FIRST-EVER PARADE KICKS OFF LV’S HOLIDAYS

Residents invited to join festive march

Led by the Camarillo High School Marching Band, the holiday season will be launched officially in Leisure Village on Saturday, December 9. The 130 members of the acclaimed band will be the centerpiece of the festive – and first-ever holiday parade, bringing music and high stepping along a nearly two-mile route of Village streets and concluding with a concert in the Rec Center’s East Parking Lot.

The Camarillo High School musicians will lead the parade. Villagers are invited to join the musical procession in a decorated golf cart, a two- or three-wheel bike, or simply by marching along with or without a favorite pet. Those who want to join in are asked to call the Association Office to register. More leisurely residents can watch the fun pass by from a lawn chair on the sidewalk.

The Camarillo High School Marching Band will lead the Holiday Parade.

Rumor has it that Santa may attend. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. on December 9, the Marching Band will leave from the Rec Center’s East Parking Lot onto Leisure Village Drive, then turn onto Mountain View Drive, following its loop to Leisure Village Drive and back to the Rec Center’s East Lot. LV’s Security Staff will keep an eye on traffic safety.

The talented teenagers from Camarillo High then will entertain Villagers with a short concert at the end of the parade. Cookies and sweets will be served to all to top off the Village’s inaugural Holiday celebration. Complete parade details are available in the Rec Center Office.

Villager Survives WWII in “Shanghai Ghetto”

By Patty Ecker

He was six years old, living in Germany with his parents in 1939. It should have been a carefree life for Peter Rosam. “But I was fully aware of the bad times around us, the growing Nazi persecution of Jewish people like us,” he recalls. He’s sitting in his Leisure Village living room, describing the events of more than 70 years ago that led to his parents’ decision to flee to what became known as the “Shanghai Ghetto.” Peter’s adult daughter is quietly recording her father’s story for his four grandchildren.

In 1939, time was running out for the Rosams to leave safely. Peter’s grandparents did not want to leave Germany; they feared they were too old to travel the long distance to China, despite the escalating danger. The previous year Nazi soldiers had marched through Berlin, breaking windows of Jewish-owned stores and torching synagogues. Peter and his father were outside at the time and hid in a darkened building that night. “We got home safely,” Peter recalls. But the peril was real.

So, with gut-wrenching sadness, he and his mother boarded a train out of the country as his grandparents watched them go. Peter’s father had left weeks earlier for Shanghai. “We were well aware that we and my grandparents would never see...”

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WE’VE GOT YOUR NUMBERS

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VENTURA BRITISH BRASS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 28-piece Ventura British Brass will be back again in the AR on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. performing an evening of holiday music. The Ventura British Brass is a unique ensemble with very specific instrumentation producing a distinct and unique sound of rich, dark, and mellow quality tones. Tickets are $5 per person with round table seating. Individual tickets or a table of 10, subject to availability, may be purchased at the Recreation Center Lobby on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, between 9-11 a.m. Contacts: Sharon Hames 445-7178 or Roz Feldman 383-6566.

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Monday, December 11 and December 18 - Carmen and Burnley, 1605 Burnley, 2:00-5:30 p.m. Questions concerning eligibility to donate, other sites, dates and times, and for appointments, call United Blood Services at 800-715-3699. Appointments can be made on line at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holiday Tree Trim, AR, Tuesday, December 5, 3:00 p.m.
- Disaster Preparedness Exercise (DPX) (OK sign check), Thursday, December 7 (All day)
- Leisure Village Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.
- Ventura British Band Concert, AR, Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Players Guild Holiday Party, AR, Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER PLANNED

For the 23rd year in a row, Temple Adat Elohim of Thousand Oaks, is hosting a Christmas Day Dinner on Monday, December 25. It will be held at Temple Adat Elohim located at 2420 E. Hillkrest Drive in Thousand Oaks from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be good food, music, and laughter. Residents of Leisure Village are invited to attend as guests. It is free and all are welcome. This year, however, there will be no bus service. For further information, contact Leisure Village resident Sheldon Tilles at 437-661.

CAMARILLO AREA TRANSIT (CAT)

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It’s SHOWTYME’s Birthday!!!!

