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 See Page 8 for details.



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## Discounted Ambulance Service Plans Offered Through PMCPOA

PMCPOA is again offering the membership an opportunity to sign up for the EmeriCare Membership Plan, an annual membership program offered by Hall Ambulance Service, at a discounted group rate.

By signing up through the PMCPOA group program, members can purchase the one-year plan for \$100 and save \$25 off the standard rate. The fee for individual family plans is \$125, but by signing up through the association, you receive the discounted group rate. The \$100 plan covers the entire household, including spouses and all unmarried children under 21 years of age.

This offer is open to members in good standing. Please note that this service plan does not cover other ambulance companies, nor does it cover air transport.

Applications are available in the Business Office, and must be completed and returned to the office by the end of February.

For more information, contact the Business Office at 242-3788.

## Meet Your Board of Directors

Bryan Skelly, a long-time hi-tech industry professional who retired in 2016 but then went back to work in 2019, is finishing out the third and final year of his current term on the PMCPOA Board of Directors.



“I have spent over 40 years in the hi-tech industry, retiring from Intel in 2016 as an Engineering Manager developing servers and server components,” said Skelly.

**Bryan Skelly**

During his stint at Intel, he was tasked with managing department budgets of roughly \$10,000,000 per year, as well as managing a direct staff of 8 to 13 employees and program managing multiple highly complex engineering projects each year, he said. “Additionally, during my years in the hi-tech industry, I have been fortunate enough to be able to extensively travel throughout the U.S. and the world while working with the industry’s finest talent. That experience has given me both a global and pragmatic perspective on the art of management.”

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## Serving on the Board is a Great Way to Volunteer Here

Looking to volunteer in PMC? Love living or vacationing in Pine Mountain Club? Want to keep it beautiful? Make it better? Add an activity not currently offered? Serving on the PMCPOA Board of Directors offers many opportunities for leadership to those with creative ideas and a desire to actively volunteer.

For those interested in running for the Board, Letters of Intent to run must be submitted, signed and dated, along with a one-page resume, to the office no later than April 9 by 5:00 p.m.

If you are a PMC member in good standing, you are eligible to run for election. The Elections Committee, made up of representatives from all PMC committees,

forms each year at this time. They look for dedicated members interested in participating in PMC’s governance; and they are there to assist potential candidates through the election filing process — from letters of intent to understanding the rules of signage, and the two forums (one on a Friday night, the other on a Saturday afternoon) that help introduce candidates to the community.

What does a member need to bring to the job? Your talents and skills, e.g., experience in management, budgeting and accounting, communications, maintenance, non-profit leadership, law or other areas of experience that can benefit the association and community.

And yes, Board service takes time: One Saturday a month for open board and executive board meetings, an additional meeting as a committee liaison and more

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## Tips for Preparing for the Next Winter Storm

*Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Were you prepared for the Christmas Day storm with more than 2 feet of snow? Because of the drought years, many newer residents in PMC had never experienced a snowfall of that amount. If the current weather pattern holds up for the next couple of months, we could be experiencing more storms. Now is the time to prepare for upcoming storms.

### **HEAT:**

- Have an alternate heating source if the power goes out. Make sure you have plenty of pellets and firewood, and have them where you can access them. Have wood up near your door or on your porch and pellets where they are easily accessible.
- If you have a portable generator, try starting it and have plenty of fuel. Never run a generator inside the garage and keep it away from all doors or other openings.
- Check your propane tank levels frequently. Call for the propane company to come and fill your tank any time it gets down to 50%. As many found out during the Christmas storms, propane trucks cannot always get up to PMC when we have snowy roads.

### **FOOD:**

- Stock up on non-perishable food. Make sure you have food for at least a week or more. Have extra food for your pets and extra medications. You may not be able to get to the store. If the power goes out, have an alternate way of cooking. One-burner butane stoves are safe to use inside, propane camping stoves are not.
- Have a supply of flashlights and battery-operated lanterns.

