive to the model airfield parking lot. The iconically beautiful ringed planet is another true giant at 2". Drive on to Four Island Lake and stop at the first turn into the parking lot. You've made it to pale-blue Uranus (1.78 billion mi) at 7/8" (22 mm) diameter. Very similar in size and color is frigid Neptune at the intersection of Pinedale and Lower Valley. Take a moment to consider that you're travels have taken you a mind-bending 2.8 billion miles from the Sun!

This is your last stop, for the next significant milestone would be the closest star to our own, Proxima Centari, 11,000 miles away in Madagascar at the scale of your solar system tour!

- Article submitted by BVS Astronomy Club 🐾



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- **PONY CLUB** - The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.
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- **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818-961-4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.

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- **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** - Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bvlqac@gmail.com
- **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, <https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/>
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- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** - Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** - This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
- **FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY** - Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
- **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Kimberly Clow at kclow@sbcglobal.net
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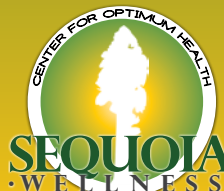
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Whiting Center October Events

SPORTS

- **Hockey - Sign up now**
 - **Residents** - Sept. 29th 4-6 \$60 - 7 & up \$80
 - **Non-Residents** Oct. 13th 4-6 \$90 - 7 & up \$120
 - **Late Fees** Dec. 1st - Dec. 8th add \$15
- **Basketball** - Games continue through Nov, 15th/16th

EVENTS

- **Vets Bingo** - Saturday, October 7th Doors open at 1 pm, and games start at 1:30 pm
- **Halloween Carnival** - Saturday, October 26th, 5-8 pm
 - Food, Games, Cake Walk, Bounce House, Costume Contest, Trunk or Treat,
- **Halloween Host Homes/Trunk or Treat register at**
bvsa.recdesk.com
- **Candy Donations Needed** to be dropped off at the Whiting Center starting October 2nd

THE WHITING CENTER STAFF AND COMMUNITY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

- **Baked Goods Donations needed** - Drop off starting on Oct 23rd

TEHACHAPI SCHOOLS MINIMUM DAYS

- Oct. 9th - National Parks - Cesar Chavez Monument presentation
- Oct. 23rd - Kickball

Subject to change
Whiting Center 661-821-6641



2024

★ BVS HOCKEY LEAGUE ★

RESIDENT SIGN-UPS:

Sept. 29th, 2024

NON-RESIDENT SIGN-UPS:

Oct. 13th, 2024

LATE FEE REGISTRATION:

Dec. 1st - Dec. 8th:

Late Fee: +\$15

AGES 4-6:

RESIDENTS - \$60

NON - RESIDENTS - \$90

AGES 7-18:

(18 YR OLDS MUST BE IN HIGH SCHOOL STILL)

RESIDENTS - \$80

NON-RESIDENTS - \$120

FOR NON-BVS RESIDENTS:

- Sports Passes are required for all non-BVS residents, including the player.
- ALL sports passes must be shown to the front desk when you come for practices and games.
- Sponsoring resident is responsible for calling in gate passes for practices and games



Contact the Athletic Coordinator for more information at 661-821-5537 Ext. 420 or email at CADET@BVSA.ORG

Tehachapi Adult Day Health Care Center

Services, Activities & Community in Downtown Tehachapi

Are you a senior and would like a place to find a supportive community and a place to interact with others? Do you have an aging parent or adult child who might benefit from a safe place to interact with others, work on skills, and become engaged? Do you have medical complications and want more careful daily monitoring by a nurse?

As people age, there is a natural tendency to become less active; people often settle into routines and grow increasingly sedentary. For many people, it's easy to remain at home, watching TV, alone. It is important for older adults to be proactive about their activity levels, including engaging with a social community.

The National Institutes of Aging list healthy eating, exercise, stress management, visits with medical professionals, learning new things, and remaining socially connected to friends and family as the most important factors for healthy aging. Additionally, research has shown that older adults who are socially isolated or feel lonely are at higher risk for heart disease, depression, and cognitive decline.

