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## PMCPOA Election Filing Deadline Approaching

A reminder that the filing deadline for potential PMCPOA Board of Director candidates is Monday, April 11 at 5 p.m. (The annual filing deadline date is April 9, but because that date falls on a Saturday in 2016, the deadline is pushed forward to the first business day thereafter.) Letters of Intent, the Candidate Filing Form, the biography/resume and the signed Acknowledgement of Election Materials form are all due at that time.

As part of the requirements to be included on the ballot, each candidate must sign and comply with the Code of Ethics and the Commitment Pledge.

Candidates must also follow rules regarding campaign signage, including not placing campaign signs on PMC property; not placing campaign signs on private property without the permission of the owners or violating EC Code requirements (25 feet from road center) for placement of signs on private property; complying with Kern County Code that requires signs placed on Mil Potrero Highway to be 55 feet from the road; and restricting all campaign signs to a maximum of 12 inches by 18 inches. All unauthorized signs will be removed as per the EC Code.

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## This Month's E.C. Code Minder: Outside Decorations

*Environmental Control Committee*

The PMCPOA Environmental Code has specifications for members to follow that help keep PMC a nice place to live. Here are decorating codes as set forth in EC Code Sec. 7.09.

"Winter decorations may be placed on the lot or residence the weekend prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and must be removed no later than Jan. 15.

Decorations for other generally recognized holidays that occur during the year may be placed one week prior to the holiday and must be removed within 10 days following the holidays."

Owners are responsible for overseeing these codes for their rental properties.

*Pine Mountain Club POA Presents the Annual*

## *Easter Brunch*

**Sunday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Price: \$24.95 Adults, \$9.95 Children, Age 3 and under free**

**Price includes tax and gratuity**

**Reservations are required in the Business Office. Call 242-3788 or drop by during business hours.**

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**Omelet Station, Carving Station with Ham and Salmon, Fruit and Cheese, Decadent Desserts, Array of Side Dishes and Entrees, Salad Bar**

**Champagne toast for ages 21 and up; Sparkling Cider option**

**Beverage Station (Coffee, hot tea, juice)**

## Lilac Festival is Coming Soon!

*Mark Bailey, President, PMCCPOA*

Take a typical Southern California spring weekend in May, add tall trees, snow-streaked mountain peaks, blue sky and pine-scented air, and you have the beginnings of a recipe for family fun.

Begun in 1982 as a way to forget winter and welcome the approaching summer, the Lilac Festival started as little more than a bake sale and a Maypole Dance; but it has grown into a full-fledged Mountain tradition. The Lilac was chosen as a centerpiece for the festival because it thrives in our mountain climate, and its short flowering season falls roughly at the same time as the festival. The powerful scent of lilacs is one of the few that outshines the always-present scent of pine.

This year's festival, the 34th annual, will take place on Sat-

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# HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER LATELY?

*Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Hopefully, everyone has fire extinguishers in their homes. You should have one near the kitchen, near heat sources in your home and in the garage. Even if we do have fire extinguishers, however, not all of us take the time to make sure that they are in good working order. Here are some tips to ensure fire extinguishers are ready to go when you need them.

## **Maintenance**

Regular fire extinguisher maintenance should include:

- Ensuring that the pressure is at the recommended level. Some extinguishers have gauges that indicate when the pressure is too high or too low.
- Ensuring that all parts are operable and not damaged or restricted in any way. Make sure hoses and nozzles are free of insects or debris. There should not be any signs of damage such as rust or dents.
- Shaking dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling.
- Immediately replacing the extinguisher if it needs recharging or is damaged in any way

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

## **Safety Tips**

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; when everyone has exited the building; when the fire department has been called or is being called; and when the room is not filled with smoke.

### ***To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word "PASS":***

**P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking pin.

**A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

**S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.

**S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.

- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operations before a fire breaks out.

- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire-response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

***Reminder: When you move your clocks forward on March 13th for Daylight Savings Time, remember to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.***

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

If you would like to speak with the Chair of the PMC Board of Directors, there is a way to do so. To book some one-on-one time with Chair John Dilibert, contact the front desk, and 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. Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

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***The editorial and advertising  
deadline for the April  
2016 Condor is Monday,  
March 14, 2016.***

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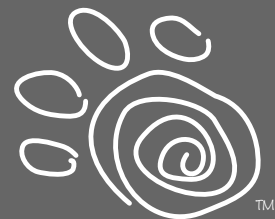
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## PMC Pro Shop Annual Passes Due Next Month

The Pine Mountain Club Pro Shop annual passes are due during the month of April (4/1 through 4/30).