### **SNOW SHOVELING:**

- Have one or two sturdy shovels, or a snow blower. Ergonomically designed shovels can help reduce the amount of bending you have to do.
- Know your health limitations when shoveling snow. Snow shoveling can lead to several health risks for many people, from back injuries to heart attacks.
- Push the snow rather than lifting it. When you do have to lift snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.
- Dress in layers and remove them as you get warm to help maintain a comfortable body temperature.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling or playing outdoors in the snow.
- Have a bag of sand, cinders or non-clumping kitty litter to add traction to slippery surfaces.

### **CARS:**

- Make sure your car is ready for cold and snowy weather. Have the proper tires, and always carry chains or other approved traction devices. Practice installing the chains before the cold snowy weather.

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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.

# When Shopping for Traction Devices, Don't Forget About Your Feet!

With the winter weather of late, we are hearing a lot about the absolute need for snow tires, chains and other vehicular traction devices.

But, did you know that there are traction devices for your shoes, too? These can be tremendously helpful when walking across slippery driveways or parking lots, or when out walking or hiking during the winter.

These devices typically work on your feet in much the same way that chains or Spikes-Spiders work on your car. They usually have coils in a diamond pattern that are attached to straps that go around the outside of your shoes. The coils cover the bottom of your shoes and can be plain, or can have little spikes on them, just like snow tires do.

**Members, if you are going out of town for any period of time, please come to the Business Office and complete a "Vacation Check Form" with Patrol. The Patrol staff will monitor your home while you are away.**

One of the better-known brands for these snow cleats is Yaktrax. Pricing runs from about \$18 to \$60, depending upon the level of traction you want. Some of the models have just the coils and are intended for walking, while the more expensive types have spikes that help with running in the snow. For serious athletics in the snow and on icy surfaces, micro spikes or crampons are recommended.

YakTrax are available at most sporting goods stores, and can be ordered off Amazon or off the company's website at yaktrax.implus.com.

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**<https://www.facebook.com/Pine-Mountain-Club-Property-Owners-Association-483903745518764/>**

### PMCPOA

### Office Hours:

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Mon-Fri**

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**Thank you,  
Karin Shulman, GM**

### **'STORM'** Continued from page 2

- Always have at least half a tank of gas.
- Carry an Emergency Kit in your car with warm clothes, flashlights and batteries and extra food and water. Carry a small shovel and kitty litter.
- Park your car facing out near the street (but back far enough to not hinder the plows and have the berm pushed into the car). This will make for less shoveling to get out.
- DO NOT park your car on the street. If a car is parked on the street, the snowplows will not come down that street.
- Unless it is an emergency STAY HOME!

**Final Safety Note:** Make sure you have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and a working fire extinguisher.



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## PMC Golf Course Snow Play Rules

We've had some wonderful snow lately. Please remember that there are rules to follow when playing in the snow on the course, and, it must have at least 6 inches of snow on it before anyone can sled or play on it.

Here is the official list of Golf Course Snow Play Rules:

1. There must be at least 6 inches of snow on the course for it to be open for play.
2. The driving range, fairways and rough between the fairways are the only areas to be used.
3. No play will be allowed on the golf course greens (flat areas with flagsticks).
4. The Golf Shop and Golf Course Maintenance personnel will make the determination if the course will be open for play.
5. Please call the Pro Shop or Business Office to confirm prior to snow play.

Thank you for your cooperation on this.

### Golf Shop Hours:

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Fri Dinner -- 5-8:30 pm  
Sat Dinner -- 5-8:30 pm  
Sun Bar Food -- 2-5 pm

## PMCPOA Newsbriefs

### **Toxic Roundup at Lebec Transfer Site is Next Month**

Toxic Roundup at the Lebec Transfer Site will be Saturday, March 28th from 9am to noon. Take automotive fluids, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, paint, pesticides, sharps, etc. Transportation Guidelines: Make sure containers are not leaking and are properly labeled, and keep wastes separated and away from passengers.

### **Speed Limit Reminder**

Please obey the speed limit in PMC. The speed limit on all PMC roads is 25 mph. This is especially important during the winter months when roads may be icy. Let's protect our wildlife, and ourselves.

## **Prepping Your Car for Winter Driving**

If you don't already have them, please purchase snow chains for your tires. Here is a helpful listing of where you can buy them in or near our area:

- Ace Hardware — Frazier Park
- CarQuest Auto Parts — Lebec
- O'Reilly Auto Parts — Castaic
- Walmart — Stevenson Ranch
- Amazon

Another option is Spikes-Spiders. For more information about these, please visit [www.spikes-spiders.com](http://www.spikes-spiders.com).