One of the most enduring features of Leisure Village life began in 1998 when “Yarmy’s Army,” a comedy team that included Shelley Berman and Jim MacGeorge took the stage in the AR and delighted the very first SHOWTYME audience. What followed were more than 230 shows presented to nearly 60,000 residents leading up to the 20th Anniversary celebration of the club that brings professional entertainment close to home.

“SHOWTYME has never lost its momentum,” says Roz Feldman, the “ticket lady” who has been a volunteer from its inception. She recalls that the original idea came from several residents who suggested a club that could provide outside performers just as Players Guild provides entertainment by Villagers. The music, magic, and comedy of SHOWTYME were born.

It was – and still is – a bargain. In 1998, club membership was $10 a year, just as it is in 2018. Admissions for some shows require an extra couple of dollars. But, as long-time SHOWTYME President Jerry Rosen says, “We are good negotiators with performers. So they may start out asking for a fee of $1500 dollars. But they usually agree to much less because there’s a lot of talent out there who want to work.”

The reputation of SHOWTYME audiences may be attractive, too. The entire schedule for all of 2018 has already been booked.

More than 450 residents are currently members of SHOWTYME, and non-members are always welcome to the performances for the guest ticket price, which is usually $5, according to Roz Feldman.

A list of the upcoming 2018 shows will be posted.

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each other again,” he says quietly.
“Our tears fell like a waterfall.”

The Rosams arrived in Shanghai
where more than 17,000 European
Jews found refuge in the 2 x 3 square
mile block known as the Ghetto. “My
Dad had found us a tiny apartment
in a crowded old building. Later we
shared a house with two other fami-
lies,” Peter remembers. “We had to
be careful about food and water and
diseases like typhoid.”

But their life settled down. His
parents took on sales jobs while Peter
went to school – first a Jewish school,
then a more rigorous Catholic facility
where he was bullied for being
Jewish. But the refugees within the
Ghetto boundaries became close-
knit. “We just survived, but felt safe.
I played hockey, had friends and had
my bar mitzvah there,” he says. “We
never heard any news about the war
or the Holocaust.”

The Rosams left Shanghai for
California in 1948; Peter was 14. He
finished high school, went to col-
lege, then served in the U.S. Army.
He married, had two children, and
worked for more than 40 years in the
banking industry.

Peter admits he doesn’t talk much
about his unique experience. “Some-
times it feels like a dream, like it didn’t
really happen,” he says now. “But there
was a benefit. It made me resilient, a
strength that’s served me well.”

Avenue of the Stars

By Trish Zakas

Camarillo’s version of Candy Cane Lane, called Avenue of the Stars, incorporates a jocular twist to Christmas lawn décor. Here, each of
25+ houses selects a cast of cartoon characters -- such as Mickey, Minnie and the gang, Sesame Street’s Big Bird and his buddies, Woody and
friends from Toy Story, etc. - then
sets them in elaborate, oversized holiday scenes, complete with lights and sound effects. Some of the vignettes are very comical and are guaranteed
to give you a hearty laugh.

Beginning at the corner of Dun-
nigan and Gemini Streets in central
Camarillo (a few blocks from the
K-Mart), park on Dunningan and
then stroll up the sidewalk on Gem-
ini. Driving on Gemini is an option
but you’ll have a better view of the
scenes by walking. Either way, you
will feel a surge of child-like wonder.
Take the grandkids or go yourself –
either way, it’s a memorable outing.
Don’t forget to bring your camera.

The Avenue of the Stars is free
and ready for visitors Sunday,
December 3 thru Christmas Day.
Hours are 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
LEISURE VILLAGE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The Leisure Village Women’s Club hosted an impressive Veterans Day Celebration with inspirational videos, patriotic songs, musical entertainment and the introduction of the 82 veterans present at the occasion.

Don Marquardt hosted the occasion. Buster Hayslett sang the “Star Spangled Banner” and “God Bless the USA”, and The Sweet Hearts of the Sunset Singers entertained the audience with songs from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s. Thanks to the diligence of Women’s Club volunteers, each veteran's name, rank and branch of service were recorded so that they could be introduced and applauded for their service to our country.

Above- Susan Rockwell, Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy.
Top Right- The Sweet Hearts of the Sunset Singers.
Bottom- LV Veterans and Camarillo Cub Scout Pack 3877 present the colors.

