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Shine Pit Plan Revised

by Bill Hansen and Beverly Browne

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"Port Ludlow residents can examine the isssues...and present their opinions..." The controversial Fred Hill Materials (FHM) pit-to-pier project entered a new stage this month. The company asked the Jefferson County Planning Commission to designate 765 Olympic Peninsula acres as Mineral Resource Lands, down from the original request of 6,240 acres. The proposed area is in addition to the current 144-acre operation. The Planning Commission voted on Wednesday, November 13, to recommend acceptance of the revised plan. The Board of Commissioners will decide whether to accept or reject it on **Monday, December 9**. A public hearing on the proposal is set for **Thursday, December 5**.

The proposal includes 12 conditions that include limiting mining depth to 10 feet above the seasonal high water mark, restricting active mining to 40 acres, stricter noise regulations, and banning disruption of regulated streams, wetlands, or buffers. To ensure compliance, the company would pay for quarterly County inspections. FHM has tested the feasibility of taking barges through the Hood Canal Bridge eastern span.

The 1,500 member Hood Canal Coalition, a major opposition group, is unconvinced that the revisions are sufficient to offset potential damage. They note that the actual area to be mined would be expanded to 400–800 acres, a size that the county might find difficult to monitor. The expansion would probably not provide Jefferson County with significant tax or employment advantages as FHM claims. The State Department of Revenue also has expressed doubts there would be a tax benefit for the County.

The Coalition lists potential negative environmental and economic impacts. Even if barge traffic is restricted to the east end of the bridge, collisions could occur. Additional bridge openings would inconvenience residents and tourists. Foreign sea life may enter the Canal on ship bottoms or in bilges to wreak havoc with native species and endanger other local industries. The visual impact of the mine could negatively affect tourism and property values.

The Coalition has been presenting its arguments in public meetings and FHM has funded a propit organization, "Families for a Healthy Jefferson County," and hired an environmental activist to complete a survey of public opinion. Port Ludlow residents can examine the issues surrounding the pit-to-pier project and present their opinions through those venues, in letters to their Commissioners, and in the public meeting.



Happy Holidays from the staff of your Port Ludlow Voice

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Managing Editor

With well over 100 members of the community attending the Village Council's first Town Hall meeting, it's obvious the Council can serve us well by providing a sounding board for our interests and concerns. The *Voice* applauds Carol Saber's take on the needs of the community and looks forward to many more public forums.

One issue that was mentioned at the November meeting, the subject of some talk throughout the community, is the matter of incorporating Port Ludlow as a city. At first take, there are apparent benefits. But, once we understand that the steps involved are many and costly, we must ask, "For what?" Apparently in order to be a city, we would have to be designated as an Urban Growth Area (UGA)! Just the sound of that is frightening. Many of us came here from urban areas because we were tired of congestion and all the stresses of city life. Before we jump on a bandwagon, there are many things we need to know and understand.

We urge the Village Council to appoint a committee from a cross section of Port Ludlow residents to study this issue. Whether you're just interested in the pros and cons of cityhood or have experience in similar situations, lend your expertise. Call PLVC Chair Carol Saber at 437 -0576 and volunteer your services to a study committee.

On other matters, we welcome your contributions to the *Voice*. But, we will not print anonymous material. The November issue carried an article on "trees" that generated a lot of concern. We have printed a rebuttal article that was signed by the contributor. Another very interesting response from "South Bay Residents" could not be run. Since the writer wasn't identified, we were unable to share it with you.

Finally, the *Voice* is at, or slightly over, the maximum size that will go through our printer's binder. Therefore we ask you to limit the word count of your submissions. Allow 150 words or less for upcoming events. Opinion pieces and reports should run between 250-350 words. Our editors will probably cut down anything that's larger. We appreciate your cooperation.

Barbara

Golfers Meet to Plan for the Future

by Michael Graham and Bev Browne

On November 9, members of the golfing community met at the Bay Club to develop strategies for dealing with PLA after withdrawal of its "Club" proposal. Randall Shelley, retired lawyer and PLVC Ad Hoc Committee chair, gave a presentation that stressed nine topics. They included golf membership, remaining a member and being able to prove it, possible future PLA actions, dues, the benefits of an equity club, immediate actions, and key events. At the end of the meeting, attendees voted on five requirements.

Shelley stressed that the people who have already paid a membership fee are members and do not need to be "grandfathered." To protect themselves, however, they must keep up their memberships by paying their dues on time, complying with the bylaws and rules, and by refusing to sign up for new offerings. A legal committee will review new proposals and report to the membership. If the PLA does not solicit dues, members should pay the same amount as last year, writing "dues for 2003" on the check.

Members should create a packet of materials to prove membership. The packet would include the membership application, promotional material, cancelled checks, credit card records, monthly bills, and a record of how the member joined.

Voting by straw ballot indicated substantial uniformity of opinion: 99 percent of the attendees voted to be bound by the majority vote, 100 percent agreed to empower the Ad Hoc Committee to act for them, 95 percent voted to request flat dues for the next year with a CPI increase for 4 years after that. They wanted PLA to acknowledge lifetime memberships. Members strongly felt that, if a new clubhouse is built, it should be with PLA money rather than membership assessments. Members would not attend meetings with PLA and did not want PLA to broach new plans that would require membership money.

Members feel it is unfair to expect the membership to increase the value of PLA property without security for investment. Demands are not negotiable. A letter outlining the demands has been delivered to Greg McCarry at PLA. No response or a counter offer will be viewed the same as

Yacht Club Proposal to Beach Club

by John O'Shea

The Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) has submitted an offer to the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees to lease approximately 1,500 square feet in the proposed remodeled and expanded Beach Club. The offer is contingent upon the approval of the remodel project by the LMC membership, which includes owners of condominiums, homes and lots in North Bay. Committees from LMC and PLYC are working together on the essential terms of a proposed agreement. A Letter of Intent should be ready to present to Trustees of both organizations by early December.

An October survey of PLYC members showed a highly favorable interest in having a facility for the first time in the Yacht Club's 30-year history. The possibility of the Beach Club remodel provides a window of opportunity for what would be an often stated but seldom achieved "win-win" situation. The PLYC area is intended to be newly constructed space on the south end, adjacent to the proposed members' lounge. It would have an outside entrance, contain an office and workroom for club activities, and have spaces for a nautical library, trophies and pictures. A bar and other amenities are also planned. None of the banquet or large meeting facilities of the Beach or Bay Club would be duplicated.

PLYC has offered to prepay as much rent as necessary to cover all of the construction costs for the room, so that LMC is not "out-of-pocket" for that portion of the project. When the prepaid rent expires, PLYC would have the option to continue to lease the space at fair market rent or turn the area over to the Beach Club members for their use as an additional meeting or small party room. Over one-half of PLYC members are also Beach Club members, so a fair agreement is assured. LMC could even attract additional contract members.

The recent dispute with PLA has brought our community together as if it had been a Martian invasion (a comparison unfair to Martians, who would likely engender less ill will). The Village Council, its committees and constituent groups have shown the advantages of working together. There is a renewed spirit of cooperation. The proposed remodel of the Beach Club is another step toward self-reliance in what has been described as a "company town." It enhances the quality of life for Beach Club members and benefits the community as a whole.

"Vote early, vote often" is a humorous phrase, but the votes of approval from LMC and Yacht Club members are important. It is an opportunity to build on the events of the past few months and continue a spirit of community action, not dependent on PLA, its predecessor or successor. Let's make it happen!

Seventh Annual Holidays on the Docks

A holiday spectacular of lighted boats, music and good cheer will greet visitors to the Port Ludlow Marina on the evening of **Saturday, December 21**. Sailboats and powerboats, lighted and decorated for the season, will be moored at the Marina's A-dock. Visitors are invited to stroll the docks, listen to the music and see the lighted boats. If you prefer to just enjoy the view, you're invited to make reservations at the Harbormaster restaurant, where you can treat yourself to a fine holiday dinner and drink while enjoying the panoramic view of the lighted boats. The dock will be open for guests from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Resort at Ludlow Bay and the Port Ludlow Yacht Club, "Holidays on the Docks" is open for participation by any boater interested in bringing his lighted boat to Port Ludlow for the day. Last year the weather was miserable but spirits were high and 15 boats participated. This year we are hoping for better weather and we'd like to see over 30 or more boats lined up on A-dock.

Decoration efforts will be judged on Saturday evening. The best-decorated boat will receive a month's moorage and a place on the annual plaque. To register your vessel and to ensure a slip on the dock, boaters must call the Marina in advance. Space will be limited to the first 50 boats registering. For information or registration, please call the Port Ludlow Marina at 437-0513.

Happy Holidays!



The Beach Club Remodel

by Larry Nobles

The LMC membership soon will vote on the remodel of our own private recreation and community center. The improved facility is planned for a wide spectrum of users at a relatively modest cost to owners. We expect that a tastefully upgraded club will have a positive impact on the salability of homes, lots and condos in the North Bay area.

Take a visual tour of the improved Beach Club. Entry is through an enlarged, glassed-in lobby with comfortable seating and a small gas-fired fireplace. It leads to an enlarged reception area, office, coatroom, and elevator for handicapped access to the lower floor. The lobby serves as a welcoming area for the Bayview meeting and banquet room. There are continuous window walls on the north and east sides of the room giving spectacular views of Ludlow Bay, the Cascades and Mount Baker.

- Seating capacity expands from 135 to approximately 190.
- The platform stage at the south end creates reasonable access for performers.
- Carpeting is used throughout; a small portable dance floor is available when needed.
- The room meets code requirements for both fire and seismic safety.
- The kitchen is three times as large as the present one, well equipped and designed for both potluck and catered events. First floor restrooms are refurbished.

Our popular exercise room has windows overlooking the Bay. Moved to the northeast corner where it is accessible to both the locker rooms, it contains additional equipment and other amenities. The women's locker room is expanded with more private dressing areas, non-slip flooring, and improved seating.

The Cove Room becomes a true multipurpose room for meetings, games and crafts. By hanging a floor over the Cove room, another lounge/meeting space is created on the upper floor. Windows overlook the outdoor pool and Ludlow Bay. The room has upholstered furniture, our large-screen television set, newspapers, magazines, and a small lending library. The furniture is designed so that the room can also serve as a reception area for functions in the Bayview Room.

Meet you at the Beach Club!

