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Saturday December 31st

Dinner 6pm-9pm

Meridian Performs 8:30pm-12:30am

Condor Room & Lounge

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MENU

Carving Station

Rosemary Crusted Prime Rib

Appetizers

Salmon Picatta

Chicken Vegetable Pasta

Scalloped Potatoes

Rice

Green Bean Almondine

Arcadian Mixed Green Salad

Rolls

Desserts

*Vegetarian option available upon request

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Breakfast with Santa!
It's time to come out and
have breakfast with the
big guy in red!
See page 10 for details.



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Our World of Nature

Bird Migration is Complex and Interesting

Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

Birds are flying machines, and some of them use this ability to change where they live from season to season. This is particularly true where there are significant differences in seasonal weather conditions, such as here in these mountains. Some birds move thousands of miles between their breeding grounds and their wintering areas. Other birds simply move up and down mountains to find adequate living conditions.

Here in Pine Mountain Club, we have bird species that use five different strategies to deal with seasonal changes. Some arrive here in the summer from more tropical areas to the south to raise their families. Others nest further north, then move south to winter here. Some birds simply travel short distances to go up and down our mountains between summer and winter. A few species pass through our region during the spring and fall, going further north to breed, then further south to winter. Then, finally, there are those that stay put, adapting to the varying conditions.

Three colorful summer visitors are the black-headed grosbeak (Fig. 1), Bullock's oriole (Fig. 2) and western tanager (Fig. 3). The singing grosbeak enjoys most woodlands and forest. The oriole seeks out cottonwoods to build its sock-like hanging nest. The tanager, with its bright colors, actually blends into the higher forest foliage. Apparently, these species leave the lush tropical forests to avoid fierce competition for food while raising their young. They take advantage of our bountiful summers, then avoid winter by retiring to the warm equatorial climate. An amazing fact is that many of the baby birds leave to go south after their parents depart. Most of them do not get lost!



Fig. 1: The bright and loud grosbeak arrives in our forests and woodlands in Spring (DS)

The ring-necked duck (Fig. 4) nests in inland waters of our

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PMCPOA Radio Station Info

During inclement weather when the power stays on, you can tune into PMCPOA's radio station, AM 1610, for regular updates, or call 242-3857 after hours for current conditions. The radio station is updated every night around 3-4 a.m. with current weather and road conditions, and more often if we are having a snowstorm because the situation can change quickly. It's a good idea to keep a transistor radio in the house that operates on batteries in case of a power outage.

PMCPOA Snowplowing Policy

During winter storms, the Pine Mountain Club Maintenance Department's snowplow equipment will be dispatched as needed to maintain all roadways, cul de sacs and access roads within the PMC community.

This equipment will be dispatched as soon as possible after the snow begins to stick to the road surfaces, and plowing will continue until all the roads are clear of snow. Cinders will be applied when the Pine Mountain Maintenance Department deems it appropriate.

The streets in our community will be plowed in the following order: First, the main roadways. Second, all access roads. Third, all cul de sacs. Kern County Roads is responsible for clearing snow on Mil Potrero Highway, while PMCPOA is responsible for clearing snow on Mil Potrero FTC.

Here are some things you should not do during a snow event:

- Do not park vehicles on roadways or along the edge of roadways. Vehicles blocking snow removal operations will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Do not play, ski, toboggan, sled or snowmobile on roadways, snow berms or along roadway edges. Cars, trucks and snowplows cannot stop quickly on snow and ice.
- Do not allow children and pets to play on roadways, in snow berms or along edges.
- Do not park in restricted areas of PMC Parking Lots.

Parking is not permitted on PMC Roads. If you do not have adequate on-site parking that is well out of the way of snow-clearing activities, consider carpooling or shuttling your guests in from

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Be Prepared for Winter Driving

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Winter can be a beautiful time in our mountain community, but it can also bring on some hazardous driving conditions. Here are some tips to make your driving safer this season.

