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BVSA Board of Directors election

by Wesley Shryock
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BVSA General Manager

Each year in June, the property owners of Bear Valley Springs have the opportunity to elect members to serve as volunteers on the BVSA Board of Directors. Because we have two governing bodies in BVS, it can be confusing to know what each board oversees, particularly for our newer residents. The BVSA Board of Directors oversees the homeowner's association within our valley, which is a different entity than the Bear Valley Community Services District (CSD), who governs the gate, BVPD, water/sewer, roads and trash.

These elected volunteers to the BVSA Board of Directors will serve a two-year term and will oversee the maintenance and budget of the many amenities we enjoy in our valley, including the golf course, restaurants, pool, equestrian center and trails, Whiting Center, tennis courts, parks, lakes, shooting range, and campgrounds, all paid for through the annual HOA assessments. They also enforce the C&R's and other governing documents.

The Bear Valley Springs Association will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Saturday, June 11, 2022, in accordance with our governing documents and the Davis-Stirling Act. This year, we have three open seats on the Board.

Members will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidates on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Oak Tree Country Club reception area. The candidates nominated for this year's election are: Peggy Bergman-Smith, Nick Beske, Joseph Horswell, Dain Hurst, Guy Munday, and Jim Panek. Please bring your amenity card for entrance.

Keep an eye out in your mailbox for your ballot that will be mailed out to each property owner on file directly from the election company. If you have changed your mailing address recently, please update your information as soon as possible by contacting the BVSA office at 661-821-5537 X218, or by filling out an online form at <https://www.bvsa.org/administrative-services> and clicking "Manage Address Information" to ensure that your ballot is mailed to the correct address. Ballots will not be available at the BVSA office.

Once your ballot is received, please fill it out and prepare the envelopes according to the directions, sign the outer envelope, and return it as soon as possible. Ballots can be returned in person at the BVSA office or by mail.

Every year, the Association struggles to get the number of votes required for a quorum, so please be certain to return yours as soon as possible. One-third of all ballots mailed need to be received by the Inspector of Elections before election day. Thank you to our members for being involved by learning about the candidates and voting for those who will represent you on the Board of Directors.

We also appreciate those who step up to serve our community and give countless hours by serving on our Board and committees. Volunteers such as these are the backbone of this paradise we are fortunate to call home. 🐾

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Life this side of the gate

Submitted by
Adam Tiefenthaler
BVSA Board Director

Living life on our side of the gate.

The feeling of tranquil peace and soothing relief washes over me as I pass through the gate and peer out on the beauty of Bear Valley Springs. A sense of calm slows my car, erases stress from the recent grind, and I regain my appreciation for the wonderful part of the planet that I'm so lucky to call home. Am I the only one?

It's amazing to me just how much we have available to us right here. Every week that I'm home, I enjoy several of our amenities and immerse myself into this community. Whether just walking the neighborhood, grabbing dinner with friends, hanging out at the parks, or

getting in a round of golf, there is always something fun to do. Despite how many of our amenities and festivals that I've enjoyed, there are still some that haven't been explored.

I know where the RC Park is, but only recently attended my first RC club event. The laughter and friendly competition surrounding flying planes and racing cars was more than I expected. Time to shop for some RC toys!

I have used the shooting range multiple times, but only once joined the Sportsman's club for a tournament. Need to do that again!

I'm not much of a dancer, but I know several line dances now and have even learned a few swing dance moves, thanks to the new BVS Swing Dance Club!

I've swam, boated, and fished

the lakes, but I'm still chasing that monster large mouth bass.

I've walked and hiked miles, but still haven't set foot on all of our trails.

I've taken my dogs to the dog park, but still haven't checked out that Tailwaggers Club.

I've golfed countless rounds, but still have a rotten score. Lol! Maybe it's because I spend more time looking at the deer, elk, quail, hawks, and fox.

I've relaxed at the pool, but never did the lap swim, played tennis, or pickleball.

As a teenager I rode my horse all over these hills and camped up top many times, but never have done it as an adult.

My daughter always looked forward to Movies in the Park, while I looked forward to a slow drive up the mountain to spot elk, deer, bear, fox, bobcats, and birds.

After a hard day of work, I can disconnect at the gym, followed by a walk with my dog, and the whole world looks better once again.

I wonder if there will ever be enough time for me to experience all that BVS has to offer.

Let's not forget that we have

the best restaurants, most beautiful venues, and kindest staff right here at the Mulligan Room, Oak Tree Country Club, and Oak Branch Saloon. If in need of recalibration, just sit in the Todd Lander Pavilion and enjoy a tasty meal.

Where else can you get live music weekly? The Oak Branch Saloon, that's where! Our very own "Cheers," where you can visit and laugh with your friends, and don't forget to make some new friends too.

What are your favorite amenities? Which ones are you planning on trying out next?

I do cross the threshold of our gate from time to time, for business travel, to explore other places, see family and friends, or just grab supplies from town, but every time it happens, I pause and give it a second thought. Do I really need to leave? Is it truly important enough for me to leave the wonderful place I call home?

