

# Vista Del Lago Newsletter

## Lucky #13

### It is freeeeeeeezzzzing up here

Holey moley, it is freezing cold up here. Not much snow, but chill-to-the-bone-coldness. The snowpack is really low in the mountains, so the forecasters are calling for possible water restrictions this summer. Of course, we have time to make up the short fall, but it better start happening soon, or we are all going to be pretty thirsty this summer!

### Holiday Party.....

I am writing every section in blue on the account of the cold!! The Holiday Party was held on January 1<sup>st</sup> in the clubhouse and we had a great turn out. There were 18 of us, tons of food, great presents for our gift exchange and enough cold to make us all long distance sprint champions, running from one location to another!!

We had some snow over the holiday party weekend, which blanketed the park and froze the remaining water in the pool. Cec and Pat showed us their new shoe chains, which hook on the bottom of your shoe soles and give added traction on those cold, icy, snowy walks!!

Bob managed to remember his number most of the night. It should be mentioned, however, we caught him eating dessert prior to the main dinner course. I believe he then went around trying to steal other's desserts when they weren't looking!!

The most sought after present in the free-for-all exchange was a really cool bbq sauce set, presented in a paint can. Brian and Nancy Cather brought that, and I am proud to say, Lyle went home with it after stealing it from Gregg. Hmmmmm, I wonder if this means we won't get to go out on his boat this summer. Gregg, I promise to share the sauce with you!!

After the party, a group went to the casino and promptly added to the casino's profits. Luckily, I only lost \$1.30. The big loser was Cathy P., I think, but in more than one way!!!

Those in attendance at the party were Gregg and Cathy Poppino, Pat and Bob Krell (she likes to see her name first), Rich and Pat Ogle, Lyle and I Burns, Carol Vincentini, Barb and Jerry Watland, Brian and Nancy Cather, Cec Craig, The Poppino children (DD & Aaron) and Joe and Sharon Blackmore. The Thayer's were planning on coming and then had to rush to Wenatchee at the last minute to see Judy's mom who went into the hospital. We hope she is okay, but I haven't been updated on her condition, so can't really pass it on at this time.

### **Pool and Budget Update.....**

Kathy J. and I are working on preparing a budget as we speak. We are just waiting for a little bit more info, so it should be completed very soon. The Pool Committee is doing excellent work and has provided some great information on alternatives to our current system. They are in the process of collecting bids and expert opinion on what the best system might be for our particular situation.

The Board will be holding a meeting sometime in February or early March to select a system, award a contract to a vendor and to determine the amount of a homeowner's assessment. The Board and Pool Committee are dedicated to solving the problem by using the best technology available, at the most reasonable price. I can tell you that I am very pleased with the work **Chuck Gauthier** and **Jim Norton** have done over the winter and I think it will pay off ten-fold this summer.

### **New Construction and new happenings around Manson.....**

There are a ton of proposed projects in the works around Manson. One current proposal has the removal of the MA 8 golf course, which will be replaced with 2 "finger lakes," designed for water skiing. The lakes will be surrounded with high price homes in the \$400,000 range. In addition, the local Indian tribe is planning on building some lakeside condos on the camping/RV property east of VDL. Apparently they plan on moving some of the RV lots to make room for their swanky condos.

Another 55+ neighborhood is going in east of True Value, with single family homes. The new grocery store is still working through the permit process and hopes to get going on construction soon.

There is the sewer project still underway on Hwy 150 and evil rumors of a Wal-Mart going in on the outskirts of Chelan.

Lots to talk about and speculate about anyway!!!

### **Back to the grind.....**

That is about it for now. It's kind of quiet around VDL, but I will keep you updated on any future news. Hope you are all having a nice warm winter wherever you are!!

**Your favorite (and only) Board President,  
Leslie Burns**