Winterize your vehicle:

- Check the brakes, windshield wipers, exhaust system and heater/defroster to make sure they are in good working condition.
- Check your radiator fluid level and add antifreeze/coolant as needed.
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated and that the tread is in good condition. Consider purchasing snow or studded tires.
- All vehicles, including those with four-wheel drive and snow tires, should carry chains/cables in the winter. They should be the correct size for your tires and in proper working order. Chains must be installed on drive wheels. Check your owner's manual and/or the dealer for advice on traction devices for your vehicle. Practice installing the chains before the wintery conditions hit. Cold, snowy weather is not the time to learn how to install your chains! Consider Spider Spikes, which are more expensive but easier to put on and take off. Go online for more information on how to install chains. Also, pick up a PMC sticker at the office for your car, it helps move you through the CHP winter chain/resident check points.

Be Prepared -- carry an emergency kit in your car that includes:

- Flashlight with extra batteries, and vehicle and external chargers for your phone
- Blankets, extra clothing, water, and snacks. Perhaps keep the snacks in a bag by the door, as bears do like snacks and might be tempted to break into your car.
- Gloves
- Ice scrape/deicer
- Shovel, broom and sand or kitty litter

Driving Tips:

- Keep your fuel tank full, and for electric cars, keep your battery charged
- Allow enough time. Get an early start and allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Slow down!
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas pedal slowly is the best method for regaining traction.
- Leave extra distance between you and the car in front of you.
- Know your brakes, including whether you have anti-lock brakes or not. The best way to stop is threshold braking: Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal. If your vehicle begins to slide, take your foot off the gas pedal and steer your vehicle in the direction you wish to go. Try not to brake.

STAY HOME! If you really don't have to go out, don't!

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The PMCPOA Board of Directors meets on the third Saturday of every month at 10 am in the Condor Room of the Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend the open session. The executive session is a closed meeting for the discussion of and action on legal and personnel matters, third party contracts, and member-requested hearings.

Members may request copies of the open Board Meeting minutes. These requests should be made in writing to the Corporate Secretary. There is a charge per page for making copies of the minutes.

Berms Happen: Pine Mountain Club's Snow Berm Removal Procedure

During the winter months, our Association faces many weather-related challenges. The first priority in the event of a snowstorm is clearing and sanding the roads of the community. In a nutshell, we have well-established and effective procedures that determine the order in which snow is removed throughout PMC.

The removal of berms from property owners' driveways is provided as a courtesy to members who, in advance, have requested this assistance. To be added to this list, you need to present a current ADA placard or doctor's note at the Business Office.

This free service is only provided after snow removal from all Association roads and necessary sanding have taken place. As a result, it could be two or more days before the crews begin to remove berms. When plowing is taking place, please expect the berms. Even if you have already removed your berm and it continues to snow, the plows may have to make a second run plowing your streets depending upon how much snow is coming down, and you may get another berm.

As with the roads, this courtesy ser-



vice has an established procedure in determining the order in which property owners' berms are removed. When crews are available to begin berm removal, they will follow the approved ADA berm removal list. Our berm removal list is quite long; and due to limitations of time, equipment and manpower, the process of removing berms for every property owner on the list can take several days, even after the snow has stopped falling. The berm removal list is intended for the physically impaired.

Please do not park your cars at the end of the driveway thinking you will not get a berm. If the snow hits your car and dents it, it will be your responsibility to fix it, not

the association's. If you have a 911 emergency, please call 911, and they will notify the office of the call and our staff will make sure the emergency vehicles can get to your house. Going to the doctor, grocery store or any event you have planned is not considered an emergency.

If you have any questions regarding our snow plowing and berm removal policies, please call 242-3788.

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a public parking lot. Vehicles left on the road will be towed at the owner's expense.

(Copies of this policy are available in the PMC Business Office. The Snow Removal Policy brochure is also viewable on the PMCPOA website in the Association Governance & Business menu. Just click on the "Business Office" tab to view (<https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/business-office>).