Are you like me, just trying to live your life this side of the gate? 🐾

The greatest thing in life is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

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#9985222
WELCOME HOME! to this wonderful 2BR/1.75BA in approximately 1,351 sq.ft. home located in downtown Tehachapi in a very well established neighborhood. Pride of Ownership abounds! Open Floorplan, Light Bright Kitchen with Gas Stove, generous living room with Fireplace, Laundry Room with loads of Cabinetry, finished 2-car attached garage.
\$339,500



BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS
#9984455
WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED 3 bd/2 bath condo with 1392 SF. The spacious living room features vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace. Lots of windows w/blinds make this a light filled living area. Bath has a walk-in tub. Galley -style kitchen is updated with beautiful tile counters and back splash. A stackable washer and dryer are included!
\$229,000



BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS
#9984599
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM CONDO next to Oaktree Golf Course. Spacious living room, wood burning fireplace and glass doors opening up to a large fenced patio. Downstairs master bedroom has a walk-in closet, bathroom and it's own door to the backyard patio. Galley kitchen with a breakfast bar.
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GOLDEN HILLS EAST
#9985225
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\$400,000



BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS
#9985268
CONDO WITH SWEEPING VIEW of the lake from the back patio. 3BDRM/2BA. The main level features an open floor plan complete with tile floors, vaulted ceiling, fire place and French doors leading out the patio. Master bedroom is located on the first floor with walk-in closet has access to the lower level bathroom and private access door to the patio.
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BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS
#9983082
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STALLION SPRINGS
#9985190
SIMPLY CHARMING Adorable move-in ready 3-Bedroom/2-Bath home! Perfectly located within walking distance to the Stallion Springs Community Center, Historic Bridge and Lake. Cozy cottage feel with recent modern updates throughout, including all new flooring and interior paint, plus many other modern updates!
\$310,000



GOLDEN HILLS WEST
#9985250
SIMPLY CHARMING and Meticulously Maintained Cottage Style Home on Quaint View Lot in Highly Sought After Golden Highlands Community. True pride of ownership is evident throughout featuring Country French design elements with a subtle touch of Shabby Chic giving this home a very cozy and tranquil setting. Too many details to mention! This home is truly a turn-key home!
\$418,195

Bear Valley needs you!

Once again, it's election time here in Bear Valley Springs. This is an important time of year, where participation is essential to keeping costs down. Per the Davis Stirling Act, which is the regulations and code we as an association are guided by, we have to conduct an election of officers for the Board of Directors. Your ballot should be in your mailbox around the middle of this

month. Below are the instructions for properly filing out the ballot and returning to the HOA election committee.

You will need to:

1. Fill in the circle as shown. Mark all circles for an individual (cumulative voting is allowed) or mark one circle for each seat you want filled. Do you desire to give one person three votes or three people one vote? The choice is yours.

2. If you do not wish to pick a candidate or do not know who to vote for, mark your ballot quorum purposes only by filling in that circle.

3. Insert your ballot into the Envelope #1 and seal it.

4. Place sealed envelope #1 into pre-addressed envelope #2 (do not seal it yet).

5. Detach the paper that was included with your ballot that says "Owner Information Insert". PLACE THAT INSIDE envelope #2. Make sure your address is showing in the window.

6. Seal Envelope #2

7. SIGN envelope #2 on the outside. Very Important! Many ballots are returned unsigned. These unsigned ballots are not accepted by the Inspector.

8. Mail or drop it off at the BVSA office as soon as possible so it is not lost or forgotten. There is an after-hours drop box and a ballot box inside the office. You may also mail it to the election inspector.

The cost to hold this election is approximately \$20,000.00, and we (the membership) do not have a choice as to the minimum votes or ballots that can be submitted. As an association, we are required to make what is called a quorum, or minimum percentage of correctly returned ballots. If we as an association fail to make quorum, we will incur additional costs to have the election re-done. The quorum is specifically spelled out in the above referenced Davis Sterling Act.

To avoid any additional costs, we as the membership will need to be diligent in filling out the ballots and returning them as the instructions state. As in any election, any ballot with missing information is disregarded and not counted into the quorum. It is imperative that we fill out the ballot correctly and return it in the envelope given. Please remember to sign the envelope, secure it within the second envelope and sign and date the outside.

In the event you do not know who to vote for or have no opinion, please fill out the ballot in the same manner. If you don't vote for any one candidate, you can return the ballot without marking any candidates box. Then sign the envelopes and return as if you voted. These ballots will count toward the quorum even if no candidate is marked. We will need approximately 1,150 ballots returned correctly to avoid the additional costs. We are all in this together, we share the costs equally, so let's make it count the first go around and save money for more enjoyable projects. We look forward to all of your votes counting!

If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Bear Valley Springs Administration office (661) 821-5537 ext. 231 or the HOA election office (951) 667-7191. If you do not understand the ballot process, someone is ready to help. 🐾

BVSCAA trip upcoming

Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association is sponsoring a bus trip to Huntington Gardens and Museum on May 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come join us for this wonderful day of beautiful things to see, as well as restaurants and tea houses for your dining pleasure. Call Anya at 661-435-0667 for more information or Michelle at 661-972-2519 to book tickets.

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Meet Marti Sprinkle, Bear Valley water aerobics instructor

Submitted by

Linda Flores & Deb Scott
Contributing Writers

Marti Sprinkle is a certified water aerobics instructor who has been teaching classes at the BVS swimming pool for more than 20 years. She became interested in the idea of water exercise when she saw the crippling pain her mother suffered from arthritis. Realizing that water would buoy the body, and make it easier to exercise, she started developing a water exercise curriculum. As a full-time teacher during the day, she arranged with the Tehachapi Parks and Recreation Department to teach water exercise in the evening.

At that time, her classes were a mixture of modern dance, tennis, and movements used in other sports. As the class progressed, she noticed that her students were becoming more agile, their pain was decreasing, and their enthusiasm for life was returning. Over the years, as water aerobics began to gain attention, Marti took classes



and workshops to expand her curriculum. She still keeps up with the latest research and techniques working on CECs (Continuing Education Curriculum) which are available as in-person classes, home study, or Zoom sessions.

Marti's students, some of whom have been with her for years, are grateful for the help they have gotten from her.



Many are thankful that she helps change their exercises to accommodate recent injuries or surgeries.

"I have been attending Marti Sprinkle's water aerobics class since 2007. Every summer it is something special to look forward to; a great way to stay fit while staying cool. And it is so therapeutic," student Linda Coverdale said.

When asked what Marti enjoys the most about the classes, she said, "I love when I get feedback from the students. They tell me a certain exercise has really benefited them, or that a change in their movement has made a difference. But most of all, the people make it fun."