The fee for an annual pass is \$400, but members can use up to \$200 of their scrip/account money to help pay for a pass. The scrip/account money is the prize money people win for playing in the golf tournaments. It is put on the account in credits that they can redeem any time for merchandise, drinks, golf equipment or, in this case, an annual pass.

The PMC Golf Club is also beginning its season, and memberships need to be paid to be eligible to play in any tournaments.

The Golf Club welcomes new members. Memberships automatically enroll you into the Southern California Golf

Association (SCGA). You get a Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) number that establishes your golf handicap.

To join, download an application from the PMCPOA website's Golf page, or pick up an application in the Pro Shop. The

membership fee is \$55, plus a \$5 Hole-in-One fee. Complete the application and drop it off at the Clubhouse, or mail it back to PMGC, P.O. Box 5199, PMC, CA 93222. Pine Mountain Golf Club can only accept cash or checks (no credit cards). For more information, call the Pro Shop at 242-3734.

## Golf Shop Hours (as of 3/1):

**8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday**

**7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday**

**Please call 242-3734 for tee times.**

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## Pine Mt. Garden Club Resumes Meetings, Gears Up for Spring

The Pine Mountain Garden Club is gearing up for its next growing season.

Meetings will start up again this month on March 12. This year, the meetings will take place on the second Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Pool Pavilion.

The "Pine Mountain Gardeners" planned, funded and built a community garden project in PMC, and have had three successful growing seasons. The name of the garden is "Heirloom Community Garden," and the location is east of the playground area in Lampkin Park. The members grow organic and heirloom vegetables, herbs and edible flowers. The club raises money during its annual BBQ/Fundraiser to build additions to the garden such as a shed and a gazebo.

The Club works closely with Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company to use water-saving irrigation techniques and rainwater

catchment. The vision for this project is to enhance sustainability, and to be a model to other communities.

PMCPOA members are invited to join the "Pine Mountain Gardeners." Yearly membership is \$25.00 and yearly box rental is \$40.00. Any interested parties can call Judy Keim at 242-0817.

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**Country  
Line Dancing  
Friday,  
March 25th  
6 p.m.  
Condor Room**

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## See Smoke? Prescribed Burns Ongoing in Area

Los Padres National Forest officials have scheduled a series of prescribed burn projects over the next several months to eliminate forest understory, piled brush and mechanically treated vegetation in the Mt. Pinos Ranger District.

The prescribed treatments involve crews burning treated vegetation in order to reduce hazardous fuel build up and to improve the health of the forest. The projects take place when weather conditions and air quality are suitable for safely burning these fuels.

If you have questions about the burns, please contact Mt. Pinos Fire Management Officer John Abell at (661) 245-3731.

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# A Message from the Board Chair

John Dilibert  
pmcboard@pmcpcpa.com

May the best of winter be upon you. At this point in the season, I am still optimistic about El Nino. We must be, because what precipitation can bring includes beautiful mountains and trees to take in or ride a horse through, clean air with a wisp of fireplace scent, less traffic and a nice golf course, to name a few.

That being said, the staff of PMC has worked hard recently on a snowplowing plan that will allow the plowers to expedite the initial opening of roads for our members. Will it be perfect every time? No. Mother Nature and Murphy's Law come into play in real life, but the team believes they have alternatives ready to lessen the impact.

Between the January and February Board meetings, we have had only one real snow weekend to put the plan into action; it involved two snowfalls, with much of the plowing getting completed, followed by a short rest before the berm removal process was to begin. Unfortunately, a heavier middle-of-the-night snow drop came, and plans had to be changed. Your snowplow team went back out and

fought their way through the morning to keep things open.

I would ask that all of us take a moment to really understand the magnitude of a snowstorm and the work our staff does for us. While many of us are sleeping, keeping warm or going about our business, the dedicated staff is out there in the elements facing challenges on our behalf. They work for the entire membership and manage nearly 50 miles of roads, with many of our members wanting to be the first to receive snow removal in front of their homes, or wishing to be able to go about their business without inconvenience.

It is a tough balance to prioritize streets and plow zones when the mountain geography affects clouds and where/how much snow drops. In reality, when the phone rings in the staff office during snow and rain, it usually is not for a good reason. It is an event that needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later.