Bluebills Conclude an Active Year

by Bert Goldstein

Bluebills, a retiree volunteer organization, had another record-breaking year of charity work supporting social services and public school education efforts. We assist elderly and handicapped to remain in their homes, support women and children in crisis centers, provide school supplies to needy students and support public school education programs. Through September, 47 persons contributed over 3,300 volunteer hours. About 30 volunteers live in Port Ludlow. Larry Elton is Chairman, Bert Goldstein 1st Vice-Chair. Myron Vogt, Chuck Sherred of Chimacum, and Bob LaBounty are project coordinators.

Projects are based on referrals from agencies such as Olympic Area Agency on Aging (OAAA), Olympic Community Action Programs (OLYCAP) and others. So far this year we constructed 14 wheelchair ramps (over 100 wheelchair ramps since 1998), installed 30 grab-bars and handrails and performed 25 household safety and "quality of life" mods such as installing steps, shower plumbing, lever-type door handles and minor house repairs.

Bluebills donated 174 hours supporting installation and operation of two OLYCAP thrift shops in Chimacum and Sequim and conducted after school programs in Quilcene and Brinnon. We established a distribution system for donated school supplies to Olympic Peninsula schools that are stored in a 25,000 square-foot warehouse provided by Boeing. In four years, more than \$2,500,000 of supplies has been distributed to over 27,000 needy students in the Puget Sound area.

A year-end appreciation event with a complementary luncheon will be held at the Bay Club on **Thursday**, **December 12**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members will be recognized for volunteer work, accomplishments reviewed and appreciation expressed to agency personnel. First-time guests and volunteers are encouraged to find activities that interest them, such as holiday gift shopping for needy families. Menu choices are chicken cordon bleu or grilled salmon. Call Larry Elton, 437-0758, or Mike Graham, 437-5052, for reservations. You don't need to be a Boeing retiree to participate.

Port Ludlow Artists League Christmas Show and Art Walk

by Lynn Thomas

Plans are finalized for the Port Ludlow Artists League's first Christmas Art Walk. Through the generous support of the Port Ludlow Town Center merchants, the League will showcase 21 of its artists, **Friday, December 6**, from 1:00–5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- American Marine Bank (AMB): Viv Saunders, Mark Fissher, Kathy Follett, Judy Johnson, Sam Bryant and Rae Belkin
- In the AMB annex, which now is the new Port Ludlow Artists League Gallery (see related story on page 13) are Lynn Thomas, Betty Cooper, Marie Lytal, Maureen Poole and Sid Poole
- Snug Harbor Café: Betty Harmon, Judy Potter and Bev Browne
- Edward D. Jones Co: Keith McConnell
- Windermere: Joy Herring
- Coldwell Banker: Eleanor Swift, Shirley Fleming,
 Norma McConlogue, Phyllis Hansen, Jeanette Best
- Port Ludlow Community Church: Jane Johnson

Dr. Thomas Hagen is a contributing sponsor for the Art Walk though artists will not be at his office.

A brochure with biographies of each artist will be available at American Marine Bank as you enter. Watercolors, acrylics, oils, woodcarvings, bronzes, ceramics and stained glass will be on display. The Choral Belles will sing in the lobby of the bank at both 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. The merchants will supply refreshments and the Community Church will provide additional parking. Join us in a celebration of the arts!

Port Ludlow Artists League

The Artists League will meet on **Wednesday**, **December 4**, 1:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Discussion will focus on committee progress, such as the Gallery Committee and the Program Committee, and on the Art Walk, scheduled for **Friday**, **December 6**. Bring your Christmas art projects so we can ooohh and aaahh about them, and a treat to eat. Non-Bay Club members, please remember to bring a dollar. See you there.

Adult Learning—For Life!

by Matt Lyons

Many adults entering or enjoying their "mature" years have the opportunity to reflect, in a very positive manner, on how much they don't know. Have you ever thought, "If I ever have the time, I'd love to take a class or learn more about..."? A lot of us find that, for the first time in ages, we have the time and energy to pursue new and different learning opportunities. What better time to rediscover learning than now! This is the time for learning because you "want to," not because you "have to."

On October 23, The Leader distributed the Guide to Adult Education in Jefferson County. This 56-page booklet provides some insight into the diverse opportunities for learning in and near Jefferson County. If you received the booklet, read it, keep it, and use it. If you didn't get one, call the Jefferson Education Center at 379-4034 and we'll send you one. As you look in the Guide, you'll see mostly adults, not kids. These folks are learning because they want to, and they value learning. Learning can be formal, as in the degree programs, or informal as in computer classes, marine biology workshops, or digital photography seminars. If you don't see what you want, call the Center. There are many alternative learning opportunities available, or we may be able to tailor a program for you and your friends. For information contact Matt Lyons at the Jefferson Education Center in the Shold Business Park, Port Hadlock at 379-4034. With winter fast approaching get in out of the rain; get to class!

The Long-Term Care Maze

A presentation on "Navigating the Long-Term Care Maze..." will be presented at the Bay Club on **Tuesday**, **December 3**, at 2:00 p.m. Speakers will be Julie Elkinton, BS, Social Worker, from Claremont East Assisted Living, and Barbara Pearson, MS, Marketing Director for Encore Communities. They'll conduct an informative discussion about Medicare/Medicaid and long-term care options and describe living choices and payment options, so bring your questions. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP at the Bay Club office.

Recycling in Port Ludlow

by Connie Wilkinson

The good news is that Port Ludlow recycles! It is amazing to me how much paper we generate. The bad news is that despite our continuous efforts to keep the area at the Village Center clean, neat and organized and to cut out illegal dumping, the bins are constantly overflowing, with green glass, soft and hard garbage and other illegal items left on the ground around the bins. The County has prepared a wonderful new brochure and a supply is available at the Bay and Beach Clubs. Here is what we can (or cannot) recycle at the present time:

- Newspaper including anything which has been included as a supplement.
- Mixed paper including white paper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, paperback and hardcover books, cereal boxes, cardboard tubes and other paper products. (No waxed paper or food-contaminated paper products.)
- Corrugated paper (which means 2 layers with a wavy layer in between). Please flatten first. (No waxed cardboard, pizza boxes or beer cartons.)
- Bottles: Pete plastic bottles with the #1 and letters "Pete." Throw away caps and flatten bottles. (No microwave dishes, shampoo bottles, food trays, fruit containers, soap bottles, plastic bags.)
- Glass: only brown and clear glass beverage bottles and rinsed food jars. (No wine bottles of any color, no window glass, light bulbs, Pyrex, blue or green glass.)
- Aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil, tinned and steel cans. Rinse well, flatten and throw away lids.
- Milk and water jugs #2"HDPE" are accepted. (No solid colors and no other plastics, detergent bottles, oil containers, shampoo containers.)

Note: If you didn't drink the contents of that bottle, don't try to recycle it.

Please do not leave materials outside a bin if it is full. Instead, go home, call Skookum at 395-7678 and come back later. We can all help those who do not understand the system by gently pointing out the rules.

Remember that one green bottle ruins the entire batch. Skookum has to pay to dump it. Let's make our tax dollars work efficiently and help the environment at the same time. Any questions or if you want to be a volunteer, call Connie Wilkinson at 437-9450.

Disposing of Leftover Paint

Beginning January 1, 2003, Jefferson County will no longer accept latex paint or latex caulking products at the Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) facility. Latex paint and products are not regulated hazardous waste and the Department of Ecology is no longer subsidizing their disposal through the MRW. Save money and the environment by purchasing the smallest quantity to do the job, use it all up with extra coats or mix leftovers and use as base coats. Store leftovers upside down, keep from freezing.

To discard small quantities (one inch or less), dry out by opening the can, keeping it away from children and pets. For larger amounts stir in QuikreteTMor clay-based kitty litter until the liquid is absorbed. When dry, discard the can with the lid off in the garbage. Do not try to dry oil-based paint and stain or paints containing lead or fungicide. Take these to the MRW Facility. For more information, call Public Works at 385-9160 or the MRW

Ring In the New!



A limited number of tickets are still available for Port Ludlow's Gala New Year's Eve Party at the Bay Club. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with a delicious dinner served at 8:00 p.m. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m., ending with a champagne toast served at midnight.

Menu and entrée choices available at the Bay Club when you make your reservations. Tickets \$35 for SBCA members and \$40 for others. Sales close **Saturday, December 21.** Make plans now to welcome 2003 in style. BYOB and wear party attire.

E-mail Hoaxes

by Bob Force

If you use e-mail, you have been bamboozled by hoaxes. You are to forward the message *to* "everyone you know." Often the hoax is about some terrible virus that can destroy your system, or a possible telephone scam that can use and charge to your number. A recent hoax warns against downloading a Bud Frogs screensaver.

The message almost always has a technical tone to make it sound plausible, and includes quotes from Microsoft, AOL, AT&T, Norton, McAfee, or some other well-known organization. These hoaxes are very costly. If a message is forwarded to 10 people, and each of them sends it to 10 more, etc., one million people will have received it in six message generations. There are costs of people's time, slow downs of e-mail traffic, server overloads, and needless worries and concerns.

These messages are sent out to harass, make fun, bilk, damage—or who knows why? The important thing is not to extend the loop! There are several Internet sites where you can learn to recognize hoaxes and what to do about them. Some of the best sites are *hoaxbusters.ciac.com*, *vmyths.com*, and *urbanlegends.com*. Each of these sites refers to several other sources, such as your anti-virus program provider, that provide excellent information.

The important thing is not to circulate these messages without validating them first. Visit the sites mentioned above and you will soon learn how to identify 90 percent of hoaxes. After reading a few hoax examples, you'll wonder how they could ever have taken you in.

Holiday Cheer Reception

Four of your neighborhood businesses at 115 Village Way invite you to a Holiday Cheer Reception on **Thursday, December 12**, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. Your hosts are:

- Hear For Life Audiology, LLC
- Jefferson Title Company
- Lander Custom Designed Homes
- MacLearnsberry, Inc.

Come join us for hors d'oeuvres and holiday greetings!

Village Salon Has a New Owner!

Always a Northwest gal at heart, Shirley Kempken is realizing her dream in Port Ludlow. Shirley has recently purchased the Village Salon and is still settling in. Hours will be Tuesday through Friday, starting at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Late afternoon or early evenings are available by appointment. In addition to full hair care services, manicures and deluxe pedicures are available.

With over 30 years' experience as a stylist and salon owner, Shirley began her studies in Seattle. Since completing beauty school, she has continually upgraded her styling techniques by participating in extensive continuing education classes in many major salons. Early on, she owned a salon on Vashon Island.

Shirley and her husband have been looking for a business opportunity in the Puget Sound area for the past six years and have now found it in the Village Salon at Port Ludlow. Acknowledging a warm welcome here, Shirley appreciates the support she is receiving and invites everyone to stop by and become acquainted. She is eager to meet you, answer your questions, or order special products to accommodate your needs and desires.

