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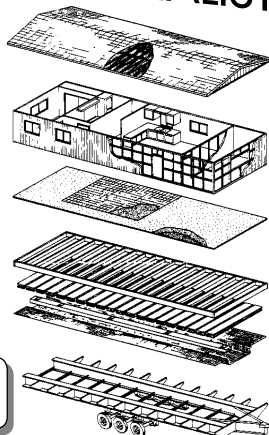


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Trips & Cruises, Harry Webber Coach 105 215-607-9061

Harry and his staff (Becky) have set up a Caribbean Cruise for March. Watch Facebook for updates.

Ambulance Fund, Evelyn Hale, coach 177, 403-6434

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies you for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

HOA

The Homeowners' Association addresses issues with management and owners of Bay Ranch. If you have an issue you wish to address, put a note about it in the suggestion box near the piano in the mailbox at the back of in the clubhouse. Your name, coach number and phone number are helpful if you want a response.

FMO

If you like to stay in the know about policies and events that affect your mobile home ownership, membership in the FMO is the way to go. If you like the idea of sharing what you learn, become the Bay Ranch representative to the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO).

Eds. Note: this position has been empty for some time. Contact with the FMO is important because they keep up on laws and regulations that affect mobile home owners and mobile home parks

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RESIDENTS' CLUB

Come to the Monday Morning Residents' Club Meeting every Monday at 9 a.m.

Ranchers come to Florida to have fun, or they live at Bay Ranch all year to enjoy the ambiance Florida has to offer. The Residents' Club does all it can, given we are all volunteers, to make that happen. As the name suggests, the organization is for residents, full and part time. It is the hub of our social network.

Most days, the Monday Morning Meeting is a casual get together where we drink coffee and eat donuts that we buy there or bring from home, talk to friends and neighbors and learn about activities and events in the park during the next week or month. **Sometimes we have speakers on topics of interest to seniors or coach owners.** The meeting part itself can be pretty repetitive but the company is great.

The first Monday of the month is a business meeting, where we hear what the elected Board of Directors have been considering and how much money we have. It's usually short and sweet. The Board of Directors does not meet in the summer.

Please join us.

Residents' Club Minutes

Feb. 4, 2019

Bay Ranch Business Meeting

Meeting called to order by Pres. Jeanne Hunter. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Betty Ann Quish lead us in singing "God Bless America" and "O Canada". Prayer was offered by Sharon Hammond.

Board meeting minutes read for information.

Treasurer report read.

Old business: nothing was discussed

New business: nothing discussed.

Koffee Klatch

New residents or visitors; no new residents or visitors.

Birthdays and Anniversary: read by Cindy Devinney.

Sunshine reporter : Chris Christensen has been moved to assisted living and its posted on the bulletin board.

Trips and Cruises- report given by Harry Webber including day trips and trips also posted on board.. Feb. 27 there is a meeting for the Mar. cruisers to receive luggage tags and other documents.

Review report from Carol Raabe. need everything by the 14th. This is new date.

Kitchen help this month are Paul & Pat Puerling

Golf report by Bill Kovacs : putting along every Fri. morning at 6:30.

Ladies golf reported by Jan Kovacs that not enough women to play.

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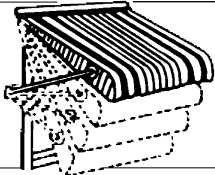
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Horseshoes report 6 players are signed up and the games begin. Please continue to save cans for them.

Shuffleboard

Dance is Mar. 27th and all are welcomed ; see shufflers for tickets.

Sunshine Club: practice Tues. 10 am

Friendly Club: practice after the meeting

In park: Mon. at 1pm

Dances with Gin: Valentine dance the 16th of Feb.

Bingo by Cindy Deviny. 81 present this past week. 2 hot balls and jackpot still waiting for someone to win.

Chorus by Betty Ann is having practice with the choir for Memorial Service. Feb.13th..If you like to bake finger foods would be appreciated.

Line dancing by Elda and Carol Tues. 10am

Card bingo by Debbie and Roger is the 1st Weds of every month.

Variety show is Mar. 2nd at 7 pm. Let the committee know if you want to perform. Rehearsals will be the 22nd and 27th.

Babe Ranchers practice after the meeting by the piano and Fri. mornings at 9:30.