Research has shown the importance of seniors' engagement with a social community. The program at the Adult Day Healthcare Center (ADHC)

addresses social and emotional wellbeing, as well as maintenance of physical health. Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that elderly people with high levels of social interaction reap the benefits physically too – with slower progression of health decline, lower blood pressure and lower stress levels. Activities at the ADHC are designed to keep the brain active and promote learning new skills.

The ADHC program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to get out of the house regularly and engage with others during activities and exercise. An on-site kitchen serves freshly prepared breakfast and lunch for participants.

The Tehachapi ADHC offers professional services which include nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, a registered dietitian, speech therapy, and social services. Support is available to assist with insurance enrollment, access to available services or resources, and making medical appointments (as well as setting up transportation to get there). Participants are assessed across disciplines to determine their specific needs and to develop an individualized plan of care. Transportation to and from Bear Valley Springs and the ADHC can be arranged.



Weekly activities include music, bingo, matinee movies, and occasional game tournaments. Exercise is offered via chair yoga or individualized workout plans developed by therapists. Other available activities include arts and crafts, game play, puzzling, and dancing. Participants can be found playing pool, shuffleboard, board games, cards, and dominoes.

The Tehachapi ADHC, open since November 2023, has already created a tight-knit community of people who care about each other. Participants report checking in with each other and helping with errands outside of their time in the Center. Several note that the ADHC has given them

the chance to meet and get to know people they would otherwise never get a chance to know.

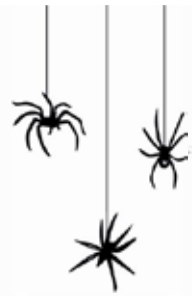
Plan a visit the Tehachapi Adult Day Healthcare Center (ADHC) to see if this program is a good fit for you or your family. Drop in visits are welcome.

The ADHC is located at 123 West F Street. Prior to becoming ADHC, locals will recall that this location (on the corner of F and Curry Streets) was the former site of the Moose Lodge. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. For more information, call (661) 863-9998 during program hours, or simply stop by for a visit.

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DONATIONS NEEDED

The Whiting Center is hosting the annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 26th from 4-8 Pm

We need your candy and baked goods donations to make this event the best experience for the members and friends of Bear Valley Springs



Candy donations starting NOW
Please bring all baked goods starting Oct 25th.



Drop off at the Whiting Center
Questions call 821-6641



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

LOCATION: WHITING CENTER PARKING LOT

WHEN: 5 PM-7PM

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Registration: September 2nd- October 21st

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4 PM FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.**

Questions call 661-821-6641

2024 Cubs Camp Out Recap

Submitted by

Fred Hicks

**Lake Quality Advisory
Committee (LQAC) Chair**

For the summer of 2024 Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) Recreation Department and the Lake Quality Advisory Committee (LQAC) hosted two overnight Cubs Camp Outs at Cub Lake. A Cubs Camp Out is an overnight intro to camping/fishing event with lots of education, fishing, friendship, good food, safety, and tons of laughter. The Cub in Cubs Camp out has nothing to do with Cub Scouts but instead references our very own Cub lake where the events are held, as well as the target audience which is all the young Cubs, and Grand Cubs of Bear Valley. The event was well attended with approximately 20 campers at each of the two sessions. To document the camp out, I asked BVS resident, George Stufflebeam, to photograph. In his usual fashion, George went above and beyond not only photographing the event but also posting writeups on various social media groups to inform the community of what was going on.

Education: This is always a tricky aspect to incorporate into any program as very few people enjoying being lectured at constantly. This is made even more difficult when your target age group runs from ages 5 to 75. To try and ensure a good time is had by all I've found the trick is to incorporate the education into the actual activities. This allows individuals to learn at their own pace while beginning to form a muscle memory through doing the activity. To further enhance/improve the educational side of the Cubs Camp Out program this year the LQAC Youth Lake Interns helped out. LQAC Youth Lake Interns are Bear Valley children



and teenagers who are actively being taught what it takes to manage the Bear Valley Lakes.

