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California enacts restrictions on rat poisons to protect wildlife

Submitted by
BVS Wildlife Coalition

A recent California Department of Fish and Wildlife study found that 88% of raptors and 95% of mountain lions tested had exposure to anticoagulant

rodenticides. These poisons can cause animals to suffer from internal bleeding, mange or organ failure and sicken them so they are unable to find food or avoid predators.

California is the first state in the nation to restrict use of all blood-thinning rat poisons due

to their unintended effect on mountain lions, birds of prey and other animals.

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed a bill that expands an existing moratorium to all anticoagulant rodenticides, with only limited exceptions.

The poison prevents an animal's blood from clotting and cause it to die from internal bleeding. When owls, hawks, bobcats, mountain lions, and other predators eat a poisoned rodent the poison is passed on. Additionally, it's important to avoid accidental consumption by pets with fatal results.

The law creates civil penalties. Anyone who sells or uses the poisons in violation of the law is subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

The law text notes that animals "are able to subjectively feel and perceive the world around them" and that the "Legislature has an interest in



ensuring that human activities are conducted in a manner that minimizes pain, stress, fear and suffering for animals and reflects their intrinsic value."

Alternative rodent control methods that are more environmentally friendly and help maintain ecological balance:

1. Exclusion techniques:
 - Seal entry points in buildings
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Parking violations will soon be enforced!

Submitted by

Jim Panek

BVSA Board Director

Good afternoon Bear Valley! This is always a tough subject to address, as we have had some discrepancies with enforcement and policies in the past. Not blaming anyone; previous boards have tried to be very lenient with respect to enforcing the parking problems. Unfortunately, we here at BVS, have been experiencing

an uptick in parking issues, in both the handicap spots and the marked no parking areas. We have had new signs posted that are clear and legible, with the BVS rule #117 posted.

Rule 117 NUISANCE has a number of moving parts, but the section that applies to parking in particular is: "unreasonably interfere with the other owner's enjoyment and use of their lots, Common areas or Community facilities." This will allow our Rangers to write a warning/vio-

lation form and submit it to the board of directors for a show cause hearing. The board of directors will have the ability to meet with the violator, discuss the issue and assess a warning or fine.

I cannot emphasize enough how important we leave the handicap spots open and available for the folks who need them most. We, at the BVSA, get calls on a regular basis from members complaining that there is someone parking in a handicap spot or in the no parking spot, and they



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weeks prior to the holiday and must be removed 4 (four) weeks after the holiday".

We encourage all residents to get into the holiday spirit, with a small caution that with new technologies, brighter lights, moving figures, and decorations that move, make noises and play musical tunes, that you consider neighbors proximity. Lastly, all lights must go out by 10:30 p.m. The ECC and staff appreciate your cooperation in advance. Have a wonderful and healthy holiday season! 🐾



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27981 Skyline Dr - \$462,500



Panoramic Views! Contemporary 2BD/1.75BA/1,650SF home offers breathtaking views of Bear Valley Springs, Cummings Valley, & beyond. Open concept living space, vaulted ceilings w/ picture windows w/ newer screens & cozy kitchen w/ eat-at island. Upstairs, the oversized primary bedroom includes a sitting room & loft w/ expansive views. Updated inside & out w/ replaced siding & full exterior paint which add to longevity. Plus enjoy the many amenities & events Bear Valley Springs has to offer.

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Amazing Mountain Retreat!! This Bear Valley Springs 3BD/2BA/2,123SF + office/den home has been lovingly cared for by original owners. Split-wing floor plan, open living room w/ fireplace, formal dining area w/ views, & a breakfast nook. Bright kitchen w/ granite counters, double ovens & lots of cabinets. Primary suite w/ extra large bdrm, ensuite bath w/ tub, shower, dual vanities & walk-in closet. Oversized laundry room, central heat/AC, all set on 7.74 acres of oak studded property with views!!

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Astronomy Club dark sky camping trip

We all love BVS, but occasionally, we lust for some truly dark skies. So on Friday, Sept. 27, the BVS Astronomy Club took a road trip up Hwy 395 to Cedar Flat Campground at an elevation of 7,300' in the mountains east of Big Pine. The

weather cooperated spectacularly with warm days followed by cool nights and exceptionally clear skies. The remote darkness, elevation and dry atmosphere gave views of the Milky Way horizon-to-horizon – a sight few ever get to experience!

