



# PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB



## BULLETIN - JANUARY 2000

### REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT JACOB KOFF

#### NEW YEAR

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend best wishes to Members and their families for a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to extend our thanks to all the Members who do so much for the good of the Park. Space prevents me from mentioning everyone, but I would like to mention Bob & Tiny Sand, Jim Wells, Doug Hipsley, Bill Hardwick, Kurt Diesner, Lloyd & Karron Ames, Greg Lasky, Chuck Buchanan, Lois Hardy, Bob Biendle, Scott Snyder, Brit Thompson, Jim Langford, and Lois Murphy in particular.

I would also like to thank our hard-working Staff for all their efforts.

I also want to thank the other directors of the Club, Vera Reinstein, Norm Brown, Tod Likins, and Steve Taylor for their support, their advice, and their hard work.

#### THE DAM

Because of the uncertainty in obtaining a permit for the dam and because of the large sum of money involved, the Board believes that the Membership should decide whether to pursue the permit process. This will be done through a

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### FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK BILL LOCKE-PADDON

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The weather has been great. However, the drought of the mid-70's began with a dry beautiful winter back in 1974. Whether we have another drought at this time or not, we do need to trim the Club's high water costs. The amount of money the Club spends on water has been estimated to be comparable to a community in which everyone is a full-time resident.

- ✓ Please check your plumbing for leaky valves and other sources of water waste.
- ✓ Take the time to locate and clearly mark your cutoff valve(s) between the water main and your home.
- ✓ Be on the lookout for water main leaks.
- ✓ Shutoff and drain your plumbing if you plan on being away during the rest of the winter. One hard freeze could result in dozens of ruptured mains and hydrants for the crew to repair, and a rupture in your home's plumbing would be attempted (hence the reason for ensuring you have an operable cutoff valve) only after the mains and hydrants were repaired.

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### JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/31 - 1/1/2000  
New Year's Day  
(Office Holiday)

1/3 -  
Knitten Kittens  
Social Hall  
12:30 - 4:30pm

1/5 - Men's Club  
Social Hall 11:30am  
Stan Wolfberg

1/11 -  
Agenda Cut-off for  
Board of Directors  
Meeting

1/15 -  
Board of Directors  
Meeting

1/15 - Potluck  
Social Hall  
5:30, Dinner at 6

1/15 - Article  
& Announcement  
Cut-off for PPMC  
February Bulletin

1/22 - 1:00pm  
Year 2000 Recreation  
Volunteers Meeting  
Conference Room

2/7 -  
Knitten Kittens  
Social Hall  
12:30 - 4:30pm

2/12 -  
Men's Club  
Everyone's Invited!



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vote on a Special Assessment. Please give some thought to this issue and watch future Bulletins for more details.

**THE BRIDGE**

The Board has received a preliminary report from the engineering firm examining the covered bridge. As a result of the report, **the weight limit for the bridge has been lowered to 5 tons, effective immediately.** New signs will be placed at both ends of the bridge and on the back gate. In addition, the report recommends extensive repairs to the bridge to deal with termites, rot, and general deterioration. Once a final report with specifications is received, the job will be put out to bid.

We think, but at this point do not know for certain, that the cost of the repairs will exceed monies in the reserve account, necessitating a special assessment. If you would like to see a copy of the report, or if you have construction, contract evaluation, engineering, or other expertise that would help the Club in this matter, please contact the office.

**WELCOME!**

I would like to extend a hearty welcome to new Member Peter Parkhill and his wife, Valleta, of 155A St. Alban; Judy Vierra, Associate to Myron Kegebein of 114 Keystone Way; and Linda M. Dobson who has become the Member for 347 The Royal Arch upon the death of her mother, Mildred Taylor.

**HERZOG LAWSUIT**

Many Park members recently received a letter from Pat Herzog in which Pat made certain accusations about the Board. Several members asked whether Pat's accusations were true. I would like to assure the Membership that contrary to Pat's claims, the Board communicated extensively with her. I personally spoke with Pat on more

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**COMPANY 38  
PARADISE PARK FIRE & EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS**

We want to remind our Membership that if it were not for our Company 38 volunteers during past years, many of our fires, medical emergencies, and floods could and would have been much worse.