### **Kern Transit News**

Kern Transit's bus service to and from Pine Mountain Club (Route 210) will continue all winter — depending upon weather and road conditions. To check whether a scheduled bus will be arriving, call (800) 323-2396 and press 1 to speak with a live dispatcher.

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# Beef Stroganoff: A Classic Entree That's Sure to Please

*Michael Beurer, PMCPOA Food and Beverage Manager*

Here is this month's recipe from Chef Mike! A nice, hearty meal for a cold winter's night.

## DESCRIPTION

Classic Beef Stroganoff is cooked with an amazing creamy mushroom sauce and served over egg noodles. And it all comes together in under 30 minutes!

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound wide egg noodles
- 4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) butter, divided
- 1.5 pounds thinly-sliced steak (I use flank steak)
- Kosher salt and freshly-cracked black pepper
- 1 small white onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound sliced mushrooms (I use a mix of button and baby bella mushrooms)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (or you can substitute in more beef broth)
- 1.5 cups beef broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt or light sour cream
- Optional garnishes: chopped fresh parsley, extra black pepper

## INSTRUCTIONS

Cook egg noodles al dente in boiling, generously salted water according to package instructions. (For optimal timing, I recommend actually adding the egg noodles to the boiling water at the same time that the beef broth is added to the stroganoff.)

Meanwhile, as your pasta water is coming to a boil, melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large saute pan\*\* over medium-high heat. Add the steak in a single layer, seasoned with a few generous pinches of salt and pepper, and let it cook undisturbed for about 3 minutes to get a good sear. Flip the steak, and cook on the other

side until browned, about another 3 minutes. Then remove steak from pan with a slotted spoon, and transfer to a separate plate. Set aside.

\*\*If your pan is not big enough to fit all of the steak in a single layer, then add just 1 tablespoon of butter to the pan and cook half of the steak. Then repeat with a second batch.

Return pan to heat and add the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Once it has melted, add the onions and sauté for about 3 minutes. Add garlic and mushrooms, and stir to combine. Continue sauteing for an additional 5-7 minutes, or until the mushrooms are cooked and the onions are soft. Add the white wine, and de-glaze the pan by using your cooking spoon to scrape the brown bits off the bottom of the pan. Let the mixture cook down for an additional 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a separate bowl, whisk together the beef broth, Worcestershire sauce and flour until smooth. Pour the beef

broth mixture into the pan, and stir to combine. Let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Then stir in the Greek yogurt (or sour cream) until combined, and then stir the cooked steak back in. Season with additional salt and pepper if needed.

Serve over the egg noodles, garnished with parsley if desired, and enjoy!

## Archery Club Time!

*It's a new year, and that means it's time to renew your Archery Club membership. Membership runs Jan. 1 – Dec 31, 2020. Cost is \$15 for individual memberships or \$20.00 per family. Come by the Business office to sign up or renew.*



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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II  
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

The budget process for 2020/2021 has started with committee and department submissions on the form known as the A-2 for the budget working group and the Board to start reviewing as the budget gets developed.



Each year, the chairman appoints a working group to begin the budget review process and serve to recommend to the Board the preliminary budget. As such, I am going to appoint the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee as has been done in the past — Ellen McClellan — along with the treasurer — Cam Acosta — and Directors Phyllis Throckmorton and Peggy Hoyt-Voelker to join me on this working group. We will be posting the required open meeting dates for members to attend as the budget gets developed.

We will be reaching out to members in

the coming weeks to ascertain who might have grant writing experience and be willing to assist our efforts in requesting funds that may be available through grants to address fire safety and other needs.

As you might recall if you attended the last Board meeting or read my message in the previous Condor newsletter, I commented on the importance of communication. It was brought to my attention after the December meeting that it is also important to provide reminders when necessary to members of actions or decisions that were previously approved or discussed.

It's important to remember that we may have new members who may not have sat in on the meetings when the remodeling project was being discussed at several open meetings and at the Board meetings; they weren't present when we discussed why the pool is being relocated; they don't

understand the efforts to make our clubhouse ADA compliant; or they might not have been present during other significant discussions. Yes, there are minutes from these meetings and there is an inventory of past meetings available on video where members can view and listen to the comments and discussion.