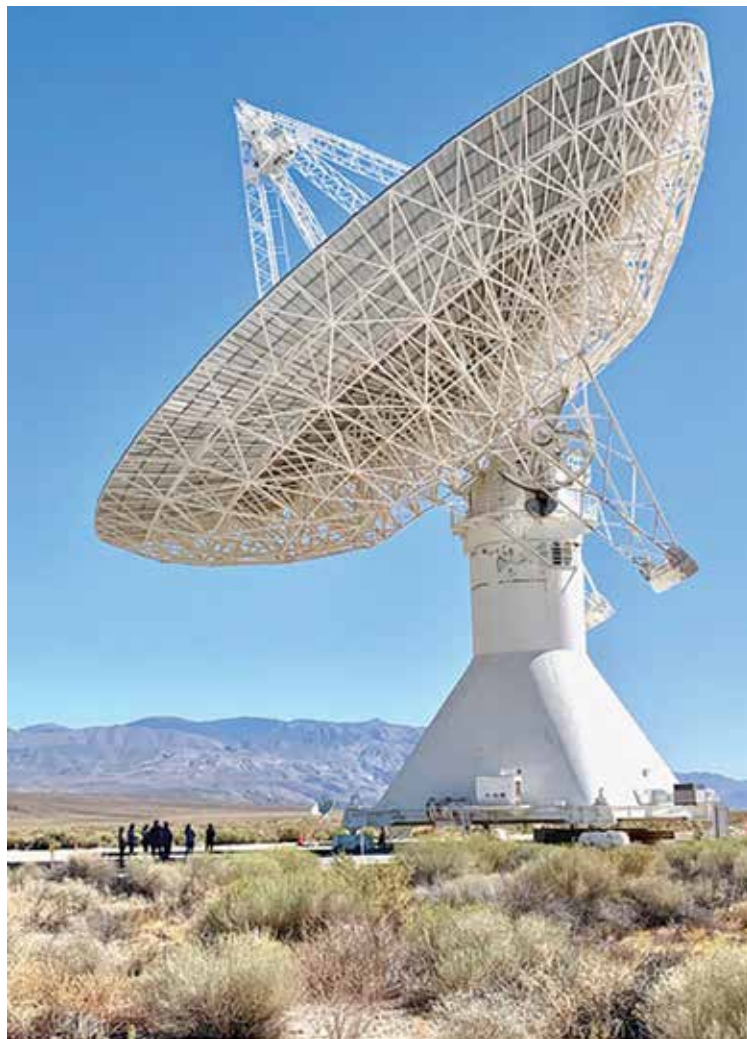


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Photo by Mark Evanetich

The four telescopes that set up showed faint nebulae and galaxies one just won't see with less than superior conditions.

Our path took us by the Owens Valley Radio Observatory where we were treated to a tour

of the facility by the observatory director, Dr Dale Gary. Dr Gary presented a lecture to the club at our August meeting which gave us some background for understanding what we were shown. Leaving the

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observatory, we caravanned up the mountain, set up our camps and congregated for a group potluck dinner while awaiting with anticipation for nightfall. And we were far from disappointed! The consensus was

"WOW!"

After far too little sleep, several adventurous souls made the trek farther up the mountain on Saturday to visit the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. Returning sunburned but invigo-

rated, we settled in for a second night of observing. If anything, Saturday night seemed even clearer and darker. This is an experience that puts our everyday lives into perspective and is one that everyone should have

occasionally. It was with some reluctance that after another sleep deprived night, we broke camp and headed for home. But not before beginning to plan for our return next year. 



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Tailwaggers' Project Hope

Submitted by
Molly Mackin
Tailwaggers Dog Club

Ahhh, welcome to November! For me, this month kicks off crisper evenings, shorter chilly days, football, the return of those cozy sweaters, bonfires, s'mores, pumpkin pie, puppy snuggles, muddy paws, and wagging tails! I am so ready!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner...a time for gratitude and appreciation, and for gathering with family and friends gather to reflect on the goodness and abundance in our lives. I am grateful for the new friends we have met this year, as well as the forever friends we will always cherish and love. Funny thing about gratitude; when we are grateful for the people and things that surround us, our own lives are enriched too.

When I think of what I am most thankful for, I think of Project Hope and how it all began. Tailwaggers' (TW) Project Hope started with an idea,

a little flash of light and spark we felt compelled to follow. Pam Miller and I attended an informational dinner about the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center (the Center) around Thanksgiving in 2023. At the dinner, Matthew Buck (Center Director), Josh Proctor (Behaviorist), and Dr. Nicole Elher (veterinarian) explained the plight of the homeless pups at the Center and it stirred something deep inside of us. Before long, we found a group of like-minded people who felt the same way, and it soon became a TW mission to help animals in the Center find their forever people.

From there, things moved quickly. Matthew and Josh not only welcomed us, but they also gave us a glimpse into the day-to-day shelter workings. We had no idea that they transported dogs to Canada, Washington, and other places to save more lives. This is a unique concept that few shelters adopt because it requires working harder. Nor were we aware that they have clinics to neuter and



spay animals for city residents for free or low cost. They also have an outreach program with Unity K-9 to give free food and vaccines for the homeless population dogs. One of my favorite programs is 'The Learning Center,' where schools can bring their students to learn and experience shelter life. The

list of special programs and activities goes on and on. How privileged we are to be a small part of it!

Project Hope provides an extraordinary opportunity for TW to work closely with Center staff while putting a spotlight on the plight of the

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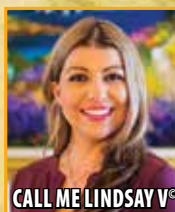
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Where does the lake water come from?

