



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

December 2015

**NYE
2016**

24k Gold Bash

HOSTED BY DEBORAH & ISRAEL KUSHNIR AND STEVEN & NHU BERGSTROM

Snowflake Lodge | Price \$78 per person | Begins at 7pm
Specialty Cocktails | Social Hour | Gourmet Five Course Dinner

Smoked Salmon Canape & Stuffed Mushrooms
Arugula Leaf Salad
Golden Butternut Squash Soup
Top Sirloin & Lobster Tail - Fontina & Parmesan Au Gratin
Chocolate Salted Caramel Mouse
Champagne for New Year's Toast

MEMBERS ONLY
Paid reservations
Starting November 11
thru December 10, 2015

GUEST OF MEMBERS
A limit of 2 guests
Starting December 12
thru December 27, 2015
(Accepted as first-come first-serve basis)

Payment is due at the time of reservations and members will be charged in full amount for cancellations after December 29 and for no shows.
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 209-795-2357

2015 Calendar of Events

Tuesday Evening Bridge

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Bruce Utter 890-7643

Thursday Morning Duplicate Bridge

Second Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Bev Vasquez 795-1356

Friday Morning Bridge

Every Friday at 9:30 a.m.
Bobbie Neely 795-7815
Debbie Kushnir 795-0600

**(Please note for all bridge groups,
please call ahead to save a spot)**

Potluck

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
(September 2015 through May 2016)
Maureen Dinnocenzo 795-3226 or
890-3369

Mahjong

First and Third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Leni Salayko 795-7166

Texas Hold'em:

Second Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
(September 2015 through May 2016)
Cathy Fitzpatrick 795-4806
Louise Cooke 795-4657

New Year's Eve Party

Thursday, December 31



If there is any member
who knows of someone
who may need a get well
card or sympathy card,
please call the Sunshine Lady,
Joan Shawver at 209-795-5619.



EVENTS' COMMITTEE LIASION

BY: MICHELE STAHLBERG

The HOLIDAY BRUNCH held on Sunday, November 29th was outstanding! It was a sellout - approximately 130 attended and the food/beverages were delicious. Plus, Santa made a special trip from the North Pole to visit with the children attending!

The Committee for the NEW YEARS' PARTY is finalizing the plans and very excited about the DECORATIONS, MUSIC and the GREAT MENU! Please see the flyer on page one. Hope you are coming it will be FUN!

Here's the link to order your pictures from the Holiday Brunch, the card you received from the photographer has the pass word on it.

<https://blsha-event-photos.smugmug.com/Holiday-Brunch-2015>



Murder Mystery Dinner at Snowflake Lodge October 17, 2015

Our Murder Mystery Dinner, "Last Call at Chez Mort" written by Lee Mueller was a big success. There were 78 members and guests in attendance. Our dinner was French themed as were the decorations in the Lodge which transformed Snowflake Lodge into a French bistro in the east side of New York during the 1940s. It was great that so many of you came in the period dress! It really added to the ambiance of the evening. The audience participation was fun, too. The Lodge staff did a perfect job of helping with the planning and then preparing and orchestrating the timing of the food service during the evening. Thanks to all!

The play was performed by players from the Community Theater of Linden. There was a cast of nine. Many thanks to our members who hosted the cast during their time here in Arnold and on the night of the performance..... Debbie and Israel Kushnir, Beverly and John Dierking, Linda and Paul Penney and Louise and Jimmy Cooke. The hosts also put on a great brunch at the Penney's on Sunday morning following the performance to send the cast off with happy smiles.

The comments from the guests were positive and many are asking when we will be doing this again. We have some ideas and will be working on them for future performances. Ideas like, "The Best of Broadway", "That's Show Biz"....the wheels are turning! With these type of performances, we can have better control of the sound...which we didn't have the night of our first go at this type of event. We had to depend on the actors to "belt it out" like in Shakespearean times!

Your ideas and suggestions for future events are always welcome and encouraged.

So, thank you all for supporting this event and we look forward to more productions in the future!

Linda Penney
Louise Cooke

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays Fellow Blue Lake Springs Members!



This past month was another busy one for the staff at Blue Lake Springs. I am sure you have noticed the trees that have been removed next to our parking lot and Lodge building. The company we hired did a great good job of bringing down these large trees without collateral damage. And they did an excellent job of leaving the site clean and orderly. Also, if you've driven by Fly in Lake you will see the progress made on the bathroom. It's very exciting to see how the remodel is moving along. It feels even better knowing we are accomplishing this work at a very reasonable price. My thanks to the maintenance team for their outstanding work.

The New Year will bring more projects, challenges and opportunities. I believe we are well positioned to do many good things. But for now, it's time to plan our year-end celebrations and bring family together for some fun. Speaking of fun, check out the contest in this month's *Lodge Log*. It's open to all BLS members and I hope you all participate.