However, some members do not review and some were not present. So, we must have a little patience when discussions are generated involving matters that many of us take for granted because we were there and heard and others were not. The assumptions and misinformation can often be clarified — we just need to take the time to do so. I've learned that members who only receive one side of a story from storytellers with their own agenda appreciate knowing the other side, and so we — as an association — must strive to keep communications open to keep members better informed.

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Jan. 18, 2020. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://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: Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis, Dianne Pennington, Bryan Skelly and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Acosta was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were no (0) committee applications for approval.

There was one (1) Environmental Control Committee project recommended and zero (0) cottage industry permits.

**MOTION** by Director Burkett, **SEC-**

**OND** by Director Harmon that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Jan. 18, 2020 be adopted. **MOTION carried.**

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION carried.**

Chairman Lewis presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to ratify the Association's December 2019 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION carried.**

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to amend **RESOLUTION #01-01-18-2020**, revision to Association Rule, Article 21 (EC Code Section 7.13C) to replacing the word "within" to "with." And add pellet smok-

ers. **MOTION carried.**

**MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to amend **RESOLUTION #02-01-18-2020**, the revision to Association Rule, Article 20 (Election Rules) as updated by legal. **MOTION carried.**

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #03-01-18-2020**, the purchase and installation of a new Superbox Fuel Management System not to exceed (NTE) \$14,077.35 from the operating fund. **MOTION carried.**

**REMOVED - MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to remove **RESOLUTION #04-01-18-2020**, the changes to Bylaw 3.07 LOANS FOR NON-EMERGENCY PURPOSES and to send to legal and the Governing Documents Committee for review to be placed on the agenda at the March Board meet-

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# Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.  
 Treasurer's Report  
 As of December 31, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,315,773	2,318,984	(3,211)
Operations/Maintenance	140,319	91,220	49,099
Social Activity	367,801	302,080	65,721
Interest Income (Operating)	20,998	15,610	5,388
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,844,891</b>	<b>2,727,894</b>	<b>116,997</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Operations/Maintenance	2,049,535	2,217,627	(168,092)
Social Activity	526,170	568,092	(41,922)
Operating Projects	42,616	0	42,616
Designated Fund Projects	26,659	0	26,659
Reserve Contribution	177,998	177,998	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,822,977</b>	<b>2,963,717</b>	<b>(140,740)</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue Over Expense</b>	<b>21,914</b>	<b>(235,823)</b>	<b>257,736</b>

**Payroll Summary**

Payroll Wages	1,053,007	1,111,446	(58,439)
Payroll Benefits	175,628	210,910	(35,282)
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	148,317	170,947	(22,630)
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>1,376,952</b>	<b>1,493,303</b>	<b>(116,351)</b>

	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,215,715	15,737
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,507,457	124,093

**Reserve Fund Update**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance December 31, 2019
2,579,463	683,988	(124,800)	3,138,650

Operating Fund Cash Balance	3,001,745
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,316,652

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer

January 18, 2019



# --- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Mary Hansen last month. Mary served on the Board of Directors, and was an interim manager for the PMCPOA Association. She was a great supporter of all the association amenities and was very vocal in her support, and has served on countless committees and special projects over the years. She was one of the long-time pillars of PMC, and we will all miss

her greatly.

On a brighter note, there are some fun events coming up this month that we can look forward to. Super Bowl LIV is Sunday, Feb. 2. Come to the Clubhouse for the big game and cheer on your favorite team with your friends. The party starts at 3 p.m., and there will be drink specials during the game, raffles with prizes and a tailgate food buffet for \$15 including tax. There will also be two big-screen TVs for your

viewing pleasure.

Then on Feb. 14, which is a Friday, a Valentine's Dinner will be offered at the Clubhouse from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the Condor Room and Lounge. Come enjoy a special dinner with a special someone. Reservations are available in the office.

Later in the month, we have our annual Mardi Gras party on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with a delicious Cajun food menu available. The Rich Herman Band will entertain us that evening.