Submitted by

Fred Hicks

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

While LQAC is out and about in the valley, we are often asked where the water comes from that fills our lakes and how does the Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) use this lake water. I hope that in the next few paragraphs I can provide a brief overview which will shed some light on this topic. There are three amenity water bodies occurring on the valley floor which the BVSA oversees. These are Four Island Lake, Cub Lake, and Jacks Hole. In addition to these three there are two more seasonally occurring waterbodies known as the Jamaica Dunes basin, and Surprise Lake which the Bear Valley Community Service District (BVCS D) oversee. For the purposes of this article,

I will primarily focus on the BVSA amenity lakes.

To understand the entire watershed system, the LQAC started by looking at how Bear Valley was originally designed. In the beginning, there were no lakes within the valley. The developer (Dart) created Four Island Lake and Cub Lake as irrigational and recreational park lakes. Drainages were shaped to carry water into these lakes and overflow once the lakes were full. The golf course was designed to be irrigated directly from Four Island Lake. In the early 80's, it was apparent that the lakes could benefit from an additional supplemental water source. This led to the creation of Jacks Hole, which was dug out from a temporarily occurring .5-acre seasonal pond to form a holding reservoir that would provide additional water to Four Island Lake and Cub Lake. The easiest way to under-

stand the system is to look at it in terms of a calendar year. As this is being published in November, it's fitting to start with the fall.

Around the end of November, as fall ends and winter begins, the lakes are generally at their lowest levels awaiting the coming rainy season. Four Island Lake's managed depth goal in November is for it to be 6 feet deep. As the rain falls, it runs through manmade/sculpted drainages to flow into each of these water bodies. The water bodies are also connected via these manmade ditches. Water flows into Surprise Lake, which overflows and allows water to pass downstream into Cub Lake. Once Cub Lake is full, water then flows over the dam and moves into Jacks Hole. The water level in Jacks hole is controlled via a gate valve that is installed at the dam. As water overflows or passes through the

Dam, it moves downstream into Four Island Lake. Throughout the rainy fall/winter season, the lake levels are closely monitored during each rain event. Once Four Island Lake reaches full capacity, the gate valve at Four Island Lake is opened/closed to regulate lake levels and prevent flooding of the second hole. Beginning in 2022, all the water which has been released from Four Island Lake is being recorded and tracked. Four Island Lake generally fills before Jacks hole and three years ago, the BVSA began transferring water from Four Island Lake into Jacks Hole to help ensure that Jacks Hole reaches full pool. Typically, this occurs in March. The overall management goal is that by the end of April, Cub Lake, Jacks Hole, and Four Island Lake will all be at full capacity.

Moving into late spring, around the beginning of May,

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Four Island Lake should be at a full pool level of 9.4 feet deep. Golf Course irrigation usually begins at this time of year. The amount of irrigation that is applied to the Golf Course is closely monitored throughout the irrigation season with adjustments occurring daily. The Golf Course, on average, uses 200,000 gallons of water a night from May through October. The overall amount of water which the golf course uses has been drastically reduced by well over 50% from when the last major drought occurred during 2012-2016.

Typically, beginning in June, BVSA works with the BVCSD to use approximately 50,000 gallons of recycled effluent water, which is produced each night. This water comes directly into the golf course irrigation system from the BV Wastewater Treatment Plant. The remaining water which is needed for irrigation is then pulled from Four Island Lake. As water is drawn out of Four Island Lake, the lake level drops. With warming weather, evaporative loss also begins to occur at a faster rate, adding to the lake levels dropping.

Beginning in June, BVSA works with the BVCSD to transfer water out of the Jamaica Dunes Basin into Four Island Lake, and out of Surprise Lake into Cub Lake. In the end of June, once these two resources are no longer able to provide water, the BVSA begins to pump the water from Jacks hole into Four Island and Cub Lakes to keep these

two lakes as full as possible. By keeping two lakes full, instead of three lakes partially full, evaporative loss is greatly reduced from Jacks Hole.

Beginning in early summer, the BVSA works with the BVCSD to provide supplemental water to the lakes through four functioning non-potable wells. Over the last five years, BVSA has been working on conserving and reducing the amount of non-potable well water used in the lakes. The non-potable wells run through the summer into September or October. As the rains begin, the entire cycle repeats itself and management adjustments are made to conserve and improve the use of the very limited water resources which Bear Valley Association has available.