The holidays are a time that reminds us of how important family and friends are to each of us. For me, I love this time of year. Having a grandchild brings back my childhood memories. I hope you enjoy sharing memories with your loved ones and creating new ones for the future. I'm wishing our Blue Lake Springs employees and all of you, our members, a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Andel, President

Wishing all Blue Lake Springs Members a Happy and Magical Holiday Season.



From your Board of Directors

Texas Hold'em Poker

Texas Hold'em Poker started again in
September for
Blue Lake Springs Homeowners
and their guests.

All levels are welcome.

Age: Adult

Check in 1:30 PM



Location: Snowflake Lodge

Date: 2nd Thursday of the Month

Beginners Class: 12:30 pm

Come join the fun!

Reservations required for seating, email

Louise Cooke, lcooke11@yahoo.com



CLIP OUT put by phone

In case of Fire, Call 911

Give out the following information:

"I am in Blue Lake Springs"

My telephone # is _____

My Lot # _____, Unit # _____

My Address is _____

The nearest cross street is _____

DON'T HANG UP UNTIL TOLD TO

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Facilities and Long Term Planning Committee

The Facilities and Long Term Planning committee coordinates with HOA management to insure that our physical facilities are well maintained and takes charge of planning for future projects that will enhance the experience of our members.

For 2016 we have three major projects in process: Completion of the restroom remodel at Fly-in Lake plus a volley ball court and horse shoe pits, remodel of the amphitheater, and removal of dead trees on our property caused by bark beetle infestation.

The remodel of the Fly-in Lake restrooms is under way. The old building has been gutted, the old roof removed, the new roof structure has been constructed and the skylights and roofing material are being installed this week. The project should be completed by the end of January. Once the restroom is completed the beach area will be enlarged, a beach volleyball court and two horseshoe pits will be installed, and an additional swim platform will be placed in the lake.

Our amphitheater is more than fifty years old has reached the end of its useful life. It will be replaced with a new modern facility that will greatly expand the usefulness of the space. It will feature an approximately 4,500 square foot concrete floor, collapsible bleachers, a portable stage, and shade sails to keep the area shaded during the summer months. Instead of just being used occasionally for summer movies and the talent show, the new area can also be used for a large variety of other purposes including: exercise classes, group events, weddings, wedding receptions, parties, concerts, plays, kids play area and story telling, and many other uses. And, as this remodel is a scheduled part of our asset repair/replacement program, the funding will come from our Asset Reserve Fund and not out of our operating budget.

As previously reported, bark beetles have killed a large number of our Ponderosa Pine trees. Approximately 20 dead trees had to be removed near the water company treatment plant and just this week approximately 36 more trees had to be removed from the area adjacent to our lodge parking lot.

The HOA has a very serious summer-time parking problem so this unfortunate occurrence may also present us with the opportunity to expand our lodge parking facilities into this area. While this is still in the planning stage, it appears that we may be able to utilize the dirt removed from the amphitheater to build transition from the parking lot to this area, gravel a portion of the new area for temporary parking of between 12 and 24 cars for this summer season. Then next year, when our lakes are dredged we may be able to use the dredged material to level this area and expand the parking lot to accommodate up to approximately 50 vehicles. This would be a particularly cost-effective approach as the major cost of dredging the lakes would be transporting the dredged material off-site. By using the materials on-site we could save tens of thousands of dollars in transportation costs while achieving the goals of dredging our lakes, which is necessary for maintaining their health, and expanding our parking capacity.



Mike McAtee, Committee Chairman



SNOWFLAKE LODGE HOURS:

Note new time

FRIDAY/ SATURDAY 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Come in and join us for dinner Friday and Saturday! Looking for something more casual? Try our Bar Menu, which offers appetizers and a lighter faire (no reservation required)! Or make a reservation to join us in the dining room, where you can enjoy dinner prepared by Lodge Chef Marc Kirby and his staff. We look forward to seeing you soon!

For Dinner reservations please call 209-795-2357. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

POTLUCK



As we wind down the pot luck season of 2015 for the homeowner's the atmosphere at November's gathering was anything but low key. The room was full of jovial and excited conversations. Seeing neighbors and friends celebrating anniversaries was fun for all. This day was also **Veterans Day** and those who have served our great country were asked to stand as we gave them a round of applause.

Thank you to our Pot Luck callers: Judy Boles, Linda Penney, Anne Friborg Evans, Kathy Enea, Michele Stahlberg, Sue Pollak, Bev Vasquez and Marcy Crawford. Thank you also to the Kitchen Crew: Chairperson Jeanne Multhaup, Bobbi and Larry Haskell, Israel and Debbie Kushnir, March Crawford and Mary Kennedy. Special thanks to Sue Pollak who checked people in and sold Bingo cards and Chris Gosswiller for selling 50/50 raffle tickets. These ladies are always willing to step in where they are needed. I would like to thank Vernon the Snowflake Lodge security person who keeps all of us and our cars safe in rain, sleet or snow. Less we forget our Bingo callers John Vasquez and Harry Tittle who provide us with lots of laughs and a few groans but always an enjoyable time!