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Unique Memory Class Offered for Residents

OMG Class is coming to the Village

If the subject of the class doesn’t get attention, it’s name might. The first OLLI class of 2018 to be held in Leisure Village is OMG: Origami Mental Gymnastics. Award-winning artist and scientist Bi-Jian Fan will present an eight-week workshop on the value of origami as an exercise to maintain brain function and memory. It will begin in January and is presented by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of Cal State University Channel Islands

Bi-Jian Fan, who is highly regarded internationally for his ability to combine science, visual art, and education, will guide the class in hands-on participation in paper folding while sharing the latest scientific information that points to the effectiveness of origami as a way to ward off dementia and stimulate brain fitness. He has advanced degrees in mathematics and mechanical engineering and spent most of his professional career in research and development at Merck and Amgen.

Recently, he moved on to lecturing and exhibiting internationally. His OMG class integrates logic, arithmetic, and other cognitive exercises plus discussions about current scientific use of origami to stimulate the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain that controls memory and other cognitive functions.

Origami Mental Gymnastics will begin in the Village on Tuesday, January 23. The cost is $80. Registration is required and scheduled to begin in December. For information, call the OLLI office at 805-437-2748 or online at http://myci.csuci.edu

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Home Sales Decline in Southern California

Median home sale prices approach 10-year high

By Sharon Parker

Home sales in Ventura County and throughout Southern California fell sharply from June to July, according to a recently released report that tracks the housing industry. Only 887 homes were sold in Ventura County in July, a 24.1% decrease from June’s 1,169 homes sold. Although Ventura County saw the sharpest month to month sales decline, each of the counties sited in the report saw a decrease of at least 13%. A total of 21,065 homes were sold in Southern California in July, 17.6% fewer than the 25,554 homes sold throughout the region in June.

Median sales prices are approaching a 10-year high. The lowered sales numbers for July aren’t extraordinary or cause for concern. It was noted that June’s historic sales high, which were the highest for that month in 11 years, meant that the region’s ongoing housing availability issues would limit the following month’s sales. Our very low inventory of available homes for sale is the reason for the reduction in homes sold. Of course, lower available homes typically results in increased selling prices.

WHAT’S THAT LOUD, HUMMIN’ NOISE?

By Patrick Moore

Those who dwell within Village 38 and nearby environs can look forward to the return of peace and quiet soon.

Plagued with an incessant daytime rumble of giant, yellow earth moving equipment since mid-September, Villagers will be pleased to note that tranquility shall rise again in the shire along about mid-December.

Karl Novak, a deputy director for the operations and maintenance division of the Watershed Protection Division, Ventura County Public Works Agency, said erosion has undercut Conejo Creek extending under the waterline for a distance of approximately 415 feet along the Leisure Village side of the stream-bank that requires about three months’ labor to correct. It takes time, he said, “Because the erosion is below the water line so we have to divert the water, then replace the soil and then place rock on top of that.” Berms and trenches are typically constructed to deviate water-flow away from the natural streamed and around the work area before repairs can begin.

In addition to the 415 foot-long undercut streambed area restoration, Novak said the access road immediately above and along the levee top adjacent to Leisure Village is earmarked for repairs as well, a process that involves rollers and grading equipment along with a water tank truck employed to keep air-born dust to a low level.

To ignore levee repairs would likely result in further erosion to an extent that sections of Leisure Village may be exposed to flood damage during the rainy season, Novak said.

So, is this an annoying event Villagers will suffer often in the future? Novak said he does not anticipate erosion will return to our part of Conejo Creek for “a long, long time.”
**THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

*By Jonathan Fox*

On Wednesday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m., our club will have its Holiday Party. There will be prizes, refreshments, and time to reflect on our Tower Project. Individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the project’s success.

On Saturday, October 28, we decided to put the tower and new shortwave antenna to the test. Actually, it was a contest where ham radio operators world-wide try to make as many contacts as they can. Our goal was to see how far our new system could be heard. The results were beyond our expectations. During the 8 hours we were on the air, we made contacts with 54 different countries or entities. The list included Poland, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, England, Finland, Morocco, Japan, Chile, Brazil, South Korea, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Costa Rica, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, plus many more.

The contrast between the old antenna and the new “Bowie” antenna is dramatic. To all the residents that donated to the project, we want to say thank you for making a big difference in our communication capability. Our upgraded ham radio station is now a premier facility in the Ventura County emergency services network.

