

**Reggae in the Pines**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST 12-6:30PM**  
**PMC GOLF COURSE**

- **BOUNCE HOUSES**
- **FACE PAINTING 12-5PM**
- **LOCAL VENDORS**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING:**

- **MERIDIAN 12-2:30PM &**
- **KINGSTON TREE 3-6:30PM**
- **A.T.U (LOUNGE) 7-11PM**
- **FREE FOOD 2:30-5:30PM**

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 adults' Halloween parties  
 on Saturday, Oct. 29.  
 See details on pages 3  
 and 15.



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## Our World of Nature

### Rare Animals Near Pine Mountain Club

Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

Our local mountains are relatively undisturbed by modern civilization. They have, so far, escaped the complete destruction of the natural landscape that has occurred in much of Southern California, the Central Valley and many coastal areas. We do have several communities, scattered rural homes, ranch land and various roadways. However, much other land is wild or semi-wild.



**Fig. 1: The Mt. Pinos chipmunk lives only on the tops of a few local mountains (LB)**

Since Europeans began exploring what is now California in the 1500s, the appearance of our state has changed. Livestock grazing, damming and diversion of rivers, plowing of native sod, draining of inland and coastal wetlands and build-up of modern structures have completely altered many regions. A large number of native plants and animals have experienced drastic

reduction in their range and numbers. It is ironic that our state mammal, the grizzly bear, was trapped, shot and poisoned to extinction in California by 1924, even though as many as 10,000 were present in California as recently as the 1700s. They had been very common in our local mountains.

Our mountains and nearby lowlands contain a large number of native species, and also still harbor some species that have become quite rare. This article will focus on six local rare animals.



**Fig. 2: Old trees, large logs and rocks are preferred by the Mt. Pinos chipmunk (LB)**

We have two chipmunk species locally. One, the Merriam's chipmunk, is common in forests, woodlands and brush-covered areas throughout several counties in the state. This is the chipmunk seen darting around our Pine Mountain Club

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## PMCPOA Flu Shot Clinic

**Wednesday, Oct. 26  
10am to Noon and 1-3pm  
Clubhouse Lounge  
Shots are free**

## Bird Feeders Allowed in PMC Nov. 1 Through April 1: Here's What you Should Know

Patrice Stimpson, PMC Patrol Chief

From Nov. 1 to April 1, bird feeders will be allowed in PMC, per Association Rule 7.03A. Before putting out your seed or nectar feeders, please consider how feeding the birds affects them, and other wildlife.

Wildlife that is fed by humans will start to think of us as a food source. This can adjust their habits, leading them to stop foraging for food naturally and become dependent on us. Animals larger than birds are more likely to come into the community, and may become aggressive, leading to relocation or euthanization (bears in particular). None of these outcomes are ideal human-wildlife interactions and can have long-term

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## An Invitation to Attend the PMCPOA Meet & Greet

On Sunday, Oct. 9, there will be a New Member Orientation for new members from 12-1pm in the Pavilion, and also a "Meet & Greet" for all members from 1-3pm in the Condor Room.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn about our committees, clubs and activities. Environmental Control and Patrol will be available to answer questions and provide information. Refreshments will be served.

## Fire Won't Wait: Plan Your Escape

*PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee*

The week of Oct. 9 is Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." Time to make a Home Safety Action Plan.

### **ACTION #1**

#### **Make the first Saturday of each month "Smoke Alarm Saturday"!**

Fire moves fast. You and your family could have only minutes to get out safely once the alarm sounds.

- Smoke alarms are required to be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the house.
- Test all your smoke alarms by pushing the test button. If it makes a beeping sound, it is working. No sound or if it is low, replace the battery. If the alarm is more than 10 years old, you need to replace it. If the alarm makes a chirping noise, it needs a new battery.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the alarm and what to do when it sounds.

### **ACTION #2**

#### **Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year!**

Having a home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.

- Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily. If bedrooms are on the second floor, invest in a folding escape ladder.
- Pick an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the house.
- Everyone should know how to call 911 once they are out of the house.
- Practice! Practice! Practice! Practice day and nighttime home fire drills.

### **REMEMBER:**

#### **When You Hear a Beep, Get on Your Feet!**

Get out and call 911 from your outside meeting place.

#### **Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!**

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire alarm if it is more than 10 years old.

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***Thank you,  
Karin Shulman, GM***

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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.



**A Grosbeak at a feeder. Photo by Jeff Cooper**

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effects.

Rodents, snakes and birds of prey are attracted to seed feeders as well, and often take up residence nearby to take advantage of the constant stream of easy meals.

According to the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, each year in the U.S., more than 1 billion birds die from flying into windows due to poor placement of feeders. Feeders can also expose birds to disease such as conjunctivitis, salmonella, avian pox and even a fungal disease from moldy seed called aspergillosis, due to overcrowding and improper maintenance and cleaning.

The least impactful and healthiest way to have a "bird feeder" is to plant native trees, shrubs and plants, which will naturally attract birds. Minimizing pesticide use can also lead to more native insects that birds love, and leaving leaf litter alone will provide sources for foraging. A good example is elderberry.

If you do decide to put up a bird feeder, it is important to minimize impacts where possible. Ensure that your feeder is not accessible by other wildlife, such as bears or squirrels, and clean it properly and often to decrease the chance for communal disease spread between birds. Place feeders far from windows, and store seed inside in a dry area to prevent mold.

Whether in the forest or our own backyard, it is important to consider our connection to the natural world around us, and the potential impacts we can cause. Working to reduce these impacts will protect wildlife, fragile ecosystems and preserve our ability to enjoy them.

You're Invited To PMC Clubhouse's  
Kids Halloween Monster Bash

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Saturday October 29th  
Lampkin Park 12-3pm  
Fun for the whole family

Pumpkin Decorating  
Crafts  
Games  
Wear your costumes!

A Halloween-themed graphic with a purple background. It features a purple castle with orange windows on the left, a large yellow full moon on the right, and several black bats flying around. At the bottom, there are several orange jack-o'-lanterns. The text is in white and purple fonts.

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# Milkweed and Monarchs

*Nancy Dudley and Susanne Green*

The expanse of unspoiled public land surrounding Pine Mountain Club provides critical habitat for milkweed and monarchs, and indeed there is a delightful spill-over of both unique plant life and wildlife that residents can appreciate, steward, and even promote.

Narrowleaf milkweed, *Asclepias fascicularis*, is a native plant found in the Western United States, and it is plentiful in and around Pine Mountain Club. In addition, wooly pod milkweed, *Asclepias eriocarpa*, grows locally but it is less common. Milkweed is a perennial herb that grows in a variety of habitats and does not require much water. In fact, the plant enjoys full sun. Milkweed blooms from late spring to late summer, and in the fall its fruit pods split open to spill seeds with silky hairs. The sap of the plant is toxic, so gloves and safety glasses should be worn when handling milkweed.

Migratory monarch butterflies, known for their epic migrations from overwintering spots in Mexico and California to various places in the U.S. and Canada, are a subspecies of the monarch butterfly. The monarchs on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains migrate each winter to oyamel forests on high-elevation mountain tops in central Mexico. The western monarchs in Pine Mountain Club migrate to the central coast of California for the winter. Although western populations have increased from 2021 to 2022, western mon-



Photo by Nancy Dudley

## A Monarch butterfly.

archs are still endangered, their numbers having decreased from an estimated 10 million in the 1980s to just over 200,000 in 2022.

Monarchs are threatened by herbicides, global climate change and drought, temperature extremes and habitat loss due to urbanization and wildfire. When monarchs migrate, they are vulnerable to collisions with vehicles and trucks.