There were three main educational areas we focused on during the 2024 Cubs Camp Out events these were Camping, Fishing, and Boaters Safety.

Camping: To simplify the camping experience the only individual camping responsibility the groups had was to set up their tents, and maintain their area to the Leave No Trace camping principle. Leave No Trace simply means that a camping area should look like you never been there once your camp is broke down and packed up. During setup help was provided if needed. All the outdoor cooking, snacks, and drinks were provided as part of the cost. The hope is that this allows almost everyone to be able to come down and get there feet wet in the camping/fishing world with very little hassle. We began setting up camp at 10:00 am and broke the camp down the following morning at 10:00 am. The hardest thing to plan for when



scheduling these events is the weather. This year the 3rd week of June turned out to be sweltering during the day with low 60's at night, while the 3rd week of July had daytime highs in the low 80's and a nighttime temps which dipped into the high 40's by the time morning rolled around. This required some late night emergency runs back to the LQAC storage yard for additional clothes and blankets for participants who weren't quite ready for Bear Valley's mountain nights. Try to do this while you are in the middle of the back coun-

try. The LQAC setup and maintained the cooking area so participants could see what outdoor cooking looks like. Propane fire pits were provided and children harvested and whittled their own roasting sticks for s'mores.

Fishing: was taught through hands on experience with almost all of the children participants never having put a live worm onto a fishing hook. The child participants and their adult chaperones were broke into small groups of two or three children, and each group

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was paired with a LQAC Youth Lake Intern or an adult volunteer. Children and their adult chaperones were taught the basics of baiting their hook, casting, fish identification, proper fish handling, and untangling skills. The most important thing we tried to teach was patience and respect for the environment. Fishing is more than just going out and catching fish. Fishing is different for everyone and each individual needs time to find out what fishing will mean for them. Usually I've found that for most people it progresses in stages starting with I just want to catch fish when they begin, and generally concludes with I just want to sit on the dock or boat with a rod in my hand while I watch the sun set and appreciate the beautiful surroundings I'm in. I can think of no better place for new anglers to begin learning these fishing skills than Bear Valley Springs. While the participants were learning basic fishing skills from the LQAC Youth Lake Interns, the LQAC Youth Lake Interns were building their skills as they learned to interact and teach fishing skills to the various groups they were with.

Boater Safety: was an important part of the program this year as the LQAC has decided to put an emphasis on water safety as we move forward into the future. To accomplish the boaters safety portion the LQAC boat was launched into Cub Lake and captained by a recently certified CA Boaters Safety LQAC Youth Lake Intern Logan Mountjoy. Logan completed the 8 hour CA boaters certification course in order to be able to captain the LQAC vessel around the beautiful shores of Cub Lake. As we moved through the day each fishing group took turns going out and fishing Cub Lake from the boat. In order to be able to get into the boat each individual had to learn how to properly put on a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) which is also known as a life jacket. For most this was their first

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time putting a Personal Flotation Device on. Basics boating rules were explained, and we emphasized that the US Coast Guard requires that if you are under 13 years of age and on any boat, flotation device, or vessel you must have a properly fitted personal flotation device on. Another educational aspect which was achieved during this was the education that LQAC Youth Lake Intern Logan Mountjoy received as he learned what it is to captain and guide a vessel with passengers on board.

Friendship: the Cubs Camps Out at their core were designed to introduce Bear Valley residents and their guests to the outdoors in a friendly easy going atmosphere. While the focus is on fishing the most important take away is the friendships that are made. As groups cycle through fishing with the LQAC Youth Lake Interns the young children are learning from and forming bonds with their peers. The groups play and goof off as children should all while learning to enjoy and appreciated the wonderful

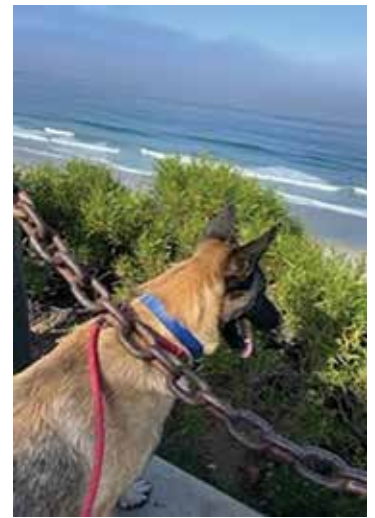
world that exists right outside their living room.