We had a total of 60 members and 10 guests that attended the November 11th. Pot Luck. **The winners for the evening were:**

50/50 raffle - Laurie Andrade, Bingo games: Mary Peterson, Dodie Raley, David Johns, Bobbie Haskell. 50/50 Bingo blackout: guest Joe Caccamo. Dessert certificate for 2 at BLS Snowflake Lodge: Sylvia Brady. Also to welcome our 1st. Time members Gary and Susan Hauer, they received a dessert certificate for two at the Snowflake Lodge. I would also like to thank those members who invited guests because - the more the merrier!!

If you would like to join our monthly Pot Lucks held on the second Wednesday of each month September - May (except December), please contact Maureen Dinnocenzo 795-3226 or Harriet Johns 795-0563 and have your name added to our calling list.

Our next Pot Luck will be held on Wednesday January 13, 2016. We hope you will join us with your neighbors for a fun evening. Until then, may the snow be heavy and the Holiday be bright!

Harriet



BUSINESS OFFICE

CLOSED

December 24, 25, 2015



January 1, 2016



The Snowflake Lodge

The perfect place for a party!

Thinking about having a Holiday Party this year, but want to avoid the hassle and clean up? The Snowflake Lodge is the ideal restaurant to have a party! With amazing food, and warm friendly service, your guests are sure to have a good time!

Call the business office for more details and to reserve your date now!

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Robert & Susan Bertelson	Unit 1
Michael & Jennifer Moran	Unit 2
Gregory & Teri Applequist	Unit 4
Deborah Peterson & Julie Peterson	Unit 4
Sara Craig & Keith McAfee	Unit 5
Nadine & Reginald Davis	Unit 5
Deanna & Douglas Fabris	Unit 7
Marie & Nicholas Llana	Unit 7
Heather & Sebastian Stolarski	Unit 8
Michael & Michele Piazzoni	Unit 9



Fire Prevention

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released a video on November 11, 2015 demonstrating how Your Home Can Survive a Wildfire. It has some very helpful hints on better protecting your home please check it out.

<http://wildfire.blog.nfpa.org/2015/11/new-video-highlights-key-research-on-home-ignition-during-wildfires.html>





REMINDERS ABOUT THE SNOW SEASON

The Calaveras County Department of Public Works would like to remind the residents of the County who live in areas subject to snow accumulation about the basic snow removal policies and procedures. Snow removal services are provided on approximately 150 miles of County roads. The State (Caltrans) provides snow removal services on State Highways.

The Calaveras County Department of Public Works has adopted the following policy regarding snow removal and ice sanding on County maintained roadways.

Snow Depth. Snowplowing operations start when there are 4 inches of snow on the roadway.

Timing and Crowding. Once snow removal operations have begun, the County will continue to plow snow and push it back to the shoulders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until removal is completed and in preparation for additional storms. During snowplow operations, a berm of snow is left in front of all driveways becoming the responsibility of the resident to clear.

Priority. During a storm, main roads that provide access to state highways and minor connections, as well as school bus routes, have priority over other roads.

Sanding. The County does not sand snow. Due to the financial impact they have designated certain roads which will be sanded in order to maintain the main traffic routes. These include school bus routes and major thoroughfares.

Chains. Calaveras County Ordinance No. 2519 requires vehicles to have tire chains or traction control devices whenever necessary in order for vehicles to maintain traction while operating on County roads.

Parking Restrictions. Calaveras County Ordinance No. 2154 prohibits parking during snow removal operations and reads:

"The parking or standing of vehicles on the right-of-way of any county road during snow removal operations conducted by or on behalf of the County is prohibited. 'Snow removal operations' shall be deemed to be ongoing whenever snow is present on the right-of-way of County road."

This law provides for all such vehicles to be towed (at the owner's expense) so as not to interfere with snow removal operations and equipment.

Ice. Ice scraping operations are done only in the daylight hours when the temperatures are sufficiently high and the snow becomes slushy. Attempts to shave ice under other circumstances have proven futile and have the effect of polishing the ice making it even more slippery.

Do not shovel snow or put snow from driveways in the roadway as this creates a hazard for other drivers, a liability for you and is illegal.



BLSHA is hosting a contest to re-name the Lanai room at the Snowflake Lodge!

The member who's submission is chosen will win a gift certificate to the Snowflake Lodge good for use anytime.

To Enter, send your name suggestion via email to blsoffice@caltel.com or via mail to

BLSHA

PO Box 712

Arnold CA 95223

Please be sure to include your name, and lot/unit number. Last day to submit new names will be

Friday January 15th, 2016. The winner will be notified by mail.

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

Office Hours

Tuesday-Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Friday and Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Please Call for Reservation (209) 795-2357

Summer Recreation (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Email: blsrecreation@caltel.com

Board of Directors Meetings

Third Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors

President, Kevin Andel

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Your Association welcomes letters from members and will publish them in the Lodge Log on a space available basis. If necessary they will be edited for style and shortened to 200 words. Letters will not be returned to author. Formal policy is on file at the Association office. Members should request a copy of the policy if they are considering submit-

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