Finally, I want to continue to remind everyone to be prepared for winter weather, which can strike again at any time. Please make sure your car has adequate traction and that you have emergency supplies on hand at home. In the event of another big snowfall, we have plowing and cinder-dropping methods and protocols, and the Board has requested the formation of a snow plow operations task force to be formed. The task force will report back to the Board in April with ideas and recommendations.



**Join us for our Annual Mardi Gras Party!**  
**Saturday February 22nd**  
**PMC Condor Room and Lounge.**  
**New Orleans style dinner 5-8:30pm**

Appetizer  
 Shrimp Po' Boy Sliders \$10.65

Entrée's  
 Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo \$19.25  
 Cajun Fried Catfish \$17.95

Dessert  
 Bourbon Bread Pudding \$5.50

*The regular menu will also be available*

**The Rich Herman Band 7-11pm**



## Want to Order Pellets?

Let's Live Local provides an opportunity to order pellets as a co-op. If there is enough interest, the remaining order will be delivered in February.

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# Snow Removal Protocol Reminders

The snow this year has been a wonderful return to PMC’s typical winter weather of previous years.

The main goal of the PMCPOA plowing team is to provide an expedient and efficient snow removal operation. There are two steps implemented to accomplish this. (1) During snowfalls, snow crew concentrate on keeping our main roadways passable for emergency and high-volume traffic flows, and (2) after the snowfall subsides, the crews concentrate efforts on clearing snow from all streets for public use as promptly as possible.

A reminder, however, that if cars are parked on the street following a storm, your street will not be plowed. The plows slip and slide on ice and could run into any cars parked on the street. To keep PMC-POA’s drivers safe, they will not plow a street if a car/cars are parked on it. Association Rule Article 6:6.06 reads, in part, “Parking on Association roads, including unpaved as well as paved portions thereof, is not permitted.” Cars are subject to being towed away if they are parked on the street.

This includes cars belonging to guests. 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 a public parking lot.

Also, do not play, ski, toboggan, sled or snowmobile on roadways, snow berms or along roadway edges, and please make sure your children don’t play in the streets. Cars, trucks and snowplows cannot stop quickly on snow and ice. There have been close calls, and we don’t want anything tragic to happen.

Please tell all tenants/guests who are staying in your home to be aware of these protocols too.

Thank you.

## ‘BOARD’ Continued from page 1

than likely, a special meeting or two as needed to help fulfill association needs.

But, what doesn’t take time? And where is it more meaningful to give that time than in making the place where you live better?

If Board service interests you, but you’d like to know more about it and who serves, look no further than the current Board. It is made up of people from a wide variety of backgrounds and career fields, each with their own interests and ideas, working together collegially on your behalf. They will be happy to share their experiences with you — and perhaps convince you that Board service is for you.

For further information on the election process or to obtain a candidate election packet, visit or call the office at 661-242-3788.

## Please Pick Up After Pets at the Dog Park

The Dog Park (in the corner of the PMCPOA Campground) is now open to all members and their guests (no locks on gate). Please maintain the area (pick up dog poop, etc. and put it in trash bins). If it is not kept up, the dog park will be closed permanently.

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# **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](http://www.pinemountainclub.net).*

Thank you for your submissions to the Compliments, Concerns and Compliments Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love.

Look for responses in the Condor. Please be sure to include your contact information. While your name will not be published or posted, we don't respond to anonymous submissions.

If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

## **COMPLIMENTS**

• One of the most outstanding offerings in PMC is the Tai Chi class on M-W-F. Until you try to find a great Tai Chi class off the mountain, you have no idea how fortunate we are to have such a high-quality class for a little over a dollar a class. In my humble opinion, everyone over 50 ought to be taking Tai Chi (and, okay, ev-

eryone under 50).

**Response:** Thank you for the compliment. Tai Chi is one of our most popular classes. We are happy that we can offer the class.

• We LOVED the band tonight (Gil & Friends)! Great lounge band...very pleasant. Please consider booking this band more often.

**Response:** We are happy you loved the band. The recreation manager does a great job reaching out to new bands to have them play here.

