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A Message From Our Newsletter Committee

President’s Message

by Mark Roberts

On behalf of the Grizzly Ranch Association Board of Directors, I’d like to wish all our members a Happy Spring, and let’s all look forward to an enjoyable summer!

In January, we welcomed Laura Reis to the Grizzly Ranch Association Board of Directors as Treasurer and Secretary. Laura has lots of new ideas, and we are excited to have her as our newest board member. Recently, the board added some new committees to address improvements to Grizzly Ranch with the help of volunteers. Below is a description of the mission of each new and existing committee. If you have expertise in any of these fields, or a desire to help, please contact the committee leads.

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Roberts - President

Martin Stepina - Vice President

Laura Reis - Treasurer/Secretary

Martin Greenstein - Director at Large

George Papa - Director at Large



Grizzly Ranch Association Committees



FINANCE

Limited to Association Board Officers, the Finance Committee oversees the Association's reserves and the assets that compose the community's infrastructure (buildings, furniture, golf cart bridge, roads, pond, and equipment), with the intent of making sound and prudent financial decisions. The committee invests the Association's funds in investments that consist of relatively low beta factors, therefore, limiting our exposure in the financial markets. One of our goals for this year's end is to reach a reserve level of 75% fully funded and by year's end 2023 to be at a reserve level of 85% fully funded.

Committee Lead: Mark Roberts (MarkRRoberts22@gmail.com)

Members: Martin Stepina, Laura Reis, Cassidy Wicks



LANDSCAPING

This committee oversees landscaping projects located on Association grounds within Grizzly Ranch to keep the community beautiful and provide a powerful first impression when entering the community. The plants, flowers, and trees selected will enhance the natural landscape while holding to "Firewise" guidelines, considering water conservation, and operating within set budgets.

Committee Lead: George Papa (gpapa99@me.com)

Members: Tera Saefke, Julie Stringham, DeAnn Baker, Steve Birkhofer



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

This committee will plan opportunities for recreational activities for Grizzly Ranch members, including researching the feasibility of new facilities.

Committee Lead: Mark Roberts (MarkRRoberts22@gmail.com)

Members: Laura Howe, Kathi Stepina, Sandy Kern, Betsy Oltmann



INTERNET

This committee researches and evaluates various options for installing and/or improving internet service in Grizzly Ranch, including fiber optic cabling and various wireless services (including satellite services such as Starlink).

Committee Lead: Martin Greenstein (mrg@techmark.com)

Members: Bill Desjardin, John Saefke, George Papa, Steve Oltmann



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Committee promotes the high quality of living Grizzly Ranch offers by utilizing various mediums like www.GrizzlyRanchLiving.com. The committee also provides Grizzly Ranch owners community information of interest through the distribution of periodic newsletters.

Committee Lead: George Papa (gpapa99@me.com)

Members: Kathy Schonder, Kathy Roberts, Laura Reis



HOMECOMING

This committee works with Grizzly Ranch Golf Club, the Outdoor Activities Committee, and Firewise to organize a weekend of fun events for all members during Mountain Homecoming.

Committee Lead: Laura Reis (Laura@reisources.com)

Members: Sandy Kern, Gay Miller, Laura Howe, Kathi Stepina



FIREWISE USA

The Firewise USA Committee ensures annual Firewise USA recognition by developing and updating an action plan, conducting annual educational outreach, tracking community “Risk Reduction Investment”, and completing the annual application. Firewise activities also include such items as community hazardous fuel standards and reduction projects, homeowner defensible space and home hardening education, and emergency evacuation preparedness.

Committee Lead: John Reynolds (grizzlyranchfirewise@gmail.com)

Members: Martin Stepina (Association liaison), Sande Thayer, Jim Miller, Melissa Pennington, Mark Reis, Gabrielle D’Andrea



DESIGN REVIEW

The committee reviews proposed building plans for conformance with Grizzly Ranch Design Review Guidelines for members who are building new homes or making additions or color changes to existing structures in Grizzly Ranch.

Committee Lead: Stephen Tange (stephentange@sbcglobal.net)

Members: Bryan Draper, Mike Marquette, Mark Roberts, Martin Stepina (Association liaison)



Community Project Updates

Several Association projects are underway, and others are being planned.

