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President's REPORT

by Mitch Packard

Greetings from beautiful Dollar Point! Inside this newsletter you will find an important notice regarding additional Bylaws changes (which will be voted on at this summer's Annual Meeting in July), several informative committee reports, and important dates to remember.

Winter wasn't very "wintery" this year, but summer will bring several exciting additions and improvements to our facilities.

One of our biggest improvements is the pier, which has been updated with adjustable landings. These landings can be raised and lowered to accommodate different lake levels (which will be particularly useful this year!). The landings are wider, are accessed by a ramp instead of stairs, have more room for boats, and have dramatically improved the usability, safety and looks of our pier. A big thanks needs to go out to Steve Snow, one of our board members, who's been working on this project for the past few years. It's great to finally see the results of all his hard work!

You'll notice other changes at the beach: an improved pathway to the pier, repairs to the retaining walls near the barbecues and two new paddleboard racks! Due to the light winter and lack of run-off, the lake is nearly two feet below the level it was at the start of last season. Members are reminded to be especially careful when swimming around the pier area and docking their boats.

Kerry Bannon is rejoining us for her third year as Recreation Supervisor, and she is in the process of hiring the necessary staff and getting everything ready to go on opening day on Memorial Day weekend. Some of you may have seen Peak Landscape employees working around the pool area, making us look beautiful for summer. Special thanks to Sky Richardson, who has volunteered his time and expertise as liaison to Peak for many years.

No President's Report would be complete without thanks to my fellow board members

for their hard work: Pat Cala, Doug Greenwood, Steve Owles, Steve Snow, Lynn Thompson, and Carol Wilmar. We have a terrific board, all of whom have worked many hours to make Dollar Point Association one of the best! Of course, we all know that we could not function without manager Debbie Wolf, who is the "go-to" person for all of us, board and homeowners alike.

We hope to see all of you enjoying our little piece of paradise this summer!



PIER • BEACH • BUOYS

See page two to learn what's new for this summer.

Candidates sought for Board Election

We are looking for candidates for the Board of Directors. This summer at the Annual General Meeting the membership will have an opportunity to elect at least two new Directors. Two seats will be vacated as well as two other seats (incumbents who will also be running for re-election) will be available. If you, or a member you know, are interested in running, please contact Debbie in the Office at 530-583-4487. Thanks for your consideration and help!



Pier, Beach & Buoy REPORT

by Steve Snow

We have lots of news and changes to report regarding the pier, buoys and beach at Dollar Point. A greatly improved pier, new paddleboard rack and, unfortunately, an unusually low lake level awaits all of us this summer!

After many years of planning, discussions, and work, the pier improvements will be completed this summer. Although, only a few rules for use will change, the pier should now be more accessible for everyone: boaters, swimmers, strollers, etc.

Once again, this year, due to high demand we had to hold a lottery for the boat buoys. While everyone got their first choice, not everyone was successful with their second choice. There is a waiting list for BOTH sessions. Therefore, it is extremely important that if you are not going to use your assigned buoy for a period of at least one week, please notify Debbie in the main office. She will make an attempt to contact those on the waiting list and will then be able to rebate you some of your money.

As always please check your mooring lines and make sure they are the correct length and condition. Although, the rowboat to access the buoys is available at all times, the Boston Whaler will only be available as posted and, WEATHER PERMITTING. Please plan accordingly. With the pier improvements, we can now have three times the number of boats tied up to the pier catwalks, but please be respectful of your neighbors and do not leave a boat unattended, or tied up for more than 10 minutes. More than ever, due to the unusually low water, please exercise caution for rocks, swimmers, and the unknown.

It is important not to prop open the gate from the parking lot to the beach. It damages the mechanism and is expensive and difficult to repair.

The kayak racks have been repaired and aligned. Please note as they are strong enough to hold a (one) kayak per slot they are not designed to support the weight of a person. Please do not climb on them. For the first time in our history, we have had requests for more kayak storage than we have space. We will try to accommodate everyone this year, but there may be a limit set for next year. There are new racks for at least 40 Stand Up Paddleboards. The response for use this first season is amazing. They are now all full and we have a waiting list for them as well.

Boats, boards, kayaks, and all equipment should be kept secure and safe in their proper prearranged and designated spaces. For example, SUP fins, if left on your board should not protrude into your "neighbors" space.

We are sorry to report that due to the extremely low water this year the swim platform will not be available. Unlike the water, vandalism and theft seems to be on the rise at Dollar Point. Please get involved in helping prevent any problems. If you see any actions that appear suspicious, take a photo, ask questions, and immediately notify an employee and/or the office.

Thanks again, to a great staff we should have a safe, exciting and fun summer. If you have a moment please let the staff hear your appreciation, they do work hard to make us happy! Have a great summer, and safe water play!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on
July 26, 2014 at 4:00pm
at the upper recreation area.

The packet will be mailed to the full membership at the end of June. A barbecue will follow after the general meeting and election of officers. Reservations are required to attend the party.

Memorial Day Dumpster

Monday, May 26, 2014

Once again there will be dumpsters available at the beach parking area on Monday, May 26, 2014 for yard waste only. Staff will be available to assist you from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the dumpster location.

Be a good neighbor

Clean Up After Your Dog

Please remind your family members, friends, and renters of your home to pick up their dog waste in our Dollar Point neighborhood. There are Mutt Mitts available at the pool and beach facilities for your convenience -- please carry them back with you to your home and put them in your own garbage cans. Thank you!