Water aerobics normally runs at the BVS pool from the

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Why should you care about Yellow Starthistle?

Submitted by
Megan Clark
Communications Specialist

Yellow Starthistle (YST) is a highly invasive plant that is widespread in Bear Valley Springs. It can be found at all elevations where it reduces property desirability by interfering with land use. This species has overwhelmed millions of acres of land in California, forming dense infestations that are deadly to horses, choking out native plants, reducing species diversity, interrupting balance in the ecosystem, and reducing forage availability for wildlife.



Here in BVS, it is particularly prevalent on private properties on the valley floor. It has spread onto the trail easements causing hikers and horseback riders to inadvertently contact seeds and carry them to other areas.

Profile of an invader

As the rainy season approaches, hundreds of thousands of seeds lie in the soil waiting for the opportunity to germinate. Each plant can produce about 30,000 seeds per square meter, over 95% of which are viable. The YST germinates from fall through spring. Each plant sends a few leaves to the surface to gather sunlight, while most of its energy is spent sending roots several feet into the soil.

In late spring, the seedlings proliferate into sprawling, gray-green plants ranging from 6-inches to 5-feet in height. In early summer, they remain green when other plants are



golden. The deep root system developed during the rainy season allows these plants to grow long after native species have "dried down." A loose, cotton-like substance coats the rigid, blue-green stems and leaves, giving them a grayish cast. The bright yellow flower heads are unmistakable, identified by hard, sharp spikes up to 2" in length.

Physical Control

YST is best removed by cutting it off at or below ground level. It is safe to allow the plants to decompose on the ground if cut before they have flowered. After flowering, they must be carefully collected onto a tarp to prevent seed dispersal. Disposal facilities for flowering plants are available at the CSD's Yellow Starthistle burn pit, located at the solid waste transfer station.

Mowing will control YST provided it is well-timed and used on plants that are nearly mature but not flowering. Mowing the early growth stages accelerates the regrowth of YST by increasing light penetration to the lower levels of the plant. The deep taproot enables the

plant to regenerate itself, often branching and flowering below mower height. Mowing a plant that is in flower will spread the seed over a wider area.

Sheep, cattle, and goats are effective when allowed to graze YST before the flowering stage. Intensive grazing in May and June, using large numbers of animals for a short duration, can reduce the plants' seed production. Avoid overgrazing, as reducing the competitive species around the YST will encourage regrowth of the YST.

Chemical Control

Aminopyralid and clopyralid are growth regulator herbicides for use in non-crop areas, including rangeland and pastures. Unlike other growth regulator herbicides, these are effective on YST, both post-emergence and pre-emergence. The most effective timing for aminopyralid application is from December to March when the plants range from seedling to rosette in size; its soil residual should last until the end of the rainy season. Clopyralid

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In Pain? Why Suffer?

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Planning a project? Don't forget to submit for approval!

Submitted by
**BVS Environmental
Control Committee**

Purchasing property in a community like Bear Valley springs offers many advantages and benefits to the property owner, but at the same time, imposes some additional responsibilities. The BVSA and ECC governing documents are not intended as an inconvenience for property owners, but rather as a means of enhancing, maintaining, and preserving our beautiful community.

In recent months, the ECC has seen an increase in construction without ECC approval, including the building of sheds, chicken coops/animal shelters, paint, excavation, roofing, and fencing. Please note that the BVSA violation process includes fines for any exterior construction completed without ECC approval. The ECC will be forwarding files to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action if construction is started without approval.

The ECC staff strives to make the submittal process as simple as possible. The complete and most up to date ECC Rules are available in the Document Library under Governing Documents. Members are always welcome to contact the ECC staff with questions or clarifications on the rules or the sub-

mittal process. All the submittal forms are available online at bvsa.org in the Document Library under ECC Documents. Submittals, along with the appropriate colors, plans, and plot plans, can be turned in at the BVSA office, or via email, at ecc@bvsa.org. Submittals received by a Friday will be reviewed by the ECC the following Wednesday.

As a reminder, submittals are required for any of the following:

- New homes, guesthouses, accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units
- Exterior painting – Paint colors must be subtle, earth tones, with a light reflective value of 60 or less
- Fencing over two feet high or a retaining wall more than four feet high; replacing fencing with materials other than what has been previously approved or replacing portions of privacy fencing requires approval
- Trim or removal of oak trees (removing mistletoe does not require a permit)
- Roofing
- Building or remodeling of the exterior of a home or accessory structure
- Installing or changing an accessory structure, including sheds, chicken coops, shelters, greenhouses, pergolas/patio

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Hiring a contractor? Don't become a victim!

Submitted by
**BVS Community
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The decision to hire a contractor for a home project is an important one and shouldn't be impetuous. Everyone has heard stories of contractors who show up late, cut corners, tear apart kitchens or baths, and don't return for long periods. Some will inflate job costs or worse, charge large amounts of money upfront and never finish the job, totally ripping you off. Here are a few tips to follow when hiring a contractor.

Check the license

First, any contractor performing work of \$500 or more (combined labor and material costs) must be licensed by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). You can verify the license is current and unrestricted online at www.cslb.ca.gov, enter the contractor's

license number, or call toll-free (800) 321-2752. But it's not enough to verify the license is current.

Do some investigating

The CSLB recommends getting at least three bids for your project. Ask for references for work performed in our local area. Contact those references, and if possible, view past work completed by the contractor. A licensed and reputable contractor should have no problem referring you to past clients. A happy client usually will have no problem recommending a contractor who did a good job. Also, verify with the contractor that he or she carries general liability insurance or workers' compensation insurance if he or she has employees – it's the law. Lastly, you can get information about a contractor's license history and pending or prior disciplinary actions by calling the CSLB Legal Action Disclosure

- Southern Region office: (562) 345-7656.