In conclusion, the majority of the water which fills our lakes comes from rainwater runoff; additional lake fill water is currently provided through four functioning non-potable wells. In the last five years, there has been no imported or potable water used to fill the lakes. Lake levels, and irrigation requirements are continually monitored, and management decisions are made accordingly to conserve and efficiently use the lake water. In 2024, this management strategy resulted in the conservation of 50-acre feet of non-potable well water which did not have to be drawn out of the aquifer underneath Bear Valley. This results in a savings of approximately \$100,000 to the membership. 🐾

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- **BUCKAROOS** - Promotes safe, fun western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. President Jeff Kermode @ (661) 343-7503, 1st VP George McMackin @ (661) 400-1333, 2nd VP Erika Underwood @ (805) 705-1123, Treasurer Cheryl Akerly @ (661) 609-6113 & Secretary Debi Kermode @ (949) 291-0551
- **BV AQUATICS CLUB** - is a group organized to advance the principles of aquatic health and fitness for BVSA as specified by the club by-laws. The club promotes responsible off-season use for recreation and fitness designated for lap swimmers and water aerobics. Contact the club via email bvaquatics2023@gmail.com.
- **BVS VINTAGE DANCE AND TEA GROUP** - Historical English Country Dancing. All welcome! Join Facebook page or Group Me app, BVS Vintage Dance and Tea Society or call Martha (818) 442-7888.
- **BVS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Contact: Lee Tharp, Commander, 818-515-0241, sltharp@aol.com or Jed Hannan, Membership, 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol.com.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the OTC reception room. Email: BVSWild-lifeCoalition@gmail.com
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact President Chris Hobbs, hobbs939@yahoo.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ 802-343-5483
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Robin Goodwin (831) 212-5643.
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact President: Leana Mitchell, 805-758-8902.
- **DRESSAGE** - Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: <https://bvsrc.org/>. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **FOUR SEASONS 4-H** - 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm Contacts: Sarah Mountjoy sarah.mtjoy05@gmail.com or Heather Dobbs hrosepressley@gmail.com or call 609-0554
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Tammy Reich - bvsgardenclub@gmail.com.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- **HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustaffa @ 661-538-0995 or smustaffa@outlook.com.
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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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- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **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.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) - Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.
- **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/>
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** - Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the _burt_family@yahoo.com
- **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
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Every vehicle handles differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy, or snowy roads. After a snowfall, clean snow, ice or dirt from the windows, the forward sensors, headlights, tail lights, back-up camera and other sensors around the vehicle, including

your RFID.

For electric and hybrid-electric vehicles, minimize the drain on the battery. If the vehicle has a thermal heating pack for the battery, plug your vehicle in whenever it's not in use. Pre-heat the passenger compartment before you unplug your vehicle in the morning. When the temperature drops, so does battery power. For gasoline and diesel engines, it takes more battery power to start your vehicle in cold weather. For electric and hybrid-electric vehicles, the driving range is reduced when the battery is cold, and battery systems work better after they warm up. Make sure your battery is up to the challenges of winter. Have your mechanic check your battery for sufficient voltage, amperage and reserve capacity. Have the charging system and belt inspected as well. Replace the battery or make necessary system repairs, including simple things

like tightening the battery cable connections. Keep gasoline in a hybrid-electric vehicle, to support the gasoline engine.

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, such as cleaning off your windshield, as well as any supplies you might need in an emergency. Keep the following in your vehicle:

- Snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper.
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.
- Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices such as flares and emergency markers.
- Blankets for protection from the cold.
- A cell phone with charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or when driving in lightly populated areas).

Inspect your tires. If you plan to use snow tires, have them in-

stalled in the fall so you are prepared before it snows. Regardless of season, inspect your tires at least once a month and before long road trips. As the outside temperature drops, so does tire inflation pressure. Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturers' recommended inflation pressure.

As always if you have an emergency while driving, please pull off the roadway to a safe place and dial 911. You can expect Bear Valley-specific traffic conditions to be updated regularly via our Nixle and hopefully soon by our new Communications Specialist. If you have not signed up for Nixle you can sign up via the CSD website at bvcsd.com. Conditions may change rapidly, and it is always good to be prepared. As snow and icy conditions change in Bear Valley, you will likely see road closures and roads open to 4-wheel drive or AWD only! 🐾



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 - Non-Resident: 4-6 yrs \$80 / 7-18 yrs Fee \$12
 - Late Fee add \$15 - Registration Dec. 1st - Dec. 8th
- **Hockey Camp Free Ages 4-18:** Dec. 2nd- Dec. 5th
Mon. Dec. 2nd- Skating development/Intro to Skating 5:30-6:30 pm
Tues. -Thurs. 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 pm Hockey Development
Register at bvsa.recdesk.com

EVENTS:

- **Vets Bingo**-Saturday, Nov. 2nd, doors open at 1 pm
Games begin at 1:30 pm
- **Houchin Blood Drive**- Tuesday, Nov. 12th from 12-6 pm
- **Family Skate Night**- Saturday, Nov. 16th 6-8 pm
Skate to the 90's music
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TEHACHAPI MINIMUM DAYS:

- **November 6th**- Learn how to make a survival hut with Ranger Rocco Spinelli
- **November 20th**- Dodgeball

*All events subject to change

THANKSGIVING at The Oaks BUFFET



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Herb & Butter Roasted Turkey
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Honey Glazed Ham
Broiled Salmon
Portabella Mushrooms

Sides

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Sweet Potato Mash & Gravy
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans Almondine
Vegetable Medley
Stuffing

Bread

Ciabatta Rolls
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Desserts

Brownies
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Assorted Cookies
Pie (Apple, Pecan, & Pumpkin)
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THANKSGIVING at The Oaks CURBSIDE PICK UP



Reservations Available 12pm-4pm

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Mains

Herb & Butter Roasted Turkey

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Honey Glazed Ham \$30

Broiled Salmon \$27

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Sides

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Green Beans Almondine

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Desserts

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Call for more information about add-on cost.