50/50 \$28.50 won by Jan Raabe

Birthday Pot Luck for Feb. and Mar. will be 28th. Tell your neighbors so all the birthday friends will come and bring your favorite dish.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Allen Hammond

JUST SAY'IN

By Jeanne Hunter

I did my part in cleaning up the screws and nails being dropped by the dumpsters. Unfortunately, I used my tire to pick up a screw! Well, \$177 later I had a brand new tire to replace one I only had 5000 miles on. There is good news in this though. The dealership I go to gives a free car wash with service AND (this is the best part) they have free popcorn in their waiting room. I know I ate way more than a dollar's worth of popcorn.

New games we might try at the clubhouse:

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Did you know with Silver Sneakers you get a free YMCA membership? I just found out there's a Y with an indoor pool on Highland Avenue just south of Druid. It's about 15 minutes

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from here. If you don't know how to get there, just make a left on East Bay, a right on Highland and watch on your right for the Y. It's big, so even I can't miss it. I'm going in a week or so and will report back.

Here's an interesting conversation I heard recently:

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in Florida? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan in place. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of color by now. However, all I see are patches of green.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. They are called the Seniors. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it is so boring. It is not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, bees or birds—only grubs and sod worms. Furthermore, it's temperamental with temperatures and watering. Do these Seniors really want grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing it and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and the warm weather probably make the grass grow really fast. That must make the Seniors very happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord, for as soon as it has grown a little.....they cut it—sometimes two times a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? I wonder why. Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away!

GOD: Now let me get this straight, Frank: They fertilize it to make it grow and, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Seniors must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord, but when the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it!

GOD: What nonsense is this. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so Myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves become compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

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ST. FRANCIS: You'd better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, the Seniors rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away!

GOD: You must be joking!! What do they do to protect the shrubs and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing the leaves away, they go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch!

So now you know, our overgrown, weedy yards are just the way they were meant to be. I can hear the birds singing and the bees humming now. Just sayin'!

NOTES FROM THE BAY RANCH OFFICE

You must register at the office if you have something parked in the field north of the clubhouse, or see Brent (maintenance).

The office has canceled its Facebook page, "From the Office of Bay Ranch."

While garbage remains a troublesome topic in our park, we have another disposal problem: sewage. A number of tenants have had problems with drains and toilets backing up. Frank's plumbing has said these back-ups are caused by putting grease, paper towels, and cloth-like materials down the drains. Bay Ranch will not pay to unclog sewers when the clog is caused by inappropriate items put down the sewer. The tenant will have to pay for this problem.

Eds. Note: those so-called flushable personal cleansing cloths are really NOT FLUSHABLE. They do not disintegrate in the sewer system, and they WILL clog the sewer someplace in the system. Lots of people like to use these cloths in the bathroom, but PLEASE do not put them in the toilet. Limit what goes into the toilet to toilet paper and tampons (is this an allowable word in a community of seniors?).

Eds. Note: My housemates and I had to hire a plumber when our own drain system clogged due to dishwasher detergent that was not well dissolved. We had virtual rocks of detergent blocking the drain. Our solution (after paying the plumber): liquid detergent.

The new management is serious about maintaining a clean and neat park. Managing garbage is a big part of this.

- Please, put ALL garbage in the dumpsters, even big and heavy items like furniture.
- DO NOT dump behind, beside or anywhere near the trash bins. Put the garbage in the bins.
- Put household trash in the smaller trash bins.
- Do not bring garbage to the bins on Monday morning. By that time, the bins are overflowing. Wait until Monday afternoon or later, when the bins are empty.
- Pick up for furniture, tree brush/limbs and other debris will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Put out trash after 5:00 p.m, the day before.

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• **DO NOT DISPOSE OF TVS OR ELECTRONICS IN THE PARK. DO NOT PUT THEM IN OR BESIDE THE DUMPSTER.** We get fined. Call pinellascounty.org/recycle to dispose of them.

• If you need help disposing of something, someone in the park may help you for a fee

Rent Increase: Most residents already know that \$15 rent increase will go into effect starting January 1, 2019. Those in the non pet section paying \$557 will be paying \$572 starting January 1, 2019. Those on a corner lot or in the pet will be paying \$580. The increase for everyone is \$15.

The following information remains in force:

Rules: The Park has rules that everyone received and reviewed when they bought or rented their coach. Please read and follow them. Failure to follow rules is grounds for eviction, and management has shown that it is willing to evict.