Switching topics, the recent drop in gas prices has been something we all love. Unfortunately, there is a downside to this in terms of the effect on Kern County that

you need to be aware of. Kern County bases much of its budget on revenues from oil production and sales. The mid-year fiscal budget review for the county shows a significant loss of revenue, and immediate adjustments must be made by all county government service providers.

The Sheriff and Fire departments take the biggest hit in funding. Also included in budget reductions are road work and staffing, animal control and some utility services. The PMC Board and the GM have been in contact with our local officials to monitor the situation. While we do not see the local Sheriff or Fire stations closing, we may experience some adjustments to staffing that can affect response times or services, so we need to be vigilant on fire and neighborhood safety. Note: there are no plans to cut the paramedic program we are paying for, but we will not see an expansion of the program to support those efforts anytime soon.

The 2016-2017 (can't believe I am talking about 2017 already) budget process is underway. Your Budget Team, composed

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## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Karin Shulman, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors Open Meeting of Feb. 20, 2016. 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 John Dilibert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight Directors attended: Stephan Bates, Sandy Browne, Susan Canaan, John Dilibert (by phone), Mike Glenn, Garry Kemmer, Tom McMullen and Doug Wilde. Gary Biggerstaff was excused. Also present were General Manager Rory Worster and Recording Secretary Karin Shulman.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors' meeting of Feb. 20, 2016, which included the

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Jan. 16, 2016, and the Special Open Board Meeting of Feb. 1, 2016, and there was one committee application approved. The Board acknowledged receipt of "Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board Review." There were three (3) Environmental Control Committee Project Recommendations, and one (1) Cottage Industry Permit submitted for approval.

Chairman Dilibert presented the Chair's report. General Manager Worster presented the General Manager's report. Director McMullen presented the Treasurer's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION #01-02-20-16, RESOLVED**, that the PMCPOA Board of Directors approve the Quarterly Financial Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (October, November and December 2015). **MOTION** by Director Browne, **SECOND** by Director Bates. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Director Browne, **SECOND** by Director Canaan to approve revised Business policy and procedure A-15 (Election Policy and Procedures). **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The Board sent and received 21 items of correspondence this month.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on March 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



# Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Todd Draa

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc  
Treasurer's Report and Y-T-D Financial Statement  
Year to Date Through January 31, 2016

Operating Fund	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,355,283	2,356,424	(1,141)
Operations/Maintenance	103,431	107,732	(4,301)
Social Activity	327,807	428,258	(100,451)
Interest Income (Operating)	1,228	3,500	(2,272)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	2,787,749	2,895,914	(108,165)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Operations/Maintenance	1,869,172	1,936,933	(67,761)
Social Activity	694,483	756,174	(61,691)
Operating Projects	21,961	34,415	(12,454)
Designated Fund Projects	21,158	0	21,158
Worker's Comp Safety Incentive	0	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	13,500	0	13,500
Reserve Contribution	300,000	300,000	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	2,920,274	3,027,522	(107,248)
<b>Net Operating Revenue Over Expense</b>	(132,525)	(131,608)	(917)
<b>Assessment Collection Update</b>			
	<b>2015/2016 Assmt Billing</b>	<b>YTD Assessments Collected</b>	<b>YTD Assessments Receivable</b>
	4,039,584	3,868,549	171,035
<b>Payroll Summary</b>			
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Payroll Wages	1,007,888	1,025,762	(17,874)
Payroll Benefits	196,087	193,060	3,027
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	172,140	165,164	6,976
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	1,376,115	1,383,986	(7,871)
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>			
	<b>Beginning Balance July 1, 2015</b>	<b>Interest and Contributions</b>	<b>Less YTD Trnsfrs and Purchases</b>
	2,354,709	317,201	200,631
	2,354,709	317,201	200,631
			<b>Ending Balance January 31, 2016</b>
			2,471,279

Respectfully Submitted



Thomas McMullen  
February 17, 2016

Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,120,513
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	2,471,279

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

Rory Worster

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of a longtime member. Evelyn Smith, wife of longtime Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company President Gerald Smith, passed away on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Services will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall.