Do you remember?:

**Floods/Winter Storms of '55, '82, '83, '96, & '98**

**Fowler Garage Fire 1996**

**Ball Field Fire 1997**

**Vinson House Fire 1998**

**Scherer House Fire 1998**

**Nidick Oven Fire 1999**

**Traboulsi Oven Fire 1999**

**Gatehouse Arson Attempt 1999, and**

**Numerous Medical Emergencies over the Years**

Although not as many Members turn out for our monthly musters (ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM) as we would like, many Members that have previously trained on our equipment are capable and willing to answer emergency calls when needed. In many cases, the response by our Member volunteers can make a profound difference in what otherwise could be a tragedy.

Company 38 was formed out of the concern we take for our Brothers and Sisters in times of emergency. This makes Company 38 very special.

Won't you please consider coming out for our monthly Saturday morning musters. The more of us who are trained on our equipment and procedures, the better our response to our emergencies.

*Greg Laskey*  
Fire Chief

*Scott "Scooter" Snyder*  
Assistant Fire Chief

**WE NEED YOU!!**



## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK - BILL LOCKE-PADDON

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Protect yourselves against water damage by checking and repairing your water cutoff valves. If you have no idea where your cutoff valve is, visit the Office and we'll attempt to locate a valve map in your file. Please provide the Club office with a map of your cutoff valve's location.

The Club could save thousands, if not tens of thousands, of dollars per year by eliminating water waste. Also, when we have a drought, not if, the Water Department will levy fines for your water leaks and wasteful water use. Let's beat the rush and take care of our leaks now.

### PARK TRAFFIC CONCERNS

I need to ask the Members and their families and guests to

*\* please drive more carefully \**  
and

*\* heed all of our traffic signs \**

⇒ **STOP AT ALL STOP SIGNS.** They were put there because there have been accidents at these locations. Assume that a child on a bike, a pedestrian, small animal, or another car is about to cross your path and **STOP** to be sure it's safe before you go on.

⇒ **AT BLIND INTERSECTIONS, EXPECT AND PREPARE FOR EMERGING CHILDREN OR CARS.**

⇒ **IF YOU SEE A MEMBER SPEEDING,** call the Office and report them so that we can follow up to help to correct their careless inconsideration of the rest of us.

⇒ **IF YOU OBSERVE A VENDOR SPEEDING** through the Park, call their company to report them.

### VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #38

The last fire muster was more successful than in the past few months. We still need more volunteers on a regular basis. The Fire Muster is at 9am on the second Saturday of each month. It's important to have people show up if only to say they are willing and able to volunteer during Park emergencies. If you can't make the scheduled musters, I'd be happy to arrange a mid-week training exercise.

### FORESTRY CONCERNS

Call me at the Office and let me know what you think about forestry management and the possibil-

ity of harvesting enough Douglas fir and Redwoods in uninhabited forest areas of the Club to pay for removing dead tan oaks.

### MEMBER GUESTS

Don't forget to inform the Office in writing or by phone of upcoming guest visits and remind your guests to check in at the Office at their earliest convenience after they've arrived.

I've received numerous reports of guests in Member homes who have not been authorized. For the safety of your property, we need to be able to differentiate between your authorized guests and transients who may be squatting in your home. Also, there are limits on the amount of time you may have unaccompanied guests in your home during each year; so please be sure that your guests do not overstay your allotted guest time privileges.

### FISHING SEASON

Steelhead season is open. Be sure and put your permission in writing when you invite guests to come and fish from inside the Park. Instruct your guests to get a Fishing Parking Permit from the Office. They will need a current Fishing License to do so.

### PPMC PARKING STICKERS

Many of the vehicles I see in the Park do not have parking stickers. I'm going to start ticketing cars without parking stickers as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Repeat offenders or scofflaws will be fined and/or towed. Please come down to the office and get your

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Each Member may deduct \$90.93 as a 1999 Property Tax deduction for your proportion of our Park land taxes (paid through your Assessment) in addition to the "Santa Cruz County Property Taxes" paid by you for your individual improvement on your latest TAD billing. Any questions? Call Barb in the Office at 831/423-1530.