Monarch butterfly caterpillars only eat



Photo by Susanne Greene

## The chrysalis stage.

milkweed. The milkweed plant provides the only nourishment the monarch needs to transform from a caterpillar into the adult butterfly. Milkweed is toxic to most insects, so monarch caterpillars have some natural protection from predation while on a milkweed plant. Milkweeds are currently producing seeds, so this is an exceptional time to gather seeds from neighbors and help spread the habitat of these beautifully flowering milkweed plants.

## Post Office Reminder, Busy Season Nearing

The PMC Post Office receives a lot of mail that has to be returned to the sender because it does not have a post office box number on it.

The staff at your post office reminds you to make sure you provide your PO box number to anyone who will be sending anything to you. This includes bills, catalogs, postcards, DMV paperwork, etc.)

You don't want to miss out on receiving something important because it can't get to you. Remember: Mail does not get delivered to physical addresses in PMC.

Also, the holiday season is approaching, and the Post Office will be busy. Please pick up mail regularly when possible.



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# Golf Club Still in Full Swing This Fall

*Bill Fair*

Summer is losing its grip on the mountain as the days get shorter and the evenings become cooler. The Pine Mountain Golf Club (PMGC) plays, basically, year-round, and we're not slowing down now that fall is here.

The real heat of the summer may be lessening, but, there is still lots of time to stick your tees in the ground, let your best shots fly and always go for that birdie! It's still time to golf!

One of the biggest tournaments of the year wrapped up a few weeks ago on Sept. 11, with Denise Rogers and Keith Cascarelli coming out on top in the Women's and Men's divisions. They will reign as the club's champions for the next year. Congrats to each of them! Dave Lewis and Maria Naylor both won the trophy for their low net victories. The lunches of great sandwiches, homemade chili, delicious pasta salad and great desserts capped off a wonderful weekend.

The club's not done yet for the year, not by a long shot. There are three more big tourneys coming up, capped by the Tournament of Champions to be held at the Alisal River Course in Solvang. It's a great tournament open to all members, with the chance of the winner's trophy for any low gross or low net winner from this season. As of now there are 25 players eligible for the statues!

Following up after that will be the

club's Awards Dinner in early November. Along with the great food and evening of awards, the club is also going to have a Charity Raffle of super prizes. The proceeds will be distributed to a couple of deserving charities: the Mountain Community Family Resource Center and the Caddie School for Soldiers.

If you'd like to join in on these great events, there's still a chance to get in on the fun. We'd love for you to join us. You can join the club online at SCGA.org. It's only \$60 per year, and gives you a handicap, perks with the SCGA and good times with the PMGC. Need more information, come in or call the PMC Golf Shop at 242-3734.



**Golf Club champs (from left to right) Dave Lewis, Maria Naylor, Denise Rogers and Keith Cascarelli.**

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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II  
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

We will be holding a Town Hall in the Condor Room on November 12 at 10:00 am to present members with a progress report on the clubhouse revitalization project.



We will introduce our new project manager and present the latest updates on the plans for the remodel of the clubhouse.

We also plan to share the results of an upcoming facility assessment of the clubhouse to determine its condition that should be completed prior to the Town Hall. We plan to provide a live stream of the Town Hall and will record it as well, but I do not know yet if the “chat room” feature will be activated for the Town Hall to allow members not physically present to ask questions or make live comments.

As always, members who opt to watch the live stream are reminded there could be technical difficulties beyond our control that may disrupt the experience or drop a connection.

I think all our committees do great work

and thanks to all the volunteer members who make those committees function while following their respective charters.

I'd like to give special thanks to those members on the Governing Documents Committee who tackle the various rules that sometimes need revision so that the rules are clear to everyone to allow us to effectively seek compliance and make for a better community. One of the biggest projects for Gov Docs right now is the revision of the Environmental Control Code and they are being assisted in those efforts by our EC Officer, Joe Ladin.

Regarding the EC Code, every member has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment within this community. The EC Code is probably one of the most frequently visited codes, particularly when it comes to evaluating the aesthetics and safety within our community – but many of the rules in the code are also the most frequently violated.

