



# CACHUMA FLYER

CACHUMA LAKE NATURE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## Six New Board Members Added to CLF Board

Recently six new members have joined the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Lake Foundation. To acquaint all Cachuma Flyer readers with the individuals of the Board which guides the Foundation, below are a few biographical words about each person.

Presently, two year Board Member, **Helen Logan**, is Vice-President and Acting Chairperson. She is also a member of the newly formed Santa Barbara County Park Foundation Board and a member of the Santa Barbara County Riding and Hiking Trails Commission. She is interested in working with the CLF "to save and maintain our beautiful Santa Barbara countryside."

**Judy Johnson** who has been Secretary of the Board since its inception, is the only remaining member of the original Board. She is a Goleta resident, a ten-year member of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission, a golfer and a tennis player. She is employed at Antioch University.

**Lorraine LaFargue** is the Board's Financial Officer. She became interested in the Foundation after her son met Neal Taylor many years ago, learned to

fish at Cachuma and now is interested in becoming a naturalist himself--or a fish farmer! Lorraine, a Santa Barbara County resident since 1962, is Administrative Assistant to Supervisor Bill Wallace. She loves to cook.

**Carol Smagala**, who has been a member of the Board for approximately two years, is a Realtor in Santa Barbara. She is a long time local resident, who served on the fund-raising committee for the Trout Derby and is also a great cook!

Helen Logan welcomes the following new members to the Board; "we are pleased to have the additional members on our Board. They bring significant experience and leadership qualities to this group."

**John Ahlman**, a life-long Santa Barbara Resident, is a County fireman and worked as a volunteer on the April Trout Derby. His wife, Barbara Cooke, is a speech therapist for S. B. County Schools, and they have spent many weekends at Cachuma in their motor home.

**Neal Kennedy**, a retired banker residing in Santa Ynez, is very interested in history, especially local, and "thinks that the Nature

Center is doing a good job of relating the history of the Valley." He is a current member and past Board Member of the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society.

**Ellen Lubic** has developed classes in the broad area of multiculturalism at Santa Barbara City College. She is a successful grant writer and business consultant. Her initial contact with the Nature Center was through *We Watch*, a local environmental activists' organization.

**Bob Pike** has a long-term association with the Foundation. Previously, as a member of the County Counsel, he assisted in the writing of the charter of the Foundation and the Docent Organization by-laws in the late 1980's. He is now in the Santa Barbara City Attorney's office.

**Everett Schlinger** is a retired professor of Entomology from the U.C. system. He is a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley. He is deeply involved in raising Arabian horses.

**Lynda Williams** is a native Santa Barbaran who is a long-time teacher for the Santa Barbara Elementary School District.

Board meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month: October 17, and November 21, at 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Nature Center. All interested individuals are invited to attend. A December meeting date is to be determined.

Helen Logan will serve as Acting-Chairperson until January 1.

## Docent Recognition Barbecue

Annual awards for outstanding Docent efforts will be announced at a barbecue October 27, 3:00 p.m., at the Nature Center. Docents and a guest for each of them will be hosted by the Foundation. Others in attendance are requested to pay \$7.00 per adult; and \$4.00 for children under 12 years. R.S.V.P. to 967-6320 by October 22. A Nature Center tour will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. This event, sponsored by the Cachuma Lake Foundation, is an opportunity for all facets of the organization to get acquainted. Many new people have become involved in the past year, through the Trout Derby, new Board members, and on-going recruitment efforts of the Docent Organization.

## New Docents

Three people have completed Docent Training in the past few months. Tommie Miller is a long-time Santa Barbara resident. If you have ever bought boots from Jedlicka's, she was probably involved in the sale! With a great deal of energy, Tommie has frequently acted as Nature Center hostess through the summer and fall; she is a frequent all-around *Big Help* on Wednesday, and did some attractive leatherwork for the cover of the Fremont Diary.

Barbara Guttman has recently retired from health care coordinator at Vista del Monte Retirement facility in Santa Barbara. She and her husband are outdoors people,

recently enjoying a kayaking vacation in Alaska. She is interested in conducting interpretive activities in the future and has been a Center hostess and hard-working Wednesday volunteer.

Dale Findley has volunteered almost countless hours prior to becoming a bona fide Docent. His interest is in the yard. He has worked like the proverbial Trojan through this hot summer, improving the appearance of the back yard tremendously. He is a Solvang resident and spent his life grooming golf courses throughout the west.

### **The Trout Derby--The Bottom Line!**

The final figures reported in September on the Trout Derby are \$23,535 gross income; \$8,007 expenses! An initial meeting for the 1997 Derby was held in August. Dates for the '97 event are May 3, and 4.

Although no person to chair the event has come forward, the following people have volunteered for committee responsibilities: Prize solicitation: Carol Smagala; Publicity: Judy Johnson and Helen Logan; Registration: Kim Albright and Noreen Pond; Awards Ceremony: Ron Wilmot; Barbecue Arrangements: Don Wimpress; Hospitality and Tee Shirts: Stephanie Phelps; Printed program: Jim Phelps; Rules & Fish Weigh-in: Neal Taylor; Prize display and acknowledgements: Linda Taylor.

The Park Department will continue to provide the tagged fish without charge to the Foundation;

however, it will not finance the insurance to cover the prize for the big dollar tagged fish. This event has proved to be a terrific fund raiser for the Nature Center. All Docents and other volunteers are urged to participate in this effort, if not in pre-event planning, in working the Center during that weekend.

### **Note This Number: 693-0691**

This is the new phone number of the Nature Center work room; it can be called toll free from 688 and 686 numbers. This is **not** the Naturalists' office. Purpose of this phone is to enable folks to reach Docents and others working at the Center Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sunday, or other times by arrangements. At this time no answering machine is in place. Do not try to reach Neal Taylor or Liz Mason at this number; use 688-4515.

### **Gift Shop Proceeds**

Betty Wimpress, manager of the Nature Center Gift Shop, reports gross sales of \$2500.00 during June, July, and August. Transferred to the Foundation account was \$1500. An increase in stock and considerable effort to improve display and organization seem responsible for these sales.

## Docent Hours

During the fiscal year, August, 1995-July, 1996, 4,875 hours were worked and reported by Docents. Since not all Docents report hours consistently, the true total is somewhat higher than this figure. Fred Blaser has taken charge of computing these figures and can report totals for various types of efforts; e.g., gift shop management, interpretive duties, exhibit preparations, etc. Docents are urged to report their hours monthly.

## An "Eagle" Helps The Ospreys

In the back of Cachuma Bay a new pole is available to the first Osprey that comes along who is interested in building a nest on the shore of Cachuma Lake. **Chase Murray**, a San Marcos High School freshman, planned and directed the erection of this pole as part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout. Son of Bob and Lisa Murray of Santa Barbara, Chase is a member of Troop #4. He chose this project because he camps and fishes a lot at Cachuma. The pole, donated by Southern California Edison, is 32 feet long with a 4 by 4 foot nest platform. An 18 inch metal collar around it prevents predatory animals from scaling it. The pole was moved to the Bay on a pontoon boat. Twenty-five men assisted in uprighting it, using ropes, into a hole which had been drilled 6 to 7 feet deep. Chase has completed a previous merit badge on Fish and Wildlife Management which dealt with observing birds at a feeder and a nest. He hopes to complete the final requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout prior to October 16.

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### Editor Abroad

Donna Shorts, Cachuma Flyer Editor, is in China and Viet Nam for the fall semester as a member of a Santa Barbara City College class. Linda Taylor is standing in as editor of this edition.