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Virtual Meeting will be held on March 15th. Please call 661-862-5032 for details.

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**Spring forward: Time to set
your clocks forward an hour
at bedtime on March 12.**



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Our World of Nature

Pre-built Cabins for Birds

By Lynn Stafford with Liz and Bill Buchroeder and Terre Ashmore

Many birds create wonderful nest structures, such as snug little hummingbird nest cups, woven socks that orioles construct, blackbird nests hanging over water in reeds and cattails and large eagle and hawk platform nests high in trees, cliffs and power poles.

However, several local bird species prefer to find already constructed snug "cabins" that are free for the taking (if one gets there first). We have several species of woodpeckers in our mountains. All of them drill cavities into wood for their nests. Mostly, these holes are in dead wood. Often, these burrows are abandoned after nesting and remain empty for years. There are 15 or more local species of birds that utilize these "pre-fab digs." Most of these hole-nesters will come to properly built nest boxes, as well, especially if a reliable water source is nearby.



Fig. 1: Male American kestrel (RC)

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A Message Regarding the STR Working Group

Bill Lewis II, Chairman, PMCPOA Board of Directors

As you may recall, the board approved a resolution last October to modify Article 22 to prohibit new property owners from operating short-term rentals (STR's) in compliance with Assembly Bill 3182 and Civil Code 4741. Our legal counsel reviewed and approved the changes with respect to compliance with the civil code and our governing documents.

The resolution included the following: The board recognizes the economic viability potentially related directly or indirectly to short-term rentals with respect to the financial well-being of the commercial businesses operating within Pine Mountain Club and the constantly evolving residential real estate market absent verifiable data and analysis; and, the board acknowledges the possibility of a reduced inventory of short-term rentals through attrition resulting from these amendments that could impact the economic viability or property values in the future; and, consequently, the board authorizes periodic reviews of any information or data shared or made available related to these amendments and the economic viability, and further directs an assessment to be conducted five years after the implementation date of this resolution in consideration of any related economic effect and its impact on the community.

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Notice of Special Open Board Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2022
10am, Condor Room

Budget Discussion

Please see Draft Summary Budget, page 3

Election Filing Deadline is 3/28

The filing deadline for potential PMCPOA Board of Directors candidates is Monday, March 28 by 5 p.m. Filing documentation includes the Letter of Intent and packet/candidate filing form and a biography/resume. This year's Board election takes place on Saturday, June 18 at 1 p.m.

Members may nominate themselves by submitting the above-listed documents, or a member may nominate another member after first obtaining the written permission of the nominee. For a complete listing of requirements and procedures on running for a seat on the Board, please call the office (242-3788) or visit the PMCPOA website's "Governing Documents" page.

SPRING FORWARD! A Great Time to Review Your Safety Checklist

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Set your clocks an hour forward. It is also a good time to review the following spring safety checklist:

SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

Smoke alarms and CO detectors save lives -- if they are powered by a fresh battery. You should test them once a month to make sure they work and replace the battery once a year when you spring your clocks forward. The alarms should be replaced when they are 10 years old.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN:

Everyone should have a Family Emergency Plan. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members.

- Have home, car and pet emergency kits. Go to www.Ready.gov for more information on building your kits.
- Have a Communication Plan to outline how your family members will contact one another, and where to meet if separated in an emergency.
- A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different directions.

SPRING CLEAN YOUR MEDICINE CABINET:

• Check expiration dates on the prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Do not throw them in the trash or flush them down the toilet. Put them in a bag and check with the local Sheriff's Department (245-3440) on how to dispose of them. Or take them to a pharmacy with a medication collection box.

• Check make-up and personal-care products: The shelf life of most products after opening is eight months or so.

SPRING CLEAN YOUR GARAGE AND CLEANING PRODUCTS:

• Get rid of old and unwanted bug killers, automotive supplies, paints, lawn and garden pesticides, cleaners, degreasers, fluorescent and CFL lightbulbs. Hazardous products that say "CAUTION," "WARNING," "CORROSIVE," "DANGER" OR "POISON" on the label cannot go in the trash. Take to a Hazardous Waste Collection Site.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Lebec Transfer Station is March 26, 2022, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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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.