A huge shout out to all our volunteers for donating their time. I would like to thank the Kern River Flyfishers, Copes Tackle and Rod shop, Berkley and Shakespeare fishing for donating/providing products for the participants. Due to the hard work of these volunteers part of the next generation was exposed to the outdoors, and cherished memories were created at Cub Lake during the summer of 2024.



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Tailwaggers Dog Club



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find a forever home, but the clock was still ticking.

I've learned that miracles do happen, and Bravo's miracle came at an adoption event where I met another rescuer named Shannon Williams with EMAS-EMM AND MAL'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY. As she and I chatted, we instantly connected. I was stunned once again by the full circle of

meeting such a compassionate, beautiful human being at the right moment and in the right time. A sigh of relief and joy came when Shannon found our Bravo's perfect forever home in Rancho Santa Fe (San Diego area) where he is now living his best life on six equestrian acres near the ocean. His new name is Rio and he is greatly loved and cherished by his new family. It does not get better than


that!

This story would have ended in tragedy if not for the efforts of many extraordinary and passionate people who came together and would not give up. Sadly, there are many more "Rio's" who are still waiting for their miracle. You can be one of those people who make a difference. Please consider joining Tailwaggers' Project Hope and be a part of our great

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HALLOWEEN Carnival

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Games



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5 PM-7 PM



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Participants do not need to pre-register or arrive at a specific time. You can walk up to the judges' booth between 5 pm & 7:00 pm to showcase your costume. The judges will select the top 5 costumes of the night, and the winners will be announced at 7:15 pm. Winners do not need to be present to win.



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**TEXT OF ADOPTED CHANGES
to BVSA Rules**

(Deletions are shown in strikethrough type and additions in **bold underlined** type)

**ARTICLE 9
FOUR-ISLAND LAKE –
BOATING-Recreational Use
(Adopted 7/9/88)**

**SECTION 900. BOATING
EQUIPMENT**

- (a) Only the following vessels are permitted on Four-Island Lake:
- (1) Human and wind powered vessels
 - (2) Electric vessels
 - (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards
- (b) The maximum length of a vessel on the lake is as follows:
- (1) Human and wind powered vessels: 20 foot class vessels
 - (2) Electric vessels: 16 foot class vessels
 - (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards: 20 foot class vessels
- (c) All vessels must be privately owned by Members, unless participating in a BVSA or BVSA Club sponsored event in which case a liability form is required to be filled out by the vessels operator at the Whiting Center.
- (d) All vessel owners must carry homeowners or boat liability insurance during any boating activity, at their own cost and expense, in an amount of not less than \$100,000, approved by the Board or its designee and issued by an insurance company authorized to transact insurance in the State of California. (Amended 9/24/94; Amended 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8/10/20)
- (e) Any Member who wishes to launch a vessel, as listed in Section 900, Subsection (a) numbers (1) and (2) on Four Island Lake, must register their vessel at the Whiting Center where they will receive a BVSA Vessel-Use permit. This BVSA Vessel-Use permit is to be affixed to the vessel's port side bow and is to be renewed biennially by December 31st **annually January 1st** of every odd year. Section 900 Subsection (a) number (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards are exempt from this requirement. (Added 09/15/17, Amended and

Restated 8/10/20)

