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A Message From Our Newsletter Committee

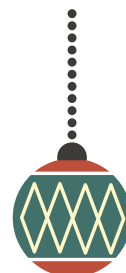
Happy Holidays! We're ending 2022 with a shorter newsletter to wrap-up the year, spread some cheer, and highlight holiday happenings and winter activities in and around Grizzly Ranch.

Let's start with a few points of interest. The heart of Grizzly Ranch is our Golf Club. With incredible leadership from Caleb Olsen, General Manager, we realized a record-breaking year for rounds. Congratulations to Caleb, Sam Bonnett, Head Golf Professional, and Mike Baty, Director of Agronomy, along with their respective teams for a job well done. During the holiday season, the Golf Club offers pre-2023 season specials, and gift cards are available online 365-days a year 24/7! Click [here](#) to see the online shop. Sign up for the Golf Club eblast to keep up to date on upcoming specials.

Before traveling, do you want to know the weather at Grizzly Ranch? On the Grizzly Ranch website, there are links to live webcams, so you can see what the weather in our area is looking like in real time. [Click here](#).

How are the roads? Know before you go! The Caltrans QuickMap will show you first-hand if California interstates or state routes are closed or are experiencing a traffic jam. You can even see live video of road conditions in specific areas by downloading the Caltrans QuickMap phone app! Click [here](#) to learn more.

Have you heard of Care Flight? A program of the Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority (REMSA), Care Flight is a 24/7 air ambulance service covering approximately 50K square miles of California and Nevada with the ability to navigate rural and complex alpine terrain. One of their bases is in Beckwourth with a medical transport helicopter that is accessed by calling 911. Care Flight is a private non-profit community-based service which is solely funded by user fees. Click [here](#) to learn more.



President's Message

By Mark Roberts

On behalf of the Grizzly Ranch Board of Directors, I'd like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season. This is a great time of the year to spend time with family and friends.

We are very fortunate to have so many committees, entities, and organizations that work toward making our community the best it can be for all owners. I'd like to extend my personal thanks to all those volunteers who keep Grizzly Ranch an incredible place to live. The accomplishments made over the past number of years would have been impossible without your uncompromising support.

Let's take a look at some of those accomplishments from the various committees:

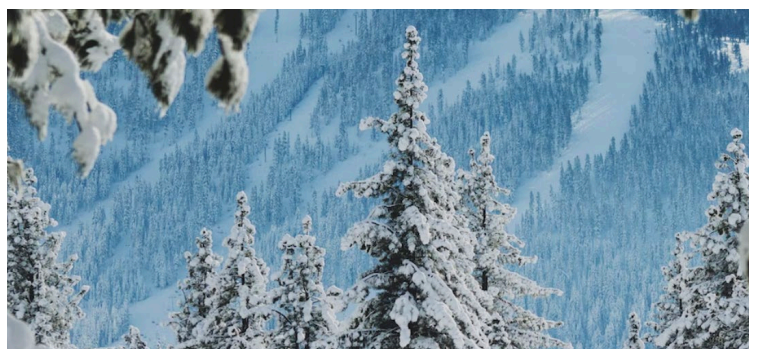
- The Design Review Committee worked on three new builds this past year all with different builders.
- The Finance Committee continued to increase our Reserve Fund and continues to save quarterly in our Operating Savings Fund.
- The Landscape Committee completed the redesign of the main entry way into Grizzly Ranch this summer.
- The Hiking Trail Committee was formed and will be looking for volunteers for the coming year.
- The Communications Committee produced three newsletters this year.
- The Homecoming Committee put together a great event with live entertainment.
- The Outdoor Activity Committee held many fun events for the community throughout the summer.
- The Internet Committee is exploring the addition of cell phone access to our main gate.
- The Firewise Committee completed a major clean-up project on Spring Meadow and Sorrel Lane.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Newsletter Committee for their dedicated efforts in providing our community members information of interest throughout the year. So, here is a heartfelt thank you to Kathy Roberts, Kathleen Schonder, Lynn Desjardin, and Margaret Skillicorn, of Paragon PR, for their creativity and dedication in creating and publishing our newsletter.

As we move forward into 2023, let's keep up the great work!

Now's the time of the year to create some life-long holiday memories and all work together for the common good of our Grizzly Ranch community.

Best wishes for a healthy, prosperous New Year.



Message from the Grizzly Ranch Association



by The Board of Directors

This is an update on 2022 projects and a few plans moving into 2023. We look forward to our January quarterly meeting to dive deeper into the status of current projects and to communicate our goals for 2023.