Get it in writing

Once you've chosen a contractor, require him or her to provide you a written contract. Minimally, the contract should include a description of the work to be done, costs and fees, schedule of payments, and time-tables. Read and understand the agreement before signing. Ensure that "change orders" for the inevitable changes that occur during most projects are in writing and signed by both parties. Anything agreed upon between you and the contractor should be documented. Don't violate the contract yourself by verbally agreeing to changes on the fly.

How much is too much

A contractor cannot ask for a deposit of more than 10 percent of the total job cost upfront (or \$1,000, whichever is less). Some

contractors will ask for more to purchase materials required for the job. Beware of this. If a detailed payment schedule hasn't been specified in the contract, a good rule of thumb is not to allow payments to get ahead of the completed work.

If all goes bad

Suppose the contractor does not meet your expectations and all remedies to rectify the situation have proven ineffective. In that case, you have a right to file a complaint against a contractor with the CSLB by downloading a complaint form at the website above or by calling the CSLB at the toll-free phone number.

Hard-working, reputable, and reliable contractors welcome your scrutiny into their business. It helps weed out the un-reputable and unreliable ones we all want to avoid – so you don't become a victim.

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BVSA RECOGNIZED CLUBS

BVSA Recognized Clubs enjoy the benefits conveyed to them as per the BVSA Rules, Article 18.

- **ASTRONOMY CLUB** - Enjoy the night skies and learn about Astronomy with an enthusiastic group. Monthly meetings 1st Monday, 6:30 pm, Equestrian Center Lounge. Contact: Pres. Claude Plymate, info@bvsac.org
- **BEARLY LADIES BUNCO CLUB** - Provide an opportunity for good fellowship, comradery and sharing mutual interests in enjoying Bunco! Contact Mindi Pugh at bvsmin@sbcglobal.net
- **BUCKAROOS** - Promotes safe, fun western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. President Jeff Kermode @ (661) 343-7503, 1st VP George McMackin @ (661) 400-1333, 2nd VP Erika Underwood @ (805) 705-1123, Treasurer Cheryl Akerly @ (661) 609-6113 & Secretary Debi Kermode @ (949) 291-0551
- **BVS CYCLE CLUB** - Recreational and informative. Please contact Zack Crum at bvsclub@gmail.com
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Commander Bill Kritlow @ 949-394-4525.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in the OTCC Reception Room. Contact Anya at (661) 435-0667 or email at bvswildlifecoalition@gmail.com.
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Margie Underwood - 661-202-8553. Website: www.bvswomensclub.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ (661) 238-8444
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Pat Kritlow @ 949-394-4524
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact president Sonja Bronson at 661-472-9294.
- **DRESSAGE** - Active in many equestrian dressage activities in the local area. Contact Janice Polletta at 661 847-8364.
- **ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB** - Meets the first Monday of the month at noon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. Call Kay Klinker for more information at 821-1621.
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (March- October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Ivette Farrell at 661-544-0087.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- **HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustafa @ 661-538-0995 or smustafa@outlook.com.
- **MAKE IT SEW** - To promote the advancement of sewing and quilting skills. Robyn Woodhouse 821-0603 or Teri Lindsey 805-304-7351.
- **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** - Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.
- **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** - Meet the 2nd Tuesday every month in the Card Room at the OTCC at 9:00 a.m. Contact Mark Poindexter at 805-320-9444.
- **OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF** - Open play – Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday – Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday – Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing

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- **OLD GUYS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.
- **PONY CLUB** - BVSPC is part of the United States Pony Club, an organization which promotes the development of the young English or Western rider (ages 8-25). The Horsemasters' branch focuses on enhancing adults' current knowledge and skills. Contact Debbie Swarens at 661-821-0968 or Jena D'Cruz at 661-817-2173.
- **RC MODELERS** - Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. Intermediate dancers 6:00 PM, and new dancers 6:45 to 7:30 PM. Dance to the band in the saloon after class. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Kathy Kneer, 916-878-6453, Kneer7546@gmail.com.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Rick Lund, Tennis Pro @ 747-0613
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** - Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, <https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/>
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** - Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the_burt_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** - Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** - This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
- **FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY** - Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
- **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Debbie Papac @ 821-6541
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
- **P & J BRIDGE CLUB** - Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
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Guest use of BVS amenities FAQ

Submitted by
**BVSA Administration
Office**

As the summer approaches, members may be anticipating the arrival of friends and family to our lovely valley. You may want to take your guests to visit our many amenities. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about guest use of the amenities.

When do I need a guest pass?

Guest passes are NOT required if an adult member (18

and over) will be accompanying your guest(s) to an amenity. Make sure that you have your amenity card with you - a photo of your card on your phone is also acceptable. Therefore, guest passes are only necessary if your guest will be using an amenity without a member. Note: Guest passes for amenities are NOT the same as the Road Use Pass to gain entry through the gate.

Where can I pick up a guest pass?

Guest passes may be requested at the following locations

during their business hours:

- Association Office
- Whiting Center
- Oak Tree Country Club Office

You will need to present your amenity card and sign that you are responsible for your guest(s). If you are unable to pick up passes in person, guest passes can be requested from our website, www.bvsa.org under Amenities and Amenity Use. Guest passes cannot be requested by phone. Please allow at least one business day if you are requesting guest passes online.

How many guest passes can I receive?

A maximum of four guest passes per property can be outstanding at any given time and are available for up to two weeks at a time.

Will my guest have to pay a fee?

Guest use fees will apply at some amenities (swimming pool, golf course, Whiting Center, tennis/pickleball courts, fishing, campgrounds, equestrian riding on trails, and shooting range). Most guest fees are less if you accompany your guest (in which no guest pass is necessary) than if they are unaccompanied by a member. Additionally, if your guest will be riding horses on the horse trails, you and your guest must visit the Equestrian Center to pay the daily trail fee and complete a liability form prior to riding. If you will be accompanying a guest to the

shooting range, you will need to bring them to the Whiting Center prior to use of the range to complete a short quiz, sign the release of liability form and other acknowledgment forms, as well as pay the applicable guest fees. Fishing permits are required for anyone over 15 years of age and may be purchased at the Whiting Center. A complete list of guest fees is available on our website, bvsa.org, under Amenities and Amenities Fee Schedule, or a copy can be picked up at the Association Office.