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Purple Heart Honor Garden in the works

Earlier this year, the Bear Valley Community Services District unanimously passed a resolution proclaiming Bear Valley Springs a Purple Heart Community. Following the ceremonious installation of the Purple Heart Community sign just inside the front gate, a group of citizens stepped forward with a desire to create a Purple Heart Honor Garden.

This group of passionate citizens has coordinated its efforts with the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association, the Bear Valley Community Services District, and the Bear Valley Springs Association. This collaborative effort has garnered resounding support from all entities involved.

The Purple Heart Honor Garden will be located next to the existing Purple Heart Community sign, to the right as you enter the front gate. The driving force behind this

initiative is to honor the sacrifice, service, and commitment of not only Purple Heart recipients in Bear Valley but all Purple Heart recipients across our great nation. It is because of them, and countless other veterans, that we continue to enjoy our freedom.

After months of planning, design, and following the proper channels for approval, this group of dedicated citizens is now very close to breaking ground. Keep an eye to the right as you enter Bear Valley Springs, just past the gate, to watch the progress of this project as it develops. This effort is dedicated to beautification and honoring all Purple Heart recipients with dignity and respect.

This project is being created by volunteers and funded by donations. The Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association is acting as the fiscal agent for



the project. If you're interested in participating through your time, talent, or financial support, you can contact Holly Doering at hdoering1@hotmail.com for more information. Please use "PURPLE HEART GARDEN" in the ref-

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In addition, we are thrilled to announce the arrival of a brand-new fleet of state-of-the-art golf carts. These carts come equipped with the latest technology for smoother rides, improved comfort, and



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AGES 4-6:

RESIDENTS - \$60

NON - RESIDENTS - \$90

AGES 7-18:

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RESIDENTS - \$80

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MONDAY, DEC 2ND - THURSDAY, DEC 5TH

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- **Tuesday - Thursday 5:30, 6:30, or 7:30pm** ➡ **Hockey Development Camp**
**TUES-THURS TIME WILL ASSIGNED AFTER COACHES DO SKILL EVALUATIONS ON MONDAY*

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 - Remove food sources (secure garbage, pet food)
 - Eliminate outdoor shelter (woodpiles, dense vegetation)
 - Trim trees and shrubs away from structures
3. Natural predators:
 - Encourage owl populations with nesting boxes
 - Allow natural predators like snakes and foxes to thrive
4. Trapping:
 - Live traps for catch-and-release
 - Snap traps for quick, targeted control
 - Electric traps for indoor use
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6. Natural repellents:
 - Peppermint oil, citrus peels, or ammonia-soaked rags
 - Plant mint or marigolds as a deterrent
 7. Biological control:
 - Introduce non-toxic bacterial agents that cause illness in rodents
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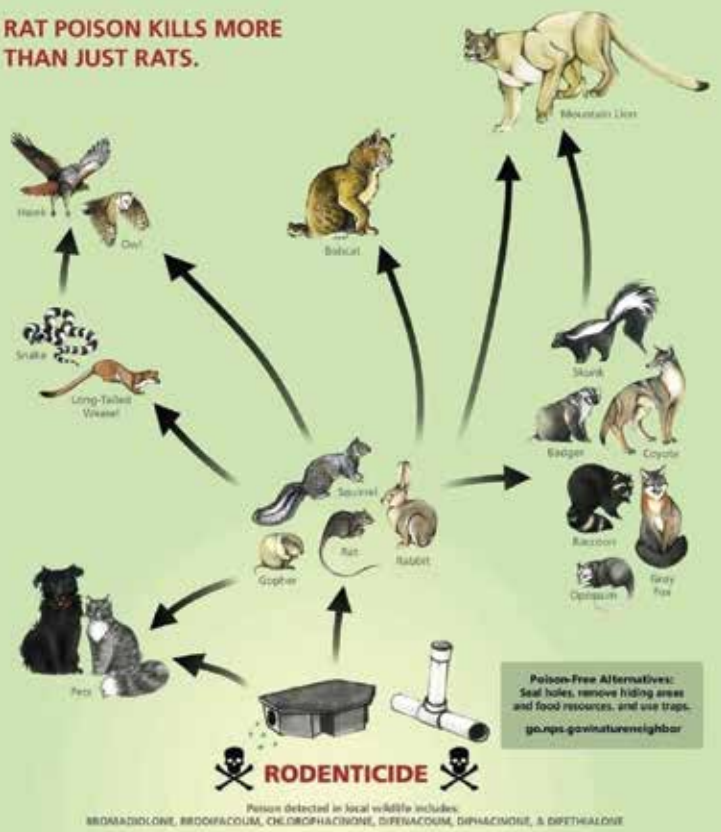
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California State Horsemen hold Trail Trial Championships in Bear Valley

The weekend of Sept. 21 and 22 saw 62 horse and rider teams from throughout California and Nevada gather at the Bear Valley Equestrian Center for the California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA) Trail Trials 2024 State Championship Event.