- The contract for the rental of the Information Center Office was extended for another year with Century 21.
- The Outpost Pool retaining wall is contracted for inspection.
- The Outpost Pool retaining wall is contracted to paint the steel and stain the wood wall.
- We are planning to contract inspection of the Outpost Pool this year.
- We met with a pond maintenance company to receive an estimate on cleaning the Grizzly Ranch property ponds; we are awaiting feedback from the company.
- With the heavy December snowstorm, some of the curbing in the development was damaged during snow removal. We are assessing the damage, and the curbs will be repaired.



Giving Programs

The Board is researching convenient ways for members to support the local Portola community by supporting charitable organizations, for example, GRACE, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Christmas Party. Over the past few years, the VFW has provided Christmas gifts for deserving children. However, the funding for those presents has ended. Therefore, the VFW is asking the community to donate so this worthwhile program can continue. The VFW is a 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Those interested in donating to the VFW please forward funds to:

Calpine Elks Lodge
2432, PO Box 1466, Graeagle, CA 96103
Attn: Linda Boucher

Note on check "Breakfast with Santa" and "Grizzly Ranch"



Town Hall Summary

A town hall event was held on March 3, 2022. The purpose of the town hall was to solicit input from the community and give the members a voice. The full Board was present to listen to the 18 members of the community who participated. A variety of topics were covered, and the Board received some valuable feedback from members to consider. Town Hall minutes are posted on our Grizzlyranchassociation website under "members only". They are labeled GRA Minutes 3-3-2022 BOD pdf under 2022 Board of Director Meeting minutes.



Design Review Committee Building Plans

The DRC has received several building plans to review. Hopefully we will be seeing some building this summer.



Grizzly Ranch Entities

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Grizzly Ranch Design Review Committee (DRC)

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925-719-3030



FIREWISE

By John Reynolds



FIREWISE USA
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

The 2021 fire season was challenging for Plumas County and Grizzly Ranch. Two significant fires approached within a few miles, filling the sky with smoke, and creating evacuation warnings. Conditions that produced these fires have not changed, and we will likely face another season of wildfires. Now is the time to check and update your evacuation 'go bag' and prepare your home and property for a possible ember storm.

Preparing for Fire Season

Your Firewise Committee reminds you to do the following before we get into the heart of the fire season. First, remove pine needles, leaves, and pinecones from your roof valleys and gutters. Cal Fire now recommends the removal of all vegetation (green or dead) within five feet of your home, decks, and outbuildings. For additional suggestions, review the '[Grizzly Ranch Hazardous Fuel Standards](#)' at the association's Firewise webpage. Another great resource on this webpage is the '[Grizzly Ranch Hazardous Fuel Reduction Resources](#)', which lists local contractors that offer hazardous fuel cleanup services.

Also, now is the time to consider updates to your home that will reduce its susceptibility to fire, like 1/8" metal mesh screens on your attic and crawl space vents or replacing a wood deck with composite. The Firewise Committee offers a 'Fire Safety Check-up,' which includes a walk around your home and written recommendations on how to improve your fire safety. If you would like to schedule one, email us at grizzlyranchfirewise@gmail.com.

The above activities, either the time you spend or what it costs you to have someone do it, can be used as credit toward Grizzly Ranch maintaining its Firewise recognition. Please report your efforts via the '[Firewise USA Property Owner Tracking Sheet](#)' also located on the Firewise webpage.

Save the Dates

Grizzly Ranch Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 28, at 8 a.m.** at the intersection of Grizzly Ranch Road and Sorrel Lane. Community members are encouraged to participate and help remove overgrown saplings, small trees, and brush from the sides of the roadway.

This year's Firewise Day will be **Sunday, August 8 at 11 a.m.** at the Outpost. We will start with presentations on defensible space, home hardening, and evacuation preparation. Following the presentations there will be a BBQ lunch of burgers and hot dogs and a raffle benefitting the Beckwourth Fire Department. Join us and enjoy a free lunch and learn about the efforts you can take to improve fire safety.