What is a grandchild pass?

The BVSA realizes that many of our senior members only utilize the amenities when their grandchildren come to visit. Grandchild Passes are available only at the Association Office for up to four immediate family grandchildren, who are between the ages of 6-17. The Grandchild Pass permits free guest entry to the pool, Whiting Center, and tennis courts. A two-week Grandchild Pass may be renewed once for a total of four weeks (28 days) per grandchild, per calendar year. After this time period, regular guest fees will apply.

What if I have more questions?

Should you have any further questions about Guest Passes, feel free to contact the staff at the association office at 661-821-5537 X222 or X211. 🐾

Bear Valley Cultural Arts tentative events for 2022

- Women of Walt Disney Imagineering Book Discussion at OTCC – June 11
 - Huntington Gardens Bus Trip – June 22
 - Concert in the Park, Cub Lake – July 24
- Nick Smirnoff Movie and TV World behind the scenes at OTCC – Aug. 27
 - Art Show at OTCC – Sept. 10
- Holiday Bazaar at Whiting Center - Nov. 22 and 23
 - T-POPS Concert at The Whiting Center - Dec. 4
- Christmas Tree Decorating Contest at The Oak Tree Country Club - Dec. 17
- Alex Zonn's "A Christmas Carol" reading at the Oak Tree Country Club - Dec. 17

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\$65,900

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	10:00-2:30 pm	PAINTING WORKSHOP (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
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	2:30 PM - 5:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
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	8:00 AM-11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	8:30-10:00AM	WATER THERAPY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
	9:15 AM-1:00 PM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
W E D	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	12:00 pm-3:00 PM	RAC Meeting 1st Wed. of Month (Green Rm)	Adult	RAC Staff	Kim Clow
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE
	3:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Bible Club (Green Room)	K-5	Bible Club	Mari Lacom
T H U R S	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	WATER THERAPY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM)	ADULT	SEE VETERANS 1ST THURSDAY OF MAY	Jed Hannon
	9:15 AM - 1:00 PM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-5:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
F R I	12:30 PM-2:30 PM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	PICK-UP HOCKEY	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	
	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM-11:30 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	10:30 AM - 4:00 PM	RANGER MEETINGS (Green Room)	Staff	Rangers	Joe Horswell
S A T	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE
	2:15 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF
	7:00 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	8:30 AM-9:15 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
S U N	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VETS BINGO 1st Saturday of the Month	Adult	GAME CHARGES	Paul Tate
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF
	12:00 PM-6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	FREE SKATING (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS
	1:00 PM-3:30 PM	BUNCO 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	LINDA WETTA/STAFF
	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	VOLLEYBALL EXCEPT 2ND SUN		GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	CHRISTINA ROACH
	3:10 PM - 7:00 PM	OPEN BASKETBALL CT	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	RC CLUB MEETING (GREEN RM) 2ND SUN	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	DAN MASON

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BVSCAA Cultural Arts Scholarship Guidelines For Student Applicants

In 2022 the Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association will provide four scholarships for student(s) participating in the arts in the greater Tehachapi area. One or two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded in each in the following areas:

1. Music
2. Visual Arts (Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture)
3. Performing Arts (Theater, Drama, Dance)

Eligibility:

The criteria used to evaluate your application are as follows:

1. Enrollment in school (public, private or home school) in Tehachapi Area in Grades 7-12
2. Participation in an arts activity
3. Recommendation letter(s) from a schoolteacher, an arts or music teacher or coach

Interested students will submit a packet that includes the following items:

1. A cover letter
2. An essay written by the student describing their need for scholarship support and their plan for use of the award
3. The student's contact information including address, phone number and current email
4. One or more recommendation letters from a schoolteacher, arts teacher, mentor or coach

Notification of Award:

Application Packets may be mailed to the Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association at the following address:

Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association
P.O. Box 1366
Tehachapi CA 93581-1366

OR

Emailed to address below with the subject line "BVSCAA Scholarship Application"
sdcrowther@gmail.com

Successful candidates will be informed by June 1, 2022. If you have questions, please contact Susan Crowther Miller
sdcrowther@gmail.com
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ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30th 2022.

A peek into the job of a BVS Ranger

Submitted by

Joe Horswell

Asst. Recreation Manager

Of the many jobs I perform as Assistant Recreation Manager, one of the most enjoyable is overseeing the BVS Rangers. Our Rangers do much more than just run the BVS Gun Range. They promote safety and rule compliance throughout the Bear Valley parks, lakes, campgrounds, equine and hiking trails, pool, and all other amenities. Rangers are also charged with the preservation and protection of our local wildlife, and work in cooperation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers, as well as Bear Valley Police Department.

Rangers receive specialized training through the BVPD in incident de-escalation, traffic control, police band radio communications, and identifying when and where an incident warrants a call to bring in PD. BVS Rangers provide an extra set of "eyes and ears on the ground," assisting BVPD in watching over our community; and Bear Valley Police presence at our amenities greatly assists and supports our Rangers in their daily job duties. Together, Rangers and BVPD provide positive community outreach and support for the citizens of Bear Valley, on many levels.

During the course of this past year, Rangers assisted with the removal of countless deceased deer from our roadways, residents' yards, and from various BVS amenities. Some of these deaths were related to vehicle vs. deer in the roadway, while a far, far greater number were attributed to an extremely infectious and deadly adenovirus outbreak. At one point last summer we lost an average of one deer each day for five straight weeks. I personally stopped keeping track at this point in time because

Bear Tracks

the growing mortality numbers were just too depressing to quantify.