Carolyn Thorsen, a former owner of the salon has returned as Shirley's associate, doing styling and barbering.

Village Salon at Port Ludlow 76 Village Way 437-9228

55 Alive Course

A mature driver safety course will be held **Wednesday and Friday, December 11 and 13**, at the Beach Club. Each class will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A certificate given upon completion of the eight-hour course entitles those 55 and older to a discount of 5 to 10 percent on their car insurance. The fee is \$10. To register, call 437-8175

If these dates are inconvenient, it is possible to split between two locations. Other classes in the area are **Monday and Tuesday, December 16 and 17**, at the Gardiner Community Center; and **Monday and Tuesday, January 13 and 14**, at the Tri-Area Community Center. For more information, contact Linda Pfafman at 385-3831, ext. 521.

Bird Feeding Could be Hazardous to your Health

by Eline Lybarger

The following information, originally published in The Baltimore Sun, was excerpted from the Seattle Times of Wednesday, November 6, 2002.

In 1999 when West Nile virus first arrived in the U.S., we were assured that humans could not get the disease from contact with infected birds; only mosquitoes could infect other birds or people. Now the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, is saying people need to take precautions when in contact with birds. This warning is a result of testing done at the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Infected birds were put in a mosquito-free environment with uninfected birds; after only 5 days the healthy birds began to test positive for West Nile. The tests were repeated with many different species of birds, and the results were always the same.

Over 100 species have been victims to the virus, including many game birds. Hunters have been advised to wear gloves and wash thoroughly after cleaning or handling game birds. Thorough cooking is another precaution. When feeding birds in our back yards, we should wear a mask and plastic gloves that can be thoroughly washed in hot soapy water or disposed of.

How Many Gods Are There?

Theologian Michael Bogar of Seattle will discuss the roots and philosophies of some of the world's major religions in this two-part lecture series to be held **Tuesdays**, **January 14 and January 21**, 1:00–3:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. The price for the series is \$20 and tickets are now available at the Bay Club. In light of current world events, this will be an informative and timely discussion.

Strike, Spare, Turkey!

If you think you'll only see a turkey on your holiday table, think again! Join the Port Ludlow bowlers for a fun afternoon on **Thursday, December 19**, 3:00 p.m. at the All Star Lanes in Silverdale. You'll find out what a turkey means to bowlers. After bowling, the group heads for a local restaurant for a casual dinner. Sign up at the Bay Club by **Tuesday, December 17**. Arrange your own transportation.

Jefferson County Fire Protection District #3

Alarm Statistics

	Sept.	Oct.
Alarms		
Fire	5	6
Medical Emergency	25	14
Rescue (Aircraft)	0	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	6	5
Service	4	4
Total	40	30
Ambulance Transports		
Jefferson General	11	11
Harrison Memorial	3	1
Harborview Air Ambulance	0	1
Naval Bremerton	0	0
Total	14	13
Mutual Aid		
Provided	11	4
Received	3	3
Total	14	7

Chief Wayne Kier's Safety Tip— Can We See Your Red Fire Number?

Look from the street and see if your red fire number sign is clearly visible. The best possible way to display your sign is at a right angle to street travel, so we can see the sign as we approach your home from either direction.

If you need assistance in moving your sign, remounting, or clearing away vegetation, we can help. Call the Port Ludlow Fire Station at 437-2236 for assistance. If you need a sign or yours has faded and is in need of replacement, signs are available at the Jefferson County Permit Center, located at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend.

We Want to Serve You as Quickly as Possible in an Emergency

Our Trees—The Curse—The Blessing—The Facts!

by Marianne Berman

In last month's *Voice*, Robert J. Lawless stated that the opinions expressed in his article, "Our Trees—Blessing or Curse?" were his own. The statements in the following article are not my own but those of experts from the Washington State Departments of Ecology (Douglas Canning), and Natural Resources (Al Latham, Port Hadlock Office). Mr. Latham has made sight inspections of areas of Port Ludlow with recommendations for slope stabilization and erosion control using vegetation such as grasses, shrubs and trees.

According to the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, many of Port Ludlow's homes are built in slide-prone areas. We live in a region with a critical balance of nature: large amounts of rain, steep hillsides, lots of trees on uplands comprised of and underlain by glacial and interglacial deposits of sand, gravel, silt and clay. We are already tipping the balance with increased building of subdivisions, which greatly increases water runoff from roads, driveways and roofs. This has changed the natural drainage and absorption patterns. The runoff amounts and their effects are frequently underestimated or disregarded. If we tip the balance of nature too far in the wrong direction, we damage the hillsides, possibly putting our homes in jeopardy. In the end, this could undermine property values.

The Curse

When people selfishly, carelessly and often indiscriminately cut, top or unprofessionally trim trees to improve their views

The Blessing

With proper guidance many stability and erosion control problems could be avoided if we worked with nature and not against it.

The Facts

When properly maintained, vegetation can protect slopes by reducing erosion, strengthening soil, and inhibiting landslides, all of which increase general slope stability...and it is relatively cheap. Vegetation absorbs the energy of falling rain. It helps to maintain absorptive capacity, slows the velocity of runoff and acts as a filter to catch sediment. Grasses trap soil particles and intercept raindrops; the roots protect surface soil. Tree and shrub foliage removes water from soil through evapotranspiration. Plants, and especially trees, draw water up through their stems or trunks and branches to their leaves and into the air, thereby removing water from the soil. Shrub roots hold surface soil. Deep roots of trees hold and stabilize soil; they also hold and tie the layers of soil materials together, thus increasing the soil shear strength and reducing risk of shallow landslides.

Before clearing trees, consider the effects of removal on root mass over time. Roots of dead trees decay, their stabilizing influence diminishing over a three- to nine-year period. Because of gradual loss of root strength after tree removal, barely stable slopes may fail several years after clearing or thinning.

It has been clearly demonstrated that topping trees is a poor and damaging practice. Alternatives to tree removal and topping for conifers include windowing, interlimbing and skirting-up, always by a qualified professional.

The above facts are quoted from publications developed by the Washington State Department of Ecology. They are available to property owners in the Puget Sound area.

The Racquet Club Ladies Luncheon

by Kathleen Tompkins

The annual ornament exchange and Racquet Club ladies luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 9**, 12:30 p.m., upstairs in the Buffet Room of the Harbormaster Restaurant. All Racquet Club members, retired members and wives of members are welcome to attend.

Please bring an unwrapped ornament or white elephant ornament for our gift exchange. The ornaments will be used as centerpieces for the tables until they are greedily exchanged in the numbers draw. The Harbormaster Restaurant has generously offered us a door prize. We will draw numbers to determine the lucky winner.

The restaurant will be presenting a buffet of soup, apple salad, a hot pasta dish, rolls and a beverage. Please call Kathleen Tompkins at 437-1055 or Carole Porter at 437-4101 to make your reservations. We will need to notify the restaurant in early December to let them know how many will be attending the luncheon.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Report

by Ralph Thomas

The Year 2002

This year found the Port Ludlow Chamber involved in a number of projects, most notably the Port Ludlow Festival for which the Chamber donated \$1,000 to the winners of a special drawing. This year's winners were Rich and Cathy Holtman. The Chamber also staffed a booth where Chamber literature as well as maps and a schedule of events were passed out to Festival participants.

The Chamber hosted three mixers in 2002, one at the American Marine Bank, one at Dana Pointe Interiors Inc., and one at the Jefferson County Visitors Center. All mixers were well attended and the Chamber plans to continue these events. Other events included publishing a mailer on the Hood Canal Bridge closure. Samples of a new Olympic Guide and Map were distributed. The Chamber also decided to change its membership meetings from quarterly to monthly. The Board met with members of the Port Hadlock Chamber to discuss the possibility of combining the Chambers, but it was decided to continue as currently established.

Christmas Dinner

The upcoming Christmas Dinner for Chamber members and potential members will be Wednesday, December 4, at the Marina Room (Heron Beach Inn) of the Resort at Ludlow Bay. It will be something special, with no-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The chef is preparing a gourmet feast that includes a fresh seafood display of oysters, prawns, crab cakes and mussels. An antipasto platter of seasonal fruit, a vegetable tray with pesto dip, and a tossed Caesar salad with rock shrimp on the side will follow. The main entrée will be either poached salmon or carved prime rib. Appetizers will include chicken satay with peanut sauce; mushroom caps with cheddar, bacon and chives; and smoked salmon pinwheels. This dinner will cost \$15 per person. The Chamber is expecting to award many door prizes and conduct the traditional bottle auction. Advance reservations are not required.

New Series of Dance Classes Scheduled



DANCERS BY THE BAYTM welcome all Port Ludlow residents to a new series of instruction being offered in early 2003 at the Bay Club. If you've never danced and want to try—or have and want to learn some new steps—this is your opportunity. Classes

will begin **Tuesday**, **January 14**, and run for six weeks through **Tuesday**, **February 18**. Two series of classes are offered including:

Latin Workshop I, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Fundamentals of two very popular Latin dances: Rhumba and Cha Cha. Smooth and romantic Rhumba contrasting with peppy and flirty Cha Cha makes these ballroom steps such fun to do.

Latin Workshop II, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Fundamentals of basic American-style Tango (not Argentine) with emphasis on rhythm and styling. Also, an introduction to Mambo-Salsa as it is currently being danced on cruise ships and in clubs.

Previous series of these classes have always been well attended, and it is expected this series will be as well so please sign up early to reserve your space on the floor.

Steve and Arlyne Ashton, professional ballroom teachers, will again teach both workshops. They help each couple progress, do not require changing of partners, thus encouraging confidence in each couple. A partner is necessary, and soft, sliding shoes are suggested. Reminder notes are included at the end of each class.

Fee is \$72 per couple for each six-session workshop. Payment must be made by check only, made out to Steve Ashton. In fairness to all, no refunds will be given for classes missed. Signup and payment should be made at the Bay Club by **Tuesday**, **January** 7.

If you have questions or comments, ideas for future classes or dance parties—or wish to join others for an evening dancing at a nearby club, call Ann Radwick at 437-0318.

Children's Christmas Party 2002

by Peatt Raftis

The second annual Port Ludlow Children's Christmas Party will take place on **Saturday, December 21**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. This year we will have "Pancakes with Santa" and some very special friends. Pancakes will be served throughout the time so people may come and go.

An Important Note

Santa will be handing out presents at noon and pictures will be taken. Please bring a gift (of less than \$20 cost,) for each of your own children, labeled with their first and last names. Gifts may be discreetly placed in a box by the door upon arrival, or dropped off at the Beach Club the day before the party.