No cars may be parked on the street at night. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the offending car being towed, resulting in fines. [*Ed. Note: I can verify this. EVEN IF you run out to the street before they hook up your car to tow, you will get the fine.*]

Cars parked on the street during the day should be staggered so emergency vehicles can pass by. Do not park on the grass or sidewalk.

Fires: Test your smoke detectors to make sure they work. Recommended action: purchase a fire extinguisher if you don't have one and know how to work it. If a fire starts, spray it with the fire extinguisher immediately and **GET OUT OF THE HOUSE**. Fire destroys mobile homes very quickly.

Visitors: Reminder: that rent is based on one or two per household. Each person above the two must pay an additional \$30 a month, including visitors who stay over 30 days. Please be proactive about this and pay the money without first being reminded.

Other announcements:

The purified water dispenser at the clubhouse operates on its own schedule. After someone has filled containers, it may take the dispenser some time to regenerate enough water for more containers. There is a light on the dispenser that tells whether it is ready.

Some have questioned why the application fee is "so high." One reason is to help cover garbage fees, since new owners usually throw away most of the furniture and electronics.

Mr. Larson (the owner) calls the lawn service for lawn care on an as-needed basis. The park pays for lawn mowing, etc., once a month but the need sometimes goes unnoticed. If you notice the lawn needs trimming, please let the office know so they can call Mr. Larson.

Sometimes an automobile will leak oil onto our new, nice looking pavement, creating an eyesore. If you notice a leak by your house, call the office to have it cleaned up. Let's keep these streets looking nice!

Lost and Found Dog/Cat: If you have found a dog or cat, you can post on a site called pawboost.com or call Animal Service on Walsingham. If you call, Animal Services will come out, free of charge, to pick up an animal.

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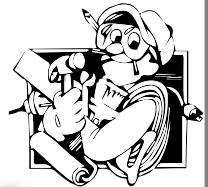
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 2. If you have someone living with you, make sure you have registered in the office.
 3. Piling garbage in front of garbage bins. When you throw garbage, throw it to the back so when you open the door, it doesn't fall out and there is space.
- Check mobile for cleaning, trim, awnings, driveway and/or painting.

FROM THE EDITOR

By Carol Raabe

The Board of Directors list now includes Director's responsibilities. Some residents are not aware that the Directors manage the social activities of the park. Their supervision is very loose, but it is a very good idea to run new ideas and needs by the activity's supervisor before moving ahead with them.

This marks the second time Wayne Redshaw has submitted what I hope will be a regular column. Wayne seems to be using "Odd and Ends" to give his opinion on events we Bay Ranchers might care about. Welcome, Wayne!

Is it the natural outcome of change, the general political climate, or what? "It" is the return of a climate of criticism of others in the park. While the events of last summer were difficult on many levels, they are what they are, as "they say."

One thing I'm crabby about is the absence of a phone in the clubhouse. I guess there is a cost to it, but it's not as high as the result of a lawsuit when a resident in the clubhouse or pool gets hurt and has no way to call 911.

Other people have also been a little crabby and/or demanding. The saddest thing, to my mind, is complaining about the office's Facebook page. I understand that everyone does not have Facebook, but at the same time those announcements were A LOT MORE than we had before. If we're worried about neighbors who don't have computers, we can stop over and tell them the news.

Volunteers, too, have been the object of criticism, at least once to the point of doing what someone else thought the volunteer should have done. The best thing we can do, especially for the volunteers who make Bay Ranch a fun place to live and visit is graciously accept their efforts and refrain from disparagement and interference. Or even volunteer to help. If your way is the only good way to do something, then please, volunteer to do it.

Finally kudos to the Babe Ranchers. For those who don't know, Babe Ranchers is a group of 8 to 10 women singers who are interested in singing challenging music in parts. This group practices many hours so our performances will be fun for us as well as the audience. We sang "I'll Walk With God" for the memorial service, maybe our hardest song to date, and one we had to work very hard to do justice to the memories of our friends and neighbors. Current

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members of the group are: Sharon Hammond, Evelyn Hale, Linda Ferrarro, Lynda McNeill, Carol Olson, Mary Magurno, Ione Jones, Becky Webber, Judy Roach, and Carol Raabe. Jan Raabe has accompanied us. Special thanks to Betty Ann Quish for her support.



The Babe Ranchers sang, "I'll Walk with God," in memory of Bay Ranch residents who have left us in the last year. Photo by Bob Lupton.

LETTERS

Joan Stonerock posted the following letter on Facebook:

Thank you to all who participated in the memorial service tonight. Guess it was obvious that I was especially appreciative of the service. Thanks for all the support again.