**1999 Tax Deduction**

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than one occasion and I visited her house to examine the situation. I was not the only Board Member to do so. While the Board regrets that Pat has chosen to sue the Club, our position remains unchanged: the damage to Pat's house is her responsibility, not the Club's.

The Board must try to strike a balance between what Members want and what is right for the Club as a whole. Sometimes Members do not always get what they want. This doesn't mean that the Board is ignoring them or does not care about their problems.

Faternally, *Jacob*



**FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK -  
BILL LOCKE-PADDON**

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parking stickers.

**A BIG THANK YOU!!**

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MAIL AND OFFICE VOLUNTEERS. Without your help, the office staff would be swamped daily with extra work.

Also, thank you to our Gate Check Volunteers: Everett Mills, Cliff Houchin, Bob Biendle, Ray Hoffman, Lou Bernard, and Barry Brown. Thank you to Ken Ernest for digging out a drainage ditch, and thank you again to Bob Biendle for volunteering his time for the repair of the emergency traffic signal light on the Entrance Road.

Lastly, thank you to Jim Gloeckler, Mel Avery, Ken Rhea, Stan Smith, Bill Crogan, Laurie Crogan, and John Obsniuk for pitching in to buy the Club a "wacker" asphalt compactor which has been badly needed for repairing pot holes.

**Call for Funding Expertise!**

If any Members have experience applying for grant monies, we could sure use your expertise to obtain funding for recycling and for preserving the Covered Bridge. Please call me at the Office for details.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

<u>Membership Applications:</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
Dyson-Weaver, Linda for 214 Keystone Way	10/28/99
Hensinger, E. Donald for 542 Council	12/03/99
Simas, Sharon for 293 The Royal Arch	12/03/99
Melikian, Allan L. for 253 Keystone Way	12/06/99
<u>Associate Membership Applications:</u>	
Buchanan, Judy to Charles Buchanan, 182 St. Bernard	11/24/99
Gloeckler, Beatrice to James Gloeckler, 317 The Royal Arch	12/13/99
<u>Alternate Associate Membership Applications:</u>	
Glassey, Lynda to William Glassey, 107 Keystone Way	11/20/99

**LOST AND FOUND**

We've had several items brought into the office during the past few months and thought we'd list a few that some of you may be missing:

1. A woman's pair of bifocal sunglasses found near 620 St. Augustine
2. A heart ring found by the Office playground.
3. Various dishes and a couple of pot holders left over from Pot Lucks and the Holiday Party.
4. Keys with a flashlight.

If you or our family or guests lose something while you or they are in the Park, always call the Office. Often someone brings in these treasures!

## Notes on Paradise Park Gardens

As we enter the new century, let us take an appreciative look at the oldest and most impressive plants in Paradise Park: our Coast Redwood trees. There are three recognized species of redwood trees: our Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*); the Giant Redwood (*Sequoiadendrum giganteum*); and the Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*). The Giant Redwood, which is the largest living organism and can attain an age of perhaps 3,500 years, is found in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The Dawn Redwood, which is deciduous and was thought to be extinct until the 1940's, is found only in remote regions of China. Coast Redwoods, which are the tallest of all three species and which are the redwoods in our Park, are found along a 450 mile stretch of the Pacific coast from Oregon through California in canyons 5 to 35 miles inland.

The name 'Sequoia' was given to these trees in honor of a Cherokee Indian, Sequoyah, who was the son of a Cherokee woman and British merchant and who invented an alphabet for the Cherokee language.

Sequoia trees in geologic time are older than the Swiss Alps and the Rocky Mountains, and they were widespread throughout the northern hemisphere until 20 million years ago when the last ice ages began. Their fossils have been found in Europe, Asia, and North America, and while at least 12 species of the cypress family, Taxodiaceae, have also been found in fossils, Sequoias are the only trees thought to still survive from those ancient times. The last part of our Coast Redwood's Latin name, 'sempervirens', means ever-living which may be either an indication of each individual tree's potential life of 2,000 years or the longevity of the species as a whole through the eons.

Coast Redwoods propagate easily in family circles. These are created as saplings grow from the roots of a mother tree in a circle around its drip line. Eventually the mother tree dies off and rots away, and as the saplings mature, they generate

their own family circles.