**How to View
the Clubhouse
Renovation
Project Town Hall
Meeting**

If you have not yet viewed the recording of the Town Hall about the clubhouse renovation project, please do so as soon as possible. It will not only address some of the costs involved, but also provide a historical perspective of recent efforts to improve the facilities. Please view the meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKJmGZFatI8>

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PMC Bear Updates

Vicky Kraft, Los Padres Bear Aware

Most bears typically enter torpor AFTER Dec. 20. Some bears remain wandering PMC even during winter.

Please check your property - check crawlspace doors, skirting, vents and underneath low-to-the-ground decking to make sure no bear is residing on your property. Continue to keep vehicles locked with no scented items inside, including scented air freshener. Remove child car seats and wash the car seat frequently! There is a vacuum/car wash in Frazier Park and at the Tejon Outlets. Never store food nor scented items in crawlspaces, sheds & garages. Lock your home doors, garages and sheds - do not leave them unlocked. Bears can open unlocked doors.



Top Photos by Bill Brier and Joann Baker

PMC-ers Bill and Joann Baker returned home to their Nestorn Way property to discover that a break-in had occurred. Alarmed and anxious to act, they posted a notice on their porch to alert future would-be intruders.

Transfer Site Hours:

8:30am - 5pm Daily

Reminders:

- * For PMC residents/guests only; please bring your member or guest card.*
- * Four vehicles at a time at the site; please wait your turn outside.*
- * Please secure your trash before heading to the site.*

Please note that the Transfer Site will be closed on Christmas Day.



Bottom Photos by Tom Marshall

Elsewhere in town, “Snacker” dropped in for a visit at Tom Marshall’s house on a recent Saturday.



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www.pmcchristmasinthevillage.com

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power stays on, you can tune into PMCPOA's radio station, AM 1610, for regular updates, or call 242-3857 after hours for current conditions. It's a good idea to keep a transistor radio in the house that operates on batteries in case of a power outage.

PMCPOA Office Hours

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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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I want to thank the members who attended our Town Hall on Nov. 12 in person and via the streaming option. We shared that the clubhouse complex revitalization project had returned to its basic phase approach with a priority to take care of the clubhouse first and relocate our staff to modular buildings during construction, and later in an unknown number of years address the phases that included a new administrative building and enlarging the area previously known as the Pool Pavilion.



Based on input from some members in attendance at the Town Hall and members who have reached out since, there seems to be an unofficial consensus that the entire project should be completed all at once to avoid a lengthy delay in the construction phases, avoid temporary (unsightly) trailers that may sit out front for several years,

and avoid increased costs that would likely occur with two projects that would be significantly separated in time with potentially different contractors.

Obviously, the cost to do the entire project will be more than just the clubhouse and the board is concerned about the fiscal impact on our members. However, I think we all agree there is a definite cost-savings to the membership if the entire project is completed at once and a potential increase to property values upon completion.

We had a discussion at the board meeting on Nov. 19 to decide how to best proceed. We will present the potential costs for the overall project to compare to the clubhouse-only phase. If we decide to entertain the possibility of completing the entire project, we will fast-track the process for cost estimates so that we can present members with potential financing options to consider so they can vote on their

recommendation how to proceed and how they might contribute.

We can no longer ignore this situation to improve our dated facilities because ignoring the situation will not magically make these facilities better and more functional for our members and staff. We will delay no further.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to view the recording of the Town Hall, I think it is important that all members view it as it will not only address some of the costs involved but provides a historical perspective of recent efforts to improve the facilities. Please view the meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKJmGZFatI8>

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

A Message from the Chairman - December 2022 is based on the Chairman's Report from the Nov. 19, 2022 Board Meeting.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Nov. 19, 2022. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Director Lewis II, Ellen McClellan, and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Richard Ballard was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Burkett that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Nov. 19, 2022 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