Children of all ages from North and South Bay are invited to share in the fun, so bring your children, grandchildren, guests or just yourselves. Make reservations at the Beach Club no later than **Monday**, **December 16**. The price is \$3 per person, payable with your reservation. There is no charge for children age 3 and under.

If you are interested in flipping pancakes or helping out in any way, please contact Peatt Raftis at 437-8092 or Piper Diehl at 437-0602.

New Year's Eve at the Beach Club

by Bernadette Robinson



All Port Ludlow residents are invited to join in for an evening of music and fun on New Year's Eve, **Tuesday, December 31**, 8:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. This year's theme is game shows —so put on your thinking caps! We'll also have music for dancing, and a light supper with

champagne at midnight! BYOB for the rest of the evening. Dress is Port Ludlow casual. Cost is \$25 per person. Make your reservations at the Beach Club, as seating is limited. Checks should be made out to the LMC. Call Bernie or Robbie at 437-0703 or e-mail *brob@olypen*. *com* if you have any questions.

Hikers Hit the Trails, But Party, Too!



On **Friday, December 6**, Doris Monti will lead the Hiking Club on an easy-to-moderate 7-1/2-mile trek on the Barnes Creek Trail, including a visit to beautiful Marymere Falls and a climb along switchbacks to Dismal Draw Camp. For more information, call Doris at 437-0716 or assistant leader Stan Gustin at 437-8025. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:00 a.m.

On **Thursday, December 12**, Roger Reighard will lead the annual Urban Hike over an easy 7 miles in Edmonds. For details, call Roger at 437-8128. Hike assistant is Karen Roper at 437-1244. Unless advised otherwise, meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:00 a.m.

The annual Hiking Club Christmas Party will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday**, **December 18**. Cost is \$25 and includes entrée, dessert, tea/coffee, tax and tip. Choose from three entrées: beef bourguignon, halibut buerre noir or stuffed chicken breast. BYOB for cocktails at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Naki'i will provide music for listening and dancing. Doris Monti at 437-0716 will take reservations and payments no later than **Friday**, **December 6**.

Any **Wednesday** you can hike the 5-mile Timberton Loop Trail with hike leader Doris Monti. Meet at the trail-head on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. You can call Doris at 437-0716. On **Tuesday, December 17**, (third Tuesday), at 9:00 a.m., a "Smell the Flowers," (slower) hike of the Timberton Loop Trail is planned. Adele Govert at 437-8090 can provide further information.

Reminders to all hike participants: always remember to carry extra water and food, and wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Wreath Machine



It is time to gather greens, cones, berries, ribbons and ornaments for a seasonal holiday wreath, doorway arch or table runner. Bring your "bundles" or "bouquets" of pine, fir, cedar, salal, etc., clippers and inspiration to the Bay Club craft room and have fun creating your own "one of a kind" festive decor

for your home or for gifts. A nice Northwest touch—easy to mail. New size wreath rings this year of 6 inches and 8 inches, along with 12 inches, are available to purchase at the desk. The smaller rings take less material to assemble and are charming for a centerpiece, with a pillar candle or grouping of votives, or to tie on your car or mailbox. Add bells, tiny packages, toys, angels, faux berries, glitter, etc. Instruction sheets are available.

Reserve a time at the Bay Club desk. Come with friends, share ideas and greens. Enjoy a warm cup of cocoa. It's a fun thing! If you need help or a demo, call Ann Radwick at 437-0318. Open to all.

Independents Celebrate Annual Holiday Potluck

This Friday the 13th, you will really enjoy!

Elaine Thornburg Malven has offered to host our annual holiday gathering at her beautiful home at 4360 Oak Bay Road at 5:30 p.m., **Friday, December 13.** Bring your lovely white elephant or gift approximating \$10 for our annual exchange. This is always a lot of fun to see who goes home with the "cutest or best" gift.

Please call Elaine at 437-2324 by **Tuesday, December 10**, to coordinate your menu addition. You are encouraged to meet at the Bay Club for carpooling to depart by 5:15 p.m. All singles are invited, and requested to wear your nametag.

If you haven't been to the recent singles events, you've missed some good times. Come visit with your neighbors and enjoy a good meal!

First Wednesday Luncheon

The First Wednesday Luncheon will be held **Wednesday, December 4**, at the Bay Club. Port Ludlow residents and guests are invited to come and join friends and neighbors for a social time at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with a program following at noon.

This is the time of year to begin decorating for the Holidays. Peatt Raftis, a local designer and owner of Home in Harmony, will present holiday decorating tips. Peatt specializes in "room recycling" and will demonstrate how to create mantle or tabletop displays using the holiday objects that most of us have in our homes. She will also present tips for rearranging to make room for our Christmas tree and improve traffic flow for holiday parties.

Please remember to bring a gift of non-perishable food or a monetary donation for the Jefferson County Food Bank.

Dine and Discover

All Port Ludlow residents and guests are invited to a potluck dinner at the Beach Club on **Monday**,

December 2, at 6:00 p.m. In recognition of the 200th year anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, David L. Nicandri, Director of the Washington State Historical Society, will discuss Washington State's critically important role in one of the most under-told sagas in all of American history. He will offer several new and provocative historical interpretations of Lewis and Clark's search for the Northwest Passage.

Please sign up early at either the Beach Club or Bay Club for the best selection of a potluck item to bring! Bring your own table setting, beverage, and \$2 to cover expenses. Call Dick or Heather Ullmann at 437-5010 with questions.

The **Monday, January 6**, meeting will feature Anne Murphy of the Port Townsend Marine Science Center.



December Book Club

On **Tuesday, December 10,** the Book Club will celebrate the holiday season with a potluck event of hors d'oeuvres and wine (or beverage of choice) at the Bay Club at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a festive evening and thoughtful discussion of Anita Shreve's, *The Last Time They Met*. This is a mesmerizing novel of how a man and a woman sustain a life-long passionate relationship even though they have been together only three times. The book travels back in time to explore how a single choice, even a single word, can have extraordinary repercussions over a lifetime. Questions? Call Martha Dawson at 437-4167. Open to all.

Garden Club Plans Christmas Tea

The Port Ludlow Garden Club will have a special Christmas tea for members only on **Wednesday**, **December 11**, at the Bay Club. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. for a short business meeting, followed by the tea. We will begin with savories (American translation is tea sandwiches), traditional sweets and tea, and end with a gift for each attendee, so you won't need to bring your usual brown bag.

If you've overlooked paying your annual dues, they are \$10 and can be sent to PLGC at P. O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow 98365.

Coming Soon—Reminder! CPR/AED Training

Time to brush up on your life-saving skills and to add a new one. Since the Bay Club and soon the Beach Club are proud owners of Automatic External Defibrillators, it's important to augment your CPR skills with AED skills. If you have a current CPR card, you may take only the AED portion if you wish. The class will be held at the Bay Club on **Tuesday**, **January 7**, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Cost

CPR/AED Class: \$25/person, \$35/couple AED Class: \$10/person, \$20/couple

Pre-registration is required at the Bay Club.

Remember: the life you save may be someone you love!

Artists League Gallery to Open

by Lynn Thomas

Linda Germeau, manager of American Marine Bank's Port Ludlow branch, has generously offered the bank's annex space to the Port Ludlow Artists League for use as a gallery. At press time, the gallery was expected to open just before the Art Walk which will be held **Friday, December 6**, (see related story on page 5). Lynn Thomas is the Manager, along with Assistant Managers Betty Cooper and Marie Lytal.

The Port Ludlow Artists League Board has formed a Gallery Committee for the non-profit venture. Artists selected to show their work will be asked to spend time working in the gallery. Membership in the Artists League is \$25 a year.

The Incredible Shrinking Plates

by Matt Lyons

Getting older has its disadvantages, one of which can be poor vision. Fortunately modern medicine is able to restore much of what has been lost through the use of corrective eyewear, contact lenses, and/or medical treatment. Even with these marvels, some things seem to appear to be different than they used to be. Maybe it's just me, but I really have been having trouble seeing anything lately but "red" at the Harbormaster salad bar.

For example, a couple years ago, the salad bar at the Harbormaster used to provide what looked like white porcelain twelve-inch plates. Patrons were invited to return to the bar if they desired more. About a year ago, the plates seemed to get translucent and shrink to about ten inches. Time for an eye exam anyway. Lo and behold, this summer, after reading so much mail and boiler plate about The Club at Port Ludlow, I swear the Harbormaster salad plates once again looked like white porcelain, but now six inches. Patrons are told—one pass only, no seconds—piggies! Admittedly, it is time for another eye check-up this fall, but, if PLA hires another consultant, can the two-inch, half-pass salad bar be far away?



Port Ludlow Village Council

Meeting Highlights

by Kate Madson

Vice Chairperson Phil Otness conducted a well-attended November Port Ludlow Village Council meeting in the absence of Chair Carol Saber. He reiterated the Council's intent to keep meeting length to a two-hour maximum, to focus on issues that concern residents and to encourage community participation. Gene Carmody announced he had accepted the position of Council Treasurer.

Year-end results, and plans for 2002-2003, were summarized by the Chairs of the following committees: Community Development, Natural Resources, Trails, Disaster Services, Utilities, Tax, Festival and Farmer's Market, Elections, and Ad Hoc. The written reports are available along with meeting minutes at the Bay and Beach Clubs.

Greg McCarry of Port Ludlow Associates addressed questions and comments that arose in the Town Meeting. He said the Village Commercial Center was still for sale: an offer had been received and PLA had made a counter offer. In response to concerns that a new owner might establish undesirable or ugly businesses, McCarry noted that legal uses were spelled out in the zoning ordinance, development agreement and design guidelines, so there should be no surprises. He also said that any business owner knows local support is needed to succeed.

Asked if the lack of local support influenced the with-drawal of the Club, McCarry said yes. He said he based his expectation of community endorsement on data gathered by the Planning Forum (completed in 1999) and had misread the community. He took "full responsibility" for the failure of the Club, won't revisit what folks don't want and wished to be positive about the future. McCarry said he hoped for "unfiltered input" from the golfers to learn what they're interested in.

Ralph Thomas expressed resentment at PLA's apparent desire to "cut the PLVC out of the loop" and deal only with constituent groups regarding the Club, stating that the community's representative body should be included. Vice Chairperson Otness and Randy Shelley, Chair of the AD Hoc Committee, said the PLVC intended to stay Village Council minutes are aailable at the Bay Club and Beach Club.