**RACQUET CLUB**

*By Len Zakas*

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. is our Annual Holiday Wine & Cheese Party, which will be held at the Santa Rosa Room. Nothing for you to bring. The Racquet Club supplies all refreshments - just come with a jovial spirit. After a short informational meeting, the rest of the evening will be spent in merriment. Experienced pickleball players are asked to help our newest members increase their skills by playing either Mondays or Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. - even if only for a few games. More experienced players helped us when we started, and it is now our turn to help some of the newbies.

Look for the pictures of our November 2017 Turkey Trot Tournament winners.

Paddle tennis and pickleball share Round Robin play times on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Check the bulletin board for practice buddy list to increase your weekly practice and playing time.

- **PADDLE TENNIS:** Intermediate Open Play each Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Round Robins per above and bulletin board. Questions: email Trish@venet.com.

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- **TENNIS:** Email Merle at merleruiz20@gmail.com

**PET CLUB**

*By Ruth Stubba*

Please join us at our festive Holiday Dinner Party on Monday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the AR. We’ll begin with wine, assorted beverages, a mixed green salad and dinner rolls, served by Country Harvest. The main course buffet will include Pot Roast, Chicken Marsala, Tomato based Vegetarian dish, green beans and mashed potatoes. For dessert, enjoy yummy homemade desserts. During the evening, we will be entertained by our incomparable resident pianist, Richard Weiss. Finally, plans are underway for a Very Special Presentation after dinner to wrap up our incredible fundraising year. Dinner tickets are $25 and can be purchased at the Rec Center Lobby on the following Mondays - December 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., or you may purchase Holiday Dinner tickets, 2018 Pet Calendars and Tote Bags by calling Ruth Stubba at 496-7188 no later than Tuesday, December 6th.
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THE MAVERICKS

By Margo Secia

Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, we will be dark on our regular fourth Friday in December. The Mavericks’ Board is still busy working out the plans for our annual “Winter Ball Dinner/Dance” on Friday, January 26, 2018 in the AR. The dinner will be catered and a band will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. All pertinent information regarding the time, cost of tickets and dinner choices, along with a complete menu, will be in the January, 2018 “ILV” issue and in eNews. Tickets will be available for purchase the beginning of January.

Please calendar the date for this dinner/dance and come enjoy our very special party we have every January and start the New Year off right with great food, friends and entertainment. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President John Wirtz at 384-8508 or Vice-President Ruth Stubba at 496-7188.

Chef Frank DeSimone serves up a delightful dish at the party.
WE enjoyed a lovely reception at the volunteers who helped out.

La Grande Arts members. Thank you to show case paintings done by Village Arts members. Thank you to Kathy Whitesell who coordinated this opportunity.

Reminder to Village Arts members that our Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, December 6 at Ottavio’s from 12:00 pm. Tickets are $20 per person and you may bring a guest. If you haven’t purchased your ticket yet, please call Patti Crichton 482-6810.

Happy Holidays! We look forward to an interesting and creative 2018!

Hello Village artists and friends! Thank you for your wonderful display at the Autumn Art Show on November 5th and to the many volunteers who helped out.

November was a busy month. We enjoyed a lovely reception at the Camarillo Art Centre gallery, 3150 Ponderosa Drive, on November 12 to showcase paintings done by Village Arts members. Thank you to

The Women’s Club will meet on December 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Leisure Village resident, Richard Weiss, will present a special intimate musical holiday offering just for the Women’s Club. Included will be Christmas favorites, piano artistry, fun sing-a-long and his special guests. Be sure to join us for a fun holiday celebration.

Don’t miss the Annual Bake Sale of delicious homemade cakes, cookies and holiday favorites baked by Women’s Club members preceding the regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. See’s Candy, gift certificates and holiday gift boxes, as well as Vintage Jewelry will be available for holiday gift shopping. Bring your Food Share donations.

Fundraiser sales of Axxess Cards and book for $30 are on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the AR Lobby. The book has listings of over 400 local merchants offering savings, with over 100 offering 2-for-1 savings. For information contact Jackie Nelson, 340-9513 or Chi Chun, 603-3496.