Now a little bit on the last few Opinion editorials printed by a local paper. The latest editorial was a total of about 1,146 words. The paper, in its invitation to comment, would allow only up to 250 words in response to the numerous unsubstantiated and misleading allegations contained in this member's published opinions. This allowance for a response is rather one-sided in my opinion. Our Association's attorney has reviewed the opinion editorial, and has provided this statement on the Association's behalf:

"Upon advice of counsel, the Board of Directors will not, at this time, comment on the unsubstantiated and misleading allegations by Mr. Canton other than to state that matters alluded to by Mr. Canton are the subject of litigation and that the material allegations are and will continue to be disputed through the court process."

As a reminder, the enforcement of the Governing Documents is the top request from all of the main member surveys completed in the last 10 or so years. The Association staff has direction from the Board to ensure that we are enforcing the rules and the EC Code. At the end of this report every month, we let you know how many letters were sent out and how many of those letters resulted in citations being written for those who did not comply as requested.

The Association still needs, on occasion, to go to court for money judgments

on fines not paid. We are currently about 32 and 2 for prevailing at these hearings. Again, we are trying to gain compliance first and foremost, so please, if you get a letter from the Association that asks you to correct (or have your tenant correct) an issue, please do it in the allotted time. The Association staff does not make up the code or the rules; this has been done over time by committees and Board members. If you do not like certain rules, please join the relevant committee and/or run for the Board and endeavor to change them. But, until they are no longer on the books, please try and be good neighbors and comply with them.

We have met with representatives from Southern California Edison regarding a large power line project that is coming up this year. It will involve several of the association streets and Mil Potrero Highway, while installing almost a mile of new underground power cables. They have been very proactive in getting us information as to the scope and targeted months of the project. As of now, it looks like it will start in April. As we get closer and receive more information, we will put it out to the membership. Information should include scheduled power outages, street blockages, etc.

The updated private street signs are all up, and we are now in compliance with the portions of the Vehicle Code that allow the Association to more rapidly remove vehicles that are creating a safety issue on association roadways. Please, if you or your guests need to park your vehicle due to snow and/or ice because of improper traction aids, please use the parking area around the Clubhouse, or at least park completely off the active roadway.

Budget prep is still underway, and we are actively looking for areas to cut spending. One way the association can cut up to about \$20,000.00 is for all members to opt in to receiving all required general and individual delivery documents via email. This saves both postage and printing costs. We would still have hard copies available

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in the Clubhouse lobby. Please go to the website and fill out the member information update page and check the "yes" box on the bottom. This will also get you on the emergency and informational email blast list that the association sends out.

Planning of the remaining projects for the fiscal year is underway, and we will be starting several as soon as the forecast weather is in a cooperative phase.

Valentine's Day was a very nice and well-enjoyed event. Service and food alike were well complimented, and the event sold out. Kudos to the Food and Beverage team for putting on such a well-received event.

**Patrol Recap**

During the month of January, Patrol responded to 175 calls for service. Observations & calls included in the following:

- Enforcement: 35
- Public Assist: 112
- Call / Suspicious Incident: 19
- Traffic Incident – 6
- Welfare Checks – 3

**EC Office Recap – January 2016**

Construction Projects – EC Committee Recommendation:

Solar Project – 1

EC Officer Approvals of Minor Projects (No KC Permit Needed):

17 each

EC Letters Written:

25 letters written resulting in 4 citations to the Board

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of qualified members, PMC staff and Board Directors, are working together to develop a sound fiscal and reasonable financial plan for all members. Incorporated in that plan will be input and results of the Planning Committee's latest Five-Year Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan will be made available soon and is based upon the information gleaned from members who took the time to answer the survey in the second half of last year. Your input, expectations, desires and other points of information were compiled and will play a big role in the future of PMC. I am looking forward to comparing the previous Five-Year plan with our new one, and to how we will move forward within fiscal reason and appropriateness for the community and membership. The Board thanks the Planning Committee for their diligence and service in this vital project.

Lastly, we recently hosted a New Members' Orientation for all new property owners and tenants. The approximately 30 adults in attendance gained insight and tips on mountain living, POA rules and some PMC customs that were presented by staff members Rory Worster, Bob Clark and Rick Wasteferro. Also in attendance were Board members Mike Glenn, Sandy Browne and myself. I want to thank Rory, Bob and Rick for facilitating the event. They did a very nice job. The annual "Meet and Greet" will be coming in the spring, and a future New Members' Orientation is planned again for later in the year. Keep checking the website and Condor for dates.

In closing, due to a previously scheduled annual commitment that was planned over a year ago, I will not be in attendance for the March Board meeting. Vice-Chair Mike Glenn will have oversight of the meeting for that day.