Village Council Agenda

Town Hall Meeting

The next meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) will be held on **Thursday, December 5**, 9:00 a.m., at the Bay Club, Council Chair Carol Saber presiding. The meeting will again be in a Town Meeting format and include discussion on "The Future of Port Ludlow." Topics to be addressed will include, but not be limited to:

- Formation of a Parks and Recreation District–how, what and why
- Creation of a Water and Sewer District

 –again, how, what and why

Depending on input from the community and Council members, study committees may be formed to research these subjects.

The monthly workshop session will be held **Thursday**, **December 19**, 9:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. The next regular meeting will be **Thursday**, **January 2**, 9:00 a.m., at the Beach Club.

For more information on the Village Council, go to the PLVC website at www.waypt.com/service/plvc.

It's Not Close to Over Yet

by Randy Shelley, PLVC Ad Hoc Committee Chair

PLA's withdrawal of "The Club" proposal is a great victory for the community. (This is closely analogous to a failed IPO—very embarrassing for the offerer.) The credit goes to William Fowler, who from the beginning told all who would listen that "The Club" was an illegal unregistered security, the Ad Hoc Committee under the leadership of Carol Saber, its first chair, and Carol Saber herself for pulling together the necessary information and sending the letter to the State which led to the finding that "The Club" was an illegal unregistered security.

But, we have not won the war and we should not yet leave the field of battle. (Most of us do not relish this, many may not want to hear it, and some may even won-

der "can't we just all get along?") The Ad Hoc and Legal Committees will continue to be active. In its press release of November 1, 2002 PLA has already made it clear there are more battles to come and that it will be going after the golfers first.

The reason the boaters are not the immediate target is that many responded to "The Club" proposal, and the uncertainty it created, by moving their boats. Some even sold them. When PLA took over on August 1, 2001, the Marina was full and there was a waiting list. Now there is no waiting list and there are lots of empty slips. To try to stop the outflow, PLA has announced the rates for 2003 will be the same as 2002. (For 2002 the rates were raised 10 percent.) But, at the November 7 meeting of the Village Council when a member of the audience who was trying to decide whether to move his boat anyway asked Greg McCarry, President of PLA, about rates subsequent to 2003 and whether PLA would start "gouging" (or a word to that effect) again, McCarry said he hadn't thought about it. He said this even though he knows that a nearby marina is currently offering rates that are substantially below those of PLA's Marina and will guarantee those rates will not change in 2003 and 2004 and will not raise them more than 5 percent in 2005. (I know he knows because I gave him the rate sheet.) I hope Mr. McCarry will commit long term to rates so that the outflow of boats will stop.

So, what do the golfers have to look forward to?

- 1. A new proposal,
- 2. Which attempts to get the golfers to pay for a new revised clubhouse,
- 3. That they will not own,
- 4. Which may be built,
- 5. On land they don't own.

Will PLA succeed in a new attempt to separate the golfers from their money or will it suffer yet another fiasco? We will have to be patient since PLA has said it will "spend the next 90 days" determining "alternative plans." Be assured the Ad Hoc Committee is working with the golfers to influence the outcome.

The Score: Raccoons-1, Me-1

by Dick Ullmann, PLVC Trails/Natural Resources Committee

It's a tie! The raccoons were winning. But then I scored. Recently, I replaced a portion of my lawn with sod, but every morning the slabs had been overturned by the animals in their search for tasty bugs. I tried a tarp. I covered at night; uncovered each morning. I bought a Haveahart trap. I caught a very angry raccoon. I wasn't looking forward to releasing the door—not sure what a raccoon with an "attitude" might try to do. I gave up the trapping idea. So, I spent more money on a roll of chicken wire, some tent stakes, and covered the entire area. The grass would get sun, air and moisture. It would root. The raccoons would be foiled. And that's why I gave myself a point.

My son reminds me that I chose the woods and all that goes with them—so adjust. He is pushing me toward more native plants. I already have a variety of natives and they do give me more pleasure than grief. So, I could give up some space to plants that all manner of bugs, butterflies and birds can enjoy: kinnikinnick and huckleberry, another vine maple, or a red flowering currant.

Committee member Bert Goldstein has a wonderful array of non-native but well adapted trees in his yard for me to consider. The Korean dogwood, stewartia, and the smoke tree are but a few. I can always use the resources of the Washington Native Plant Society—wnps@wnps.org. A smaller lawn is just fine. Then I can bring in more plants— native and otherwise—that will enhance my yard.

So, to my raccoon friends I have this to say, "It's the season of good will and peace on earth." You can come back. Poke around in the dirt. Check out my new plants. Take note that my lawn is much smaller. And, let's just settle for a tie.



Trail Topics

by Marge Carter, PLVC Trails Committee



Our plan for the next several articles was to describe the existing trails in Port Ludlow—how to access them, how long they are, degree of difficulty, and some other things you might not have known about our local trail system. However, that plan will be delayed for a month so a Christmas gift to Port Ludlow from American Marine

Bank and Windermere Real Estate can be announced.

The Trails Committee has just received the final draft of the new map of the Timberton Loop, which has been prepared by Dan Youra Studios under the sponsorship of American Marine and Windermere. Finished maps will be available for distribution free of charge during the holidays. Plenty of copies will be placed at both Clubs, the Village Center, and in other locations around Port Ludlow. Pick one up—and Merry Christmas from Windermere and American Marine!

The Trails Committee will be taking a hiatus for the holidays. When we resume meetings, our meeting date will change to the fourth Tuesday each month. The first meeting for 2003 will be **Tuesday**, **January 28**, 1:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

PLCC News

Our general meeting is **Monday, December 9,** at the Bay Club, 6:30 p.m. for social time with the meeting starting at 7:00. Ralph Thomas, PLCC's new webmaster, has spent many hours redesigning the club webpage and will be displaying and explaining the website and e-mail notification. Bernie

Kestler will speak about instant messaging. Members are asked to bring samples of Christmas-related computer projects to show to other members. There will be a raffle of various computer items.

Please bring your questions about Office applications to the Office SIG on **Monday**, **December 2**, at 10:30 a.m. We'll do our best to give you an understandable answer. After the question and answer period, we will review PowerPoint and, more specifically, the use of animation and music in your presentations.

Mark Garcia will lead the Special Topics SIG this month on **Monday, December 16,** at 10:30 a.m. He will be covering e-mail attachments, forwarding and saving images.

The Photography SIG on **Monday, December 23,** at 10:30 a.m., is open to PLCC members using either film or digital cameras. Techniques are reviewed to improve the results of our photo excursions and include the implement of computer enhancement in our discussions. We'll take a look at the differences in lenses: What is a wideangle lens? What is a normal focal length lens? What is a telephoto lens or a super telephoto lens? How about spherical aberration? Let's take the mystery into the light. SIG meetings are for PLCC members only; visitors are always welcome at the general meeting. For information about joining PLCC, contact Janice Downs at 437-0784, or e-mail her at *jpdowns@cablespeed.com*

Announcing Beginning Computer Classes

The PLCC classes for beginning computer users is offered as a community service and is taught by Bernie Kestler at the Bay Club. Membership in the PLCC is not required. Approximately 500 Port Ludlow residents have already attended this popular course and early registration is recommended. The class is suitable for beginners, for people contemplating a computer purchase and generally for people who wish to understand or brush up on the basics of Windows 95/98/Me/XP, e-mail, letter writing and browsing the Internet. The next class will start on Thursday, January 9, and continue for five consecutive Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30 and February 6. Sessions are held at the Bay Club from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$30 and includes an easy-to-use text plus all course materials. If you have interest or wish to register, please call Bernie Kestler at 437-5102.

Village Activities Calendar

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or are obviously special-interest groups

December

Mon., December 2

9:30 a.m., LOA Board of Directors, Beach Club (Members) 10:30 a.m.-noon, PLCC Office SIG, Bay Club (Members) 6:00-8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover Potluck and Lewis and Clark Talk, Beach Club

Tues., December 3

1:00-3:00 p.m., Beginning Art Class, Bay Club 2:00-4:00 p.m., Long-Term Care Speakers, Bay Club 2:00-5:00 p.m., Plush Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., December 4

8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists League, Bay Club 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Christmas Decorating, Bay Club (Members)

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club 1:00-3:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists League, Bay Club 7:00-9:00 p.m., Navigation Aids "How to Use" Boating Class, Bay Club

Thurs., December 5

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Village Council Meeting, Bay Club 1:00-4:00 p.m., Peninsula Carvers Meeting, Bay Club 2:00-4:00 p.m., PLCC Excel Class (Members) 4:00-6:00 p.m., Tree Lighting, Bay Club (Members)

Fri., December 6

8:00 a.m., Hiking Club assembles for Barnes Creek Trail Hike, Bridge Deck

1:00-3:00 p.m., SBCA Activities Committee, Bay Club (Members)

1:00-4:00 p.m., Fine Arts Group, Bridge Deck

1:00-5:00 p.m., Artists League Christmas Show and Art Walk, Town Center

Sat., December 7

6:00-10:00 p.m., PLYC Change of Watch Dinner, Bay Club

Sun., December 8

(Bay Club Closed for Member Use) 1:00-4:00 p.m., Northwoods Wind Quintet Holiday Concert, Bay Club

Mon., December 9

9:00 a.m.-noon, Bayview Board Meeting, Bay Club 12:30 p.m., Racquet Club Ladies Luncheon, Harbormaster 6:30-7:00 p.m., PLCC Social Time, Bay Club 7:00-9:00 p.m., PLCC General Meeting, Bay Club 9:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Paddlers Meeting, Beach Club Noon-4:00 p.m., CPR/AED Training Class, Bay Club 1:00-3:00 p.m., Beginning Art Class, Bay Club 2:00-4:00 p.m., Poetry Writing Group, Bridge Deck 5:00 p.m., Deadline for *Voice* Submissions 7:00-9:00 p.m., Book Club Holiday Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., December 11

8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists League, Bay Club 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 55 Alive Course, Beach Club 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rubber Stamp Club, Beach Club 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Garden Club Meeting and Holiday Tea, Bay Club (Members)

Thurs., December 12

8:00 a.m., Hiking Club assembles for Urban Hike to Edmonds, Bridge Deck

9:00-10:30 a.m., South Bay Coffee Klatch, Bay Club (Members)

10:00 a.m., Drainage District Meeting, Beach Club

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PLCC Genealogy SIG, Bay Club (Members)

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Bluebills Complimentary Lunch, Bay Club

3:30-5:00 p.m., PLCC Board Meeting, Bay Club 5:00-6:30 p.m., Final Dance Practice, Bay Club