Also, our redwoods create their own unique environment. They combine the humidity from the morning fog with the water they draw from the ground to create their own micro-climate. They actually water themselves and their offspring with the drops that fall from their needles onto their roots which just happen to be about as wide as their branches and only about ten feet below ground surface. If it is very cold, they produce their own fog and blanket themselves to retain the warmth they need to survive. We take our temperate climate for granted, and yet without our trees, we would not be so protected from the heat as well as from the cold.

The bark of the redwood can be as thick as 12 inches and contains tannic acid which helps protect the tree from blights, insects, and fire (and is the bane of many of us with cars in the Park). Timber from these Coast Redwoods is light, fine-grained, easily worked, and richly colored, and as such is a favorite in carpentry and general construction. Unfortunately, this contributes to the fact that only 3% of our California old growth forest remains.

The next time you're strolling through our forest, take an oxygen-rich breath and a moment to appreciate and honor these incredible trees. Try to find the King Solomon tree, considered the oldest tree in the Park, as you meander through the picnic ground area. And marvel at these trees around us - their species has been around longer than ours.



### CASTLE PROPERTY UPDATE

On November 9, 1999, a package of information required to support our request for a "Tentative Map - Minor Subdivision" for the Castle Property was submitted to the Santa Cruz County Planning Department. Since that date, various departments in the County have been reviewing the information. Jackie Young, who is handling this project for the Planning Department, has indicated that thus far nothing new had arisen and no other issues have surfaced. We are hopeful that the next item of business will be the setting of a hearing before the Planning Commission.

Requests have gone to the Park Board of Directors to hold a vote of the Membership to determine their desire concerning the property. If the Membership approves the sale of the Castle Property and the Planning Commission approves our application, we will move ahead immediately to sell the lots at the highest price available while the economy is still doing well.

*Jim Wells / Bill Hardwick*

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long-Range Planning Committee is moving ahead on the Board of Directors' request to consult with one of the three local civil engineering firms in order to assure that any request for proposal on a water system upgrade will be complete and thorough. We expect to get a reasonably accurate (plus or minus 15%) cost estimate for a complete renewal of the water system. It appears that the Castle Property project is moving along and we want to be prepared with a plan if the Members vote to sell the property in 2000.

We are also investigating the feasibility of establishing a "Friends of the Covered Bridge" foundation that will allow us to solicit funds and matching grants in order to restore the structure and appearance of our bridge. It is one of the few remaining covered bridges that is in daily use. Unfortunately, some of that daily use is as a food source for termites. We will report on our findings.

Another area of concern is to revitalize our volunteer fire department and to create an emergency plan for PPMC. A key element is training and recognition for participants. The one part that is severely lacking at the moment is participants. Watch for opportunities in 2000.

*Chuck Buchanan, Chairman*

### MEN'S CLUB

Our December meeting was a great success and a fine way to end 1999. 36 diners attended and had nothing but praise for the culinary efforts of Chef Lloyd Ames and his assistants, Frank Conti and John Buchanan. Jeff Almquist, our County Supervisor, spoke and answered questions posed by the audience. We appreciate Jeff's assistance with and interest in the Castle Property and repairs to the Entrance and Exit Roads following the last flood. Jeff has been a good friend to the Park and is running for re-election this spring.

The next luncheon meeting of the Men's club will be Wednesday, January 5, 2000. Barry Brown will be the Chef of the day and diners will be asked to pay \$4 each to enjoy his good cooking. The Speaker will be Stan Wolfberg who will be speaking on Senior Educational Opportunities such as those offered through Elder Hostel, UCSB, Cabrillo College, and Close Up. Stan is very familiar with senior programs in the county and will be able to answer many related questions.

The February meeting will have a Valentine theme and be held February 12th in the Social Hall. We will begin at 5:30 in the evening with a SURPRISE MENU being served at 6pm by our WORLD RENOWNED CHEF JIM GLOECKLER. All ladies and gentlemen of the Park are invited. While the ladies are "on the house", the gentlemen must fork over \$5.00 for admittance. Our OWN WORLD RENOWNED MEMBER CLAY WISEMAN will be our speaker. Clay will be showing slides of his underwater photography from his travels around the world. We request that attendees bring their own plates and utensils. We need to know how many will be attending so that enough food will be available. Please phone the Office @ 423-1530, Jim Gloeckler @ 426-4880, or Bill Hardwick @ 427-2054 to advise us that you plan to attend so the Chef won't be the one surprised.