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**Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Draft Summary Budget for 2022/2023
As of February 17, 2022**

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	2021/2022			2022/2023 Budget	Increase / (Decrease)
	Pro Forma Actuals	Budget	Variance		
Revenue					
Assessment Income	4,694,391	4,687,676	6,715	5,153,084	465,408
Operating Interest	15,369	17,958	(2,589)	16,866	(1,092)
General & Administrative	133,395	68,540	64,855	96,475	27,935
Association Business	9,518	7,500	2,018	6,600	(900)
Patrol	31,517	15,600	15,917	20,100	4,500
Maintenance Operations	5,782	5,850	(68)	5,340	(510)
Environmental Control	28,629	20,400	8,229	19,200	(1,200)
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	19,578	18,300	1,278	18,180	(120)
Refuse & Recycling	26,362	13,800	12,562	24,000	10,200
Equestrian Center	71,792	55,200	16,592	67,200	12,000
Pro Shop	100,805	103,725	(2,920)	96,315	(7,410)
Lounge	146,106	184,000	(37,894)	161,200	(22,800)
Condor Café	346,407	336,000	10,407	384,510	48,510
Recreation & Events	2,438	2,360	78	2,700	340
Post Office	76,500	76,500	0	76,500	0
Projects	0	0	0	57,000	57,000
Confirmed Carry-over funds - prior yrs	663,511	663,511	0	18,000	(645,511)
Total Revenue	6,372,099	6,276,920	95,179	6,223,270	(53,650)
Expenses					
General & Administrative	1,640,084	1,704,250	(64,166)	1,700,813	(3,437)
Association Business	80,065	91,835	(11,770)	88,580	(3,255)
Patrol	440,759	403,530	37,229	452,681	49,151
Clubhouse Maintenance	291,905	269,960	21,945	304,103	34,143
Maintenance Operations	722,662	793,464	(70,802)	811,263	17,799
Environmental Control	126,050	93,530	32,520	138,450	44,920
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	8,813	17,561	(8,748)	20,575	3,014
Refuse & Recycling	196,120	166,905	29,215	193,830	26,925
Equestrian Center	237,265	231,048	6,217	259,860	28,812
Pro Shop	117,874	121,500	(3,626)	118,877	(2,623)
Golf Maintenance	321,126	378,790	(57,664)	400,859	22,069
Lounge	131,498	182,385	(50,887)	161,070	(21,315)
Condor Café	480,328	454,150	26,178	508,578	54,428
Recreation & Events	105,034	118,773	(13,739)	131,158	12,385
Pool	53,562	72,745	(19,183)	67,233	(5,512)
Post Office	129,605	134,335	(4,730)	139,540	5,205
Designated Projects	174,396	130,829	43,567	18,000	(112,829)
Projects	50,000	68,000	(18,000)	107,000	39,000
Future Designated Projects	18,000	0	18,000	0	0
Project Contingency	62,202	62,202	(0)	50,000	(12,202)
Reserve Funding	781,129	781,128	1	550,800	(230,328)
Total Expenses	6,168,478	6,276,920	(108,442)	6,223,270	(53,650)
Net Revenue Over Expenses	203,621	0	203,621	0	0
Additional Factors					
Additional Reserve funding (pending verification by the Audit & approval by Board)				(203,621)	(203,621)
2020/2021 Carry-over funds (subject to verification by the Audit)				203,621	203,621
Total Net Income Over Expenses	203,621	0	203,621	0	407,243
Assessment Amount		1,624		1,784	160
Billable Lots		2,886.5		2,888.5	(2)

The complete budget is available at the Association Office to members upon request at the Association's expense and will be provided by agreed upon method (mail, email, etc) within 5 days of the request.

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The board and members attending the October open meeting discussed a shorter time frame to review and conduct an assessment of this rule change and the board decided to start monitoring the impact over the coming year. It was suggested that a working group should be appointed to monitor this rule change as well as review PMCPOA policies and practices related to short-term rentals and provide a report to the board within one year of the rule implementation. I have appointed a working group with a cross-representation of members to address the matter, and their tasks and direction are currently described briefly as follows;

1) Review the economic viability related directly or indirectly to short-term rentals as addressed in the resolution as it applies directly to the association and the local real estate market, and peripherally to village businesses, and provide applicable and verifiable data or information in support of any findings.

2) Review the current Article 22 rule on rentals and provide any recommendations for updates that can be submitted to the Governing Documents Committee prior to April 29 in time to be considered at their May 7, 2022 meeting. All suggestions or proposals for changes should consider any potential impact economically and time-wise on staff work and enforceability.