The ushering in of cold autumn weather finally marked the decline of the adenovirus outbreak, which seemed to end just as quickly as it began. Just how many deer were lost in total last year; nobody really knows because the various different agencies, (Fish and Wildlife, BVS Rangers, CSD, BVPD) don't keep an integrated database with such info. Their resources are already stretched too thin to be able to dedicate the necessary time and man hours towards developing a master deer mortality database; however, we are all in agreement that the numbers were way too high.

Each of our Rangers brings a unique set of skills and background experiences to our BVS Ranger team. Some of our Rangers have previously had long and distinguished careers in law enforcement, while others have been expertly trained in animal identification, wilderness survival, animal tracking, and human tracking. And all of our Rangers have long-standing backgrounds in customer service.

Rangers are certified and trained through the NRA in firearms safety and gun range operation. As such, they provide valuable oversight and management expertise to our BVSA Gun Range amenity. They also work under the direction of Kern County Fire to keep the gun range free of flammable debris, and are quick to shut things down whenever high winds, temperatures, and/or low humidity pose a substantial risk of fire danger.

Our Rangers help to minimize overcrowding, as well as undue wear and tear on our amenities by ensuring that they are used only by legitimate residents and their authorized guests. This in turn helps prevent the loss of costly resourc-

es to unauthorized users who do not pay for the privilege of living in our HOA. As an example, part of your amenity dues goes towards stocking our lakes with a balanced variety of fish. Minimizing unauthorized fish harvesting saves the BVSA money, and additionally helps to maintain healthy breeding populations of fish in our lakes. This further reduces the need for costly restocking.

Rangers also help to promote safety by enforcing important BVSA rules, such as keeping bicycles and off-leash dogs off of our equestrian trails, and

keeping pedestrian and bicycle traffic off of the golf course fairways. Off-leash dogs and bicycles on the equestrian trails pose a safety risk to not only the rider and horse, but also to dogs/owners, and bicyclists, as well. Similarly, pedestrians and bicycles on the golf course fairways not only disrupt gameplay, they put themselves at risk of a golf ball strike injury. The Rangers constantly monitoring our amenities for rule compliance and safe practices provides an important extra layer of safety for our residents.

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THE GOAL: Make sure everyone in your household can receive, understand, and act on information received in an emergency.

Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Make sure emergency procedures are in place for your workplace or school.

Talk to your employer about emergency plans for the building where you work. Think about other places that you and family members regularly spend time, like your child's school. Talk to administrators at those places about their emergency plans as well.

WAYS TO BE SAFE AT WORK AND SCHOOL:

- Make sure evacuation routes and tornado shelter locations are marked on a map and posted in the building.
- Hold emergency training and drills.
- Help create an emergency kit for the facility.
- Know where fire extinguishers and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located.



Give emergency kits to people who count on you (college students, elderly parents, etc.).

Put together basic emergency kits for people who may not be able to do so for themselves or for those who may not think of doing it for themselves. Show them what is in the kit and talk to them about disasters.

Make sure the kit meets their specific needs. For instance, if someone takes prescription medicine, include a list of medications and dosages. For a college student, make sure the kit is small enough to store in the space they have available.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Talk to your college student about how you will stay in touch if a disaster occurs. Make sure they understand that cell phones may not work during a disaster. Choose an emergency contact who does not live near you or the college. Arrange with your student to call that person if they can't reach you during a disaster.

Visit the website for your student's college to find out about the school's disaster plans and procedures. Some colleges will provide a phone number that you can call in an emergency. If you don't find the number on the website, call the admissions office and ask. Add the number to your emergency contact list. Make sure your student knows to call you if there is an emergency on campus. Also, ensure your student is registered for any emergency notification system on their campus.

INSURANCE

Talk to your insurance agent to find out if your policy covers your student's belongings while they are away at school. You may need to buy an additional renter's policy. Also check with your health insurance carrier to find out where your student can find covered healthcare at school.

The "Emergency Supplies" fact sheet has more information about making emergency kits for work and school.

Know how others in your community will respond in a disaster.

Talk to other people when you are developing an emergency plan for a school, workplace or organization. Get input from people who work there and other people who use the building. It is especially important to include people with disabilities. Think about asking your local police and fire departments to review the plan. Make sure that what you are planning won't interfere with emergency response.

Find out if your community has designated evacuation routes for floods, hurricanes, or other disasters. Include that information in your plans. Make sure that the plans you develop will work for everyone.

Pony Club teaches more than just riding

Submitted by
Jena D'Cruz
 Bear Valley Pony Club

I have often been asked by families if buying a horse for their child would be a good idea. Everyone's situation is unique and certainly owning one is not going to be a good fit for everyone, but I can absolutely recommend horses to any parent who wants to teach their child priceless life skills and equip them with character traits that will serve them far beyond the arena or barn. Are horses costly? Yes! In every possible way: time, money, and energy. Responsible horse ownership is less of a hobby and more of a dedicated way of life. No one should get into horses without understanding that. But what about the return on that investment?



Confidence in the saddle translates to confidence in life.