There were zero (0) committee applications for approval.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director McClellan presented the Treasurer's report.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to ratify the Association's October 2022 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were three (3) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There were zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve **RESOLUTION #01-11-19-2022** as follows: Rule 3.01. The use of Association property is limited to members and guests. Valid membership/guest cards must be presented when requested by staff and those authorized by the general manager. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #02-11-19-2022**, the repairing of the Equestrian Center barn and doors, Reserve Item #1204, not to exceed (NTE)

\$24,000 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve and hereby resolve and designate Best Alliance Foreclosure and Lien Services Corp., as agent (Agent) for Association, and hereby authorizes Agent to prepare, sign and record a Notice of Voluntary Delinquent Assessment Lien and all other necessary and associated documents on Association's behalf, as agent, against and upon the above referenced property/owner to secure and collect all amounts owed to Association in accordance with the CC&R's of Association and the Civil Code of California. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve the Communications Committee Charter. **MOTION** withdrawn.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the Facility Use Fee Schedule in Business Policy G-1 (Facility Use). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to modify and reduce

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Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of October 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	1,725,564	1,721,544	4,020	
Operations/Maintenance	125,643	92,985	32,658	
Social Activity	262,863	263,750	(887)	
Projects	22,753	19,000	3,753	
Interest Income (Operating)	4,037	7,249	(3,212)	
Total Revenue	<u>2,140,860</u>	<u>2,104,528</u>	<u>36,332</u>	
Payroll Summary				
Wages	(787,969)	(824,453)	36,484	
Benefits	(128,833)	(126,756)	(2,077)	
Taxes	(64,075)	(70,267)	6,192	
Worker's Comp	(19,478)	(34,178)	14,700	
Total Payroll Expense	<u>(1,000,355)</u>	<u>(1,055,654)</u>	<u>55,299</u>	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	(855,332)	(896,195)	40,862	
Social Activity	(149,892)	(148,448)	(1,444)	
Operating Projects	(5,373)	(50,000)	44,627	
Designated Fund Projects	(92,252)	(80,485)	(11,767)	
Reserve Contribution	(182,400)	(182,400)	0	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>(1,285,250)</u>	<u>(1,357,528)</u>	<u>72,278</u>	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	(220,120)	220,120	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	30,693	0	30,693	
Total Other Transactions	<u>30,693</u>	<u>(220,120)</u>	<u>250,813</u>	
Total Change in Operating Fund	<u>(114,052)</u>	<u>(528,774)</u>	<u>414,722</u>	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,667,060	28,560	0.61%
22/23 Assessment Collection Update	5,168,214	4,935,855	232,359	4.50%
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2022 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	0	111,472	(105,513)	5,959
Operating Fund Cash Balance	3,219,537			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,747,193			

Respectfully Submitted



Ellen McClellan / Treasurer
November 19, 2022

* Due to the recommendation of the auditors during the 21/22 audit, the Reserve fund beginning balance has been moved to contract liability. See Reserve financial statement for more detail.

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

Yes, it is holiday time again. It is my favorite time of year with the crisp, cold weather and some snow. Most people, like me, enjoy this time of year. Not because we hope to get presents, but because we love to see the lights on houses, the decorations, and kinder attitudes as we greet people. Let's keep the season in mind and carry the kindness into the new year.

The staff worked hard decorating the outside trees for our annual drive-thru tree lighting held the day after Thanksgiving. We switched the tree lighting ceremony to a drive-thru event during Covid a couple years back, and parents seemed to really like it. So this new format has become tradition. Kids can be in their jammies, have their blankets, and enjoy the tree lighting from the warmth of their parents' cars. We serve cookies and hot chocolate as you drive by, and lights go on at 6pm sharp. This year, there was also Christmas caroling in the Commercial Center. We

hope everyone enjoyed the evening. The next day, we held our annual Holiday Craft Fair, with craft vendors in the Condor Room, the Lounge, Rec Room and in the Pavilion. It is always a great time to find special gifts for everyone.

On December 3rd, we have our annual Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast is served from 9am to 12pm and is \$8.50 per plate. Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 1st so we know how much food to buy.