Grizzly Ranch Internet

By Marty Greenstein, Committee Chair, with Bill Desjardin and Steve Oltmann, Committee Members

Since our July 2021 newsletter report, there has been a lot of activity, and some welcome progress. We reported on the project to investigate the status of the installed conduits at Grizzly Ranch, and shortly after that the 2021 wildfires devastated much of the Plumas County infrastructure. Plumas Sierra Telecom (PST) has been so involved in repairing and recreating that infrastructure, the Grizzly Ranch project is at the bottom of their priority list. Under the best of circumstances, we would be looking at hundreds of thousands of dollars to evaluate, rehabilitate, and install fiber optic throughout Grizzly Ranch - which would necessitate a major contribution from each homesite, together with several hundreds of dollars of additional payments for those sites which do want to hook up - plus equipment and monthly fees. The committee reached out to PST again about a month ago for an update on when they might be able to give us an estimate of when we could expect some communications on timing and cost, but we have not heard back. Bottom line here: while fiber optic would be great, it is unfortunately not a viable option; we are simply not a priority for the provider, PST.

Other existing options were explained in our July 2021 newsletter report, and the Digital Path Gen 7 services is still viable, albeit costly and with known service shortcomings. Similarly, while T-Mobile, Verizon, and others offer low cost (i.e., \$50-\$60) wireless home internet terminals that provide decent service at very reasonable monthly prices, they necessarily rely on the carrier's 5G cell phone saturation coverage. Unfortunately, given our location and terrain factors, these only provide acceptable service where there is fairly clear transmission from Beckwourth Peak, which is not widely available at Grizzly Ranch. Basically, they are not a viable option for most in Grizzly Ranch.

For that reason, we have focused on evaluating and waiting for the availability of the SpaceX Starlink Service. The projected availability has been extended out several times, impacted by the worldwide chip shortage, redesigns of the receiver terminals and satellites, and a high demand where the service is available. As of mid-March 2022, Starlink advertises that it has 250,000 installed subscribers and about 2,100 functioning satellites. Additional satellites continue to be launched in significant numbers, and the greater the number of satellites a terminal can "see" on the horizon, the better and more reliable the service and signal will be. Reports from areas in the U.S. and abroad where the service is active continue to be very promising. You may have read that in February, Elon Musk, founder and head of Starlink, turned on internet service to Ukraine to replace the blackout imposed by Russia. While that is welcome news, Ukraine traditionally supplied some 70% of a critical component in semiconductors, and Russia supplied some 30% of another critical component; the developments in that region may well lead to further supply shortages.

While not surprising certainly, on March 22 Starlink announced that the cost of the terminals (including the antenna kit) will increase from \$499 to \$549 immediately for all those with confirmed deposits and to \$599 for new orders. The monthly Starlink service price will also increase, effective immediately, from \$99 to \$110. Starlink has also announced that once a deposit holder is notified of equipment availability, they will have 7 days to finalize their order!

To close on several positive notes, some people (at least four) at Grizzly Ranch have now received and installed their Starlink ground terminals, and the initial reports back are very promising. Steve Oltmann, Bill Desjardin, and several others report speeds of over 200 Mbps between the internet and the Starlink WiFi base station. Speed can vary significantly depending on the location of the base station. Also, placement of the Starlink dish is critical. A clear view to the north is optimal, and obstructions (buildings, trees, etc.) within the field of view of the Starlink dish can cause outages and degrade service. However, most of the outages being experienced are very short and cause minimal disruption while browsing the internet or streaming content. Outages are more disruptive with real-time communication protocols, e.g., VOIP calls, WiFi calling, web/Zoom meetings etc. Starlink claims that as they launch

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more satellites, the outages will become less frequent; they have launched 2000 satellites, and eventually plan “tens of thousands”. Also, locating the ground terminal away from the house, and on a pole or otherwise elevated, can greatly help. Bottom line: Starlink is now (or very shortly will be) available to anyone at Grizzly Ranch provided they have field of view visibility and are willing to invest around \$600 in the hardware and pay \$110/mo. for unlimited data (both subject to increases).

You can test your locations “visibility” using the [free downloadable Starlink app](#) (available for both iPhone and Android phones). They will assist in evaluating potential dish locations, and reports are that the performance results shown by the app are very close to actual.

Both Steve Oltmann and Bill Desjardin are very knowledgeable about the Starlink system and are developing a robust body of information. As their experience grows, we will continue to rely heavily on their expertise and practical tips, and pass these along to others interested in (or using) Starlink.