I have watched my own daughter - once a small girl

who was quite timid and afraid to raise her hand in class - now a confident and resilient young woman who sticks up for herself and others, and is strong in both body and spirit. I can give some credit to myself and my husband for the way she is turning out, but I know it's also been an upbringing rich in horses that has shaped her into the woman she is growing into. Horses have taught her discipline and responsibility because they have demanding schedules and constant needs. She has learned that she can do hard and scary things - and that emerging on the other side of a difficult training session or a challenging class in a show is empowering. She has learned not to give up easily and to persist. Horses do not learn new skills overnight and that means their riders learn patience. She is learning to be humble because we all

make mistakes with horses and have to be corrected. Her time around horses has taught her to work well with all sorts of people - trainers, fellow riders, and other young people. She has made the sweetest friends in riding. Horses have taught her about heartbreak and disappointment - they get injured and hard work does not always mean success in the show ring. When she rode naughty little ponies and big stubborn lesson horses who would not listen, she learned to be firm and fierce and to lead with authority beyond her size and years. When she began riding sensitive and well-trained mounts, she learned to be soft and quiet and to ask nicely and to partner with those horses to achieve success. She is not dating at the moment, because her geldings take up all of her spare time (Thank you, Jesus!). When she

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Independence Day celebration, July 2-4

Submitted by
Debbie Papac
Recreation Manager

Independence Day 2022 is our 52nd year of celebrating "Freedom, Family, & Fun" in Bear Valley Springs. This is a very special celebration put on for Bear Valley residents (and their guests) by Bear Valley residents! The weekend is filled with neighbors gathering for activities and events. The celebration begins with the Pancake Breakfast while watching the Hot Air Balloons fly, then proceeds on to events like the 5K, the Car Show, decorated Boat Parade, Kayak races, and ends with some great music, good food and some cold beers at Cub Lake. Plan on joining us! As you plan, this is the time to make your reservations. See the dates and events listed below and watch for the schedule coming out next month.

Consider becoming a part of this special anniversary cel-

bration. Create a float or ride your decorated golf cart and be in the parade, or participate in an activity. It will be fun!

All 4th of July booths, 5K Run, parade entries and entertainment can register at the Whiting Center starting May 1. Anyone interested in helping the July 4th Advisory Committee plan this event, or helping work at the celebration (we need traffic control or booth workers, both are two-hour shifts) can call the Whiting Center 821-6641.

All booths

Craft and Activity Booths line the walkway and along the lakefront. Open to BVSA members and their guests. 12'x15' space costs \$25/day.

Food Booths are along the parking lot and are limited to clubs and organizations that benefit BVSA as a fundraising opportunity. Must have current health permit. Cost is \$50 for the event.

Commercial Booths: Business owners with a business li-

cense may promote their wares. 12'x15' space costs \$50/day.

Information Booths are for voter registration and other information only. No sales. Cost is \$15/day.

Hot air balloon rides

Balloons are the highlight of Bear Valley's July 4th celebration! Hot air balloon rides are available on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, July 2 through 4. Make reservations at the Whiting Center starting on June 2. This is delayed from May 1 to verify accurate spaces. A \$50 deposit and weight information is required. No age restrictions (only by size). Children must be able to see over the basket and weight limit is 220 lbs. Some physical restrictions apply. An \$80 remainder is due on day of flight to pilot. Please, no checks!

Flyers take off from Beau-bien field at 6 a.m. in one of two 'hops.' Flights last 20-30 minutes depending on wind conditions. Balloons go where the wind takes them; if you welcome the balloons landing in your yard or field, you can stretch out a white sheet to show they are welcome there. On the flip side, if you do not want balloons in your yard, please mark your field with a red sheet or blanket.

RE/MAX tethered balloon rides (up and down) should be available each day only after the regular flights take off, approx. 7:30 a.m. until about 9 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Children are allowed. This is a great photo opportunity with the added security of having the tether line secured the entire time. 🐾



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Best Family Pic!

Competition to run Friday May 27th through Monday May 30th
Judges will award prizes arbitrarily
Prizes only for children under 14 years old
Winners will be emailed, and prizes will be available for pick up at the Whiting Center

Place the catfish you catch in the marked garbage bins located at the following locations:
Four Island Lake Marina parking lot
Four Island Lake Fawn Way dock
Cub Lake Parking lot

To enter take photos of your catch and email them to bvjqac@gmail.com
Catfish caught must not be returned to lake

Weed abatement alternative and a Memorial Day Catfish Derby upcoming

Submitted by

Fred Hicks

**Lake Quality Advisory
Committee Member**

By the time you read this, spring should have officially begun with yellow mustard and other unwanted weeds springing into full growth and overtaking our yards.

Weed Abatement:

The LQAC is asking that all property owners please limit using Roundup or glyphosate-based herbicide products. This is especially adjacent to drainages and/or lakes. Instead, the LQAC has researched an effective alternative treatment method:

The first and preferred method is to simply dig up and dis-

card unwanted growth. If that is not possible, we have tested and recommend an environmentally friendly homemade solution using household or industrial 30% vinegar (preferred), table salt, and dawn dish soap. This was tested last year through various parts of the valley and found to be effective. The ingredients can be purchased locally and is best applied on emergent growth when it is sunny.

This solution is easy to mix as follows: 1 gallon household vinegar (Acid) or .5-gallon industrial vinegar (Acid)/.5-gallon water, with 1 cup table salt (desiccant), and two tablespoons dawn dish soap (surfactant). If you choose to purchase stronger industrial vinegar the solution will be

much more effective, but the vinegar needs to be handled with extreme care using eye protection, and gloves. If you do get the industrial vinegar on your skin, run cool water over the burned area for 20 minutes. The vinegar solution will need to be reapplied as growth reemerges to effectively mitigate the growth.

Memorial Day Catfish Derby:

The LQAC would also like to announce the first of three virtual catfish derbies to be held this summer. The dates for the upcoming 2022 Memorial Day weekend event are Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30. During this time, fishing will be free at the lakes for our guests. The goal is for the community to aid in the removal of

Bullheads from our lakes.

To help with fish disposal, there will be labeled catfish garbage cans placed around access points to the lakes. Please do not return any catfish to the lakes, but instead place them in the appropriately labeled containers. We encourage you to be a little absurd, or highly artistic, maybe even funny and submit your photo entries to bvlqac@gmail.com. Please include all participants' full names with the entry. Prizes will be awarded to children 14 years of age and under. Entry constitutes permission for BVSA to publish photos. Winners will be emailed, and prizes will be available for pickup at the Whiting Center. 🐾



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day after Memorial Day until the end of September. Classes are held in the morning, Monday through Friday. Class sizes range anywhere from 20 to 40+ people, and are very reasonably priced: typically, only \$3/class or \$30/month, for unlimited



classes during that month.