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# **COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS**

*PMCPOA welcomes your input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on PMC's website at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net).*

Thank you for your submissions to the Complaints, 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**

- A big thank you to the snowplow crew for doing a great job plowing Yellowstone Drive and Bryce Court after the snowfall this Feb. 1. No slipping or sliding this time. It's very much appreciated!

**Response:** Thank you for the nice words. We are glad that the efforts of the plowing and cindering crews worked better for you this time. This crew works very hard to keep all our streets navigable while dealing with what Mother Nature throws at them.

- We want to thank the entire Bistro staff and the Recreation manager for a wonderful Valentine's dinner. The decorations and entire menu were perfect. The entrée of Prime Rib and Seafood was prepared perfectly and was extremely delicious. Continue with menus this good and members should fill the rooms for a great dining experience while supporting their club.

**Response:** Thank you very much for the nice thoughts on the Valentine's Day dinner. We are glad that you enjoyed it so. The food and beverage staff is very desirous of continuing to get better and better. Please plan on joining us for Saint Patrick's Day; it should be another great night.

## **SUGGESTION**

- How about trying some new local talent out? Saturday nights at the Clubhouse have been the same old bands and the crowd (or lack of it) shows. Thank you.

**Response:** We are always looking for fresh talent that will draw members to the Lounge. If you have any specific bands in mind, please provide us with contact information and a DVD of a performance so we can see if they would be a fit for our talent pool.

## **CONCERNS**

- The confederate flag waving along Mil Potrero is offensive to our community. I asked the home owner to remove it. We came up here for peace, not aggression.

**Response:** While we appreciate your note regarding flags that some find controversial and others like a lot, the association can do little more than ask for the members to be good neighbors and request that they not fly controversial flags. If the flags comply with California Statutes and the Association rules on such things, we cannot force them to take it down.

- The big flashing red sign should have limited hours, 7 or 8 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. I can see it flashing from my house.

**Response:** Electronic signs are on a limited time schedule and do not run 24/7, 365 unless there is an emergency that might impact PMC.

- Is it possible to replace the American flag at the Clubhouse? The current flag is shredded and is an embarrassment to be publicly displayed.

**Response:** Yes, we replace the American and the POW MIA flags when they show wear, which is about once every two months or so. Sorry you saw it after a storm that not only shredded the flag, but also the temporary shelter we had set up.

- What happened to the table tents that

said, "Please take phone conversations outside?" As of today, the table tents say, "Please don't move tables" on one side and "Plan to attend the Masquerade Ball – New Year's Eve." Today is 1/11/16. Because of lack of attendance in the Lounge, our personnel are not enforcing the phone policy for fear that the few customers they have will leave. As a result, we are forced to listen to others' personal conversations and tirades.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. First, we will use the table tents better and timelier in the future, and switch them out as appropriate. Secondly, we strongly suggest that people respect the Clubhouse and the members by not having cell phone conversations while inside the Clubhouse facilities. We will endeavor to remind people that this is a common courtesy.

## **COMPLAINTS**

- Once again when "trying" to get into the Transfer Site to unload our trash, we encountered three men parking their autos in a row so you could NOT get around to unload trash conveniently and they were simply talking and laughing amongst themselves; not the least bit concerned that they were in the way, and they made no effort to move on. And, whoever was working was nowhere to be seen.

Someone (employees?) needs to make sure we can get in and out; talking can be done somewhere else, not in the middle of the site! This has been a problem for a long time and needs to be addressed. Also, people going through the trash need to park out of the way of people trying to simply unload their trash.

**Response:** We appreciate the note on the traffic jam at the Transfer Site. Let us take this opportunity to remind everyone that Association Rule 18.10

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states: "Scavenging and salvaging are strictly prohibited." That said, no one should be taking time to go through the bins looking for the next great kitchen utensil catalog. We also hope people realize it only takes 30 seconds at the site to go from having no one there to being completely full. Please make arrangements to meet and have conversations elsewhere to allow traffic to move through the site easier. We will have our employees monitor this a little better in the future.

• I am writing to express my feelings concerning the practices utilized for snow removal from the PMC-controlled roadways. Although I am specifically referring to the frontage road between San Moritz and Woodland, I am sure that this would also apply to other roads in PMC.

What I observed this morning as the PMC crews were removing the snow from the roadway was that they started on the north side, pushing the snow toward the south side. I find this disturbing due to the fact that on this section of the frontage road, all of the houses and driveways are on the south side of the road.