Avid trail riders competed for beautiful awards and brag-

ging rights as California State Champions after two days of competition, riding up to seven miles a day while encountering different challenging obstacles throughout Bear Valley. Numerical scores were assigned by experienced judges at each obstacle with riders vying for a score of zero. Low scores determined the winners.



Photo: George Stufflebeam

Equestrians head out on Bear Valley's beautiful trails to be judged on their skills and abilities guiding their horses through natural-type obstacles while enjoying a gorgeous day for the CSHA Trail Trial State Champion Event.



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Trail Trials are not a timed event. The emphasis is on safe and calm horsemanship with riders judged on their skills and abilities guiding their horses through natural obstacles such as stepping over logs, opening a gate, or maneuvering through a creek. Divisions are offered for novice, intermediate, and advanced riders in three age divisions, and all equines are welcome, including mules.

Lori Cleveland, Trail Trial MVP Historian, said "The Trail Trial Champion Event has not been hosted by Southern California regions in many years. Bear Valley Springs had the perfect combination of terrain, great camping, and friendly people. We loved it! The trails and weather were fantastic and the campground and friendly folks that welcomed us to the community were terrific!"



The California State Horsemen's Association was formed in 1942 to foster interest in all breeds of horses and forms of

horsemanship throughout California. The organization offers many different types of events

for equestrians. For more information: californiastate-horsemen.org 🐾



Photo: CSHA/Carri Gunn

Riders from throughout California and Nevada gathered at the Bear Valley Springs Equestrian Center September 21 and 22 for their championship ride and awards.



Photo: George Stufflebeam

Bear Valley Springs' equestrian campground filled to the brim with trail riders, horses, and rigs for the California State Horsemen's Association State Champion Event.

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ARTICLE 10**OAK TREE COUNTRY CLUB AND FOOD AND****BEVERAGE SERVICE AT BVSA AMENITIES/FACILITIES**

(Adopted 7/9/88; Amended 05/10/17)

SECTION 1000. GENERAL

(a) The Oak Tree Country Club ("OTCC") building is a multi-purpose building whose main object is to enhance the social life of ~~property owners~~ **Members and guests**. It is the center for dining, entertainment, and socializing ~~and meetings, including a meeting room (Garden Room)~~.

(b) The liquor license for the OTCC is a "Type 547" ("~~Special On Sale General Eating Place~~") license; ~~which is "... Generally issued to certain organizations who cannot qualify for "Club" licenses.~~

Authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits, ~~to members and bona-fide guests only~~, for consumption on the premises where sold. Authorizes the sale of beer and wine only, for consumption off the premises. To protect our license, Members may be asked to show ~~their Use Privilege Cards~~ **Identification for age verification** from time to time. These times could be during an inspection by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, to which the Association is subject, with no advance notice. (Amended 01/10/08)

(c) Patrons waiting to be seated in the Dining Room may have drinks in the lounge area or at their dining table. No minors (under 21 years of age) are allowed in the bar area after the kitchen is closed and/or food service has ended for the night. (Amended 01/10/08)

(d) (Repealed 08/10/08)

(e) The Mulligan Room building and patio adjoins the Golf Pro Shop and serves as a casual dining experience for all Association Members and their guests. (Added 05/10/17)

SECTION 1001. HOURS OF OPERATION

(a) Specific hours are posted on bulletin boards and published in the Association newsletter ~~from time to time on a regular basis~~.

(b) Special events and specific hours are also published in the ~~Activities Schedule on various social media sites~~, and in the Association newsletter. (Amended Effective 01-10-08)

SECTION 1002. RESERVATIONS

(a) Members are urged to make reservations for dinner on weekends and holidays.

(b) (Repealed 8/10/14)

SECTION 1003. CATERING SERVICES**AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE AT BVSA AMENITIES**

(a) Any Member in good standing may obtain the use of OTCC facilities for private functions upon submitting an application to the Amenity Manager. The application must include full particulars of date, time and purpose and should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the date desired. (Amended Effective 8/10/14).

(b) Catering services away from the restaurant are available to Members upon advance request to and approval ~~of by~~ the Amenity Manager (Amended Effective 8/10/14).