*Bill Hardwick*  
President

Our Entrance is not only tidy as usual, it is festively lit. Thanks again to Lenny and Pat Rundell for their efforts and holiday spirit. We have the beginnings of a full team of reindeer, about two zillion lights, and new curtains in the Gatehouse windows.

Thanks - your spirit seems to be catching!



**Jim Wells** is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer and **Marilyn** reports that, while **Jim** is very ill with these procedures, the results so far are considered satisfactory.

**Mary Baldrige** is continuing with chemotherapy and radiation treatments for colon cancer. Her daughter reports that she is experiencing great discomfort but that her prognosis is very good.

**Myrl Blum** is now home recovering from a respiratory infection that became acute bronchitis and sent him to the hospital. Of course, in the meantime, poor **Carol** came down with the same vicious infection. **Carol** is feeling better now but sounds terrible and **Myrl** is on a second course of antibiotics and still quite ill.

In the meantime, **Stan Smith** joined **Myrl** and **Mary** in what had now become the Paradise Park Wing of Dominican Hospital. He was fighting a severe infection in his arm caused by a bite from his granddaughter's cat.

**Norm Brown** has again been hospitalized for heart procedures but is expected home for Christmas. **Gracie** says he has been up and around and his coloring looks good.

And **John Bishop** has also spent time in and out of the hospital with heart concerns during December.

Please remember all these precious friends in your prayers.

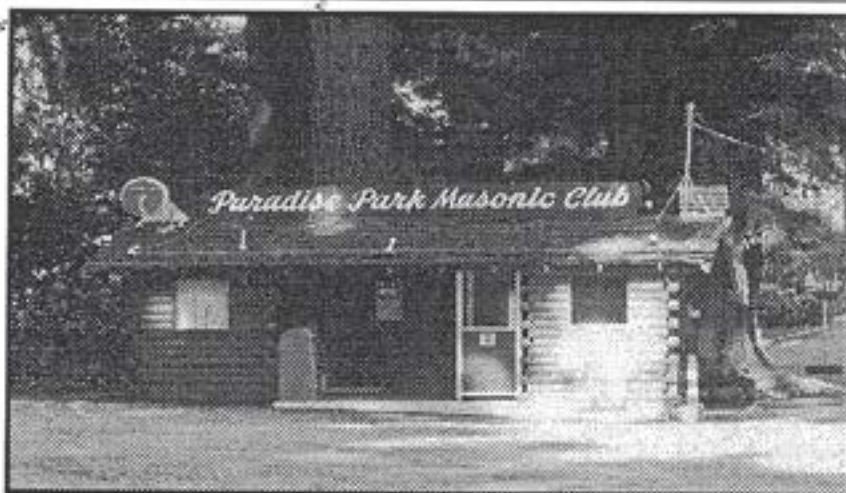
### From the Jim Wells Family

The Wells Family would like to thank everyone for the many calls, cards, and prayers for **Jim**. It's not only the beauty of our Park but the beautiful people that truly make it Paradise.

Thanks again and keep us in your prayers.



In Memory of  
**Mildred Taylor**  
December 9, 1999



## POT LUCKS

The next Pot Luck will be the first in the new millenium, January 15th, and will be hosted by **Karron and Lloyd Ames**. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share, your own place settings, and a dollar for the Pot o'Gold - you might be the next winner!  
*Lois Hardy*

## CALL TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Our Recreation Director **Steve Taylor** requests that all Park YEAR 2000 RECREATION EVENT VOLUNTEERS meet with him on Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00pm in the Office Conference Room to discuss and plan the events for new year. Be there or be square!

## 'Twas the Night Before Y2K by Nancy True

'Twas the night before Y2K  
And all through the house  
A pessimist frantically  
Clicked on his mouse.