Grizzly Ranch Community Services District [CSD]

by Jim Miller, Board President

Grizzly Ranch CSD Directors are elected from registered voters within the district and serve 4-year terms. Current directors are Jim Miller, Kathy Roberts, Stephen Tange, John Reynolds, and John Saefke. Either two or three of the five board members are elected each November during the General Election. I would encourage anyone interested in running for a seat on the board to contact me for further information.

Regular board meetings are held on the third Tuesday during March, June, September, and December. Agendas are posted on the CSD office and Outpost doors and on the [website](#) at least 72 hours prior to each meeting. Special board meetings can be scheduled should the need arise and require posting of the agenda 24 hours in advance.

Having served on the Grizzly Ranch CSD Board of Directors since its first election in 2016, I would like to provide some background on how we arrived at where we are today. Formed in



2003, the Grizzly Ranch CSD was originally governed by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors and operated by a third party. A grassroots committee of homeowners began looking into how the district’s funds were being spent and how the water and sewer systems were being maintained and operated. Dissatisfied with the District’s operations, in February of 2016 an ad hoc committee of the Grizzly Ranch Association successfully petitioned the County to hold a special election in which voters approved taking local control of the CSD and elected a Board of Directors. Since assuming local control, the CSD has been able to address many of the

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district's non-functional components and issues of deferred maintenance including:

- Repaired and replaced non-functioning components of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system which monitors essential functions of the water treatment and distribution system 24- hours a day.
- Completed a partial rebuild of the non-functional well 9M on Fox Sparrow. Prior to this the district had only one well online. A complete rebuild of this well is planned for a future date.
- Replaced the depleted Iron and Manganese filter media at the water treatment plant.
- Rebuilt booster stations, standby generators, and pneumatic valves at various locations in the development.
- Brought and maintained water treatment and distribution systems into State and County compliance.
- Upgraded the wastewater treatment plant resulting in an annual savings of over \$75,000 to the district.
- Began a program of replacing grinder pumps with more cost efficient and reliable STEP tanks. This program is ongoing and is aimed at replacing pumps at locations which have the most impact on the sewer system.
- Last year the District undertook a 6-month long study to determine our actual costs of providing water and wastewater service and implemented a usage fee to ensure the district's financial stability.

Although we have not seen any indication that our infrastructure is aging prematurely, it is a short-term goal of the Board to hire a civil engineering firm to conduct a study of the district's infrastructure and using that information, along with the district's financial data, to lay out a plan to ensure adequate district reserves for future replacement, repair, and maintenance.

One thing that I have learned serving on the board is that the biggest challenge for a small CSD like ours is that the cost of operating, maintaining, and keeping the district within state and local compliance has to be spread amongst a relatively small number of rate payers. I am sure we all invested here in Grizzly Ranch expecting the growth to be much greater than what has occurred.

I am encouraged by recent home and homesite sales and am hopeful that further investment and building in the community will help to dilute those costs. The CSD Board and staff have rigorously tried to keep operational costs to a minimum while maintaining the quality of water and sewer service needed to maintain property values and remain in regulatory compliance. Maintenance costs are relatively fixed and, to the extent required by regulations, are therefore much more difficult to trim. The board greatly appreciates the fact that the recently proposed implementation of usage rates for connected lots passed without a single opposing protest.

Since summer will soon arrive, I would like to remind everyone of the District's Water Conservation Ordinance which designates Tuesday and Friday, before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m., as the allowable days and times for irrigation. We would gratefully appreciate everyone's cooperation in complying with the ordinance. The full ordinance is posted on the CSD website and can be viewed by clicking on the drop-down menu in the upper right corner then on the "water conservation" tab. I encourage everyone to visit the CSD website at grizzlyranchcsd.com to become familiar with the information available there. The Grizzly Ranch CSD office is located in the Grizzly Ranch Information Center, 4456 Grizzly Ranch Road. 530-832-4716.

Office hours: Monday - Wednesday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Website: grizzlyranchcsd.com

In the case of a water or sewer emergency, please call our General Manager, Larry Smith, at 918-728-4776. Larry's usual work schedule has him on the property Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. He can be reached during those hours by calling the office phone number and leaving a message. In non-emergency cases you can also send an email to gmsmithgrcsd@gmail.com. Besides Larry, the CSD staff includes Carol Logan, Office Administrator, Justus Lundy, Chief Operator, and Travis Russell, Operator in Training.