The Association's most valued assets are our common buildings, our gates, and the pool. By 2024 the buildings will require staining. This is a reserve expense, and we are well positioned to cover this expense. The pool retaining wall was stained in 2022 and it absorbed three coats. The company that stained the wall recommended we stain the retaining wall again in 2023 and then every 4-5 years thereafter depending on weather and the condition of the wall. The structure of the retaining wall was inspected by NV5 in 2022, and they suggested we continue the staining process every 4-5 years just as the staining company said. The inspection that took place produced no findings of any issues or concerns.

This past year we had issues with the pool losing $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of water daily. This is not the norm, and even with hot days and evaporation we should not be losing this much water daily. We thought we might have a leak somewhere in one of the pool lines. We had NAS (National Aquatic Services) out of Los Angeles, one of the top pool companies in California, do an inspection of all our lines through geophones, and no leak was detected. We may have a leak in the pool auto-fill system since this system continues to run even during the cool weather. We will have NAS inspect our auto-fill system, the chlorine washer that has developed issues recently, as well as inspect all three heaters. Other problems that were resolved this summer were the booster pump, the igniter for one of the heaters, the manifold and spray nozzle, and the spa safety switch.

Steve Birkhofer has been working with NAS to address the pool issues and schedule a date when they can do a thorough inspection and address these issues early. Our goal is to have everything running smoothly prior to our May opening date.

Our Main Gate was upgraded with new hardware and components in October. After installation, there were issues with the bolts shearing on the Main Gate due to the gates not being aligned properly so they could close simultaneously. Steve has been working diligently with Tholl Fencing to resolve this issue. The Arrowleaf Gate has been upgraded as well. The Smith Peak and Creekside Gates are scheduled for upgrading in 2023. These parts were ordered in October of 2022 to hopefully avoid the supply chain issues that occurred in 2022.

In 2023 our Landscaping Committee will be improving the Gate House landscape with a fresh coating of mulch and replacing dead plants, as well as upgrading our monument areas and the Association's 2 islands.

The Board will continue in 2023 to work on the Association pond off of Yarrow Lane to control the algae and keep it clean throughout the summer. In 2023, we will add our pond maintenance into our Reserve Account. By doing this, we can use Reserve Funds to address maintenance issues and upgrades to our pond rather than Operating Funds. We need to determine a long-term solution for keeping the pond clean.

The line-of-sight project near the South Gate will be further discussed in an open meeting. At this time, the project is being further evaluated, and we will be receiving contractor bids once the evaluation is completed.

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

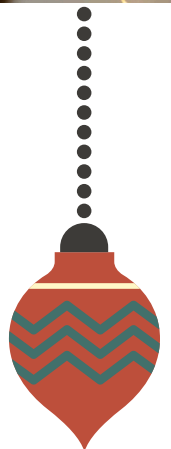
Mark Roberts - President

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Martin Greenstein - Director at Large

George Papa - Director at Large



Winter Homeowner Tips

Whether you live in your mountain home full-time or just use it from time-to-time, you'll want to explore these websites for various tips on how to "winterize" your home. For example, don't forget to flush outdoor irrigation systems and be certain that your chimney is clean!



Local Winter Events

By Kathy Roberts

PORTOLA

Christmas in Old Town

Friday, December 2; 4-7 p.m.

Free gifts, bonfire, food & drinks

Outdoor Holiday Craft Fair



GRAEAGLE

Holiday Festival

Saturday, December 3; 1-5 p.m.

Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas festival and tree-lighting.

Businesses host winter drinks, appetizers, and special promotions.

Pictures with Santa at 3 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting at 5 p.m.



QUINCY

Sparkle

Saturday, December 3, 5 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of fun, shopping, and entertainment.

Live entertainment until 6:30 p.m. when the parade begins.

Christmas Tree lighting countdown begins at 7:29 p.m.



Winter Activities



By Kathy Roberts

Historic Longboard Race Revival Series will take place at Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl. Races are held on the third Sunday in January, February, and March starting at noon. This fun race started in 1861! Click [here](#) for details.

Go snowshoeing at Lake Davis. Drive north on Grizzly Road to one of the plowed parking spaces around Honker Cove and access the hiking trail that parallels the road.

At Grizzly Ranch...

Throughout the year, the Card Group meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to play Hand and Foot and some other card games. If you've never played before, we have wonderful teachers to help you catch on! When the Lake House is closed, games are played at the Outpost.