Fri., December 13

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 55 Alive Course, Beach Club 1:00-4:00 p.m., Fine Arts Group, Bridge Deck 5:00-7:00 p.m., SBCA Cocktail Party, Bay Club (Members) 5:15 p.m., Independents Carpool to Holiday Potluck, Bay Club

Sat., December 14

9:00-11:00 a.m., LMC Board of Trustees, Beach Club (Members)

6:00 p.m., Homeowners' (HOPL) Christmas Dinner, Beach Club (Members)

6:00-10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Holiday Dinner, Bay Club (Members)

Sun., December 15

Leavenworth Snow Train Trip

Mon., December 16

10:30 a.m.-noon, PLCC Special Topics SIG, Bay Club (Members)

Tues., December 17

9:00 a.m., "Smell the Flowers" Timberton Loop Hike, Trail Head

1:00-4:00 p.m., Fly Fishers General Meeting, Bay Club

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Beach Club Update

Sally Orsborn is the Beach Club editor. Submit your articles to her by e-mail at orsborn@olympus.net or call her at 437-0670 no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

Denotes Beach Club Members Activity Only

Next LMC Trustees Board Meeting

Saturday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. Remember to Vote in December! ★

November LMC Meeting

by Sally Orsborn

Discussion about the proposed Beach Club remodel kept Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members engrossed well past noon at the November Trustees' meeting. Fourteen people raised questions. Many answers were being covered in a subsequent mailing, a November Open House and a series of planned neighborhood group meetings. Other questions concerned the plan itself. President Bill Anderson advised members that the current plan is based on financial considerations, safety upgrades and the needs of a diverse community. The plan and a time-line were both approved by the Board at previous meetings, and ballots were scheduled for mailing in early December.

Anderson strongly advised members to attend the Open House or to arrange individual tours of the building to help visualize the project before voting. With regard to the proposed \$140 (or less) yearly payment per property, he stressed that any LMC member meeting the defined Jefferson County property tax exemption level based on age and income would receive consideration on a case-by-case basis.

The Trustees approved five action items.

- 1. Marian Peterson from Admiralty II replaces Trustee Kent Foreman whose term expires in April.
- 2. A defibrillator (AED) will be purchased for use in the Club, and all staff will be trained to use it.
- 3. The annual LMC homeowner fee will rise \$9 next year to \$386.
- 4. The RV storage policy will change in 2003 to accommodate only LMC members and contract members. South Bay residents now storing vehicles will be invited to become contract members.

5. Greenbelt Guidelines were changed. The time allowed for comment on greenbelt alterations is shortened from 30 to 21 days.

In other business, Operations Chair Larry Nobles reported waiting for additional bids for renovation of the main floor bathrooms. The price is anticipated to be close to what is designated in Reserves for the project. Nobles wants a "Barefoot Testing Committee" of swimmers to try a new non-slip floor material on tile floors in locker rooms. He also reported that contractors found the game room in worse shape than anticipated. When repaired, the room will be wired for high-tech Internet access, in keeping with the intent to make more Beach Club spaces multifunctional. Nobles answered questions concerning the possibility of leasing space to the Yacht Club. (See article on page 3.)

PLA's contract with the Beach Club expires in April, so re-negotiation will have to occur if the Resort is to continue using the facility. Beach Club manager Dick Smith told about cost-cutting measures going into effect, including shortening Beach Club hours from 14 hours every day, to 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sundays. Evening member functions will continue to be staffed; however, there will be a surcharge for Resort functions. Overtime for current staff will be eliminated. Contract membership will be encouraged. Rental for the Bayview and other multipurpose rooms could be increased.

Ross Robson reported for the Greenbelts Committee (GBC) that most requests have now been resolved. He urged that those with unresolved problems, as reported in an Electronic Newsletter, come to the GBC. He was assured that LMC geenbelts were not those referred to in the newsletter.

North Bay Lot Owners November Meeting

by Sally Orsborn

Among committee reports to the North Bay Lot Owners Association (LOA) board, Jerry Purdy announced that Clean Sweep of North Bay neighborhoods was underway. Jerry expressed concern that County cutting along roadways is creating problems, clogging drainage ditches and scalping many lower trees. Jim Laker will advise the Drainage District of the problem. Dave Harris advises those with culverts to watch carefully when the County clears to forestall culvert damage. Laker also announced that trail volunteers have completed marking the proposed walking trail from Rainier to Oak Bay Road, but warned that it was rough walking.

Diane Purdy reported that when new directories are available the Welcoming Committee would deliver them to LOA newcomers. She suggested that names of new condo owners be submitted to the Voice.

Peatt Raftis is planning a Children's Christmas Party for **Saturday**, **December 21**. The Arts Group Elves will make an appearance with Santa. The November dinner dance was cancelled.

Lively discussion about the Beach Club remodel ensued following the regular meeting. The next LOA meeting is **Monday, December 2**, at 9:30 a.m. 🕸

Annual Homeowners' Christmas Dinner

by Maribeth Lambe

The annual Homeowners' (HOPL) catered Christmas dinner is set for the Beach Club on **Saturday**,

December 14, at 6:00 p.m. The Choral Belles, our own Port Ludlow group that we have enjoyed in the past, will provide entertainment.

Appetizers and wine will be served and you may choose between roasted prime rib and Parmesan crusted halibut when you make reservations at the Beach Club. There is a charge of \$25 per person, payable when reserving.

North Bay Fine Arts Group Makes Plans

by Frances Gronewald

Members of the North Bay Fine Arts Group would like to hear from interested artists as to whether there is a desire to include other art activities in addition to regularly scheduled Friday workshops. Plans for a spring Art Show and other projects will be discussed in early December at one of the Friday afternoon gatherings. Francy Gronewald will notify all current members by e-mail, and a notice will be posted at the Beach Club for others who would like to participate.

An offshoot committee of the group recently completed three life-size elves that will be dedicated to the children (of all ages) of the community. The elves made their debut at the homeowner potluck in November and will be used as Christmas decorations at the Beach Club for many years. The formal dedication to the young people of the community will take place at the Children's Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 21**. Come see them, enjoy them, but do not handle the elves, as they are somewhat fragile.



"The Elves Committee," pictured at a recent completion celebration at the Gronewald's home. They are, left to right: Back row: Harry Gronewald, Jeanne Watts, Shirley Johnston and Norm Phares; Front row: Frances Gronewald, Noble Nilsen, Betty Knutsen, Diggie Funke, Virginia Moyer and Shirley Phares; Forward Front are the elves: Herman, Boris and Scotty.

Newcomers to North Bay

Ray and Marcete Benedict Wayne and Rosalie Barber Mark and Suzanne Daymond Hugh and Anne Jenings Christopher Olson Susan Pillion John and Elizabeth Van Admiralty Condos Rainier Lane Heron Road Rainier Lane Helm Lane Goliah Lane Admiralty Condos

Will a New Village Center Owner Heed Wishes of the Community?

With the reality that an offer and counter offer on the Village Center property have been exchanged between a prospective buyer and Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), some members of the community have expressed concern about the types of businesses that might become part of our village. At the November Village Council meeting, in response to a question from the audience, Greg McCarry of PLA reminded attendees that the Development Agreement, Design Guidelines and MPR Zoning Code are legal documents that offer protection.

According to the Zoning Code, the purpose of the Master Planned Resort Village Commercial Center Zone is to provide retail and commercial uses and other services to meet the needs of Resort visitors and community residents. Other uses such as government or community offices and facilities, long-term care facilities, residential uses, and visitor services are permitted within this zone.

A review of the code reveals a vast number of allowable businesses and services, ranging from art galleries to specialty food stores, with others such as vehicle repair facilities and car washes less desirable. Hopefully any business owner would know that local support is needed to succeed. Anyone who would like a copy of the code can contact the *Voice* at *bwagnerj@olympus.net*.

Peninsula Carvers

Carve a Santa head bottle stopper with Don Merrikin on **Thursday**, **December 5**. Peninsula Carvers holds a monthly meeting/workshop the first Thursday of the month at the Bay Club from 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call Maureen Poole for more info at 437-2165.

Readers Write

On Saturday, November 9, democracy and common decency took a hit at the LMC Board of Trustees meeting. President Bill Anderson refused to allow the inclusion of an "against statement" in the voting package for the proposed remodeling of the Beach Club. All voter guides in the State of Washington contain both "For" and "Against" statements; however, the LMC Board apparently does not wish to allow any dissent.

Those of us opposing the proposed plan do so because it is not cost effective for the space gained, it ignores the desires of LMC members as expressed in the July 2001 survey, and it is based on a flawed concept—that of moving the outer walls on both floors out to encompass the decks. This makes for a bad design that may look good on computer-generated plans but provides very little increase in space for a very high cost (\$1.4 million) to be raised by assessing each LMC member \$1,300 for each lot and condo owned.

I recommend that the membership vote "no." We can have much more of what we want for much less! If the membership overwhelmingly rejects the Board's proposal, as I believe they will, I recommend that the entire LMC Board resign to allow the election of those who represent the desires of the entire membership, not just a small minority. That will bring a divided membership back together; we can quit fighting and enjoy life in our beautiful community.

Art Moyer 72 Harms Lane Port Ludlow Phone: 437-7962

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- unsubstantiated claims
- routine thank you letters
- business solicitations or complaints

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Ode to A Snowbird

(Or...Do They Know What They're Missing?)

by Phil Norwine

The snowbird is a fickle fowl.

Not so sturdy as the owl.

When the weather turns to mush

And finches flee and warblers hush...

He's the bird who's yearly planned To migrate where the climate's grand. He leaves us all to persevere Bereft of sun until next year.

These snowbirds get our fall attentions As they flee...their names get mentions Where'd they go we stop to wonder, Phoenix, Cal. or way Down Under.

We miss them when they disappear To far locales, dispelling fear Of frigid cold and clammy breeze Which spoils the golf and frosts the trees...

These folks desert a shuttered house Left to spider, moth and mouse. All dark and lonesome none to hear us. Gone's their joy that used to cheer us.

Winds which sweep the leaves of autumn Fill their yards though they'd not sought 'em. Cedars droop with icy fingers Chimney whisps of gray smoke lingers.

It's wonderful to ease the mind, But look at what they've left behind. We don't just quit and snuggle down It's party time...get out your gown.

We plan for cozy wintry cruises. Dinners and balls between our snoozes. Thanksgiving comes and Christmas too There's just so many things to do.

They miss the crackling cedar blaze The hearth that warms on snowy days And arts will flourish here in town Where weather seldom brings a frown.

The hikers hike, the bikers bike There's nothing one can't find to like. The birders look, the gourmets cook. And we have time to read a book.