Racing the clock,  
The sweat poured down his face  
As he hurriedly backed up  
His life's database.

And in the backyard  
Beneath bushes and trees,  
Were tin cans of cashed  
Mutual Funds and CD's.

A new Maserati  
Was parked in the drive  
In hopes that the loan company  
Would not survive.

Barbed wire lined,  
Picket fence all around,  
The 'Welcome' mat  
Purposely turned upside down.

Powdered potatoes,  
Dehydrated yam  
Lined garage shelves  
Over cases of Spam.

The attic was stockpiled  
With guns, knives, and sabers  
Insuring that he could  
Fight off hungry neighbors.

A cellar well hoarded  
With fine Cabernet  
And Cuban cigars  
To be smoked on Doomsday.

So, fitted with gas mask  
And Army fatigues,  
The pessimist waited  
The 12 o'clock siege.

The clock flipped to mid-  
night...  
Then nothing but silence.  
No A-bombs or earthquakes,  
No neighborly violence.

Just an IBM screen  
With unfaltered display  
Reflecting the pessimist's  
Utter dismay.

This pessimist's bright new  
Millennium unfurled  
With enough Spam to last  
'Till the end of the world!



## FAVORITE PARK RECIPES

### GRANDMA'S FRUITCAKE RECIPE

1 Cup Butter	1 Cup Sugar
4 large Eggs	2 Cups dried Fruit
1 t. Baking Soda	1 t. Salt
1 Cup Brown Sugar	Lemon juice
Nuts	1 Gallon Whiskey

Sample the whiskey to check for quality.  
Take a large bowl.  
Check the whiskey again to be sure it is  
of the highest quality.  
Pour one level cup of whiskey and drink.  
Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer; beat 1 cup of  
butter in a large, fluffy bowl.

Add 1 teaspoon sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whiskey is still OK. Cry  
another tup.

Turn off mixer.

Break 2 legs and add to the bowl and  
chuck in the cup of dried fruit.

Mix on the turner.

If the fried druit gets stuck in the beater-  
ers, pry it loose with a drowscriver.

Sample the whiskey to check for consis-  
ticity.

Next, sift 2 cups of salt. Or something.  
Who cares?

Check the whiskey.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your  
nuts.

Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or  
something.

Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350  
degrees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Throw the bowl out of the window.

Check the whiskey again.

Go to bed.

Who likes fruitcake anyway?!



## FROM THE BOARDROOM . . .

**Some Background Information:** Your Board of Directors meets once each month, generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. We begin our meetings promptly at 7:30am, work through lunch, and adjourn only after all business is completed, usually between 2pm and 4pm. An agenda is prepared prior to each meeting. Agendas always follow the same format. Any Member who would like to meet with the Board should speak with the Manager. He'll try to put you on the agenda and to set aside time for the Board to meet with you and discuss whatever issue or issues you wish to discuss.

### Summary of the Board of Director's Meeting of November 20, 1999

- ◆ **Minutes.** Approved the minutes of the September and October Board meetings.
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report.**
  - ✓ The Board reviewed the Club's financial position which overall is within budget.
- ◆ **Correspondence, New & Unfinished Business.**
  - ✓ The Board noted and responded to routine matters and requests from members. These matters included car tents, building code violations, building permits and a request that the Membership (Initiation) Fee be waived. *[Note: From time-to-time, the Board receives requests to waive all or part of the Bylaws-mandated Initiation-Fee. While the reasons for the requests are often very compelling, the Board in all cases has declined to waive the Fee because the Bylaws permit a person to become a Member without paying the Fee ONLY if the person inherits the Membership. In all other cases, the Fee must be paid.]*
  - ✓ The Board reviewed the continuing problem with car tents and passed a motion allowing existing car tents to remain. All new car tents require prior Board approval. Replacement of existing car tents will also require prior Board approval.
  - ✓ At the request of the Long Range Planning Committee, the Board passed a motion authorizing the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for analysis and plan specification development for replacing the water system. Once specifications have been written, the plan can be put out for bid when funds for the work are available.
  - ✓ In keeping with long-standing policy, the Board decided that Associate or Alternate Associate Members applying for Membership are subject to the

same Bylaws-mandated requirements for Membership as new Members.