- (f) All vessels must be equipped with a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the United States Coast Guard for each person aboard. All persons under 13 must wear a **personal flotation device** (PFD) at all times while participating in any boating activity. (Added 10/18/03; Renumbered 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8-10-20)
- (g) For the purpose of Standup Paddle Board usage Four Island Lake is defined as a swim zone, and as such persons operating a paddleboard are only required to use a leash or wear a **personal flotation device** (PFD) if white caps from wind are on the lake. A **personal floatation device** (PFD) is required to be worn by children under 13 years of age when on a paddleboard. (Added 10/18/03; Renumbered 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8/10/20)
- (h) The lakefront, dock and marina areas of Four Island Lake are Common Areas and may not be used for storage of any vessel or recreational vehicle. Vessels may not be operated on the lake earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and later than one-half hour after sunset. Vessels on privately owned lakefront property must be stored outside the Common Area. (Added 8/10/20)
- (i) Vessels left overnight or abandoned at the lake may be removed and stored by the Association. Stored vessels will be returned to owners upon proof of ownership and payment of a storage fee established by the Board. The Association may dispose of unclaimed boats. (Added 8/10/20) (Amended 10/30/20)
- (j) Sail boats, while at dock area with no one aboard, must have all sails lowered and secured.**

SECTION 901. SAFETY

- (a) Scuba diving is prohibited.
- (b) Swimming is allowed in all of Four Island Lake except for the buoyed area by the 7th tee and the dam area. All swimming in Four Island Lake is at your own risk. (Amended 09/15/17, Amended 8/10/20)
- (c) No camping is permitted **on lake property, on the Islands.**
- (d) Swimming and fishing are prohibited at locations adjacent to the golf course that are in line of balls driven from the course.

(Added 09/15/17)

- (e) Any activity or presence is prohibited on the dam at Four Island Lake. (Added 09/15/17)
- (f) Due to danger from thin ice during the winter at B.V.S., all ice skating on the lake is prohibited.**
- (g) Except as provided in subdivision 901.(h)(1), picnicking is permitted at Four Island Lake. ONLY charcoal briquettes or propane BBQ may be used for fuel. Open fires are subject to fines.**
- (h) The islands are closed before 8 AM and after dusk during all times of the year.**
- (1) No BBQs or fires are allowed on the islands.**
- (2) The three islands furthest from the beach are closed to public use during the period January 1 to the Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend to provide for a bird sanctuary.**
- (i) Model boats powered by wind shall be allowed without restriction. Model airplanes, gliders, drones and helicopters (amphibious or otherwise) are prohibited. Model boats powered by electric motors or any type of internal combustion engine are prohibited unless by special permission of the Board or its designee.**

**SECTION 902. MEMBER
RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (a) Children under 13 years of age must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult during the entire time the children are in and around the lake area. (Amended 8/10/20)
- (b) No person may operate any type of vessel in a reckless manner. (Amended 8/10/20)
- (c) The owner and operator of any type of vessel are jointly and separately responsible for any vessel being operated on the lake and by using the lake agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Association for any damage arising from an accident, both as to bodily injury and property damage. (Amended 8/10/20)
- ~~(d) Sail boats, while at dock area with no one aboard, must have all sails lowered and secured.~~
- (d) ~~(d)~~ Glass is not allowed on the **sand** beaches, boat ramps, docks or private vessels.
- ~~(f)(e)~~ All trash, debris and garbage must be placed in the containers provided.
- ~~(g)(f)~~ Vulgar or profane language

will not be tolerated.

- ~~(h)(g)~~ Excessive use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- ~~(i)(h)~~ Vehicles must remain on blacktopped areas and may not be driven or parked on lawn areas.
- ~~(j)~~ Except as provided in subdivision (n), picnicking is permitted at Four Island Lake. ONLY charcoal briquettes or propane BBQ may be used for fuel. Open fires are subject to fines. (Amended 09/15/17)
- ~~(k)~~ (i) Radios, musical instruments and the like must be played in a manner that is unobjectionable to others.
- ~~(l)~~ Model boats powered by wind shall be allowed without restriction. Model airplanes, gliders, drones and helicopters (amphibious or otherwise) are prohibited. Boats powered by electric motors or any type of internal combustion engine are prohibited unless by special permission of the Board or its designee. (Repeated and added 7/18/92 & 9/24/94; Restated 10/1/2021)
- ~~(m)~~ (i) All pets must be restrained on leashes. The lake area is part of the Common Area and no pets are permitted to run loose. Horses are not allowed in the lake area. Members and their guests who take pets to the lake area must clean up after their animals. (Amended 1/27/01)
- ~~(n)~~ Due to danger from thin ice during the winter at B.V.S., all ice skating on the lake is prohibited.
- ~~(o)~~ At all times, the islands are closed before 8 AM and after dusk. No BBQs or fires are allowed on the islands. In addition, the three islands furthest from the beach are closed to public use during the period January 1 to the Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend to provide for a bird sanctuary. (Amended 09/15/17, amended 8-10-20)
- ~~(p)~~ All vessels as listed in Section 900, Subsection (a) numbers (1) and (2) must register their vessel at the Whiting Center where they will receive a BVSA Vessel-Use permit. This BVSA Vessel-Use permit is to be affixed to the vessel's port side bow and is to be renewed biennially by December 31st of every odd year. Section 900, Subsection (a) number (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards are exempt from this requirement. (Added 10/18/03, Amended 8/10/20)
- (k) Guests visiting the lake unaccompanied by members must have an Amenity Pass.**