Carol Raabe posted the following letter on Facebook:

The Memorial Service was especially touching this year. Many thanks to you, Betty Ann Quish, for making this happen!

BOB'S CORNER

Hi Everyone

I actually wrote a really good article last night and somehow when I went to print a copy I screwed something up and lost all my work. So I am starting over. I only hope I can recreate a similar narrative as my memory is not what it once was.

Last night we attended the annual Memorial service for those we lost in the last year. It was a very moving service and gave us a chance to honor all the residents that have passed. Bay Ranch is to most of us an extended family and when we lose a member we all mourn the loss together. At the same time it gives us a chance to recall great memories we shared together with our missing friends. The service began with a thoughtful introduction by Jeannie Hunter followed by Betty Ann and the Bay Ranch choir who set the tone for a beautiful service and

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worthy tribute to those that left us. Reverend Ron Kowalski gave us an inspirational message and led us in prayer. And roses were given in honor of each of those that left us. We will miss each one.

On a lighter note Gin and I finally got to go out to dinner with the Raabe's. We have been trying to get together for a while but something always seems to happen to prevent it. We had dinner and cocktails down at Clearwater Beach at The Palm Pavilion. Great food, great conversation and great friends. Carol and Jan (William but don't call him that) are two very important members of our community and make sure the Review is an accurate reflection of Bay Ranch and work tirelessly putting together our annual talent show. Jan also keeps our library organized.

I am now in full cruise mode as our Cruise is only a few weeks away. This year I am going to make an attempt at snorkeling. Got my snorkel, swim fins and a decent underwater camera. Bob Cousteau is ready!

Also I am very happy with the support I am getting for my Karaoke/Dances. I plan to carry these into the summer and continue next year. There will never be a charge for this.

Now I will close this month's article with a couple of jokes.

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. So he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, and meanwhile there's a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

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So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?"

No response. So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response. So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the fifth time, CHICKEN!" and this

An old lady was very upset as her husband Albert had just passed away. She went to the undertakers to have one last look at her dearly departed husband. The instant she saw him she started crying. The mortician walked over to comfort her. Through her tears she explained that she was upset because her dearest Albert was wearing a black suit, and it was his fervent wish to be buried in a blue suit.

The mortician apologized and explained that traditionally they always put bodies in a black



suit, but he'd see what he could arrange.

The next day she returned to the funeral parlor to have one last moment with Albert before the funeral the following day.

When the mortician pulled back the curtain, she managed a smile through her tears as Albert was resplendent in a smart blue suit. She said to the mortician, "Wonderful, wonderful, but where did you get that beautiful suit?"

"Well, yesterday afternoon after you left, a man about your husband's size was brought in and he was wearing a blue suit," the mortician replied. "His wife was quite upset because she wanted him buried in the traditional black suit."

Albert's wife smiled at the undertaker. "After that," he continued, "it was just a matter of swapping the heads."

Until next month.

Love you all. Bob

ODDS AND ENDS

by Wayne Redshaw

SUPER DUD: The NFL Championship game played early in February between the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams certainly didn't live up to expectations. The 54th edition was simply a Super Dud, a low scoring defensive struggle won by the Pats 13-3. Even the commercials, which sold for over five million bucks for 30 seconds were really nothing special.

The television ratings even reflected how bad the game was. According to the Nielsen ratings 100.7 million viewers, the smallest NFL Championship audience in a decade, took in the game or part of it. Traditionally, the game is the most watched television event of the year in the U.S. and its viewership hasn't dipped below 100 million since 2009.

I wonder how many TV sets were turned off before half-time? And after the half-time show, which wasn't that impressive in my books, how many more sets were turned off?

Hopefully down the road Budweiser will bring back the Bud Bowl. In the early years the Bud Bowl was sometimes more exciting than the real game. The way it was setup you stayed tuned in well into the fourth quarter.

BEST OF: On the subject of best commercials, the advertising agency who puts together the Geico Insurance ads shown on the various TV networks over the years conducted an on-line contest recently asking viewers to vote for their favourite Geico commercial. I was glad to see two of my favourites were among the top four. My top two choices were Hump Day when a camel strolls through an office asking "What Day Is It" and two Squirrels doing "High Five's" after one of them had forced a car off the road.