I have noticed this practice in the past and have complained to both the PMC-POA and to the snow plow drivers. I

would like to make it clear that this has absolutely nothing to do with the snow berm policy. I fully understand the rights and responsibilities associated with the removal of snow berms on PMC properties. My driveway is a very steep uphill climb toward my garage. It is my practice to push the snow down the driveway to the street and then carry it to the ditch side of the roadway and toss it into the ditch. When I clear my driveway after a snow event, it seems extremely ridiculous that I have to carry all of the snow that originally fell on the roadway across the street to the ditch.

It is my belief that if the snow removal trucks began on the south side of the road, my efforts to clear my driveway would be greatly reduced. If there are legitimate reasons for pushing the snow that falls on the frontage road onto my driveway, please let me know. If it is determined that this practice is beyond control, I would like to request that PMC-POA not clear the roadway in front of my house. Thank you.

**Response:** We have taken a look at the location, and will adjust our training and plowing process in that area accordingly. This can be done safely for our crews and makes sense for this portion of the association roadways.

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***The association will, however, keep tabs on those that do place and pay for ads in the Condor. If we see a negative trend in performance issues, we will exercise our discretion and remove such ads from future publications.***

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urday & Sunday, May 14th & 15th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day and ending at 5 p.m. or so. The traditional parade is at 11 a.m. on Saturday. More than 100 arts and crafts booths will be open all day, along with international food vendors, restaurants and unique shops. There is live music throughout the festival and a kiddie amusement area. Weather and drought conditions pending, we also hope to feature acrobatic skydivers to kick off the parade and helicopter rides all weekend long.

There are lots of places to sit, relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Village and all of Pine Mountain Club. Admission and parking are free.

The most unique items at the festival are all the handmade crafts, clothing, sundries, food and much more. Many of the vendors at the Festival are mountain residents showing off their talents, adding a local flavor to the wide variety of artisans who travel here from not only southern and central California, but from throughout the Southwest, and even further: some from New York and New England.

The original event was the brain-child of Judy Watkins, then the owner of the Pine Cone Parlor, the original restaurant occupying the space where La Leña Mexican Restaurant is now. In the next

couple of years, as the event grew rapidly in size and popularity, the Festival was made a permanent annual event sponsored by the Pine Mountain Club Commercial Property Owners Association. The Festival has grown in popularity so much over the years that visitors venture here from as far away as Nevada and Arizona each year. Thousands of people can be seen in and around Pine Mountain Club during a Lilac Festival weekend—hiking, biking, playing golf and tennis, fishing, sitting or strolling in the clear, crisp alpine air.

If you would like to be a vendor (arts & crafts or food), wish to participate in the Lilac Festival Parade, or you'd like to help out as a volunteer, please visit [www.pmc-lilacfestival.com](http://www.pmc-lilacfestival.com).

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Elected candidates will be required to take the Oath of Office at the Annual Members Meeting and to agree to attempt to attend all training and orientation sessions scheduled for Board members.

During the April meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approves the Election Packet, which contains the agenda, the ballot, the notice of the annual meeting, the Candidate Filing Forms and biographies/resumes, any Bylaw changes and analysis statements, a postage-paid return envelope, the secret ballot envelope, and any other information as directed by the Board. The Corporate Secretary directs that the approved Election Packet be submitted to the printer. After the Election Packet has been approved, the Corporate Secretary will notify the candidates of the dates of the "Meet the Candidates" members' open forums, which typically take place in May.

The forums are hosted by the Election Committee and moderated by the Corporate Secretary.

The Election Packet is mailed by the Inspector of Elections company to the members no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the members.

The Annual Meeting of the Members and the election are held at 1 p.m. on the third Saturday in June, which is June 18 this year.

To view the Business Policies and Procedures A 15 Election Procedures as revised on Jan. 17, 2015, visit the PMCPOA website at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net) and click on the "PMCPOA Governing Documents" tab under "The Association" menu on the left side of the home page.

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**St. Patrick's Day**  
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## **Fitness Schedule**

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

**Gentle Stretch** •  
9:30-10:15 am . Tuesday .  
Thursday

**PMC Yoga & Pilates** •  
10:15-11:00 am . Tuesday .  
Thursday

### **Classes in PMC Clubhouse**

Check the office for fees.

## **Local Wildflowers Begin Annual Bloom**

This month marks the start of spring, and with it comes the annual blooming of wildflowers in the Gorman area and the California Poppy Reserve.