## **COMPLIMENT & CONCERN**

• Enjoyed a fun-filled evening at the New Year's Eve festivities. We were a table of four (table 8). The band, bar and wait staff (Jean and Ann) were top-notch. But, we were the first to be served appetizers and salad, and the last to receive our dinner. Even the table next to us wondered where our food was. My husband went to the kitchen to see what the holdup was. It took an hour-plus from apps and salad to

get the entree; most tables were finishing their dinner. When we talked to the food and beverage manager, his excuse was because of the timing of the meat, though all came out medium rare. And actually, one should have been medium well. Overall, it was a great evening with just a couple of glitches.

**Response:** We are happy that you enjoyed the New Year's Eve festivities. We are sorry you had trouble getting your food in a timely manner. The information will be passed on to the Food and Beverage Manager.

**Want to Talk With the Board Chairman?**

If members would like to speak with the PMCPOA Board of Directors Chairman, there is a way to do so.

To book some one-on-one time with Board Chairman Bill Lewis II, contact the front desk and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

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**'DIRECTORS' Cont. from page 1**

Skelly "un-retired" in February 2019, he said, and is now working as a project manager developing in-flight entertainment systems for Panasonic Avionics in Orange County.

Skelly and his wife, Donna, have owned a home in Pine Mountain Club since 2013. He ran for and was elected to the board in 2017. "I ran for the board because it was clear that spending was getting out of hand on the Bistro (now called the "Condor Cafe"), and because of Bill Gurtner's statement in December 2016 that he wouldn't put the clubhouse refurbishment project up for a vote of the members," explained Skelly. "In my opinion, this board of directors has too much power, and the members don't have

enough say in whether expensive projects are approved or whether we should take on large amounts of long-term debt." He added, "Also, the vast majority of associations in California do not allow bylaw changes to take place prior to membership approval, while this association allows the board to change bylaws with immediate effectivity without membership approval."

Since being elected, Skelly says there have been a number of accomplishments that he is proud of, including reducing the subsidies for the cafe. "My greatest successes so far in serving on the Board have been reducing the subsidies required for the Condor Café, improving transparency in financial reporting, requiring that the board decide during open board meetings whether or

not to place member-sponsored bylaw amendments on the ballot, getting the golf course restrooms refurbished, getting asphalt for the cart paths completed as well as the RV park and getting security cams placed throughout sensitive areas of the association."

The biggest challenge he's faced while serving on the board, he said, is that it doesn't meet as often as he believes it should in order to be effective. "In my opinion, the board doesn't meet often enough. For all intents and purposes, PMCPOA is a quazi-government, and meeting just once a month does not allow for a full vetting of issues at hand or a full review of projects in flight. For example, progress on the pool has not progressed near fast enough, and as a result, may leave members with no swimming pool for the upcoming season. I do plan to bring up fixing the old pool again, probably in the March or April board meeting when we get more clarity on the construction timeline. It appears that no-one is project managing the vendors we have signed to get this project completed."

For the remainder of his term, which expires in June, Skelly said his goals are, "resolving the current hot issues on member voting to approve high-dollar projects and loans, and to come up with a workable solution for snow berms." As for running for the board again, he said he may consider that down the road, but not right away. "As I am currently working full time in Orange County, I am not planning on running for re-election during this term. I just do not have the bandwidth to continue to put in the hours required. But I may indeed run again after I retire for the 'final' time."

When he's not working or spending time on board of director duties, Skelly says his personal interests are traveling the world, wine making, cooking and boating. He said that what he loves best about PMC is, "the fresh air, the beautiful mountain scenery by day and insurmountable views of the stars at night, and the friendly community atmosphere." He added, "I have made PMC my home, and I don't plan on ever moving again!"

**Do We Have Your Contact Information?**

Does PMCPOA have your current phone number? This is important so that the Association can contact you if there is ever an urgent issue at your PMC home.

Please fill out and return the Information Update form you received with your assessment package, or call the office and give the receptionist your contact information.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Notice Regarding Collection Fees on Late Assessments**

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# Remember: If It's Too Cold for YOU Out There, It's Too Cold for THEM

*PMC Patrol*

Now that winter temperatures are dipping below freezing, PMC Patrol would like to remind residents that it's time to bring your pets indoors, especially at night.

The American Veterinary Association advises that dogs and cats should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but this is not true.

Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other "snow dogs," are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. To do so is considered animal cruelty/neglect.

Cold cars also pose significant risk to your pet's health. Your car can rapidly cool down in cold weather, and becomes like a refrigerator. Pets that are young, old, ill or thin are particularly susceptible to cold environments and should never be left in cold cars. Limit car trav-



el to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

PMCPOA Animal Control Rule 4.07 states that pets shall not be left outside unattended between dusk and dawn. Animal Control Rule 4.10 states that every

reasonable precaution shall be used to ensure animals are not abused, abandoned or neglected as defined by Kern County Ordinance 7.08.110. Violations of the PMCPOA Animal Control Rules may result in a citation, and a fine of up to \$1,000 for the first offense.

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ing. **MOTION carried.**

**REMOVED - MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to remove **RESOLUTION #05-01-18-2020**, the changes to Bylaw 3.08 ADVISORY VOTE FOR LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS and send to legal and the Governing Documents Committee for review and to be placed on the agenda at the March bBard meeting. Directors Burkett, Gabriel, Harmon, Hoyt-Voelker, Pennington and Skelly approved. Director Throckmorton opposed. **MOTION carried.**

**MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to approve the forming of the Election Committee.

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Skelly to approve the Recreation Committee charter. **MOTION carried.**

**REMOVED - MOTION** to approve the Planning Committee approved/recommended A-2 project for the Emergency Preparedness Committee, NTE \$3,500, funded in the 2020/2021 Budget Operating Fund.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Skelly to approve the A-2 project to construct a cover for the P.O. boxes located at Mil Potrero Highway and Tirol Drive, required by the post office, NTE \$18,700, funded in the 2020/2021 Budget

Operating Fund. **MOTION carried.**

**REMOVED - MOTION** to approve the Planning Committee approved/recommended A-2 project for the Strategic Plan Survey, NTE \$2,725, funded in the 2020/2021 Budget Operating Fund.

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to appoint a task force for snow operations, reporting to the Board at the April Board meeting. **MOTION carried.**

The Board sent and received 15 items of correspondence.

The next regular open Board meeting will take place on Feb. 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

## Clubhouse Hosts Congressman's Rep Every Month

Do you have questions you'd like to ask about federal and state issues?

If so, there is a monthly opportunity to get answers and clarifications and to receive assistance with issues pertaining to veterans and those with disabilities.

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### Rec Room Schedule

12 to 6 p.m.

**Saturdays and Sundays &  
school holidays**

*Ages 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult (18 & up). Ages 8-9 may be accompanied by those 15 and older. Ages 10 & up may use the Rec Room unaccompanied as long as they follow all association/Rec Room rules.*

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### **Want to Be on Email Blast List?**

PMCPOA has an effective email blast system that is used to provide information in the quickest way possible.

While many members are already receiving these emails, many are not yet on the list. This established system is being used to enhance the timely distribution of information to the membership. However, the system is only effective if the Business Office has your email address. The list is growing, but the staff needs to have as many of the members provide email addresses as possible to maximize effectiveness.

Please stop by the office and sign up, or email your request to the office at [receipt@pmcpoa.com](mailto:receipt@pmcpoa.com). It will be worth your while to do so.

Every first Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Congressman Kevin McCarthy sends his field representative to the Mountain Communities to answer questions. The gathering takes place in the Pool Pavilion, and there is a rotating group of constituents who attend. It is open to everyone. Assemblyman Vince Fong also sends his field representative at the same time.

This month's gathering takes place on Feb. 6.

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### *Join us for...* **Sketching Saturdays!**

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**Recreation Room**

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### Condor Lounge Hours

***Mon-Thur: 4-8 p.m.***

***Friday: 4-10 p.m.***

***Saturday: 2-11 p.m.***

***Sunday: 1-8 p.m.***

***Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m.  
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## **Assessment Prepayments**

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### PMCPOA Transfer

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# Fitness Schedule

**Tai Chi** . 9:30-10:30 am Monday . Wednesday . Friday

**Cardio Dance** .

8-9 am Monday

**Yoga** . 11 am to Noon

Monday . Tuesday .

Thursday

**Cardio Dance & Tone**

. 8-9:00 am Tuesday

**Low Impact Toning**

. 9:10 to 10 am .