On another note, the water company has recommended that the association start looking at capturing surface water, so here is an update on what we have done so far: Our staff completed the surface water capture project above the Archery Range. There was an old pipe filled with silt and holes that was no longer viable. Staff put in a new pipe and completed it just in time for the recent rain and snow. Water is flowing into Fern's Lake as the snow melts, and the rain surface water was captured.

Our staff also just completed another project, which was to remove the weeds by the fire station and heliport. The walking trail on the south side of Mil Potrero Highway, behind the Native Garden, was somewhat damaged from the recent rains and the snow. Staff worked and brought in more dirt for the walking trail. By taking these simple steps, we now are also capturing the runoff water from the rains and snow, and this water goes into the upper pond on the golf course.

Happy holidays, and everyone be safe and healthy.

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1. \$1000 for Rule 3.10 (verbal and physical confrontation with PMC Patrol)
2. \$250 for Rule 3.10 (Harassing behavior)
3. \$500 for EC Code 7.18 (nuisance and noxious activity)
4. \$500 for Rule 7.04 (trash with food left outside)
5. \$500 for Rule 7.04 (trash with food left outside)
6. \$500 for EC Code 7.13A (debris, weeds, hazardous fire condition)
7. \$500 for Rule 4.13 (excessive barking by dog)
8. \$1000 for EC Code 7.13C (exterior fire)
9. \$500 for EC Code 7.13A (debris, weeds, hazardous fire condition)
10. \$500 for Rule 4.12 (dog on property of others)
11. \$500 for EC Code 7.18 (nuisance and noxious activity)
12. \$250 for Rule 7.04 (trash with food left outside)
13. \$500 for EC Code 7.13A (debris, weeds, hazardous fire condition)
14. \$250 for Rule 4.11 (unleashed dog)
15. \$1000 for EC Code 7.13C (exterior fire)
16. \$500 for EC Code 7.18 (nuisance and noxious activity)

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the scope of the clubhouse complex revitalization project and authorize the acquisition of temporary housing for the administrative staff, Patrol and Environmental Control. **MOTION** withdrawn.

The board sent and received thirty-nine (39) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Dec. 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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***Please call or stop by the business office
to purchase tickets by December 1st***



COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

PMCPOA welcomes member input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on the members'-only side of the PMC website at www.pinemountainclub.net. Anonymous submissions will not be published, and individual submissions of a more personal nature that don't pertain to the membership in general may not be published.

There were no CCCs submitted for publication this month.

Toys for Tots Drive:

We have a Toys for Tots Box in the Clubhouse Lobby for NEW unopened toys. All toys collected go to children who live here on the mountain. Let's make a local child's Christmas a little better.

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Pro Shop Great for Holiday Shopping

The Pine Mountain Club Pro Shop carries a nice assortment of gift items, and can be a wonderful place to do your holiday shopping!

The shop has beverageware including wine glasses, pint glasses and shot glasses, some with logos, and PMC merch ranging from sweatshirts and beanies to hats.

Golf equipment such as balls, gloves and clubs are available for purchase, and there is a wide range of knickknacks including license plate frames, magnets and puzzles. Christmas cards are also available.

**The editorial and
advertising deadline
for the January 2023
Condor is Monday,
Dec. 12.**

Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

**Wednesday - Sunday
8 am to 2 pm**

**Wednesday - Saturday:
Breakfast 8-11 / Lunch 11-2**

**Sunday:
Breakfast 8-12 / Lunch 12-2**

**The Condor Café is open for
inside dining for breakfast
and lunch. Patio seating is
available weather permitting.
Takeout is also available;
please call 661-242-2233.**

Dinner

**Mon/Thur Night Football
Menu**

4 to 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays

4 to 8:30 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8:30pm. (The Bar is also open Thursdays through Saturdays.) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have a party of four or more, we require a reservation. You can call the café any time during our hours of operation at 661-242-2233 to place your reservation with a server.