Boutique hours and day is Tuesday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the MPR. The Boutique meeting in the AR Lobby during Bingo and the Social Workshop is dark for December. See’s candy sales are Wednesday, December 13, in the AR Lobby, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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BILLIARDS CLUB

By Patrick Price

The popular Thursday night round robin continues. Be there at about 6:00 p.m. to sign-up. You don’t have to be a member of the Billiards Club to participate and learn pool. LRC is available for those not playing pool. The Billiards Club will not have a meeting in December. Happy Holidays to all.

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VETERAN’S CLUB

By Tim Palmer

The Veterans Club will meet on the fourth Thursday of January. All veterans and their families are invited to attend.

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The Club has a new name. We are now the “LV Photo Club”. Since photos are now being captured by other digital methods, the use of the word “camera” has a limited perception. We’ll also have new assigned categories in 2018, starting with “Still Life” in January. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR, the assigned category is “Reflections.” Our annual “Best of 2017” meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 21 in the MPR. Elections were held, officers are: President Ken Lauthner, Vice President Rita Linsey and Treasurer Rebecca Paniagua. Dues are now $10. Contact: Ken, 491-2432 or ken.lauthner@roadrunner.com or Rita Linsey, 484-8653, rdlinsey@gmail.com
WOODSHOP

By Bud Bradley

Happy Holidays! The Woodshop Annex is now set up with basic power tools to allow you to create a gift for a family member or something special for your significant other. You will find almost everything you need to start your project. If you need to utilize a piece of equipment that you are not qualified to use, don’t hesitate to ask another keyholder for assistance. Many of our committee members and keyholders have a wide range of skills and are willing to share their knowledge.

Woodshop Volunteers are available on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon to repair any wood items for Villagers. The only charge for this service would be for special materials needed to accomplish the repair. We do, however, gratefully accept donations, to help defray the cost of normal materials and supplies. If you can demonstrate safety skills with basic equipment, consider joining our group of novice woodworkers. Send an email to LVWoodshop@gmail.com and set up an appointment.

Through the first 10 months of 2017, the Woodshop has completed:

- Resident projects: 246
- LV/Club projects: 60
- Quickie projects: 38

These handsome Wall Sconces were recently built at the LV woodshop.

WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

The Writers Club will hold its annual Club luncheon on December 11 in the MPR. We are proud to have as our guest speaker, Mary Marks, who was featured in the November 2017 Edition of Inside Leisure Village. On December 18, Election of Officers will be held for the 2018 calendar year, along with appointment of committee chairs. 2017 was a great year not only with an increase in membership, but more important, with an increase in the quality and interest of the stories. Contacts: Larry Kalisher 465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com or Harvey Brosler 465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com.
Showyme welcomes Jaxx and Jill to the Leisure Village stage for a delightful holiday show. This show will definitely put you in the holiday spirit. Jill Jaxx has guest-starred on Happy Days, the Carol Burnett Show, American Bandstand, The Red Skelton Show and NBC Specials with Ed McMahon. She and her twin sister Jan were the original Budweiser twins, singing and dancing in over 15 national television and radio commercials. Danny Jacobson takes audiences on a fantastic ride with all his “friends” including Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, Louis Armstrong and 50 more, delighting and amazing with his hilarious “reminiscing.” With more than 200 impressions in his repertoire, the former radio personality captures the essence of the legends he portrays with amazingly accurate reproductions of their vocal and physical mannerisms. Sit back and enjoy the show, Friday, December 8th in the AR. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open 6:45 p.m. Members - no charge; non-members - $3.00 donation. Refreshments served and a 50/50 with two winners.

WII BOWLING

By Ginny Bryce

Wii-Bowling’s Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch is on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Payment of $5.00 - 2018 dues begins December 5, 2017.

Wii-Bowling is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Club House. It is open to all. Come join us. Occasionally, tournaments are held for those interested, both in-house and with other senior communities.

Please call for information, call Joan Levy at 805-482-6871, or Barbara Bell at 805-388-2264.
Hello from the Leisure Village Bowling Club. We’re rolling along, completing week 11. Now we are in the middle of the Ladder Tournament. It’s getting exciting. If you are sitting out there in LV land and haven’t joined the Club, don’t you wish you had? Get more information by calling Joe at 818-518-5742. We may still be able to get you in.