The number of warning letters and di-

rect personal contact asking members for compliance to various issues and violations of the EC code is a little overwhelming and honestly quite disappointing. The good news is that the vast majority of members readily comply with warnings and requests for compliance – but a few others do not. If you have a few extra minutes, go to our website and read Article 21 – also known as the Environmental Control Code – on the Governing Documents page ([pinemountainclub.net/documents/10184/14028/2022-06-18+Environmental+Control+Code++Ratified.pdf](http://pinemountainclub.net/documents/10184/14028/2022-06-18+Environmental+Control+Code++Ratified.pdf)).

I know rule-compliant members are often a little impatient and do not believe we are trying our best to encourage and enforce the cleanup of neighborhoods - but we are.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

*A Message from the Chairman - September 2022 is based on the Chairman's Report from the Sept. 17, 2022 Board Meeting.*

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Sept. 17, 2022. 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 a.m. Five directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, and Chairman Lewis II. Directors Steve Burkett, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton were excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Sept. 17, 2022 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

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

There were seven (7) committee applications for approval.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report.

General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report.

Director Acosta presented the Treasur-

er's report.

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

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

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

There were zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve **RESOLUTION #01-09-17-2022**, allocating \$25,000 for Greenbelt cleanup, \$104,927 for Clubhouse renovation, \$12,202 for 2022-2023 project contingency, and the remaining accumulated carryover amount to the Reserve Fund following the 2021-2022 Audit as directed by Bylaw 10.12. The carryover funds available for transfer to the Reserve Fund at 06/30/2022 is \$220,120. This amount will only change if the auditor directs management to make an adjustment to the 2021-2022 financials. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve **RESOLUTION #02-09-17-2022**, to establish Environmental Control Code Rule 7.26 to prohibit illegal indoor marijuana cultivation as submitted and amend the Pine Mountain Club Property Owners' Association Rules Violation Fine/Penalty Schedule to reflect a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense of this rule, \$7,500 for a **SECOND** offense, and \$10,000 for a third offense. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve the variance for 1513 Banff Drive. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve the Governing Documents Committee Charter as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to direct staff to commence with the Capital Reserve Study Update. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received forty-two (42) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Oct. 15, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

# Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
<b>Revenue</b>				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	863,455	860,772	2,683	
Operations/Maintenance	62,889	46,260	16,629	
Social Activity	137,119	135,800	1,319	
Projects	10,500	9,500	1,000	
Interest Income (Operating)	1,564	3,133	(1,569)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,075,526</b>	<b>1,055,465</b>	<b>20,061</b>	
<b>Payroll Summary</b>				
Wages	(403,444)	(415,718)	12,274	
Benefits	(60,745)	(62,978)	2,233	
Taxes	(33,535)	(35,681)	2,146	
Worker's Comp	(9,528)	(17,226)	7,698	
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>(507,252)</b>	<b>(531,603)</b>	<b>24,351</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Operations/Maintenance	(574,669)	(610,154)	35,485	
Social Activity	(77,573)	(73,919)	(3,654)	
Operating Projects	(1,027)	(50,000)	48,973	
Designated Fund Projects	(68,620)	(23,000)	(45,620)	
Reserve Contribution	(91,200)	(91,200)	0	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(813,088)</b>	<b>(848,273)</b>	<b>35,185</b>	
<b>Other Operating Transactions</b>				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	0	0	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	19,815	0	19,815	
<b>Total Other Transactions</b>	<b>19,815</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,815</b>	
<b>Total Change in Operating Fund</b>	<b>(225,000)</b>	<b>(324,411)</b>	<b>99,411</b>	
	<b>Assessment Billed</b>	<b>Assessment Collected</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable %</b>
<b>20/21 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,635,684	4,634,080	1,604	0.03%
<b>21/22 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,695,620	4,659,456	36,164	0.77%
<b>22/23 Assessment Collection Update</b>	5,168,214	3832387	1,335,827	26%
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>	Beginning Balance July 1, 2022	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,507,077	93,921	(100,403)	3,500,595
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,995,781			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,949,065			

Respectfully Submitted

  
Ellen McGlollan / Treasurer *Cameron Acosta* Secretary

September 17, 2022



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

Karin Shulman

Summer is starting to wrap up with the cooler weather we have enjoyed recently. It is nice to see people still enjoying the pool. I made an error when I said the pool would close Oct. 9. That is a three-day weekend for some of us, so the pool will officially close on the evening of Oct. 10.