Tuesday . Thursday

**Drumfit/Bodyworks** .

8-9 am Wednesday

**Cardio Groove** .

8-9:00 am Thursday

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## Guitar Society

### Monthly Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 13 from 4-5 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22 at Noon, both in the Pool Pavilion.

*Reminder: It is against the rules to collect firewood on Association property without permission from the EC Officer.*

### **Aging in Place Task Force Meeting** **3:30pm**

Second Sunday of month  
**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
**Pool Pavilion**

## Celtic Jam

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.  
**Condor Room/Lounge**  
*Bring an instrument and play along, or just sit back and enjoy the music.*

## Entertainment Line-Up:

### Fri/Sat Nights

Saturday, Feb. 1  
7-11pm -- Runaway (Country, Classic & Southern Rock)

Friday, Feb. 7  
7pm -- Justin Walker (American Primitive Guitarist & Songwriter)

Saturday, Feb. 8  
7-11pm -- Karson City Rebels (Mix of Country & Rock 'n' Roll)

Friday, Feb. 14  
7pm -- Steve Burkett and Friends (Soft Rock)

Saturday, Feb. 15  
7-11pm -- Boys Nite Out (Classic Oldies, Rock & Blues)

Friday, Feb. 21  
7pm -- Steve Kramer (Acoustic Solo Classic Rock)

Saturday, Feb. 22  
7-11pm -- The Rich Herman Band/Mardi Gras Party (Mix of Rock & Motown Soul)

Friday, Feb. 28  
8:30pm -- Jukebox Night

Saturday, Feb. 29  
7-11pm -- Walt & Pam (Folk Rock, Country, '50s, '60s, '70s)



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# Activities

## **Mondays**

12:45-4:00 pm . Bridge . CR

## **Tuesdays**

1:30pm Mahjong Club PP  
6 pm . Celtic Jam . CL

## **Wednesdays**

12:45-4:00 pm . Bridge . CR

## **Thursdays**

10:00 am . Skins Golf  
4-6pm . Guitar Society . PP  
(2nd Thursday)

## **Fridays**

7pm . Friday Night Live . CL

## **Saturdays**

12pm . Guitar Society . PP  
(4th Saturday)  
3pm . Garden Club . PP  
(DARK until Spring)

7-11pm . Live Music . CL

## **Sundays**

2-4 pm . Amateur Radio  
Club . PP . (3rd Sunday)  
2-5pm . Sierra Club . CR  
(DARK until Spring)

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# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**All committee meetings are open to  
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## **Saturday, Feb. 1 (First Saturday)**

9:00 am **Governing Documents** Pool Pavilion  
1:00 pm **Planning** Pool Pavilion

## **Tuesday, Feb. 4 (First Tuesday)**

12 Noon **Equestrian** Equestrian Center

## **Wednesday, Feb. 5 (First Wednesday)**

10:00 am **Recreation** Lounge

## **Friday, Feb. 7 (First Friday)**

10:00 am **Greens and Grounds** Golf Shop  
2:00 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

## **Saturday, Feb. 8 (Second Saturday)**

9:00 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room  
10:00 am **Communications** Pool Pavilion  
10:00 am **CERT** Condor Room

## **Wednesday, Feb. 12 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**

5:00 pm **Budget & Finance** Pool Pavilion

## **Saturday, Feb. 15 (Third Saturday)**

10:00 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg.** Condor Rm

## **Pickle Ball**

### **Mondays**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **Wednesdays**

**7 p.m.**

**PMC Tennis/  
Pickleball Courts**

*The editorial and  
advertising deadline for  
the March 2020 Condor  
is Monday, Feb. 10,  
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*Content can be  
submitted to the editor  
at [rwilde@pmcpoa.com](mailto:rwilde@pmcpoa.com).*

## GUILD ACTIVITIES

### **Every Monday**

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool  
Pavilion

### **Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays**

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone .  
Pool Pavilion

### **First Thursday**

6:30 pm . Quilt Guild  
Business Meeting . Pool  
Pavilion

### **Every Friday**

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More  
Pool Pav (9-1:30/3rd Fri)

### **First Saturday**

1-4 . Knitting Guild . Mil  
Potrero Mutual Water Co.