A good place to view the wildflowers each spring is at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. The poppy and wildflower blooms generally occur from mid-March through mid-May, with peak viewing usually mid-April. The duration and intensity of colors and scents vary from year to year. The wildflower season generally lasts from as early as mid-February through late May, with a variety of wildflowers creating a mosaic of color that changes daily.

At the Poppy Reserve, located 15 miles west of Highway 14 near the city of Lancaster, the Jane S. Pinheiro Interpretive Center opens for the season on March 5th, with wildflower and wildlife exhibits, an orientation video, a gallery of botanical watercolor paintings and a gift shop benefiting the non-profit association. The park is open from sunrise to sunset daily year-round. Parking fees (cash or check only) are \$10 per vehicle; \$9 per vehicle with a senior on board (62 and over); and \$5 per vehicle with DPR Disabled Discount Card. For more information, call the Poppy Reserve Wildflower Hotline at (661) 724-1180.

## Recreation Room Hours:

**3 - 6 p.m.**

**Mon, Wed, Fri**

**11 a.m. - 6 p.m**  
**Weekends**

## Arts and Crafts Day

**Every Wed 3-5 p.m.**

March 2- Duct Tape Crafts

March 9 - Clothespin  
Crafts

March 16 - St. Patrick's  
Day Crafts

March 23 - String Easter  
Eggs

March 31 - Make Your  
Own Flowers

## Homework Club

**Tues/Thurs**

**2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

## **Board Game Day Every Friday**

**3-5 p.m.**

## **Recreation Room**

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friends!**

## Entertainment

### Line-Up:

### Saturday Nights

**7 to 11 p.m.**  
*(unless otherwise  
noted)*

**March 5 -- Jimi  
Nelson Band  
(Country)**

**March 12 -- Rich  
Herman Band  
(Mix of Rock &  
Motown Soul)**

**March 19 -- Saggy  
Bottom Boyz  
(Classic Country &  
Rock)**

**March 26 --  
Tsunami Surfers  
(Mix of Rock, Oldies  
& Country)**

### Sunday Jams:

**March 6, 20  
2-5 p.m.**

*Menu available from  
Bistro*

### Celtic Jam: 6-9 p.m.

**Every Tuesday night**  
*Bring your own instrument  
to play or just come enjoy  
the music and have fun.*

**Jams in Condor Room**



# Activities

## **Mondays**

12:45-4:00 pm .  
Bridge . Condor Room

## **Tuesdays**

10 am . WOW . Pool Pavilion  
6-9 pm . Celtic Jam .  
Condor Room

## **Wednesdays**

12:45-4:00 pm . Bridge  
. Condor Room

## **Thursdays**

11:30 am . Skins Golf

## **Fridays**

6 pm . Amateur Radio Club . Pool Pavilion .  
(3rd Friday)

## **Saturdays**

3 pm . Garden Club  
Pool Pavilion (2nd Saturday)  
7 pm . Music . Lounge

## **Sundays**

2-5 pm . Sunday  
Jams (2x per month) .  
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**All committee meetings are open to  
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**Thursday, March 3 (First Thursday)**

10:30 am Recreation Committee Lounge

**Friday, March 4 (First Friday)**

8:30 am Greens and Ground Golf Shop

2:00 pm Environmental Control Condor Room

**Saturday, March 5 (First Saturday)**

9:00 am Governing Documents Pool Pavilion

1:00 pm Planning Condor Room

**Saturday, March 12 (Second Saturday)**

8:00 am Equestrian Committee Pool Pavilion

9:00 am Emergency Preparedness Condor Room

10:00 am Communications Pool Pavilion

10:00 am CERT Condor Room

**Wednesday, March 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**

5:00 pm Finance & Budget Pool Pavilion

**Saturday, March 19 (Third Saturday)**

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

## Transfer Site Hours:

**8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Every Day**

## Bistro Hours

**Monday-Sunday**

**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Friday-Saturday**

**Dinner 5-9 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**Dinner 5-8 p.m.**

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## GUILD ACTIVITIES

**Every Monday**

9-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pav

**Second/Fourth/Fifth  
Wednesdays**

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone .  
Pool Pavilion

**First Thursday**

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

**Every Friday**

9-2:30 . Quilt & Chat &  
More . Pool Pav

**First/Third Saturdays**

1-4 . Knitting Guild .  
Condor Room