3) Review PMCPOA policies and practices related to short-term rentals, STR rules enforcement, and the potential of reporting misconduct and violations to hosts

and marketplaces like Airbnb, VRBO, etc., and consider education, training and/or resources to current and potential operators to provide for consistency in the rental process and registration as it applies to seeking compliance with association rules and provide any recommendations.

4) Determine the feasibility of establishing an oversight committee, task force, or group of directors and members to continue efforts to assist in periodically reviewing policies and practices related to rentals as described in #3.

5) If the group believes they have sufficient time and consensus to do so, they may optionally explore and review policies and practices related to long-term rentals -- but the first priority of the group is short-term rentals.

6) Report to the Board of Directors on the status of the working group's progress and any significant recommendations at the open meeting on May 21, 2022.

The initial meetings of the group will be closed to staff and other members unless they are invited by the co-chairs or chairman to participate. The group will schedule at least one meeting open to members to provide an overview of what the group has considered and solicit input or feedback in an open forum. The members appointed to this working group are Ellen McClellan, Cam Acosta, Carolyn Gilbert, Mark Bell, Kenny Bellini, Denlin Doty and Bill Graney. Directors McClellan and Acosta have been appointed as the co-chairs.

One member who volunteered to serve on the working group but was not appointed is trying to cast a shadow over this

group and the appointment process by asking accusingly if the association is being operated in stealth mode and if this working group is a stealth group. It's difficult to operate in a stealth mode and hide when the formation of this group was openly discussed in two board meetings and the group has been identified, its tasks disclosed, and at least one open meeting will occur to share updates and solicit input. The creation of this group does not violate any rules, nor is it prohibited. In fact, working groups aren't new to the association to help address select issues in a timely and efficient manner. For example, we have a business policy that requires the formation of a "budget working group" each year to assist in preparing the annual budget and has been appointed and operating annually for many years.

I hope this information is helpful to you to better understand what we are trying to accomplish on this matter.

(Please note that this message was sent to the membership via email on Feb. 7, 2022.)

Houchin Blood Drive

Houchin Blood Bank will be here on Monday, March 21st from 10am to 2pm in the PMC Clubhouse Parking lot. Watch for more information coming soon.

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Vaccine Clinic in PMC

PMCPOA will host the second-dose COVID-19 mobile vaccination clinic on Friday, March 18th in the Lounge from 10am-3pm. Free Pfizer and J&J vaccines and boosters, as well as PCR and rapid antigen testing, will be available. Vaccinations are provided to ages 5 and up. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

PMCPOA Office Hours

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(Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

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Guest Card Orders

Have you ordered your new (orange) guest cards yet? Please call the business office, ext. 225, to put in your request. Last year's blue guest cards are no longer valid.

Assessment Pre-Payments Being Taken in Office

We are accepting pre-payments for the 22/23 Assessment. You can mail a check to P.O. Box P, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, drop it in the Drop Box outside (to the right) of the front door of the clubhouse, call us with a credit card or come into the office to make a payment. Some members find this a little easier than coming up with the total amount all at once in July. The actual amount will not be determined until the April Board meeting, but you can get a head start on it if you would like. Please make sure you put your tract and lot number on your check.

Condor Cafe

Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday through Sunday

8 am to 2 pm

*Wednesday thru 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

Thursday (Special)

4 to 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays

4 to 8 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8pm. (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. Takeout is available for dinner Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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Since we first became aware of the problem last year with marijuana grow houses in our community, we have learned unfortunately that the number of houses suspected of illegally cultivating marijuana inside houses continues to increase. We have received inquiries from members and residents asking us what we are doing about the situation.



First, it's important to remember we are not law enforcement and cannot conduct law enforcement action. However, we have been receiving many tips from members and residents reporting suspicious activity and vehicles at addresses within PMC that may or may not involve this illegal activity, and we have been forwarding this information upon request to law enforcement agencies in Kern, Ventura and Los Angeles counties so that they may investigate and determine the best course of action.

We have been meeting for several months with law enforcement to learn how we can best assist their efforts to curb and eventually eliminate this criminal activity. A few weeks ago, we were fortunate

to have Kern County Sheriff's administrators and the narcotics unit supervisor join us for a meeting along with Supervisor Zack Scrivner to discuss the situation and pro-active measures that can be enacted by the county despite limited resources and other priorities. We are not being ignored and we are not ignoring the situation. I am optimistic about the efforts and the lines of communications being established, although I am not able to provide the details at this time.