With thermostats adjusted up Grog replaces coffee cup Hearths are warmed by summer logs And mists turn into winter fogs. They miss the programs, balls and parties Musicals, and hikes for hearties.
Gardens get a veil of snow:
Takes more than that to stop the show.

Nature paints in blazing shades Forests, hills and valley glades Rain falls softly on the scene Underneath it's all still green.

Snowy Cascades await the morn Where oft times brilliant reds adorn. In gusty winds bay waters roll. These sights each morning move the soul.

The snowbird is the fowl I mention, Gone from North's more frigid tension But with the warmth when they've returned They'll hear of all the fun they spurned.

Home away from home's the way Living here and there they say. But feelings come one has to face You don't belong in either place.

Salute now those who leave their bases, Fleeing off to other places. But they'll return from habitual reason Not knowing what they missed last season.

The Roving Players

Dad Gilbreth, one of the great pioneers of industrial efficiency, decides to apply his unorthodox timesaving methods to his large and unique family. He charges ahead with his organizational ideas which include a demonstration of how to take a really efficient bath, charts to initial after completing household tasks, and a utilities officer to levy fines on wasters of electricity. His oldest daughter rebels and a contest of wills culminates in a moving scene as Dad explains what his devises are all about!

Yes, the play is *Cheaper by the Dozen*, and the Roving Players will be presenting it at the Indianola Clubhouse from **Friday, December 6 through 21**, with Friday dinner theaters, Saturday matinees and evening performances and Sunday brunches. For times and ticket information call 360-297-4751. In addition, the menu selection can be seen on the website: *www.rovingplayers.org*.

Bay Club Update

Janet Force is the Bay Club editor. Submit your articles to her by e-mail at j&d@waypt.com or call her at 437-0419 no later than the 10th of the preceding month. For information, call Linda Colasurdo at 437-2208.

♣ Denotes Bay Club Members Only Activity

SBCA Highlights

by Tom Murray, Association President

The big news for South Bay Community Association (SBCA) members and all residents of Port Ludlow is the capitulation of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) in their efforts to establish "The Club at Ludlow Bay." In military parlance "The battle may be won but the armistice hasn't been signed yet, which leaves us in a somewhat uneasy truce situation," so let us proceed with guarded optimism.

With 400 plus houses still to be built in the South Bay, it is vitally important that we have a continuing dialogue with the Developer and if possible an open and trustworthy one. Historically, or at least for the last five years that I have been on the Board, we have had just that and I can't wait to get back to such a relationship. Let's face it; we both need each other, so it behooves us to go back and cooperate wherever we can. Together we can make Port Ludlow the jewel we all know it can become.

On other matters, we are still working on some view and obstruction problems and the Architectural Review Committees (ARC) both at the Village and Board levels deserve our sincere thanks. Well done, all of you!

Your Board has approved a letter of invitation to be sent to homeowners on Ludlow Bay Road inviting them to become Associate Members of our Club. This fills in the blanks so to speak, as members surround them geographically and several have expressed an interest in joining.

Several Items

- 1. Our budget looks good.
- 2. We have approved \$3,000 for fertilizer and mulch around the Club.
- 3. We have new equipment in the exercise room.
- 4. We will refinish the auditorium floor.
- 5. We will purchase six new umbrellas and tables for the patio.

Next SBCA Board Meeting

4th Fridays 9:00 a.m. All SBCA members are welcome.

- 6. We are looking at making our present meeting rooms more user friendly by soundproofing them so that meetings can be simultaneously conducted in adjacent rooms.
- 7. We now have 434 dues-paying units subscribing.

By the time you read this the Christmas season will be upon us, so don't forget to subscribe to our Gift Tree, soon to be installed in the lobby.

The Club will be closed from noon Christmas Eve until 7:30 a.m. December 26.

Get Fit!

SBCA members asked for them, and they are here! A new "Power Block Free Weight System" with adjustable bench and a new treadmill (now a total of three) have been added to the workout and exercise equipment at the Bay Club. With winter approaching, it's a sure thing that you'll want to switch to indoor workouts. So stop by, check out the equipment, and get a training lesson if you are new to any of the equipment. You may want to make a note of opportune times to use the equipment: Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as most anytime Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Deck the Halls

Many elves make light work. The Bay Club will need many, many elves (members) to assist in decorating on Wednesday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our new decorations will make the task easier than previous years, and cookies will be provided. We need ladder climbers, light testers, ornament arrangers and Jacks and Jills of all trades. Call Linda Colasurdo to volunteer at 437-2208.

Free Spirits

The excitement of the holidays is already filtering into our lives and the Free Spirits' holiday season celebration promises to add even more. On **Saturday**,

December 14, we will join together in a beautiful and festive evening that will include a prime rib dinner and a return engagement by the well-known Victorian Singers of Port Townsend. So, from 6:00–10:00 p.m. we will be eating, drinking, laughing, talking, enjoying old friends and being entertained! You won't want to miss it! Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Cutoff date is **Friday, December 6**.

The next Free Spirits event will be **Saturday**, **February 15**. Mark your calendars! **≜**

Bay Club Tree Lighting!

Watch as the Holiday lights at the Bay Club are illuminated for our "official" ceremony! On **Thursday**, **December 5**, we'll savor the labors of our talented elves, share a Wassail Bowl, cookies, and a sing-a-long. Festivities will run from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a special performance by the Choral Belles. Join our new tradition of getting the season off to a great start.

Bay Club Coffee Klatch

Hankering for a donut? Join SBCA members at our monthly Coffee Klatch on **Thursday, December 12**, from 9:00–10:30 a.m. Enjoy our new holiday decorations and scintillating conversation with your neighbors. **≜**

SBCA Member Cocktail Party

Get in the holiday spirit at our monthly cocktail party. Meet friends old and new, and enjoy a wonderful array of appetizers brought by the talented cooks in the community. The "lucky" date is **Friday, December 13**, at 5:00 p.m. The Club will be aglow with lights and decorations, so plan on being there. Member cocktail parties are for SBCA residents and houseguests only.

South Bay New Neighbors

Please welcome:

Susan Corcoran

Arlene Daulton

Velma and Mike Farrar

Dinah and Gary Kornish

Ludlow Point Village I

Ludlow Point Village I

Inner Harbor Village

Timberton Vil-

lage

Sue and Kevin Ryan Ludlow Point Village I Jeanna Miller Teal Lake Village

Correction: Last month we introduced Ludlow Bay Road newcomer George Miller but not his wife Noele. Welcome to her as well!

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Wed., December 18

8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists League, Bay Club 5:00 p.m., Hiking Club Christmas Party, Beach Club

Thurs., December 19

9:00 a.m.-noon, PLVC Workshop, Bay Club 3:00 p.m., Bowling and Dinner in area, All Star Lanes, Silverdale

Fri., December 20

9:00-11:00 a.m., SBCA ARC Review Committee, Bay Club 1:00-4:00 p.m., Fine Arts Group, Bridge Deck

Sat., December 21

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Children's Christmas Party, Beach Club 6:00-8:00 p.m., Holiday on the Docks, Marina

Mon., December 23

10:30 a.m.-noon, PLCC Photo SIG, Bay Club (Members) 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Teal Lake Village Board Meeting, Bay Club

Tues., December 24

Bay Club Closes for General Use from noon until December 26

Wed., December 25

Merry Christmas! Bay Club Closed Beach Club Closed

Fri., December 27

9:00-11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting, Bay Club

Tues., December 31

Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at masonr@waypt.com by the 10th of the preceding month.

The Northwoods—a Musical Gift for the Whole Family!

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg

It's a Port Ludlow tradition—a holiday concert presented in the beautifully decorated Bay Club—spiced with the aromas of cinnamon and cloves in a bubbling wassail. On **Sunday, December 8**, at 2:00 p.m., the Arts Council presents the Northwoods Wind Quintet performing a wide variety of musical styles and composers with a nod to Tschaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Members of the ensemble are full-time career musicians who have performed in principal positions with the Seattle Symphony, Northwest Chamber Orchestra, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Opera and the Fifth Avenue and Paramount Theater Orchestras.

Since 1976, the uniquely versatile Northwoods musicians



have maintained a serious commitment to showing audiences of all ages how much fun classical music can be. The imaginative group has specialized in Arts in Education programs throughout Washington State, mesmerizing over a million students K-12. They participated

in inaugural festivities at Benaroya Hall—including four sold-out performances of the first ever Kids' Day concerts and this year's premier programs in the new Seattle Symphony Tiny Tots series. This is a perfect opportunity

for you to expose your children and grandchildren to a musical treat.

Members of the Northwoods include: Phyllis McDaniel, flute, member and co-manager of the Northwoods Wind Quintet since 1974; Ove Hanson, oboe, a highly respected teacher and performer in the Seattle area for two decades; Larey McDaniel, clarinet, co-manager of the Northwoods Quintet and principal bass clarinetist with the Seattle Symphony; Mona Butler, bassoon, principal bassoonist of the Pacific Northwest Ballet and Auburn Symphony Orchestras; and Rodger Burnett, French horn, principal horn of the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra, Northwest Chamber Orchestra and the Auburn Symphony.

For their Port Ludlow holiday concert, the Northwoods will present a wide variety of musical styles and composers including Joplin, Beethoven, Mozart, PDQ Bach, Tschaikovsky and Liadov—plus carols from Russia and France.

A perfect family event for you, your children and grand-children—with something for everyone. Tickets are \$7.50 for children under twelve accompanied by an adult, \$15 for adults. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. for seat selection and beverages. Curtain is at 2:00 p.m. Wassail and cookies will be served at intermission.

Port Ludlow Community Church Choir Invites You

When planning your holiday activities, consider including a time to celebrate the hope of Christmas through inspirational music. The Port Ludlow Community Church Choir will be offering *Emmanuel*, *Hope of Our Hearts*, a special musical experience, on **Sunday, December 15**, during the 10:00 a.m. service and again at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 9535 Oak Bay Road on the hill above the Village Center. For additional information, call 437-0145.

Winter Solstice and Jazz at The Bluff

This event at Turtle Bluff II on Marrowstone Island on **Sunday, December 15**, 2:00 p.m., traditionally involves Chuck Easton and his trio—George Radebaugh, piano, and Rex Rick, trombone. Joining them this year will be saxophonist Willy Ingersoll who has been a Turtle Bluff Orchestra scholarship winner for five years.

Each year Turtle Bluff optimistically builds a humongous bonfire in the field behind the house, and each year they run into a problem trying to light it! Once there was a tremendous storm, another time, the tarp blew off and the wood got soaked. This is the year they will make it all work!