(c) At any time, catering services at any BVSA amenities/facilities must be provided by the BVSA Food and Beverage Department, unless otherwise approved by the General Manager and/or BVSA Board of Directors. (Added 05/10/17)

SECTION 1004. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Members may reserve the Garden Room and portions of the Banquet Area and Saloon by submitting an application to and receiving approval from the Amenity Manager. Any function requiring food or beverage service must comply with Sections 1003. (Per Article 18, Section 1802; Amended 05/10/17)

(b) Members, their families and their guests shall conduct themselves with decorum.

(c) Boisterous conduct, ~~games or sports or activities~~ that may interrupt the harmony of the OTCC will not be tolerated.

(d) Use of vulgar or profane language is prohibited.

(e) Members, their families and their guests are prohibited from bringing food and beverages into the OTCC areas without express approval of the Amenity Manager.

(f) Pets are prohibited in buildings. (Amended Effective 12/10/13; Amended Effective 8/10/14)

(g) Ragged or cut-off pants, clothing with offensive writing or pictures, bathing suits, bare feet, and other swimwear are prohibited in the OTCC building at all times. (Amended Effective 8/10/14)

(h) Entry to the Pool area must be through the pool entry gate. (Amended Effective 8/10/14)

(i) In order to further complement and maintain the ambiance of the Oaks Restaurant ~~members and guests must adhere to the posted dress code for the Oaks Restaurant~~ (Amended Effective 8/10/14):

(1) ~~The following attire is suggested (Amended Effective 8/10/14):~~

(A) For men: Collared shirts; long trousers or Bermuda shorts; sweaters. (B) For women: Dresses or skirts; pants with shirts, tops, or sweaters; Bermuda shorts.

(2) (1) The following are prohibited in the Oaks Restaurant (Amended Effective 8/10/14):

(A) Bare feet.
(B) Bathing suits and other swimwear.

(C) Cut-off or ragged pants.
(D) Clothing with offensive writing or pictures.

(E) For men, tank

tops and sleeveless shirts.

(F) Caps (Added

Effective 8/10/14)

(G) Hats and

other headwear, except headwear worn for religious purposes may not be worn by men dining in the Oaks Restaurant.

(Amended 03/17/90, 07/18/92, 06/18/96; Repealed and re-added 3-10-08; Amended Numbering Effective 8/10/14)

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

SECTION 1005. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The Amenity Manager is responsible for the operation of the food, beverage and lounge aspects of the OTCC.

(b) All rates for meals, services, banquets and private parties are fixed by the ~~Board or the Amenity Manager~~ subject to approval of the ~~Board by the General Manager. No single Association Officer, Director, or employee has authority to change, alter, or modify any rate.~~

(c) The Amenity Manager or his a designee is available during OTCC hours to give assistance to Members desiring it.

(d) Association management personnel are present at all times when the OTCC is

open and it is their responsibility to enforce these Rules, and to give assistance

and direction to Members or employees.

(e) Any Member, his family or guests, guilty of breach of rules of conduct, will be required to leave the premises. (Amended Effective 8/10/14)

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

(Subdivision (d) repealed and subdivisions (e), (f), (g) & (h) re-lettered as (d) (e), (f) & (g), 01-10-08; Subdivision (b) repealed 8/10/08 and subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g) re-lettered as (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) 8/10/14)

Purpose and Effect of Proposed Rule Change

To clarify the processes and procedures of the Oak Tree Country Club.

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES to ECC**RULES**

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SECTION 103. Occupation and Special Use Permits
No gainful occupation, profession or trade shall be maintained, conducted or carried on upon on any residential lot or in any improvement or other structure on any residential lot without the prior written approval of the ECC. [C&Rs, Para. 7.b(6),(16)]

A. Obtaining Approval.

Only occupations, trades or professions that do not interfere with the quiet and peaceful use, occupation and enjoyment of other Owners of their lots and the Common Areas will be permitted. All occupations, trades and professions

permitted by the ECC shall be conducted and carried on in strict conformance with the conditions that may be imposed on such permit or approval, and any such permit or approval may be revoked in writing by the ECC upon a failure of the permittee to comply with any such conditions. The Occupational agreement between the permittee and his/her client(s) is a business relationship and must be conducted within the confines of said permittee's property. Owners and other residents may obtain the required approval forms at the BVSA office.

B. Garage/Yard Sales

Garage or yard sales may be conducted on a residential lot with the prior written approval of the ECC.

1. An Environmental Control Committee permit is required and must be approved prior to the garage/yard sale.

2. Only Association issued garage/yard sale signs are permitted and they must be returned to the BVSA office on the next business day following the completion of the garage/yard sale. Unauthorized signs may be removed immediately without prior notice to the property owner. Removed signs will be stored at the Association office for a period of five days; thereafter, they will be discarded. (Revised 12/15/12) (Amended 10/01/19)

3. All garage/yard sale items are to be removed by sunset on the last day of the sale. (Added 12/15/12) (Amended 10/01/19)

4. A partially refundable fee will be charged at the time of the application in accordance with the Association Fee Schedule. The refundable portion of the fee will be refunded after the completion of the sale upon return of the garage/yard sale signs in satisfactory condition. Failure to comply with the ECC Rules regarding garage/yard sales may result in disciplinary action as outlined in Section 601 of the ECC Rules.