We have met with and will also be meeting with the utility companies, code compliance and the fire department to seek their guidance on how to best address the situation.

I encourage members to continue their attentiveness to suspicious activity potentially related to these suspected grow house operations from a safe distance without drawing attention to yourself and please continue to report any suspicious activity to include addresses, vehicle descriptions and license plates. You can provide the information anonymously to both our patrol and the Kern County Sheriff's Office. Thank you to those who have already provided information.

Despite my message regarding open fires in January, two more hearings were held this past month involving fires started by a homeowner and a renter. The first homeowner admitted to not knowing the rules, and the other homeowner who rented made every reasonable effort to let the renter know that open fires were not allowed to no avail. Both fires that were started were meant for barbecuing in uncovered barbecue-type receptacles, using wood in lieu of charcoal or propane, and body cam video footage recorded by our patrol officers clearly shows excessive flames and embers flying out of the unattended fires. The fire danger in PMC remains high, and better efforts must continue and be made to eliminate potential hazards such as these open fires.

I'd like to remind members that elections for the board are upcoming, and there will be three director positions open. If you are interested in running for the board and volunteering to serve our community, I encourage you to consider and get involved. The deadline for filing the appropriate paperwork is March 28.

Be safe, stay healthy and remain positive.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Feb. 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. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Feb. 19, 2022, be adopted.

MOTION carried.

There was one (1) committee application for approval.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

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

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

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were five (5) Environmental

Control Committee projects recommended, and one cottage industry permit recommended.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #01-02-19-2022**, to repair and replace Reserve Item #2011, Golf Course Lake System, at an additional cost not to exceed (NTE) \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #02-02-19-2022**, replacing Reserve Item #1206, the Equestrian Center

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Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,738,395	2,734,476	3,919	
Operations/Maintenance	207,239	130,465	76,774	
Social Activity	398,932	403,335	(4,403)	
Interest Income (Operating)	11,619	11,825	(206)	
Total Revenue	3,356,185	3,280,101	76,084	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	2,406,964	2,511,098	(104,134)	
Social Activity	646,191	702,662	(56,471)	
Operating Projects	116,692	150,202	(33,510)	
Designated Fund Projects	2,070	30,000	(27,930)	
Reserve Contribution	266,000	266,000	0	
Total Operating Expenses	3,437,917	3,659,962	(222,045)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(325,129)	(325,128)	(1)	
Assets purchased	(25,389)	0	(25,389)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(16,659)	0	(16,659)	
Total Other Transactions	(367,176)	(325,128)	(42,048)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(448,908)	(704,989)	256,081	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	1,293,056	1,396,866	(103,810)	
Payroll Benefits	208,911	232,239	(23,328)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	173,325	187,445	(14,120)	
Total Payroll Expense	1,675,292	1,816,550	(141,258)	
Assessment Billed Assessment Collected Assessment Receivable Assessment Receivable %				
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,230,582	870	0.02%
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,629,946	1,604	0.03%
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,621,866	6,476	0.14%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,694,082	4,608,705	85,377	1.82%
Reserve Fund Update				
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2021	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,082,499	604,864	(283,934)	3,403,429
Operating Fund Cash Balance	1,965,924			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,596,101			

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
February 19, 2022

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

Last month was Super Bowl Sunday, and Valentine's Day the very next day. There was a notice put out on Facebook that the association only cares about money. That was said because some of the staff in the Condor Café and Lounge tested positive for COVID-19. I would like the members to know that we take COVID-19 very seriously. All but one staff member was vaccinated. We follow the CDC and OSHA guidelines concerning COVID-19. If a person is vaccinated, they need to quarantine for five days. They can come back after five days if they no longer have symptoms. We took an abundance of caution and kept the Condor Café and Lounge closed for seven days, even though everyone was better. If the intent was to keep people home and away from the clubhouse, it worked. Attendance was lower than usual for the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day events. It has been a hard two-plus years keeping everyone safe in our small community. We hardly had any cases in the first year and a half. And now PMC has had 144 total cases. We had some deaths of some of our beloved members. We are enforcing in the clubhouse that masks are to be worn if you have not been vaccinated. Everyone is required to wear a mask in the Post Office. If you do not wear a mask into either place, you are affirming that you have been vaccinated and had your booster shot.