### ◆ **Interviews.**

- ✓ The Board approved and welcomed new Member Todd Hoffman and new Associate Members Patricia Hoffman and Betty Marie Thompson. Welcome!
- ✓ The Board approved a motion granting permission to a Member to remove, at his expense and at his own risk, dead tan oaks on Club property.
- ✓ The Board approved a motion accepting an offer from two Members who volunteered to build a secure workshop area for tool storage for the Club.
- ✓ Past President Todd Williams gave the Board a demonstration of the Club's new website.
- ✓ The Board heard from a Member who was concerned about the lack of action on his request to remove a mature redwood. The Board asked him to secure an arborist's report stating whether steps short of removal could be taken. *[Note: The Board's position is that redwood trees, particularly mature redwoods, are one of the defining features of our community. To preserve the Park for future generations, the Board will not grant permission to remove such trees unless removal is the only practical alternative.]*
- ✓ The Board heard from an Associate Member who asked that the Membership (Initiation) Fee be waived.
- ✓ The Building and Plans Committee requested that the Board amend the *Building Rules* to require Members to notify their neighbors when they plan to rebuild or remodel. *[Note: At its December meeting, the Board did pass a motion to amend the Rules to require that the six nearest neighbors be notified in*

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writing. This amendment is effective immediately.]

- ✓ Jim Wells reported to the Board on Castle Site development issues, bringing the Board up-to-date on progress in this area. At the County's suggestion, and with the approval of the Board, the President signed a letter addressed to the County of Santa Cruz promising to donate to the County any cultural artifacts found on the Castle Site during construction. [Note: While it was "suggested" that we give the County such a letter, it was made clear to us that, in reality, our subdivision application would be in jeopardy if we refused.]
- ◆ **Manager's Report.**
  - ✓ The Manager reported on sales status [ahead of budget], delinquent accounts, the status of the dam, a Member's request to remove trees on Park property, road work on Shrine Way, annual road maintenance, building code violations and liens, and Park building appraisals.
  - ✓ The Manager also reported on lack of interest in the volunteer Fire Department [Volunteers, where are you? We need you!], Firehouse electrical problems (solved), and on a review of the Club's Employee Handbook.
  - ✓ The Club's attorney was asked to review the legal necessity for our annual round-the-clock gate check. [Note: We received an opinion from the Club's attorney stating that there is no legal requirement for performing an annual 24-hour gate check. Such a check is not necessary in order to preserve and maintain our streets as private roads.]
- ◆ **Tree Issues.**
  - ✓ The Board reviewed various requests relating to non-mature redwoods.
- ◆ **Bylaws Committee**
  - ✓ No report. [Note: Member Gary Hursch is continuing the arduous task of rewriting the Bylaws. A meeting is tentatively scheduled with Gary, the Board, and the Bylaws Committee to review progress.]
- ◆ **Emergency & Safety Incident Reports.**
  - ✓ Ten incidents were reported, with four involving intruders and three involving illness.
- ◆ **Building Committee**
  - ✓ No report.
- ◆ **Recreation Committee**

✓ No report.

◆ **Long Range Planning Committee**

- ✓ The Committee is actively meeting and has recommended to the Board that plans and specifications be developed for water system improvements.

If you have any questions about this information, or about any aspect of the operation, maintenance or governance of our Club, please contact any Board member. Although Directors have a specific title, any Director will be happy to answer questions on any topic. We would be happy to hear from you!

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**BULLETIN NOTICE:** Each Club Member is entitled to a monthly Bulletin. The costs to print and mail the Bulletins are part of your yearly Assessment. Several Members have requested that their Associate and Alternate Associate Members and friends would like to receive a monthly copy of the Bulletin also. With the January 2000 issue, because the cost of the Bulletin and necessary postage to mail it is not inexpensive, Bulletins will be available to non-Members at a subscription price of \$15 to offset these expenses.

If you are a non-Member and would like to continue receiving the *Paradise Park Masonic Club Bulletin*, please send us your name, address, and phone number with your check for \$15 made payable to PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB. This will entitle you to a one-year Bulletin subscription.