Well, the contest is over and the results are in and I was happy that the camel and Hump Day topped the polls. My second choice, the Squirrels, finished fourth. Second place went to

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He figured out why risk going in that trap when someone will provide a breakfast treat with no strings attached. That's why we have a growing population of stray cats ---some residents are feeding them. Simply don't feel sorry for those strays and feed them. Leave that up to Brett and Laurie. They have started something. Let them finish it.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ed. Note: Watch the Bulletin Board outside the Clubhouse for new and changed events.

March Dance TBA

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Variety Show

The Annual Bay Ranch Variety Show has been scheduled for Saturday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge and residents are encouraged to attend.

Now is a good time to start planning your act. Participating is a fun thing to do, and the audience expects a good time but not necessarily perfection. We have music, dance, comedy, audience participation. Think America's Got Talent.

The dress rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** *Please note: this is date change!* All acts need to be there or to make other arrangements.

Organizers also need to see all acts prior to the dress rehearsal so they can time, plan for lights, make sure the music is available, and so on. A dedicated time for this is scheduled for Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Organizers will also be available after the Monday Morning Meeting for anyone who wants recommendations on their act or to avoid the February 21 rehearsal.

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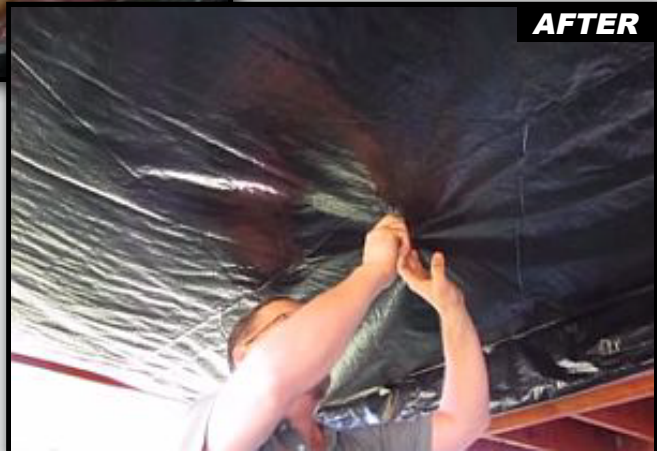
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Rich Haslam, Coach 331, 492-6966 and Paul Lawrence, Coach 265,

Horseshoe competition began in January under new leadership. Practices and games are held on Mondays, right after the Koffee Klatch. Announcements will be made at the Monday Morning Meetings and in this publication.

Paul Lawrence continues to fundraise by collecting aluminum cans. Please drop off soda and beer cans at Paul Lawrence's, Coach 265.

Line Dance

Elda Hastings, Coach 210, 223-4512, and Carol Olson, Coach 230,

Line Dance is ongoing during the winter, every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse. This activity is free and teaches steps for beginners, as well as being good exercise and fun for the more experienced.

Men's Golf

William (Bill) Kovacs, Coach 1351, 286-6752

Men's golf began in mid-November. The men are golfing Fridays at 7:00 a.m. They carpool to the golf course, leaving around 6:30 am. Contact Bill to be added to the roster.

Shuffleboard

Sharon Allen, President, Coach 1342, 532-4071

Season: November to March

All Shuffleboard practices and games, including Hoss Collar, are taking place according to this schedule:

Friendly: Mon. after Residents' Club Meeting

Sunshine: Tues. 9 a.m.

In park: Mon. 1 p.m.

Hoss Collar: Sat. 1 p.m.

Anyone who wants to shuffle and pays their \$4 per season is encouraged to play in the In Park Shuffleboard league. This league is for fun and for those who want to move into the competitive Friendly and Sunshine leagues. Memberships in Friendly and Sunshine are by invitation only. Hoss Collar is a fun competition and event to work on your shuffleboard technique. It is open to all. Cost is \$1 and money prizes are awarded.

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Winter Exercise/Summer Swimnastics

Vickie Pittman, coach 1326, 317-443-4961

Exercise will resume in January on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Golf

Jan Kovacs, Coach 1351, 286-6752

Women golf has been cancelled due to a shortage of players.

GAMES AND GAME ROOM

Sports and Games Director, Paul Puerling, Coach 170. 533-9324

Bingo

Cindy Deviney, Coach 1065

Open to all. 6:45 p.m. Friday; purchase cards, etc., from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The Clubhouse opens to Bay Ranch residents at 1 pm and to others at 3 pm to reserve seats.

Card Bingo

Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

Open to all. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please sign up in the clubhouse and bring 12 quarters.