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northern states and Canada. For some unknown reason, a group of these diving ducks have chosen Fern's Lake in PMC to winter. Bill and Liz Buchroeder have monitored this flock for several years. The ducks arrive in October and leave in



Fig. 2: The colorful oriole is not a great singer, but is a marvelous nest builder (CN)

March. Their numbers have been as high as 200. This is an unusually high number for any Southern California wintering ring-necked duck population. Fern's Lake must, indeed, be healthy for them.



Fig. 3: The western tanager favors our pine and fir forests (PS)

Then we have our juncos, chickadees and Anna's hummingbird. These little birds simply move up and down our mountain slopes during the seasons of the year. Dark-eyed juncos (Fig. 5) are generally found above 6,000 feet in the forests during the nesting season. Winter finds them widespread at lower elevations. They are joined by other juncos migrating south from mountains further north. The juncos join the sparrows and other seed eaters in our yards (and, of course, our bird-feeding stations). Mountain chickadees (Fig. 6) avoid snow and cold

Photographers

- Bill Buchroeder (BB)**
- Randy Cushman (RC)**
- Darlene Freeman (DF)**
- Mary McDevitt (MM)**
- Charles Noble (CN)**
- David Schindler (DS)**
- Patti Shoup (PS)**

in the upper forests by moving to lower woods to find insects and spiders. Anna's hummingbirds (Fig. 7) have two major food elements, energy-rich flower nectar and protein-rich insects and spiders. Most leave the PMC area in winter un-



Fig. 4: Come see the ring-necked ducks on Fern's Lake this winter (BB)

less someone maintains a hummingbird feeder. It is a short flight down San Emigdio Canyon to the San Joaquin Valley if it gets too cold for them here.

An amazing tiny bundle of energy is the rufous hummingbird (Fig. 8). It is less than 4 inches long and weighs no more than a dime, yet it travels 2,000 to 4,000 miles twice a year! Some rufous hummingbirds pass through our mountains



Fig. 5: This dark-eyed (Oregon) junco does not mind a little snow (CN)



Fig. 6: The busy mountain chickadee deftly forages in the outer foliage of our pines (PS)

each spring and late summer. They nest in mountain meadows in Canada and Alaska, and winter in Mexico. They are only occasionally seen here. But if they discover a hummingbird feeder or flower patch they like, they will get very bossy and try to scare other birds away.

A number of our local wild birds are

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Fig. 7: Any flower garden in PMC will be visited by the Anna's hummingbird (MM)



Fig. 8: This female rufous hummingbird is seen only occasionally in migration (DS)

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full-time residents. How do they do it? White-breasted nuthatches (Fig. 9) scamper down vertical tree trunks, searching for insects and other small invertebrates under bark flaps. Many of these small crea-



Fig. 9: Upside-down is right-side-up for the white-breasted nuthatch (DF)

tures overwinter under the bark for protection. The acrobatic moves of the nuthatch find some of these delicacies. Steller's jays (Fig. 10) collect and cache acorns and pine nuts for the times when other sources are depleted. Sunflower seeds at a bird feed-



Fig. 10: We can always expect this bold Steller's jay to declare its presence year-round (CN)

er are rapidly collected by a noisy flock. Acorn woodpeckers (Fig. 11) are unique birds. They are colonial and very organized. Each age group has its duties, including finding, storing and protecting acorn stashes, baby care, management of sap trees and protection from intruders, such as squirrels. Only the older adults breed. Individual colonies in PMC probably have outlived any of the individual birds.

Our wild avian neighbors are not simple. Their strategies for survival are complex and varied. Observing them is bound to bring entertainment, enlightenment and appreciation for these feathered dynamos.



Fig. 11: The loud, noisy, brassy acorn woodpecker is entertaining, but can be a pest (RC)

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

6:00 pm . Quilt Guild Business Mtg . Pool Pav
(April through December)

Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pool Pavilion

PMC Amateur Radio Club Meets on Third Sunday

The Pine Mountain Amateur Radio Club (PMARC) meets the third Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Pavilion. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call the office at 242-3788 or contact Tom Yancey at (661) 242-1094 or tomlyancey@gmail.com.