In other news, we have started the grant work of fire mitigation. Currently, the dog park and campground are closed due to the equipment and work going on. I can tell everyone, it looks good. I am not sure how much longer they will be in that area. At the end of February, the crew was scheduled to bring up a Masticator machine to chip the wood and brush. This grant and the next grant we have are due to the hard work of Directors Phyllis Throckmorton and Peggy Hoyt-Voelker. They both have been instrumental in fire mitigation for PMC, as well as me. It is better to be proactive instead of reactive. Summer will be here soon, and I am asking everyone to be very careful about throwing cigarette butts on the ground, and absolutely no wood burning

outside. It takes only a spark to start a fire.

Our recreation supervisor is working hard to plan for Concert on the Greens this summer, and we hope to bring some children's outdoor day camps back this summer too.

This is what is great about this community: There was a 73-year-old gentleman hiking up at Mt. Pinos one day last month.




I don't think any of us expected the snow-storm we got during the time that he was out hiking, but that man was lost for two days in the freezing temperatures. Everywhere I went, everyone was talking about that and hoping for his safe return. We have a lot of passion and compassion in our community. I hope we never lose it.






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pipe stalls, at a cost NTE \$75,000 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to approve Business Policy A-18 (Pool Entry Cards). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve Business Policy C-5 (Bulletin Boards). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve Business Policy D-15 (Association Expenditures Under \$10,000). **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received thirty (30) items of correspondence.

The next Special Open Board Budget Meeting will take place on March 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room. The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on March 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



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Please help us to save trees and keep our costs down substantially by allowing us to email all of your member notices and your monthly Condor to your email address. Simply email me at gm@pmcpoa.com and we will add your email address to your member account.

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

To book some one-on-one time with Board Chairman Bill Lewis II, you can contact the Business Office to schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

This is the members' chance to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about.

You may also send inquiries or comments via email to pmcboard@pmcpoa.com. When sending emails, please put "Attention: Chairman Lewis" in the subject line.

Artworks Community Gallery in the PMC Village will show the photography work of Adele Thomas starting March 5th. Call 661-858-3130 for more information.

Pickle Ball

Mon, 8-10am

Wed, 7-9pm

Sat, 8-10am

Tennis Courts

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.

There were no CCC submissions for publication this month.

PMC Facebook Page

The only OFFICIAL PMCPOA Facebook page can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pmcpoa>

Rules for Snow Play on the Golf Course

A reminder that the PMC Golf Course must have a least 6 inches of snow on it before anyone can sled or play on the course. Please do not go onto the golf course after it snows unless there is 6 inches or more of snow. The course will be monitored closely and people will be asked to leave if less than 6 inches of snow has fallen.

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Ridge Route Museum Hosting a Class, and Car Tour

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On Saturday, March 12th from 10am to 12pm, Bonnie Kane, historian of the



Ridge Route Museum in Frazier Park, will be conducting a class at the Museum. The cost is \$20.00 per

person, which includes all your materials. Please make a reservation by calling the Museum at 661-245-7747. The Museum is located behind the Frazier Park post office, 3515 Park Ave.

Also, keep a spot on your calendar for The Old Ridge Route Car Tour scheduled on Saturday, April 23rd or Saturday, May 7th. More details will follow over the next



Bonnie Kane

month, or you can call the Museum to make your reservations for one of these tours. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes handouts.

The Ridge Route Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving the history and artifacts in the mountains south of Bakersfield and north of Castaic. For more information, please visit [www.http://ridge-routemuseum.org](http://www.ridge-routemuseum.org).

Condor Lounge Hours

Thu, 4-9 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch served in Lounge on Sundays, with full bar available.

Please remember to always carry your member or guest card with you in PMC. You may be asked to present it at the Transfer Site or in the Clubhouse. Thank you.

Sign Up for Ready Kern to Receive Needed Notifications

Are you signed up with Ready Kern for emergency notifications? Once signed up, you will be notified on your cell or home phone of any dangers that might be close by, such as fires in the area, flash floods, etc. To sign up, please visit www.readykern.com or call 661-873-2602.

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Competition is stiff for these high-quality nesting cavities. Most of the hole nesters are year-round residents that can claim territories before the nesting season. Bluebirds, chickadees, titmice, nuthatches and several owls are common permanent resident hole-nesters in our area.



Fig. 2: American kestrel in a nesting box (JS)

There is even one hawk, the American kestrel (Fig. 1, on page 1), that will nest in a suitable box. This kestrel (Fig. 2), with her head framed in the entrance hole, found a home at nearby Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge.