On behalf of the Grizzly Ranch CSD, I wish everyone a healthy, safe, and enjoyable summer. I also would like to promise everyone that the board will continue its efforts to provide safe and dependable water and sewer service to the community.



Golf Club

by Caleb Olsen, General Manager and Sam Bonnett,
Head Golf Professional

Things are gearing up for another exciting season at Grizzly Ranch Golf Club! With our opening date quickly approaching, Friday, April 29, anticipation within the community continues to build, as we see snow melting and the course coming out of hibernation. As many of you know, GRGC was voted in the top 100 public courses nationwide by Golf Digest, making us 9th in California. As a result of this achievement and effective marketing campaigns highlighting the rankings, we are booking small and large groups alike from all over the country, thus, providing more exposure to GRGC and the community-at-large. It's an exciting time to live at Grizzly Ranch!



Several projects will be completed prior to our opening, including some exciting things at the Lake House, like new hardwood floors and windows. We have interviewed several candidates for the Executive Chef position, and this person will soon be announced. As for planned members' events, we already have several fun events on the calendar to promote soon including wine tastings, fine dining, of course, golf! Please contact the Golf Shop at 530-832-4200 with any questions regarding membership or course clean up.



Real Estate

by Newsletter Committee

Amber Donnelly, a Century 21 Team member, was asked to set up her sales office at the Grizzly Ranch Sales Office about a year ago. Her broker Kelly Smith was onboard to open an office in Plumas County based on the amount of business that Century 21 agents were doing in the area.

They were excited to open the office and currently have 3 licensed agents working out of the Grizzly Ranch Office. They are Amber Donnelly, Amber's assistant, Summer Smiley, and Blaine Smith.

The goal is to have coverage 7-days a week, especially during busy times when the golf course is open. If they are out showing homes or homesites, you can set an appointment to meet with one of them.

There is still a housing shortage in Plumas County; it's still a seller's market, and this trend will continue through 2022.

Inventory will remain limited and grow by only 0.3% in 2022, according to a [Realtor.com](#) forecast. This will be the greatest factor affecting the 2022 housing market.

In regards to Grizzly Ranch, agents are seeing more interest, calls, and inquiries each month. There have been more cash sales than in the past, and buyers in a higher price range which is good news for sales in GR.

In addition to promoting our community, Amber promotes the golf course and community through video and photos used on social media pages and eblasts along with her viral marketing.

Please stop by the Information Center to meet our new team of agents!

Click [here](#) for the market update *(on the bottom of the webpage)*.



Landscaping Committee

The newly formed Grizzly Ranch Association (GRA) Landscaping Committee held its initial meeting on March 3. Committee members include DeAnn Baker, Julie Stringham, and Tera Saefke. The committee is tasked to work with Steve Birkhofer, GR Association Building and Grounds Manager, to lay out a 2–3-year plan for beautifying the various landscaping areas that fall under the purview of the GR Association.

Those areas include:

- Front entrance and Gatehouse entry area
- Information Center adjacent to the front gate
- Monument areas (3 rock outcroppings and planting areas on Blacktail Ridge between Grizzly Ranch Road and Clubhouse Drive)
- Outpost swim and fitness center
- Yarrow Lane island
- Red Hawk Road island

At the initial meeting, the committee adopted the following overall objective to guide its efforts:

“Beautify our Grizzly Ranch Community to enhance the natural landscape while holding to ‘Firewise’ guidelines, considering water conservation, and operating within set budgets.”

The committee also discussed how to be a resource for GR residents interested in landscaping their own personal property. We decided that researching the following topics would assist us in accomplishing Association goals and serving GR members.

- *What grows here?*
- *What should residents plant in the spring, summer, and fall?*
- *Nursery recommendations*
- *Other gardening resources*

While the committee’s work remains a work in progress, we want to convey the following results of our research to date. With Steve’s assistance, we have an initial list of plants that grow at GR. We were also made aware that some of the initial wildflowers planted at GR back



in 2006 came from a flower seed mix, appropriately named Grizzly Ranch mix, from Comstock Seed in Gardnerville, Nevada. While the GR mix is still available, subject to seed availability and appropriate notice, Comstock can also customize various wildflower seed mixtures. They can be reached at 775-265-0090 or email: sales@comstockseed.com.