December is another celebratory month with Christmas holidays and New Year’s Eve, from feasting with family to partying with friends. Do you have a story about unusual Christmas gifts or gatherings? Perhaps a riotous New Year’s party? Those can be good subjects for creative writing. We would be pleased to hear your stories at one of our meetings.

In December, we’ll only meet on the 13th because people are busy at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing you writers at our workshop in the Lanai Room at 2:00 p.m. when you can join our friendly, supportive discussions on writing technique.
LV RV CLUB

By Joan Tucker

Join a group of residents with an interest in traveling and camping in a Recreational Vehicle (RV). We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Room to socialize and exchange information on maintaining and traveling in an RV. Additional social events and RV camping trips add to the fun. You don’t have to own an RV to join us!

Future Campouts/Events:
- December Holiday Party for members – tickets on sale now for this member-only event and are only $5 per attendee. The price includes full dinner, desert, and drinks. Get your tickets soon as they will sell out quickly!
- January 26-28 Hobson Beach Park. Get some sand between your toes. Make your own reservation through Ventura County Parks website.
- February 24-26 at Ojai Camp Comfort. Hug a tree, take a hike! Make your own reservation through Ventura County Parks website.
- March 21-23 at Los Padres National Forest. Hike and fish. Make your own reservation through Ventura County Parks website.

For more camp-out information, contact Jack Miller @ 805-233-7796. For information or tickets to the Club Holiday Party, contact Jean Tucker @ 805-558-2541.

WOMEN’S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

The November Harvest Ball was a great start to the season. Women’s Golf members will meet on December 13 for our Holiday Luncheon at Ottavio’s. Please see Sheila Bunch for tickets. Remember to bring your festive socks!

The President’s Cup was played November 8th and 15th. Check the Bulletin board for results. Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Luncheon in June for this major tournament. Match play has been delayed until spring. Regular weekly tournaments are played on December 6 and 13, open play on Dec 20 and 27. Happy Holidays!

MEN’S GOLF

By Joseph Benti

Club President Gerry Sarno informed members that winter start times (play is moved up to 8:30) and winter Rules, which allow penalty free ball lift and cleaning in the fairway, are effective now and until the early Spring.

Dan Turner announced the schedule for 2018 Regulation Tournament at area courses: 1/25, Elkins Ranch; 2/15, River Ridge (Lakes); 3/22, Soule Park; 4/26, Buena; 5/17, Olivas; 6/7, Buena; 6/28 Olivas; 7/19 Buena; 8/9, Olivas; 8/30, Buena; 9/20, Olivas; 10/25, River Ridge (Lakes); 11/29, Elkins and 12/13, Soule Park.

At the November club meeting, once again, Members were asked to play “Ready Golf,” and to observe other rules of etiquette that will speed up the game to make it more enjoyable for all.
I took up golf late in life and must admit that I didn’t bring much to the table, with the exception of enthusiasm. Along the way I received some excellent instruction from golf professionals and good advice from other golfers. I have decided to put on paper some of those things I have learned about situations I have observed.

Getting started – the tee box: You arrive at the tee box, mentally ready to hit the perfect drive and duly impress the bystanders (i.e. the three others in your group). You stand behind the tee markers and make a practice swing in the direction of the assembled players. As your club clips the top of the grass coming through the practice swing, it inadvertently picks up an old tee and hurls it into the eye of one of your playing partners. His (or her) life, and yours, are about to change forever and, I can accurately predict, it won’t be for the better. To save yourself embarrassment, and a huge lawsuit, take your practice swing with your back to the other players and point to the wide open spaces for that warm-up whirl. It won’t affect your swing and you can be assured that the only suffering will be you when you top that tee shot.

Now that you are ready to tee off, the others in the foursome take their places behind you to look directly down your ball flight line so they can be sure to see where your shot landed – the “you hit it, we’ll watch it” theory. They won’t have to look very far because their presence in your peripheral view will be enough of a distraction that you will come over the top on your swing and drive the ball into the ground about twenty yards forward of your position. In reality, the best place for the other players to stand is in a position looking either directly at your back or the front of you, thus placing them at ninety degrees to your line of flight. While they won’t be able to see the ball flight as well, it is more important that you see only grass and the ball as you drive it straight down the fairway. You are off to a good start!
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December brings out the good in us.

As we reflect on the year of 2017 our hearts are full of thankfulness.
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