Amenity passes are available at Whiting Center or the Association Office.

(l) When a group exceeds 25 individuals reservations will be required. If the group exceeds 50 individuals additional reservable sites will be required.

(m) Reservations can be made at the Whiting Center for use of four reservable sites with a maximum of 50 people per site. These sites are located in the grass to the east of the parking lot. Reservations will be marked by Association staff at each site's marker which is located on the fencing alongside Pinedale Drive.

(n) Sites located to the north of the parking lot, the volleyball area, playground, and all lakefront beach areas are non-reservable, first come first serve. Members must be present to use non-reservable locations, no "saving spots" will be permitted. Groups in non-reservable areas are

limited to 8 adults per table. No one group may utilize more than one bvsa picnic table.

(qq) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Added 12/10/13) (Amended and renumbered 9/1/23)

SECTION 903. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The Association may permit motor powered vessels of any size on the lakes for the exclusive purpose of conducting Association business including but not limited to enforcement, patrolling, or maintaining the lakes. (Amended 8/10/20, 9/1/23)

(b) The Association is not responsible for damage to privately owned vessels while using Four Island Lake. (Amended 8/10/20)

(c) The Association may require Members and their guests to

vacate the lake area during special events or when repair work is being done.

(d) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Amended 12/10/13)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF

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Clarification of existing rules and processes for Lake Use

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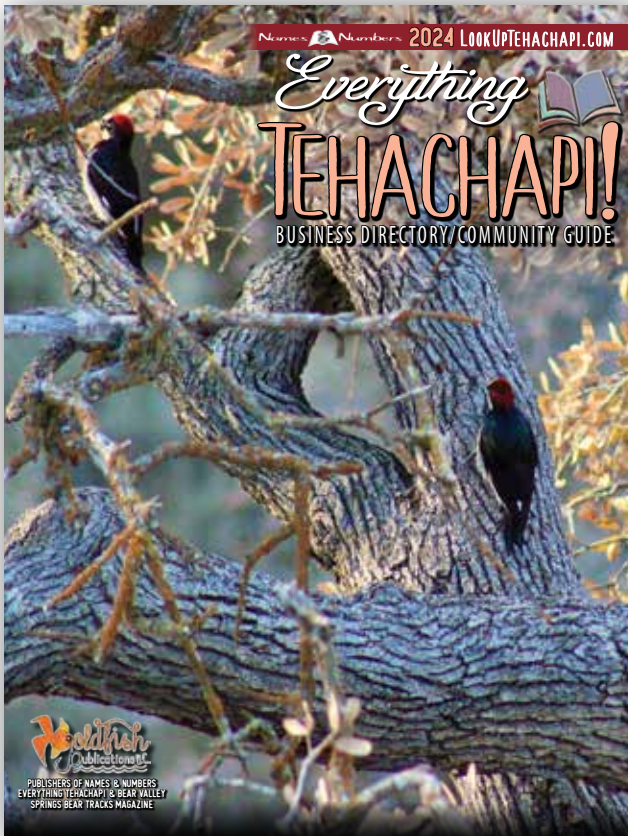
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