Canasta

Charlotte Augustine, Coach 1413, 831-3567

Open to all. FREE 12:45 p.m. Tuesday

Bid Euchre

Wayne Jones, Coach 224, 559-1408

Open to all. \$1 1:00 pm Fridays.

Euchre

Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

6:45 pm Tuesday. \$1. Sign up in the clubhouse.

Game Night

Kathy Trombini, Coach 259, 221-7543

Open to all. The third Wednesday of the month in February at 7:00 pm. Due to the Memorial Service. The usual date is the second Wednesday. Please sign up in the courthouse. A supply of games is available but bring your own if you wish. A new addition is cornhole/beanbag toss.

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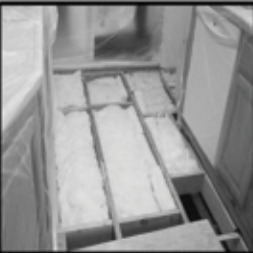


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Poker

Richard Yaskolka, Coach 1329, 953-7339

\$4.00 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday; 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday. Seats are available Thursdays and Saturdays all year long. Please contact Richard if you want to join one or both of these games.

According to Joyce Budlong, a former Bay Ranch resident, poker could use more players, either men or women on Thursdays and Saturdays. Anyone can play.

CLASSES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Arts and Crafts Director, Sharon Hammond, Coach 1342, 532-4071

Ladies Havin' Fun

Vickie Pittman, Coach 1326, 317-443-4981

Membership is \$3.00, due in December. Activities all year long.

Bay Ranch women go out to lunch and play for prizes. Each month, they wear some shade of a specific color. Vickie always makes it fun.

Swedish Weaving

Nancy Peterson, Coach 279, 433-5056

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Most people who attend work on a Swedish Weaving project (weaving Monk's Cloth with yarn). Some bring other handwork.



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OUR NEIGHBORS

Services Director, Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 550-7377

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 550-7377

Please call Cindy with any changes

Did we miss your birthday? Your anniversary?

Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, The Bay Ranch Review will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the Review, please give Cindy your information in writing (to ensure spelling and dates are correct)

March Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lori Ventimiglia | 15 Patty Harwood |
| 2 David Rogers | John Shank |
| Wayne Perkins | 19 John Mannato |
| 3 Kelly Joseph | Michael Helmer |
| Rafael Aladjyan | 20 Mary Lou Foos |
| 4 Susan Schultz | 21 Ruth Hazel |
| 5 El Sondrini | 24 James Elmer |
| 6 Greg Devinney | 25 Wanda Barbou |
| Curtis Bowman | 26 Jeanne Hunter |
| 8 Donald Ferguson | 27 Jaclyn LaBean |
| 10 Irma Lainhart | 28 Susan Progen |
| Joy Wallace | Wanda Redding |
| 12 Domingo Ortiz | Anthony Gizzarelli |
| 14 Douglas Stewart | 30 Rosemary Baxter |
| Andrea Willis | 31 Allison Tipling |
| Roger Jones | Evie Caporaletti |



Anniversaries

- 3 James & Frances Elmer
- 22 Ronald & Shirley Hanright
- 23 Derrick & Jodie Owens



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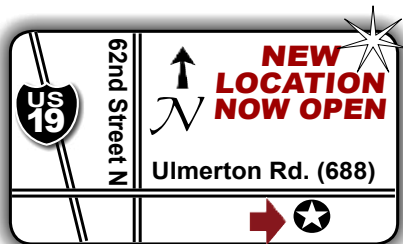


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Maureen's cell. 709-687-4750 Lot 1339 Madrid.
- LUPTON, Gin, 570-262-2040
- OLSON, Jerry and Carol, 221-7402
- MACNEILL, George and Lynda McCurrach 727- 475- 9048.
- WEBBER, Harry and Rebecca, 215-607-9061.

BAY RANCH PROFILE: Jerry Olson

By Wayne Redshaw

It's been 66 years since Jerry Olson was in the trenches on the front lines of the Korean War, but the nightmares he encountered from that ordeal still linger on today. They always will.