The last Concert on the Greens had a large group turnout. Great ribs and pulled pork. This is a reminder that knives, dogs, kids swimming in Fern's Lake and people walking on the golf course are not allowed at any time.

We have our first Reggae in the Pines on Oct. 1 with about 11 vendors attending. We will have a bounce house for the kids and Caribbean-themed food. Bring your blankets and enjoy our first Reggae concert. No food or alcohol are allowed from outside: We will have a portable bar and food for sale. Also, no pot smoking is al-

lowed on PMCPOA property. If we smell it or see it, you will be asked to leave.

The road crew is out repairing berms, so drive slowly when you see them. If you have dead trees on your property, please remove them. We are having trees falling due to being dead. You don't want a tree to fall on your house or your neighbor's house. It can be costly and dangerous.

The recent rains gave us about seven inches of water in the lakes, which we are thankful for. The staff did a good job with the golf course greens and tees with the drought we have had this year.

We are nearing the end of the year, so we have the Halloween Barn Bash at the Equestrian Center -- and other Halloween festivities -- to enjoy this month. Horses and boarders will be dressed in costumes and there will be fun and games and food for sale.

In November, we have Thanksgiving on the 24th and the Christmas Tree Lighting the evening of the 25th with free hot choco-

late and cookies. Then on Saturday the 26th is our annual craft fair. Come and get your Christmas gifts early from talented people who make jewelry, hats, paintings and so forth. This weekend of activities is sure to get you into the holiday spirit.

In case we get snow this year, be prepared. Make sure you have good tires on your vehicles and always carry snow chains in the car with you. Keep a blanket and water and snacks in the car when you travel off the hill in the event you are unable to get back home.

Be well and take care.

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# Gardeners Club Fall Fundraiser is Sunday, Oct. 16

*Caylan Fisher-DeLisi*

The Pine Mountain Gardeners Club is pleased to announce its annual Fall Fundraiser. The event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2309 Birchwood Way in Pine Mountain Club.

Please join us for refreshments, live music, a silent auction and a raffle. Shop from local craft vendors, a delicious bake sale and a gigantic yard sale! Admission is free.

For more information, please email to [pinemountaingardeners@gmail.com](mailto:pinemountaingardeners@gmail.com).

## Transfer Site Hours:

**8:30am - 5pm Daily**

### Reminders:

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

## Rec Room Hours:

### **Fall Hours**

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

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# Letter to the Editor

## PMCPOA Timely Response from Members' Proposal

I recently had a meeting with PMC Property Owners Association General Manager Karin Shulman, and Board Chairman Bill Lewis II regarding the increased traffic at Fern's Lake. I explained that the pedestrian, pet and vehicle traffic at the lake has increased dramatically over the last two years. I pointed out that vehicles are not slowing down when entering or leaving the lake, thus creating a dangerous situation.

I presented the general manager and board chairman with a proposal, signed by myself and 15 association members, urging them to consider installing a speed bump in the access alleyway to the lake.

Our proposal was well received, and, just two weeks later, two speed bumps were installed along with a new 5-mph

speed limit sign!

We want to thank the general manager and board chairman for the rapid response.