Fig. 3: Male western bluebird (CN)

Western bluebirds (Fig. 3) are known for using nesting boxes (Fig. 4). These birds forage in open fields. They look for small woodpecker holes in trees near open

areas. This can be duplicated on many of our Pine Mountain Club lots with correctly built boxes. Since we are encouraged (and often required) to remove dead limbs and trees from our properties, replacement with human-made apartments is very beneficial. Bluebirds have plenty of natural nesting cavities in our wild areas, if dead wood is left intact. However, if our homes have otherwise adequate bluebird habitat, nest box-

Photographers:

- Bill Buchroeder (BB)**
- Randy Cushman (RC)**
- Darlene Freeman (DF)**
- Mary McDevitt (MM)**
- Charles Noble (CN)**
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- Patty Shoupe (PS)**
- Jenny Slaughter (JS)**

es often can be used to replace dead limbs and snags.

Other common birds that use nest boxes include mountain chickadee (Fig. 5), oak titmouse (Fig. 6) and white-breasted nuthatch (Fig. 7). This nuthatch (Fig. 8) is

inspecting a box for possible use. It has found the accommodations acceptable, and is bringing in nesting materials (Fig. 9). The chickadee forages in pines and firs, perusing the foliage for insects and other small in-



Fig. 4: Female western bluebird at a nest box in Pine Mountain Club (MM)

vertebrates. The titmouse prefers oaks and pinyon pine. The nuthatch works the tree trunks and branches, looking for creatures under the bark flakes.



Fig. 5: Mountain chickadee (PS)

Some birds have become completely adapted to living with people. House sparrows are not usually found in Pine Mountain Club.

We are still too "rustic" for them. However, Frazier Park and Lebec have populations that make use of human buildings for nesting. This pair (Fig. 10) has adopted a light fixture on a Frazier Park store. Another common local bird with "house" in its name is house finch (Fig. 11). These tame songsters have decided that humans are not all bad. They are not strictly hole nesters, but they like ledges, nooks and



Fig. 6: Oak titmouse (MAR)

crannies. And they are regular customers at bird feeders and bird baths.

One can research online to find the correct dimensions for each species when building nest boxes. Each species has requirements, particularly in loca-

tion, entrance size and height above ground. Human structures adjacent or within natural forests and woodlands require hardening against wild-fires. Usually, that includes removal of snags (stand-



Fig. 7: White-breasted nuthatch (DF)

ing dead trees) and dead limbs. Nest boxes, if properly built and placed, can alleviate the resultant lack of nesting opportunity. Hopefully, the natural forests, woods and brushlands away from human structures can be left intact with snags and logs, which are vital to many living organisms.



Fig. 8: White-breasted nuthatch inspecting a nest box (MM)

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Fig. 9: White-breasted nuthatch carrying nesting material (MM)



Fig. 10: House sparrow pair (female on left, male on right) at nest in light fixture (BB)



Fig. 11: House finch pair (male on left, female on right) (BB)

Archery Club

It's not too late to renew your Archery Club membership. Membership runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 and is \$15 for individuals or \$20 for a family.

Call the Business office to sign up or renew at 661-242-3788.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the April 2022 Condor is Monday, March 14.

Content can be submitted to the editor at rwilde@pmcpoa.com or mailed to the PMCPOA Business Office.

Adventure Ink Activities

Adventure Ink is an independent bookstore in the PMC Village that has fun activities for the community. On the first Thursday of each month, Adventure Ink hosts Poetry Night, though this event is currently on a winter break until the weather warms up.

Adventure Ink also holds a book club on Sundays at 2pm. Adventure Ink is located at 16229 Pine Valley Lane.

For more information, visit <https://adventure-ink.com> or call 805-526-8731.

Important Reminder: Your pool card keys do not expire. They are good every year that you own your property. Please do not toss them out at the end of the year; they will cost \$100 to replace.

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GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

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Saturday, March 19

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees are meeting live again. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Tuesday, March 1 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Friday, March 4 (First Friday)

**DARK Greens and Grounds Pro Shop
2 pm Environmental Control Condor Room**

Saturday, March 5 (First Saturday)

9 am Governing Documents ZOOM

1 pm Planning Pool Pavilion

Wednesday, March 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room

Saturday, March 19 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room

Saturday, March 26 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am Emergency Preparedness Condor Room

10 am CERT CERT Facility

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.

Rec Room Hours:

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