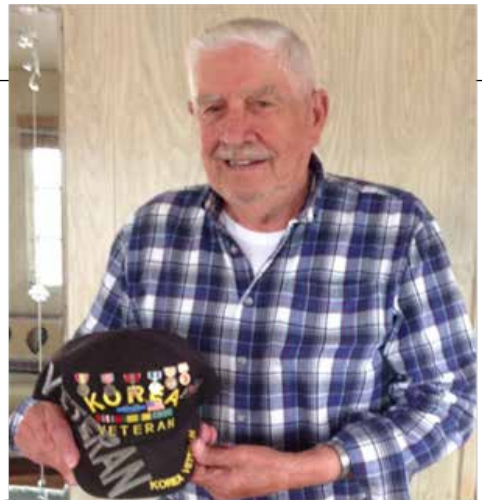
The sound of thunder, a car or a motorcycle backfiring on a nearby street or the rippling sound of a power saw usually result in Jerry ducking. Actually, he ducks at the sound of any noise. He also experiences nightmares, seeing his fellow buddies in Korea lying dead beside him in the trenches and flashes across the sky with bombs exploding.

Until 13 and a half years ago, when Jerry went to bed every night he always had a rifle within his reach beside the bed. That's how bad the Korean War affected him.

He was drafted October 1st, 1952 into the U.S. Army and was sent to Arkansas for basic training. It was supposed to be a nine month course overall but it wasn't. Within seven weeks, Jerry along with his regiment was shipped out to Korea and almost immediately he saw action. "I saw enough action in three weeks to do me a lifetime," said Jerry, who like many of us is a snowbird in the winter months at Bay Ranch.

Within three weeks of stepping foot on foreign soil he was at Pork Chop Hill, a historic site of two battles during the Korean War. "I think I was there four days as I never slept any length of time. There were also times you didn't know whether it was day or night with flashes in the sky, grenades and bombs going off in the air. There were guys dead in the bunkers covered in blood and guts hanging out. I just picked up another rifle and stuck it out. There was just no

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Jerry Olson proudly displays his hat denoting his Korean War experience. Photo by Wayne Redshaw.



place to go. Unless you have experienced it firsthand, people really have no idea what we went through over there.”

Jerry was on the front lines in 1953 from March to July 27. If he wasn't, he was never very far from it. To add to the woes were Korea's adverse weather conditions. The winter was cold, dropping to 35 below zero at times and in the summer a lot of rain. August was hot. It wasn't tropical but extremely hot, which meant they had to deal with a lot of bugs. "It was so cold in the winter that my feet froze," added Jerry.

Jerry was never wounded but he was hit. Fortunately, the jacket he was wearing inside his uniform protected him from the bullet. "It hit me so hard it knocked the wind out of me, but it didn't draw any blood."

He returned from Korea to the United States in May, 1954, just before Mother's Day, and attended a Memorial Service. He also got an opportunity to see his wife Nancy and for the first time, his daughter, who was born May 18, 1953 while he was overseas. However, he was still in the Army. He was sent to Missouri and joined a company all of them just waiting to be discharged. Finally the first of October Jerry returned home to join his family.

As a result of the war, Jerry suffers from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Nevertheless, he wasn't diagnosed with PTSD until a few years ago. He passed on going to the VA because he felt there were other individuals who deserved it more than himself. He finally went to the VA to get checked out. A service officer from the American Legion was there and asked various questions as to why he was there. Jerry told him about his lack of hearing, frozen toes and a bummed up left knee. Then Jerry mentioned the nightmares he was experiencing. That was something totally different, and the officer suggested he see a psychologist.

"It did cost me. She asked me questions I didn't want to answer but I did. Tears came to my eyes and to hers. When she got done talking to me, she sent a letter to Veterans Affairs, and I got a copy, saying this man is unemployable. I called her and said, 'Ma'am, I've worked all my life,' but she had me see another psychologist."

From all the examinations and interviews, it was determined Jerry is 100 percent a disabled veteran meaning all medical, prescriptions and hearing aids were covered by the VA.

Jerry was awarded 10 medals and badges for his service in Korea. However, Jerry doesn't consider himself a hero. "I'm a survivor because I stayed and because I wanted to stay up front. There was also no place to go."

Jerry and Nancy raised four children --- two sons, Allan and Terry, and two daughters Nancy and Cindy. Terry served 20 years in the Coast Guard. His wife Nancy lost her battle with cancer about 15 years ago. Thirteen years ago, Jerry and Carol were married. "We got married August 13th, the day before my 73rd birthday. I didn't want her (Carol) to marry an older man," said Jerry with a smile." Carol's first husband was a veteran too and had passed away in 2000. When they are not at Bay Ranch, Jerry and Carol reside in East Jordan, Michigan.