DO NOT leave dogs tied up outside the pool or beach area unattended, or in your vehicle while you use the recreation facilities. You will be subject to being reported to the Placer County Animal Control and your dog could be impounded. If you see a dog left unattended for any length of time, or come in contact with an aggressive dog, please call Placer County Animal Control at 530-546-1990. Placer County also enforces a leash law, so keep your dog(s) on leashes when walking in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your cooperation!

BYLAWS AMENDMENT NOTICE

As you may recall, to address immediate concerns a few revisions to the Dollar Point Bylaws were approved at the 2013 Annual Meeting. In his president's report at that meeting, Andy Schaefer pointed out that additional revisions would be developed for presentation in 2014. The Board and the Bylaws Committee invite you to review these changes and provide any comments you may have to the committee members. If there is sufficient interest to discuss the proposed changes, we will arrange a workshop meeting to allow members the opportunity to discuss the proposal.

You can review the proposed amended bylaws on our Dollar Point website or contact Debbie Wolf by email or telephone at our DPA office. Debbie will send you a copy by mail or email at your request. You may also stop by the office to pick up a copy. Thank you for your interest!

We will prepare a final proposal for vote at this summer's annual meeting which is on July 26, 2014. A copy of the final proposal to be approved will also be included in the annual meeting packet.

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Pool & Social Committee REPORT

by Carol Wilmar

Is it that time already? We're still waiting for snow, yet it's time to think about summer fun at the pool. We are delighted to have Kerry Bannon back as our Recreation Supervisor, and we know we'll have a wonderful season under her direction. One of Kerry's gifts is finding great staff, and we look forward to welcoming back returnees and greeting newbies. We trust you'll show them the patience and respect they deserve for working so hard for us.

We're offering the traditional activities: early morning adult lap swim, lessons, and family fun. We're expecting Lauren Chorey back to teach water aerobics, and we'd love to have more members this year. You WILL lose inches! Arts and crafts, Friday fun days, and family barbecues will also be available. The barbecues were so popular last year that we're considering holding them more often. Let us know! The Fabulous Fourth of July carnival will be on a Friday this summer, and our increasingly popular Art and Wine Evening will be on Wednesday, July 16th, so mark your

calendars now! Remember to bring your paperbacks for the bring and take library. Children's books would also be very welcome.

In order to have a smooth summer we need to follow our "rules and regs." At the pool we need to remember the following:

1. No card, no entry.
2. Members who lend their cards to non-members risk having their cards cancelled.
3. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult, which means someone over the age of 18. 12 - 17 year olds may not be left in charge of younger children.
4. Early morning lap swim is for over 18s ONLY. No exceptions or lane-sharing with children until 8:30 am.
5. If you rent out your house, please try to leave a copy of the rules out for your guests, to prevent confusion at the gate.

I am always available to talk with members and answer questions, and I'd love to hear any suggestions for more activities and social events. See you at the pool!



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Defensible Space REPORT

by Lynn Thompson

We want to thank those of you who have taken steps to provide defensible space around your homes. As you know, this is an important project and requires all of us to “chip” in!

There many free resources in North Lake Tahoe to create defensible space around our properties. The North Tahoe Fire Protection District provides many services including: inspections at your home, rebates, curbside chipping and green waste removal. The website is very informative and we encourage you to take a look at www.ntfire.net. *The phone number is 530-584-2322.*

The TRPA encourages the use of defensible space, tree removal, and erosion control to help make our community safer and to improve the clarity of Lake Tahoe. You can also visit www.tahoefiresafe.com for additional information for defensible space and erosion control measures which are required for your Tahoe home.

Some of the most important steps you can take are:

- 1. Thin your Trees** You can remove trees on your property that are less than 14 inches in diameter without a permit. After the 2007 Angora fire TRPA increased the size from 6 inch trees to 14 inch trees. Lakefront homes are subject to special requests and permits. Request an inspection from the local fire district to find out if you should remove any trees on your property.
- 2. Trim Low Limbs and Thin Brush** Low limbs and brush create “ladder fuels” allowing fire to travel along the forest floor and into the forest canopy. Manzanita is highly flammable and should be thinned and cleared. Fall is the best time to cut, trim and clear.
- 3. Rake Your Pine Needles** in the spring, let them fall in the fall.
- 4. Maintain a Non-Combustible Zone** Keep a 5 ft. fire safe buffer free of combustible material around your structures.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

JUNE		
16 - 20	Jump Start Clinic - \$150 per person Advanced 9am-10:30am Intermediate 10:30am-12noon	
JULY		
Jn. 30 – July 4	Junior Tennis Camp - \$100 per person Ages 11-16: 3pm-4pm Ages 6-10: 4pm-5pm	
7 - 11	Junior Tennis Camp	
14 - 18	Adult Tennis Camp (same as jump start clinic)	
19	Tahoe Yacht Club Tennis Social	
21 - 25	Junior Tennis Camp	
25	Margarita Mixer Social Mixer with Chinquapin	
28 – Aug. 1	Junior Tennis Camp	
AUGUST		
1	Tennis & Bocce Ball Mixer	
8	Margarita Mixer Social Mixer with Chinquapin	
11 - 15	Junior Tennis Camp	
18 - 22	Junior Tennis Camp	
Weekly Programs* – July 1 - August 28		
Tuesdays	Round Robin	9am-11am Free
Wednesdays	Drill Clinic	9am-10am \$20/person
Thursdays	Doubles Drills and Play	9am-11am \$20/person

*Except on week of Adult Tennis Camp

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