With respect to Nursery recommendations, we wanted to provide you with the following list:

- Blairsden Garden Center, Graeagle, CA,
- Martins Greenhouse, Standish, CA
- Rail City Nursery, Sparks, NV

There is another important resource we wanted to share with you that was brought to our attention by Steve. It is a book entitled, “What Grows Here” by Carol L. Young. It is specific to mountain gardening in Northern California and our region. Apparently, Master Gardeners rely on this for their planting choices in our area about what to plant and during what season. The book can be found on Amazon and other online sources.

Lastly, the committee is also working with Reno Greene landscaping company regarding recommendations for removal and replacement of landscaping around the noted areas. It is also the intent of the committee to coordinate with GR Golf Club, Grizzly Ranch Conservancy, and other GR organizations to ensure we proceed in an inclusive and comprehensive manner to accomplish our goals. As work continues, the committee will provide additional information to residents as we strive to accomplish our primary goal of beautifying our community—both common and residential areas alike.



2022 Grizzly Ranch Plants



EVERGREEN SHRUBS:

- Juniper - "Japanese garden", "creeping"
- Spruce - "Dwarf White"
- Barberry - "Darwin", "Atropurpurea", "Cherry bomb", "Thunbergii" - deciduous
- Cotoneaster - "Rock"
- Laurel, Mountain or Calico Bush



DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

- Burberry - "Japanese", "Korean"
- Dogwood - "Red twig"
- Japanese Rose or Kerria
- Lilac - "Common", "Persian"
- Potentilla
- Spirea - "Dwarf Red", "Bridal Wreath", "Snowmound", "Thunberg"
- Sierra Flowering Currant
- Russian Sage



BIENNIALS:

- Black-eyed Susan or Gloriosa Daisy
- Foxglove
- Wallflower



PERENNIALS:

- Aquilegia "Granny's Bonnet, Columbine"
- Coneflower (Echinacea)
- Delphinium (Larkspur)
- Gaillardia "Blanket Flower"
- Lupine "Bluebonnet"
- Monkey Flower
- Penstemon (Beardtongues)
- Peonies
- Poppy - "California", "Oriental"
- Rudbeckia
- Shasta Daisy
- Yarrow



TREES:

- California Black Oak
- California Incense Cedar
- Spruce "Colorado Blue or Green"
- Maple - "Red", "Autumn Blaze", "Red Sunset", "Norway", "Vine"





Out and About - Things To Do



Starting May 3, 2022, for the summer season, visit **Romano's Farmers Market** for fresh fruit, produce, and fun!

May - September, 2022

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: 1329 County Road A-23, Beckwourth, CA 96129



Looking for an adventurous mountain bike race to watch or partake?

The **Lost and Found bike race** will run on June 4, 2022, and the proposed routes feature a 101-mile route with 8,100 feet of elevation gain.

New Disc Golf Course in Portola

Portola has a new professional-caliber disc golf course created by world-renown disc golf course designer, John Houck. The course is located along the Riverwalk and opened on October 23, 2021. An official grand-opening tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022.



The **Portola Riverwalk Disc Golf Club** will hold disc golf leagues during the summer for all ages and skill levels. On July 9-10 professional and semi-professional disc golfers will play in Portola as part of the Sierra Tahoe Series held throughout northern California and Nevada.

For more information, please visit the Portola Riverwalk Disc Golf Club website www.portolariverwalkdgc.com where you can become a club member for \$25. If you want to give it a try, you can borrow discs at the course and the course is free to play.



Graeagle Arts and Crafts Fair – July 16-17, 2022

Exhibitors feature handmade crafts and fine art, such as pottery, jewelry, and textiles. As you stroll through the fair, enjoy live music, food, and beverages.

Location: Graeagle Park

Time: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Graeagle Pickleball and Tennis Courts

by Mark Roberts, Outdoor Committee

Looking to play pickleball? There are courts in Graeagle where you can play and make new friends! We spoke to Wally Walker the former President of the Graeagle Pickleball Club for the details. The club would like to plan a meet and greet in June with all Grizzly Ranch players. If you are interested, or have any questions, call Wally at 530-836-1559 or Mike Riley the current President at 775-722-1696.

There are 4 outdoor courts and 1 indoor court. Outdoor courts are located on Yonkalla Trail off Highway 89 in Graeagle. Call to make a reservation, or walk-on if the court is empty. However, others behind you may have already made a reservation.