Jerry is a life member of the American Legion, the Veteran of Foreign Wars and the 31st

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Infantry Association. He also served as Chaplain for the Legion and the VFW for a number of years. He still goes to Memorial Services for veterans and participates in Memorial Day Services dating back to 1954.

On September 26, 2018, Jerry shared the distinct honor with a 100-year-old veteran to lay a wreath at Unknown Soldier Monument at Arlington Cemetery. Jerry was one of 64 veterans invited on the "Honor Flight to Washington" that day.

Jerry and Carol arrive December 1st at Bay Ranch. The reason for the December arrival is Jerry enjoys deer hunting in Michigan in November with his son Allan. They've been doing it for 58 years. However, that rifle he used to keep at bedside is not necessary anymore.

FOOD

Jim Hale posted the following recipe on Facebook:

Beer Cheese Soup II

This soup is a popular menu item in some of our favorite restaurants. It's very rich, creamy and delicious. Garnish with bacon bits."

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon and 1-1/2 teaspoons margarine
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1-1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1-1/2 (12 fluid ounce) cans or bottles light beer
- 1-1/2 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1/4 cup and 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 3 cups half-and-half w
- 3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (use a liter cheese if desired)



Directions

1. Melt the butter or margarine in a 4 1/2 quart soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and Worcestershire sauce and stir well. Add the beer and raise the heat to high and boil for 3 minutes to evaporate the alcohol. Add the chicken broth and bring the soup back to a boil. Lower the heat to medium-low and simmer.
2. Combine the cornstarch with 3 tablespoons water and stir until smooth. Set aside.
3. Add the half-and-half and shredded cheese to the soup. Stir constantly until the cheese melts. Then stir in the cornstarch mixture. Stir constantly until the soup is thick, about 2 minutes. Serve garnished with bacon bits.
4. Use Popcorn to serve on it instead of crackers



GOOD TIMES AT BAY RANCH

Pictures

As usual, these pictures were downloaded from Facebook. If you take pictures of Bay Ranch events and don't put them on Facebook but want me to consider putting them in the Review, you can email them to nelsonraabe@gmail.com or message them to 605-730-0476.



Not a "Good Time," for sure, but many Bay Ranch Residents and family members attended the annual Memorial Service to commemorate friends and neighbors who died in the last year. Here, Betty Ann Quish directs the choir. Photo by Bob Lupton



Paul and Erica, our Bay Ranch sweethearts. Photo by Bob Lupton.



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Americans prefer to stay at home

Planning a vacation overseas this year? You're not exactly alone, but you're not in the majority. As reported on the NerdWallet website, a survey by Priority Pass found that only 14 percent of Americans plan to leave the United States for a vacation this year. Forty-five percent said they'd prefer to stay in the U.S.

The survey included 10,000 people in nine countries. Overall, 32 percent of respondents said they expect to go abroad for their holidays. Among other travel-related findings from the survey:

- **Americans are least likely to spend a cash gift on travel.** If given \$300, U.S. residents are least likely to use it to help pay for a trip. People in the United Kingdom and Mexico are most likely.
- **Americans spend more on travel.** Although they travel less, Americans have the highest per-person budget for overseas travel.
- **Americans don't share.** Finally, the survey found that Americans are least likely to share their travel memories on social media, or recommend hotels, airlines, and transportation services than residents of other countries.

We're still looking at our phones on the road

We all know the dangers of texting while driving—or do we? A survey of drivers in Philadelphia, as reported on the Fox 8 website, found that 75 percent admit to using mobile devices behind the wheel.

They're not all kids, either. Although 91 percent of millennials reported using a smartphone or other device while driving, so did 79 percent of Gen Xers and 64 percent of Baby Boomers. What are they doing? Reading text messages or emails (48 percent), updating or checking social media (23 percent), and recording videos (18 percent). Only 9 percent of drivers in the survey said they use a "Do not disturb" app on their phones while driving.



Arithmetic is where you have to multiply—and you carry the multiplication table in your head and hope you won't lose it.

—Carl Sandburg



March Sudoku

9			3	5		4		
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			9		5		3	4
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	6					5	9	7



3	6	4	8	1	2	5	9	7
5	1	9	7	4	3	2	6	8
2	7	8	9	6	5	1	3	4
6	3	1	5	2	8	7	4	9
4	9	5	1	3	7	8	2	6
8	2	7	6	9	4	3	5	1
1	4	3	2	7	6	9	8	5
7	5	2	4	8	9	6	1	3
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