

Vista Del Lago Newsletter

10th Edition

How time flies, can you believe this is the tenth newsletter since I undertook this endeavor? Here is a recap on the **Fourth of July** weekend and some other important news items.....

Show me the money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

VDL raked in the bucks from our second annual yard sale and fundraiser. The grand total haul was **\$1142.00!!** Congratulations and thanks to all. This was truly a community event. I believe that almost every owner who was present in the park contributed in some way, whether it was through donations, setting up, tearing down, cleaning up, hauling away or working as the cashier. We should be very proud of our collective efforts and if you can reach your back, give yourself a pat. If not, ask your neighbor to do it for you!!

Special thanks to **Carol Vincentini** for the generous donations of several lounge chairs from her hotel. They brought in some fast and furious cash. In addition, the association kept four of them for our own use at the pool. Every single chair and lounge chair was in use this weekend. Carol's daughter was also kind enough to make our signs, which saved me a whole lot of time.....please pass along our thanks to her.

I don't know if we will have enough "treasures" for another sale next year. It seems most of us have purged about all we can at this point. If we get some new residents who are downsizing, we might have enough stuff. Let me know what you think for next year. We might want to think about a sale every two years from now on out. We can play it by ear and see where we stand next summer.

How we gonna spend all this dough????

We need to decide as a community the best way to spend our Association funds. There are some laws we must follow regarding what this money can be spent on and the process for how we spend the money. The board will be meeting on July 17th in the Club House

at 9:00am to discuss this and some other agenda items. If you have a suggestion for a purchase, please put it in writing and submit it to a board member for consideration.

I have received the following ideas from homeowners: TV/CD player for the exercise room, additional stackable chairs for the pool, an additional table(s) for the pool, a pool cover, and a horseshoe pit.

Please keep in mind that it took us two years to raise this money. We may not want to spend every dime of it in one shot. We need to be thinking of our future needs and alternative ways to earn money for these types of items.

Fishy, fishy in a brook.....

Thanks to **Brian and Nancy Cather** and **Gregg Poppino** for their superior fishing skills. Brian, Nancy and Gregg provided the 6 salmon fishes for the Saturday bbq and potluck at the pool. We had a great crowd, plenty of food (except pie) and a great variety.

Pie Night Clarification.....

It seems there was a little miscommunication regarding pie night, perhaps because of me. I did not cancel pie night because certain individuals would not be able to attend, rather I cancelled pie night because the person who was hosting the party and scheduled to bring all five pies, was unable to attend. If I would have continued the party as planned, it would have been very short and no fun because we would have had no pies. Luckily, several homeowners picked up the ball and held pie night on Sunday. From what I heard, there was a great turnout, with several homemade pies. That is exactly what we want to see.....everyone getting involved and planning these events, not just the board members. Thanks for your initiative in carrying out the event!!

A word from the Maintenance Committee.....

As I mentioned in the VDL Homeowner's Association meeting minutes and a previous newsletter, we now have a Maintenance Committee, consisting of **Lyle Burns**, **Gregg Poppino** and **Bob Krell**. These three guys have received special tutoring from Dave regarding the sprinkler system and pool pump house and switches. They are still in the process of learning stuff, kinda like "on the job training." If you find something that needs attention and Dave is not available, please try to reach one of the committee members. Please do not attempt to

make adjustments to things, such as the pool furnace or any pool related switches. This is a complex system and we cannot afford to have someone tinkering with it that has not received all the pertinent information.

We encountered a few problems over the weekend regarding the circuit breaker panel and pool heater. Some of the bugs are still being worked out, please be patient. If you have a desire to join the Maintenance Committee, please see Dave or myself and we would be glad to get you involved.

Reminder on a few very important rules.....

Children are not allowed in the pool after 3:00, regardless of who is in the pool. The family swim time is 10:00am-3:00pm. This is a rule we must all abide by and it is not fair for some people to abide by it and others to disregard the rule.

In addition, the RV and Boat Parking is one space per lot owned. That means, if you own one lot, you can park one boat or RV item on the lot. If you are not in compliance, please do so immediately.

The parking in front of the clubhouse is for guests and temporary overflow parking, not storage.

These are all rules that everyone must adhere to. We are setting precedence for the future. If the rules are not followed now, they will be very difficult to enforce in the years to come when the park gets more crowded.

If you have a special circumstance you would like the board to consider regarding these rules, please see Kathy, Dave or a board member.

This should be the last discussion we need to have on these topics.

Joan Bodwell's tanning secret is out.....

Those people in attendance at the pool on Sunday, of which there were many, learned a new tanning technique, thanks to **Joan Bodwell**. It seems her secret was revealed when she was over talking to someone at their lounge chair. During the conversation, a beeping noise started coming from Joan's lounge chair. Instead of pretending it didn't belong to her (which I would have done), Joan

leaped up to silence the alarm. Of course this created quite a stir of curiosity. Repeated inquiries led to the following trade secret.....
Joan has a little egg timer she sets for 15 mins. When the timer sounds, Joan flips over to tan the other side. This allows her to have a nice, even tan, with virtually no over or under exposure!! Now does this sound like the wife of an engineer or what???!!!!!!! Sorry Joan, was I supposed to keep that a secret?

Well, that's about it for now. Summer is in full swing, it's hot and the pool is refreshing. Now, if we can just keep those darn fires away.....As usual, if you have something for the next newsletter, please forward it on to me and I will get it in for you.