Lightweight dumbbells, made out of foam, are used. Swimming pool 'noodles' are also used for various exercises a couple of days a week, and can be purchased almost anywhere - including the life guard shack at the pool. Every class includes an emphasis on a

specific part of the body. Marti tries to keep the class fun by having special events throughout the season, such as 'Beach Day' and 'Costume Day,' which include games, relay races, and prizes for the winners. And, of course, each class is accompanied by upbeat and lively music - everything from Elvis to the Beatles to C&W. It's a fun way to stay active, as well as to meet new people.

Marti's first book, *Water Wonder Works: A Guide to Ther-*

apeutic Water Exercises to Manage Arthritis Pain, Strengthen Muscles and Improve Mobility, is available on Amazon. Her second book, *Water Wonder Works Two*, has been submitted to her publisher and should be available in 60 to 90 days.

If interested, please check the *Bear Tracks* issue which comes out in late spring, and lists the summer activities. You can also contact the Whiting Center, for specific, current information. 🐾

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has a shorter soil residual, so the ideal application window is from January to March.

Revegetation

Once the YST has is controlled, revegetation is necessary to prevent regrowth. Plant species used depend on the location and intended use of the land. Pastures should utilize fast-growing, competitive grass species. Grasses are best because the selective herbicides used on YST will not damage grasses. Native wildflower species are suitable for areas around the home. In all instances, choose species that are suited for the site and will grow well.

Success depends upon all property owners striving to

get this invasive species under control. The BVCSD and BVSA each have a control plan for easements and public lands, but property owners are responsible for abatement within their property lines. Without cooperation and consistent elimination, this persistent invader will continue to spread and have a detrimental effect on land use and desirability.

The Bear Valley CSD staff is happy to be of assistance if you have any questions. We are here to serve our community, and we will work hard to maintain the quality of life that can only be found in our beautiful valley. You can contact us at 661-821-4428, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 🐾



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- Arbor, trellis, or raised gardens over two feet tall
- Solar panels
- Excavation/grading defined as any disturbance of the surface of the land (except to the extent reasonable necessary for planting), which destroys any vegetation or results in the removal of earth, rock, sand, or

other substance. Any proposed plan that will cause or result in a change in the natural drainage or has the potential to cause erosion.

- Pods/construction trailers/dumpsters or other temporary storage
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does begin dating, I seriously doubt she will let any man or boy try to tell her what to do. As a wise horsewoman, I know once said, she'll not be taking any crap from a boy once she learns not to take it from a 1,200-pound animal.

Yes, horses will eat your hard-earned cash and give you lots of manure in return. But they are so worth it. Yes, yes. A thousand times yes: buy your child the pony.

Another question I am frequently asked is about our Bear

Valley Springs Pony Club. We are a proud member of the United States Pony Club, which was founded in 1954. The term "pony" does not necessarily mean a pony, although we have certainly had members that ride ponies. It actually refers to the mount of a young person, which is frequently a full-sized horse.

Our local club has gone through many changes through the years. For a long time, it was primarily a hunter-jumper club. These days, we have young riders who ride in a wide variety



Several of our members during an unmounted lesson movie night.

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Rangers are also the caretakers of 10 different owl nesting boxes that are sprinkled throughout Bear Valley. These large wooden boxes perched atop 12' poles were originally erected by local Boy Scout troops. Rangers clean them out annually after the owls move on so that they are ready for next year's nesting season. Rangers also mark off the protective perimeters around the nests of killdeer, ground-nesting owls, California quail, and the other ground-nesting birds that inhabit our valley so that they are not disturbed. At certain times of year, Rangers will mark off protected areas along our lake shores to protect spawning gamefish.

If you happen to encounter one of our Rangers while out enjoying our BVS amenities, you may be asked to show your

amenity card. It is surprising that many residents are unaware that they are required to carry an amenity card (or a photo of it on their smart phone) anytime they are using a BVSA amenity. If you have guests using the amenities, they are required to either be accompanied by you, or have on their person a temporary guest amenity pass. Guests who would like to fish are additionally required to possess a fishing permit (temporary guest amenity passes and fishing permits may be obtained by members only at the Whiting Center).

Please remember above all that our Rangers are not here to harass you, but rather, they are here looking out for you and our community's best interests! They are dedicated to people and wildlife that live here and vested in the betterment of our HOA. 🐾

of disciplines. I believe that one of the unique and special things about Bear Valley is that riders have the opportunity to experience so many different kinds of riding. Our members ride English and Western. Some like to show and some prefer riding for pleasure only. We have kids who like to do English and Western dressage, compete in local gymkhana play days, work cattle, jump, compete in ranch riding shows, and trail ride. I see this opportunity to pursue a variety of passions as something that sets our beloved community apart. It's pretty special and wonderful, actually!

Our Pony Club provides weekly group riding lessons with highly-qualified trainers from our community. Because we do not have lesson horses, we ask that potential members either own or lease a horse and

that they at least have very basic riding skills to be able to safely take part in a group lesson. In addition to riding lessons, we have "unmounted" lessons, which focus on topics such as safe handling, horse and stable management, healthcare, and nutrition. We also have opportunities to further equestrian education through ratings, which are similar in structure to rankings in scouting.

Currently, our youth membership spans from age 7 to 18. We are passionate about horsemanship and sharing that knowledge and passion with the next generation of riders. If you have a young family member who might be interested in Pony Club, please feel free to contact me for more information at 661-817-2173 or email jenacruz@hotmail.com. 🐾

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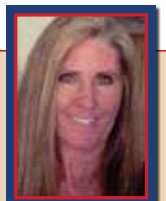
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