**Russ De Angelo**

*The writer is solely responsible for the contents of the letter and acknowledges that the viewpoint, opinions, and validity of the facts expressed in the letter are those of the writer only, and are not necessarily shared by the editor, the Association or the Condor Committee.*

**The editorial and advertising deadline for the November 2022 Condor is Monday, Oct. 10.**

**Content can be submitted to the editor at [rwilde@pmcpoa.com](mailto:rwilde@pmcpoa.com).**

## 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). Anonymous submissions will not be published.**

**There were no CCC submissions this month.**

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To speak with Chairman Lewis II, contact the Business Office, or send inquiries or comments via email to [pmcboard@pmcpoa.com](mailto:pmcboard@pmcpoa.com). When sending emails, please put "Attention: Chairman Lewis" in the subject line. Please note that all meetings with the chairman must be approved by the general manager.

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homes. The second chipmunk, the Mt. Pinos Lodgepole chipmunk (Fig. 1), is very localized. There are remnant populations only on our highest local mountains and in one other Southern California mountain range. This little pale-colored rodent



**Fig.3: The goshawk favors our highest undisturbed forests (BC)**

favors downed logs, rocks and old conifer trees in places such as Mt. Pinos and the top of Cerro Noroeste, usually above 8,000 feet in elevation (Fig. 2). Its remaining numbers are threatened by human intrusion, particularly timber harvesting operations such as the ones now planned for our local National Forest.

Another animal that occupies forests that are left over from the last ice age is the northern goshawk. This is a large predator of large birds, such as grouse. Very few individuals have been seen



**Fig. 4: This camouflaged kit fox eyes the photographer (LB)**

recently in our area, but it probably occurs in heavily forested stands that have not yet been disturbed by logging or other human activity. There was a report of a nesting pair in the Mt. Pinos area in 1994. I saw one bird in the same region in 1998. A local resident, Beverly Cressey, ob-

**Photographers**

- Bill Buchroeder (BB)**
- Liz Buchroeder (LB)**
- Beverly Cressey (BC)**
- David Schindler (DS)**

tained a photograph of one in Cuddy Valley in 2021 (Fig. 3). This hawk, the largest Accipiter species, is still found throughout much of Northern California's wooded mountains. Timber harvesting and wild-fire suppression are probably the greatest threats to the California population.

Two other rare species found near PMC are the San Joaquin kit fox and the San Joaquin antelope squirrel. They are part of the southern San Joaquin Valley Desert flora



**Fig. 5: A San Joaquin antelope squirrel scampers in the hot, dry salt bush (BB)**

and fauna. This desert region has been isolated from other California deserts long enough for the evolution of unique species. Irrigated agriculture and urbanization have brought several of these animal and plant species close to extinction. The lower portion of Hudson Ranch Road, the narrow, winding route that leads west of PMC to Highway 33/166, contains habitat for both of these mammals.

The kit fox eats similar prey to that eaten by the gray fox, which is found in and



**Fig. 6: The Gorman Sag Pond has water only seasonally (BB)**

around PMC. The kit fox does well in very dry conditions. The kit fox in this photo is hard to see as it hides at the opening of a culvert near Bitter Creek National Wildlife



**Fig. 7: These western pond turtles are active only when water is present (BB)**

Refuge (Fig. 4).

The San Joaquin Antelope squirrel also is a desert specialist. The name 'antelope' comes from its habit of holding the tail over the body so that the white under-part flashes (Fig. 5), just like the pronghorn. Flashing a white tail while zig-zag running makes catching the squirrel harder for a predator.

Over 90% of the wetlands formerly found in California have been destroyed or degraded in the last 150 years. This trend has led to the disappearance of many animal species. We have one local wetland animal that is threatened with extinction in California. Southeast of Gorman, there is a small sag pond along the San Andreas



**Fig. 8: Dr. Germano tags and monitors this isolated population (BB)**

Earthquake Fault (Fig. 6). This pond dries up in the summer and does not even fill up each winter. Here resides the only local population of western pond turtle (Fig.