5. No more than three (3) garage/yard sales will be allowed per calendar year, per residential lot. Sales may not be held on two consecutive weekends. (Revised 10/1/2021)

6. Sales are to be no longer than three days, nor can they be held on Association recognized holidays.

7. Signs may be posted the evening before the sale begins and must be removed by sunset the last day of the sale. (Revised 12/15/12)

8. Flags, pennants, balloons, etc. will not be permitted in conjunction with signs.

9. Cars may not be parked so that they obstruct the normal flow of traffic or interfere with other adjoining property owner's access to their property.

10. The Association will not be responsible for the safety of anyone participating in or attending the sale.

11. Any damage or nuisance caused by the person's holding the sale; their families, other participants or people attending the sale will be the responsibility of the property owner.

(Amended 10/15/11) (Revised 10/1/19)

Purpose and Effect of Proposed Rule Change

To clarify the processes and procedures of the BVSA Administration Office and ECC Department.

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dogs. Initially, we had much to learn, but soon we were getting directly involved in finding forever homes for these dogs. Sadly, the clock is ticking for many, and time can be unforgiving. The Center takes in 100 to 150 new dogs every week and time is of the essence to get the pups adopted or sent to rescues. Unfortunately, there are simply not enough homes to save every dog and euthanasia is an unfortunate reality. This is a heavy burden on all involved. I have personally watched everyone break down at one time or another. However, Matthew and Josh have made it their mission to save as many lives as they can. Project Hope wants to help them succeed.

While Project Hope began as a small (but mighty passionate) group, we are now more than 21 volunteers strong! But in the beginning, we didn't know what we could do to help. So we started with one baby step by seeking to improve the Cen-

ter environment to make it more comfortable for the dogs. We raised funds (thank you BVS community!) to provide 130 Kuranda dog beds so they would have a dry place to sleep during the cold winter months. TW bakers, as well as BVS neighbors and friends, dropped off treats, towels, blankets, toys, dog collars, and leashes, raised money for the beds and special items the shelter needed. Clubs like the Carriage Club and Horseman's Club supported the project. The Cultural Arts Club let us participate at their Christmas Bazaar, where we were able to find four dogs their forever homes before Christmas Eve. Lucy Pet Products (Kathy and David Hildago) came out in full force to help us with this project and supplied us with treats, dog food, and other items for the Center. So many others got involved too. Overall, our community spoke loud and clear that they cared what happens to the homeless animals and the Center staff

realized they were not alone anymore.

So many people from different walks of life came together for the common goal of helping homeless dogs find their forever person and home. This led to a stunning realization: there is truth in the saying "the things that bind us are much greater than the things that divide us." I have experienced that in a profound way. We have much more common ground than we think. Strength and fortitude is built in layers rather than in any single action. They are the result of step-by-step process-

es such as waiting, patience, perseverance, and working together for a common goal. And because we are STRONGER TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

So, as we enter this season of thankfulness, I offer my deepest gratitude to all of you who made the impossible...possible! You are the true heroes in this story! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! Because of you, TW Project Hope will be going forward for 2025!

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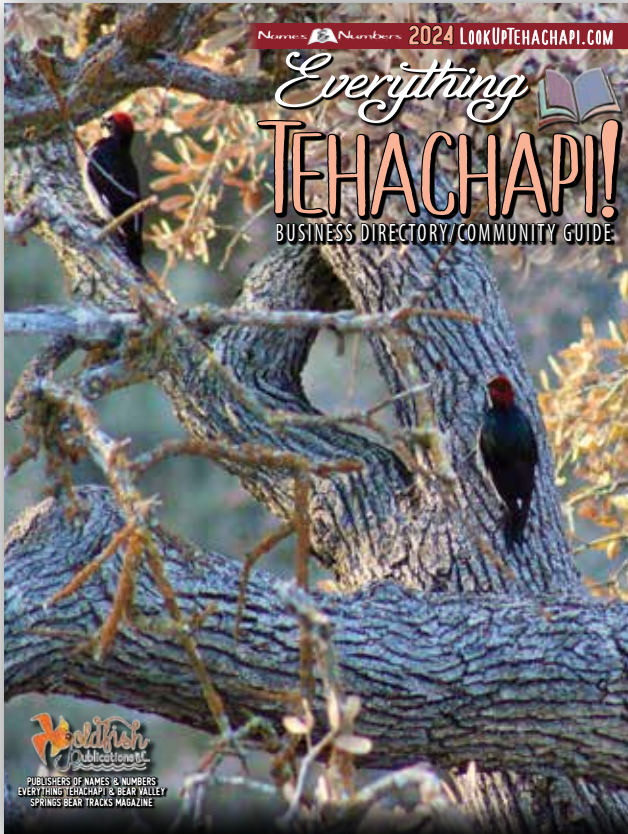
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