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Classes resume Jan. 4.

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is allowed in the lake at any
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Pickle Ball

Mon, 9-11am

Wed, 7-9pm

Sat, 9-11am

*Pickleball players gener-
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Friday, Dec. 2

6-9pm -- Steve Wilkinson
(Classic Rock & R&B)

Saturday, Dec. 3

7-11pm -- Dive Bar
Messiahs (60's & 70's
Classic Rock)

Friday, Dec. 9

6-9pm -- Asher Nicholson
and Friends (Folksy &
Mellow)

Saturday, Dec. 10

7-11pm -- Hollywood
Hillbillies (Country, Country
Rock)

Friday, Dec. 16

6-9pm -- Open mic night,
hosted by Zach Blue

Saturday, Dec. 17

7-11pm -- Bandit (Mix of
Classic Rock, Blues &
Country)

Friday, Dec. 23

No Entertainment

Saturday, Dec. 24

No Entertainment

Friday, Dec. 30

6-9pm -- Walt & Pam (Folk
Rock, Country, '50s, '60s, &
'70s)

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:30pm-12:30am -- (New
Year's Eve Party) Meridian
(Music from '60s, '70s &
'80s)

Property Addresses

*The property address must be
clearly marked on your home or a
sign post and be visible from the
road for emergency responders.*

Wood Pellet Orders Resume in January; Single Bags Offered

Let's Live Local wood pellet delivery to PMC began in the fall, and will resume next month.

Golden Fire Wood Pellets are delivered 2 tons at a time to your PMC lot. Two tons equals 100 40-pound bags on two 4 x 5 pallets. Deliveries are scheduled by area of PMC to reduce delivery time and cost.

Orders can be paid by check, cash, money order and Venmo. There are no wood pellet deliveries in December, but deliveries resume Tuesday, Jan.10, 2023, weather permitting. Count your remaining wood pellet bags and place your order ASAP. Full-time residents, estimate 31+ bags for December, 20-31 bags for January, 10-28 bags for February, 10-31 bags for March, 10-20 for April, 2-6 bags for May.

If you are interested in wood pellet delivery, please call Vicky at 661-242-6988 with your name, phone number and cross-streets.

Lets Live Local also offers single bags of pellets \$7.30 per bag. Contact Debra at (310) 704-9020 to pay (check, cash or Venmo) and arrange for pickup if interested in single bags.

Condor Lounge Hours

Mon/Thu, 4-10 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.

Football happy hour

4-10pm Mon/Thu

Well drinks and domestic beers

Rec Room Hours:

Fall/Winter Hours

**12-5pm Fri, Sat, Sun
and school holidays**

**(Rec Room open 12/26/22 –
1/8/23 for Winter Break)**

Arts and Crafts for Kids

Sundays, 3-5pm

PMC Clubhouse Rec Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees meet live. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Friday, Dec. 2 (First Friday)

DARK Greens and Grounds Pro Shop

2 pm Environmental Control Condor Room

Saturday, Dec. 3 (First Saturday)

9 am Governing Documents ZOOM

1 pm Planning Pool Pavilion

Tuesday, Dec. 6 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Wednesday, Dec. 14 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room

Saturday, Dec. 17 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room

Saturday, Dec. 24 (Fourth Saturday)

DARK Emergency Preparedness (Location TBD)

DARK CERT CERT Facility

Need Gifts for Kids?

The Mountain Community Family Resource Center is taking applications for children ages 0-18 to receive gifts. Call 661-245-4303 or go to the Family Resource Center at 3015 Mt. Pinos Way, Suite 201 in Frazier Park to fill out an application. Last day to apply is Dec. 2.

Firewood Stacking:

Firewood should be stacked neatly, with as few voids as possible, at least 10 feet from the structure and should have surface fuels removed (pine needles, etc.), at least 3 feet around. Earth-tone tarps are acceptable if securely fastened.

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