7). As the water dries each year, this reptile burrows into the mud and hibernates until the water returns. This species has been decimated over much of its range in recent years by introduced, non-native bass fish and bullfrogs. It survives at the Gorman sag pond because the bass and bullfrog need permanent water and are not present at the sag pond. Dr. David Germano of California State University at Bakersfield has been studying this population for several years (Fig. 8). Local photographer Bill Buchroeder has kept photograph-

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ic records of the turtle since 2016. Various potential development plans in this region loom as threats to this unique animal, California's only native aquatic turtle.



**Fig. 9: California condor #16 soars over Hudson Ranch Road (DS)**

Finally, there is our most famous local bird, the grand California condor (Fig. 9). This huge scavenging vulture once was very common in our mountains and in the hills of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, as well as other areas in western North America. After

plummeting to near-extinction due to poisoning, loss of natural large animal carcasses and other factors, the remaining few condors were removed from the wild in 1987. After years of build-up of the population in breeding centers, the captive birds began to be relocated in parts of California and Arizona. There now are approximately 500 birds in the wild. These birds still require supplemental feeding and are captured regularly for health checks. Lead build-up in their blood from lead bullets and oth-

er sources threaten their lives. The blood from affected birds is cleaned by a process called chelation. Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge, along Hudson Ranch Road (Fig. 10), was created to aid in the reintroduction and recovery of condors.

Our mountainous region remains a refuge for many animals and plants that are threatened by modern human civilization. This is an area where people are still able to live alongside many wild creatures in their natural habitats.



**Fig. 10: Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge monitors and aids our local Condor population (BB)**



**"Paint and Sip" classes are offered by PMC resident and Artist Suzanne Bozarth at Artworks Community Gallery. The cost of the class is \$40, which includes all your art materials. For a small donation to Artworks Community Gallery, you can enjoy a drink and snack. If interested, please contact Ms. Bozarth through her email address, smalltownsuze@gmail.com. Artworks Community Gallery is located on Pine Valley Lane in PMC.**

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*Pickleball players generally gather to play during the above days and times. Times are subject to change.*

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*Fern's Lake Reminder: There is no fishing allowed in Fern's Lake after the gate is closed at dusk. And NO swimming, rafting or playing is allowed in the lake at any time!*

**Entertainment Line-Up:**

*Saturday nights 7-11pm  
Friday nights 7-10pm*

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

*Reggae in the Pines:  
12-2:30pm -- Meridian  
3-6:30pm -- Kingston-Tree  
7-11pm -- A.T.U. -- in  
Condor Room (Classic  
High-Energy Rock & Roll  
from the '60s and '70s)*

**Friday, Oct. 7**

*7-10pm -- Cary Park  
(Singer/Songwriter Who  
Plays Classic Rock &  
Country)*

**Saturday, Oct. 8**

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

**Friday, Oct. 14**

*7-10pm -- Steve Wilkinson  
(Classic Rock, R&B)*

**Saturday, Oct. 15**

*7-11pm -- Karson City  
Rebels (Mix of Country &  
Rock & Roll)*

**Friday, Oct. 21**

*7-10pm -- Vince Vinay  
(Acoustic Guitar: Classics  
and Some Originals)*

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

*7-11pm -- Hollywood  
Hillbillies (Country, Country  
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**Friday, Oct. 28**

*7-10pm -- Mark and Steve  
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**Saturday, Oct. 29**

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**7pm – 8pm Daily  
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**10-11am Mon, Wed & Fri  
Water Aerobics**

**Pool will remain open  
through Oct. 10**

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**Saturday, Oct. 1 (First Saturday)**

9 am **Governing Documents** ZOOM

1 pm **Planning** Pool Pavilion

**Tuesday, Oct. 4 (First Tuesday)**

6 pm **Communications** ZOOM

**Friday, Oct. 7 (First Friday)**

9am **Greens and Grounds** Pro Shop

2 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

**Wednesday, Oct. 12 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**

6 pm **Budget & Finance** Condor Room

**Saturday, Oct. 15 (Third Saturday)**

10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg.** Condor Room

**Saturday, Oct. 22 (Fourth Saturday)**

9 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room

10:30 am **CERT** CERT Facility

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