**Member's improvements offered for sale as of December 22, 1999:**

All sales of below improvements and/or allotment use privileges are subject to the approval of the Membership and authorization to transfer rests with the Board of Directors.

**Important Notice:** The descriptions of improvements for sale are provided solely by the sellers. Such information is not verified or checked for accuracy by Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. The Club does not warrant, and disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy, truthfulness, or completeness of any information provided. All questions about allotment improvements should be addressed solely to the seller.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
<b>SECTION 1</b>			
528 St. Ambrose St.	G. Stewart SALE PENDING	\$ 80,000	2BR,1BA,approx.800sqft improvements,large livingrm w/wd stove, ceil fan,Utility area w/built in custom cabinets incl w/d,all appliances incl carport,house bolted to foundation.
540 Council St.	B. Uber	\$ 68,000	2BR,1BA,780sq ft cottage, living room, with stone, carpet, completely re furnished. Custom tiled bathroom with two skylights, new hot water tank, all new plumbing. 400 sq.ft. detached garage with work shop. Solid Redwood Construction. Nice location.
542 Council St.	K. Fowler SALE PENDING	\$ 89,000	2BR,1BA,laund/utility rm,potential for 2nd bath,new roof,most windows replaced, completely remodeled bath,4-yr old leach lines,vermont castings propane heater,d/w,gas stove,gas water htr,new ceil fans in bdrms & livrm,new ceil insulation, new berber carpet,new side deck,front deck,exterior paint completed by spring '99,negotiate wash/dryer/frig. Call owner before showing,if no one home show anyway. Willing to negotiate. Will carry a note.
<b>SECTION 2</b>			
293 Royal Arch	Edward Simas SALE PENDING	\$ 105,000	Brick fireplace, propane water heater and floor furnace, dishwasher, washer and dryer hook up. 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.
334 Royal Arch	G. Williams SALE PENDING Call 1st	\$107,000	2BR,1BA light,spacious1250sqft,yr-round home,large back deck & private back yard.updated kit & bath,lg livroom w/skylights,ceiling fan,french doors,propane heat(cream color jotel stove) installed Oct.'98 w/programmed thermostat,lg wooden shed for storage in back.
402 Consistory	E. Mills 459-7669	120,000	1 BR, 1 & 1/2 BA, large living rm. & bed rm. Elec. Range kitchen, dining area, laundry rm. Gas furnace, & Fireplace, Garage with overhead sleeping & 1/2 bath. Shop bldg. Also large deck and unfinished attic. Improvements 1300 Sq. Ft.
<b>SECTION 4</b>			
597 Keystone Way	J. Olson MAKE OFFER	\$ 77,000	1BR,2 sleeping lofts,1 1/2 BA,oak cabinets,stove,micro & frig built in.Cozy cottage in sunny choice location. Lots of decking to sit outdoors & enjoy the beautiful redwoods.Carport w/storage,room for 2 cars,excellent condition inside & out.
632 St. Augustine Ave.	B. LaVere AS IS CALL 1st (352) 860-0778	\$150,000/ BEST OFFER	Prime location by tennis cts, 1/2 block to beach-San Lorenzo River behind house, 4BR,2 1/2 BA,dwnstairs rm suitable for rumpus rm/shop,kit,stove,frig, d/w, livrm/dinrm 20'x30',heat by wd stove.New field for septic'97,10yr old roof,w/d. Approx. 2,000 sqft.
<b>SECTION 6</b>			
183 St. Bernard	M. Akin	\$237,000	3 Bdrm/ 2 bath river-front home with hardwood floors, new appliances, cabinets, countertops and fixtures. Sunny location includes deck, patio and large landscaped yard with automatic sprinkler system. Beautiful move-in condition.
187 St. Bernard	J. Blaine	\$105,000	2BR,1BA,2800sqft allot,20'x35' home,170sqft basement,150sqft stor,2-car carport, shade trees,riverside lot,lotsa sun,some furn,elec stove,new frig,new propane wtr htr,wall to wall carpet.

Alcinda Walters will be offering **BEGINNING TOLE PAINTING** classes here in Paradise Park on Thursdays starting January 27th, 2000. If you would be interested in learning this decorative skill, call Alcinda at 831/425-2842.

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