The indoor court is in building 7420, in the back of the Knotty Pine Bar. The indoor court is lighted but is not heated. You must be a member to use the indoor court. The court is available 24 hours, 7 days a week, and you can make a reservation. There is a lock box on the door and members will be given the code to the box.

To make a reservation for the courts, send a text to Gary Sharron at 909-744-4777. Let him know your desired time to play and he will let you know what times are available. If you need a partner to play, Gary can match people up.

Cost to play at the outdoor court is \$5 per person per day, unlimited play, subject to availability. There is a cash box next to the court and payment is on the honor system. Alternatively, you can purchase an annual membership and get unlimited indoor and outdoor play. Cost is \$200 per family (or couple) per year and \$150 for single memberships. There is a short-term membership from August 1 to December 31 for \$100 per family and \$75 for single memberships. Membership payments are made to the Graeagle Land and Water Co., located next to the Graeagle Real Estate Co. Pay by check and in the memo, write "pickleball registration."

You need to bring your own equipment to play. Wally recommends using Franklin balls. Beginners can get a modestly priced paddle at Scheels. You should wear good shoes with side-to-side support.

For tennis players, Graeagle also has two standard tennis courts and one court that converts between tennis and pickleball. Play is limited to 1 hour or 1 set if players are waiting. The fees are the same as pickleball with a daily fee or an annual membership. All outdoor pickleball and tennis courts are in the same location.

Players with annual memberships can also participate in the social club that meets monthly. Additional fees are collected for the social gatherings.

There is also a tennis court located in Portola across from the US Post Office. The tennis court can also be converted to a pickleball court. There is no fee to play, and use is on a first come, first served, basis.

For more wonderful events in and around Grizzly Ranch, [click here](#).



In Our Next Issue

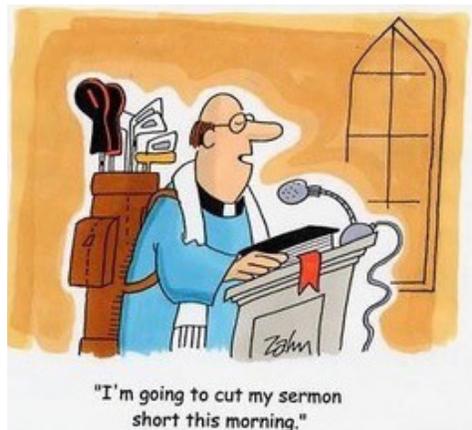
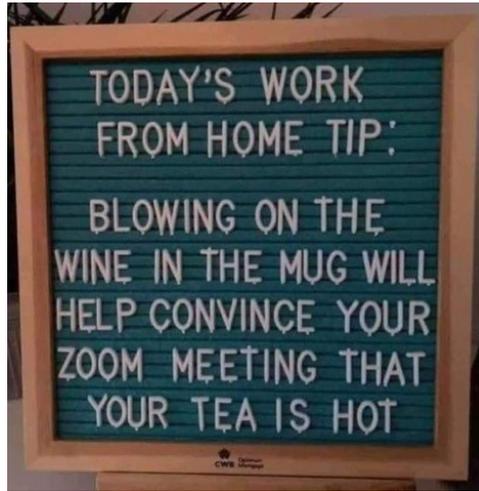
Have an idea, concern, or positive sentiment you'd like to share in the next newsletter? Please email it to George Papa at gpapa99@me.com, and we'll try to include your idea in our next issue.



Laughter For The Light-Hearted

A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some two-by-fours. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?"

The guy answers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."



I found a wood that can lower my score. It's called a pencil.



Spring Activities

- Shopping in Reno only a 45-minute drive from Grizzly Ranch (Walmart, Target, Apple, Outlets and more!...)
- Birdwatching in the Sierra Valley, a nationally recognized IBA (Important Bird Area)
- Fishing in one of over 50 alpine lakes and the Feather River
- Golf at Grizzly Ranch or any of the other 4 nearby courses
- Shopping or yoga class in charming and quaint Graeagle
- Kayak, Paddleboard or Sail at Lake Davis
- Hunting in the million-acre Plumas National Forest
- Geocaching over 700 spots on a rural treasure hunt
- Enjoy brews, music and much more at the Brewing Lair
- Indian Peak Vineyards in Graeagle
- Adrenaline and Extreme tours with Bike Adventures, Portola