On November 10, a kick-off of the new book club was enjoyed by many. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8 from 4-6 p.m. at the Outpost to discuss the first books.

Invite some neighbors over for a game night –Pictionary, Rummikub, Mexican Train, Card games like Wild Rummy, Uno, Phase 10, or whatever favorite game you have.



Host a Super Bowl party!

Put together a progressive dinner with your neighbors.

Snowshoe on the Grizzly Ranch golf course cart paths

Sled down the Grizzly Ranch golf course driving range. Please **DO NOT** step on or around the greens in the winter, as it will damage the greens.



Out & About – Holiday Happenings in Reno!

By Kathleen Schonder

Numerous holiday events are happening in the Reno area throughout the month of November and December. The included website will give you the name and date of the event which you can then click on to find out more information. There are Theatre events such as the ever-popular Nutcracker performances to Christmas Wonderland Events, and other special happenings to celebrate the season. Click [here](#) to start planning your holiday outings!



Holiday Recipes

By Kathleen Schonder & Lynn Desjardin

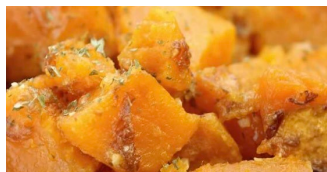


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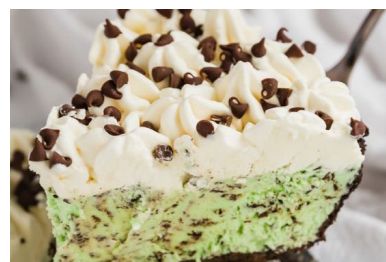
Cocktails

Appetizers



Veggies

Desserts



Holiday Giving

By Lynn Desjardin

Many may not know that the Senior Nutrition Center in Portola is a wonderful venue for lunch for seniors in need. Meals are subsidized by the county, but caregivers and the general senior population can pay for lunch and join the crowd. Typical attendees are low income; many have ailments and handicaps; most look like they are wearing someone else's clothes.

When I was on the Grand Jury, we investigated the nutrition program throughout the county, and all the centers were warm and welcoming places to visit. We found staff with great patience and empathy, as well as being good cooks.

The Manager in Quincy had a gentleman who was a real loner and the only way she could get him to come eat was to let him in before opening so he could finish before the crowd arrived. It was his only meal of the day. Others had similar stories.

The Center also provides delivered meals to shut-ins, who are seniors either unwilling or unable to leave their houses because of a physical disability, or mental obstacles. Meals



are delivered Monday through Friday. Frozen meals are provided if the food is to wait a few days before being eaten. There are usually 18 to 25 people in this group, and it could be higher this year with inflation.

Some of the people I've seen could use coats, gloves, caps, etc. I was there one day when a man without a coat, hat or gloves could hardly get up the stairs; he was shaking so hard from the cold. All these seniors could use some help, but my particular focus is on the shut-ins.

The Center's Manager will follow-up with me about their needs as Christmas gets closer, and I will be trying to get more details from the Manager to see if we at Grizzly Ranch can devise a plan to provide some Christmas cheer to these folks. I will communicate through CAMCO once I get some more details and will let you know how you can help.

More ways to give in Eastern Plumas County

Eastern Plumas Angel Program

Visit angel trees at Leonard's Market, Plumas Bank in Portola, Graeagle Store and Goodwin's Country Market to pick up angel tags for children starting Saturday, November 19. Drop off new, unwrapped gifts and NEW coats (with tags) for children by December 7 at locations below. For more information, call (530) 832-1827.

Drop off locations:

Plumas-Sierra REC
73233 State Route 70, Portola
Plumas Bank
120 N. Pine, Portola

Eastern Plumas Community Assistance Network Food Bank

Eastern Plumas Community Assistance Network Food Bank is welcoming donations of non-perishable food items. Monetary donations can be mailed to 120 Nevada St., Portola, CA 96122 throughout the year.

For more information, call (530) 832-4570.

Portola drop off locations:

Plumas Bank
120 N. Pine, Portola
Portola City Hall
35 Third Ave, Portola
Plumas-Sierra REC
73233 State Route 70, Portola

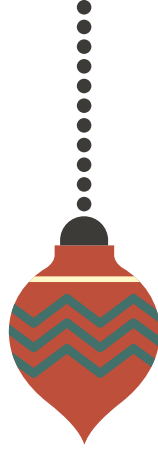
Click [here](#) to reach our Community Giving Webpage.



Laughter For The Light-Hearted



"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"



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