



# TAMALPAIS GUARDIAN

*Guardian of the Mountain since 1912*

## President's Message: Fall 2022

The TCC board attended a fitting farewell memorial for Pat Anderson, our former board member who did so much fine work for the organization.

Although the occasion was somber, it was held on a promontory of Mt. Tamalpais, a quiet knoll overlooking the Pacific: the perfect place to remember and honor one who had a lifelong love of the mountain.

Her husband, Derek Anderson, who transformed the club's finances and enabled us to reach past and future goals, was such a welcome presence. His quietly commanding

presence reminded us of that era of the TCC; his gentle modesty on that calm summer day was a whisper of the great generosity of both Pat and Derek toward us all who have inherited the responsibility of the board.

We send our thanks to those who have remembered Pat in their contributions to her memorial fund.

You all have helped the cause that was dear to her heart.

**Janice Barry, MD, President**

## Eyewitness Account of Recent Fire on the Mountain - and MMWD needs to hear from you !

*Shared with permission from Peter Anderson*



I was there Thursday morning at 9:30 and we got a break. The wind was blowing the fire towards Bon Tempe Lake instead of up the ridge towards the tinder dry forest a few hundred feet away. My partner Christina and I were walking the Bon Tempe trail when we noticed a wisp of smoke billowing up at the top of a small knoll a few hundred feet off the trail. We also heard faint cries for help.

I ran to the top of the knoll and I saw a man screaming in pain. He was lying face down in the burning grass and his clothes were on fire. I

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### MEETINGS:

**Monthly:** Board of Directors meets the 2nd  
Wednesday of the month at the Tamalpais  
Conservation Club office at 7p.m. Members are  
welcome.

### MEMBERSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS:

Regular \$ 25.00/yr  
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## Tamalpais Conservation Club Finance Statement FY May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 Submitted by Perry Cole, Treasurer

### OPERATION RECEIPTS - 2021

Dividends & Interest	\$19,689
Dues, Donations, Misc. Income	\$4,358
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$24,047</b>

### OPERATION EXPENSES - 2021

Bank Service Charges	\$70
Computer: Internet/Web	\$347
Dues & Subscriptions	\$521
Insurance	\$2,565
Office Supplies	\$11
Postage & Delivery	\$1,031
Printing	\$1,942
Program Expenses (Funding Goals)	\$2,055
Rent -Storage Unit & USPS	\$1,414
Reconciliation	(\$19)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,937</b>
<b>OPERATING NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>\$14,112</b>

### TOTAL ASSETS AS OF APRIL 30, 2021

Endowment Fund	\$122,314
Money Market Fund	\$66,241
Union Bank Checking	\$79,879
Plus Income (see above)	\$24,047
Less Expenses (see above)	(\$9,937)
Market Value FY 2019/2020	\$600,265
Market Gain/Loss for Current FY	\$109,367
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$992,176</b>

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smothered the flames with my jacket and during those few minutes the grass fire took off in all directions. It was explosive but the wind blew the flames mostly towards the lake. I was able to help the man down the trail after struggling with him to get him on his feet.

We headed in the direction of the parking lot below the dam. It was slow going since he was in shock and hurting. Cell phone service was not working so I couldn't call for help. By the time we got to the fire road at the trailhead, I could see several Marin County fire trucks racing across the dam towards the other side. They were looking for the fire. Then Ranger Chief Don Wick arrived on the scene to help us. He was very professional and had a calming effect on the burn victim. He assured the man that an ambulance would arrive soon, which it did.

I asked Don how he was alerted about the fire. He said someone stopped at the Sky Oaks station to report the fire. From the time we saw the first puff of smoke and heard the cries for help, over an hour passed, according to the information on my camera, before firefighters arrived in numbers on the scene. Once they did, their training went into action. [Over 50] young guys who knew the drill were all over that site with tools and fire hoses and the fire was soon under control. That was impressive. I asked Don about the hi tech smoke detector system installed on top of several regional high spots. He said they used that system to confirm a fire but they depend on someone spotting it.

**Two MMWD rangers are out of commission and on sick leave according to Don. Talk about a skeleton crew when the entire watershed is ready to blow up. I saw it on Thursday and had the wind been blowing harder, Thursday could have been the day when the watershed went up in a firestorm. One old man smoking a joint started a fire that could**

**have killed him and could have destroyed the watershed and Cascade Canyon while we waited for the Marin County firefighters to be transported from Forest Knolls. The IJ report printed that day did not convey any sense of urgency and that concerns me. And I wonder why there is not a full time lookout in the fire tower at the top of Mt. Tamalpais. Sometimes the old ways are still the best ways.**

**Please contact MMWD's board of directors and urge them to hire more rangers.**

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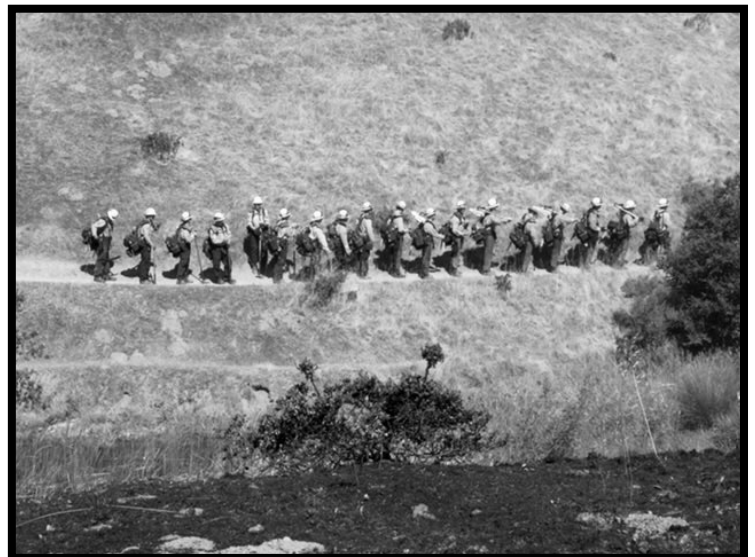
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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The Tamalpais Conservation Club continued to receive donations to the Patricia Anderson Memorial Fund established by her husband, Derek Anderson. Those donors were: William & Kathleen Whalen, C Derek Anderson, Harold Robinson III, William Bomley, Timothy Purdy, Fred Runner and Adele Linquist. The \$5,170 Memorial Fund will be applied to the purchase of open space land that the TCC is supporting.

Philip Nonneman, Amazon Smile and Network for Good also provided TCC with gift donations.

Thank you all

### Annual General Meeting Cancelled

Due to continued concern for COVID-19, our 2022 General Meeting is cancelled.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

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