The afternoon event includes wine and elegant hors d'oeuvres with a \$25 donation to the Turtle Bluff Orchestra Scholarship Fund. For further information, call 385-3626 or check the website www.olympus.net/community/trtlbluf/trtlbluf.htm.

P.S. Guests in town for the holidays, or do you just need a respite from holiday overload? Don't forget the weekly Coffee Concerts given at Turtle Bluff each Monday and Tuesday from 9:30–11:30 a.m. presided over by concert pianist Gwendolyn Moore in her gracious home across from Mystery Bay at 5162 Flagler Road on Marrowstone Island. You can relax to beautiful classical piano music with interesting commentary included. The holiday season usually includes a guest artist or two so call ahead to 385-3626 and get the program. The \$7 admission includes refreshments.

Christmas Sing-Along

On **Saturday, December 14**, at 7:30 p.m., the Bremerton Symphony Concert Chorale will join the orchestra for an evening of traditional sing-along music. Music Director/Orchestra Conductor Robert Wingert and Concert Chorale Conductor Joel Skellie will share the stage. The concert will be held at the Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$18 for adults and seniors, and \$8 for youths. A family of four can attend for \$25. Photos with Santa will be available from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Just prior to the concert, Bremerton High School Knights' Catering will be serving dinner to concert ticket holders. The deadline to make dinner reservations is **Monday, December 2**, and for prices and menu selection please call 360-373-1722 or e-mail *symphony@symphonic.org*.

Community Orchestra's 15th Season

Port Townsend Community Orchestra provides dedicated instrumental musicians an opportunity to perform in concerts that are free to the community. It is now over 50 volunteer members strong—of all ages and levels of expertise. The orchestra enthusiastically welcomes new members. Call Dewey Ehling at 360-457-0572 or Karl Perry at 437-2559. Their new web site is www.olympus. net/community/ptorchestra.

This will be Dewey Ehling's eighth season with the orchestra. He lives in Port Angeles where he also conducts the acclaimed Peninsula Chamber Singers.

The orchestra's holiday concert will be performed on **Saturday, December 7**, 7:30 p.m. at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. The program for the evening includes *Overture and Wedding March* by Mendelssohn, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas with narration by Dave Speck, March of the Siamese Children from The King and I, Danse of the Miriltons by Tchaikovsky, Tubby the Tuba

Community Chorus Christmas Concert

The long established (20 plus years) and popular Port Townsend/East Jefferson County Community Chorus is currently under the direction of the multi-talented Adam Burdick. With a Master of Music in Choral Conducting, he also directs the Port Angeles Community Chorus and the Victorian Chamber Singers as well as teaching at Peninsula College.

The Chorus' traditional Christmas concerts this year will include music to please every taste. The carols range from the 16th century (sung in Latin) to the 20th, and include a Spanish, a French and three Belgian carols. The program concludes with a selection of popular music of the season sung in English.

This year the concerts will be held on **Friday, December 6**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Port Townsend Presbyterian Church and on **Sunday, December 8**, at 3:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Chimacum. Ticket prices are \$6 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For information, call 385-6299.

Wild Rose Chorale's Christmas

The Wild Rose Chorale's Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 15**, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend promises to be a community affair combining singers of all ages. Highlighting the concert is the Nigerian Christmas song, *Be-te-le-he-mu*, in which the Chorale is joined by other singers from the community. In what has become tradition for the holiday performance, two young peoples' groups, the Port Townsend Youth Chorus and the Port Townsend Vocal Ensemble, also join the Wild Rose.

This family-oriented concert features holiday favorites such as a jazzed-up version of *O Christmas Tree*, the traditional carol, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, the debut of a new work by Port Townsend composer Chris Hawley, and other pieces with an international flavor. Piano and drums figure prominently in the Christmas repertoire. For more information, call 385-1402.

Sing-Along Messiah

Christmas is drawing near, and it's time to listen to, and perhaps join in singing Handel's great music. On **Sunday, December 22**, at 3:00 p.m., the choir of Faith Lutheran Church in Kingston will be sponsoring a sing-along of this traditional Christmas music. The Bremerton Symphony Chorale will provide some soloists and musicians, and anyone who loves to sing (or to listen) is invited to attend and join the happy chorus. Parts I and II, which include the Hallelujah Chorus, will be sung.

No rehearsal is required, but if you want to brush up, you can go to the church any Sunday from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Bring your own score or purchase one from the church. For driving directions or for any questions, call Jack or Barbe Kaelberer at 437-9424.

Small Expressions Show

Think small! This juried fine arts and craft show and sale will be open to the public through **Sunday**, **December 29**, at the Jefferson Arts Alliance Center in Port Townsend. You'll find jewelry, cards, sculpture, ceramics, paintings and more, as well as small (less than 14 inches in any dimension) original works of art. Over 65 local artists and craftsmen are participating in this event. For further information, please contact the Center at 379-1086 or e-mail Kate Dwyer at *kate@katedwyer.net*.

The Crazy Quilt Club Postponed not Cancelled

by Peggy Smith

The two weeks before a play finally meets the audience are always "crunch time." It's a fact of backstage life and it always happens. Adrenaline begins to flow, tempers become short, a sort of panic settles in on the entire cast. Which is good...it means everyone will be giving one hundred and ten percent right up to show time and right on through the play's run.

But...it also means that the director must be at the top of his/her game, and this autumn I haven't been. The first two days of "crunch" told me that, given my wobbly state of health, I wouldn't be able to sustain my energy and my enthusiasm for those crucial two weeks before performances. It would have been unfair to me, unfair to the cast, and, importantly, unfair to you, our audiences!

So *The Crazy Quilt Club* has been postponed until **Friday–Sunday, May 16, 17 and 18**. Ticket money was returned, posters and props were stored away until spring. So we'll put *Quilt* on the shelf during the bleak midwinter months, gear up again in March, and what a show we'll have ready for all of you in May. Don't miss it!

This article would be incomplete if I didn't express my appreciation for the many tokens of love and caring that I've received since my cancer diagnosis. Your notes, cards, flowers, food, and offers of rides to and from the ferry have proven that Port Ludlow is indeed a community of people who care. Your thoughtfulness has been overwhelming and humbling...I thank you all.

Holiday Presentation at the Jewel Box

The Jewel Box Theatre in Poulsbo presents their second annual holiday production, *A Jewel Box Christmas*, on **Friday and Saturday evenings, December 6, 7, 13 and 14**, at 7:30 p.m. This holiday entertainment for the whole family features songs and stories of the season, both familiar and unfamiliar, along with a few surprises. To top off the evening, cast and audience alike will adjourn to the lobby after the show for hot spiced cider and cookies and a round of carol singing. Admission is "Pay What You Wish," but a non-perishable food item for Fishline, Poulsbo's food bank, is requested. For information call 360-779-6946. The website is *www.jewelboxtheatre.org*.

Performing Arts Calendar

December, 2002

Friday, December 6

Port Townsend/East Jefferson County Community Chorus' Christmas concert, Port Townsend Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m., 385-6299.

Friday & Saturday, December 6 & 7, 13 & 14

A Jewel Box Christmas, holiday entertainment for the whole family with songs, stories, carol singing and refreshments, Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 7:30 p.m., 360-779-6946, www. jewelboxtheatre.org.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22

Roving Players present *Cheaper by the Dozen* at the Indianola Clubhouse, Fridays, 6:00 p.m. for dinner seating, 7:30 p.m. curtain, Saturday matinees, 2:00 p.m. curtain, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. curtain, Sundays, 12:30 p.m. for brunch seating, 2:00 p.m. curtain, 360-297-4751, *www.rovingplayers.org*.

Saturday, December 7

Port Townsend Community Orchestra's holiday concert, Chimacum High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., 437-2559, www. olympus.net/community/ptorchestra.

Sunday, December 8

Classic Pops and Popular Classics, a musical gift offered by the Northwoods Wind Quintet and presented by the Port Ludlow Arts Council, 2:00 p.m., the Bay Club, 437-2208.

Sunday, December 8

Port Townsend/East Jefferson County Community Chorus' Christmas concert, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Chimacum, 3:00 p.m., 385-6299.

Wednesday, December 11

Meet the von Trapp children, descendants of the famous singing family whose story captivated the world in *The Sound of Music*. They have inherited the family's unique musical gift and share it in this performance, *von Trapp Children Family Christmas*, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, *admiraltheatre.org*.

Saturday, December 14

Bremerton Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorale offer a Christmas sing-along of traditional music, Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. 360-373-1722, *symphony@symphonic.org*. (You can order dinner for before the concert.)

Saturday, December 14

The Port Angeles Symphony invites us to its festive holiday concert featuring a cast of soloists and the Peninsula Chamber Singers performing the most loved portions of Handel's *Messiah* and *Prayers from the Ark* by Theron Kirk, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, dress rehearsal, 10:00 a.m., pre-concert chat, 6:45 p.m., concert, 7:30 p.m., 360-457-5579, www. olypen.com/pasymphony.

Sunday, December 15

Port Ludlow Community Church Choir invites all to *Emmanuel, Hope of Our Hearts*, a special Christmas musical experience at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., 9535 Oak Bay Road, 437-0145.

Sunday, December 15

Chuck Easton and his Trio perform for Winter Solstice and Jazz at the Bluff, a benefit for the Turtle Bluff Orchestra Scholarship Fund, Turtle Bluff II, Marrowstone Island, 2:00 p.m., 385-3626, www. olympus.net/community/trtlbluf/trtlbluf.htm.

Sunday, December 15

Youth Music Fund Scholarship concert with the Wild Rose Chorale, superb *a cappella* singers, 4:00 p.m., The Upstage, Port Townsend, *innkeeper4u@cablespeed.com*.

Sunday, December 15

Wild Rose Chorale's concert featuring the Nigerian Christmas song, *Be-te-le-he-mu*, with piano and drums, First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, 7:00 p.m., 385-1402.

Thursday, December 19

Come see the region's most talented, entertaining, local performers in this fourth annual holiday event, *Sounds of the Season*, in a fast-paced variety show format, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, *admiraltheatre.org*

Friday, December 20

Lively rhythms and melodies have made the music of Prohibition Jazz Band grow in popularity, Collective Visions Gallery, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-377-8327.

Sunday, December 22

The choir of Faith Lutheran Church, Kingston, is sponsoring a sing-along *Messiah*, *Parts I and II*, with some soloists and musicians from the Bremerton Symphony to round out the sound, 3:00 p.m., 437-9424.

Auditions for *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon

The Roving Players will be auditioning for roles in the popular play *The Odd Couple* at the Indianola Clubhouse on **Monday and Tuesday, December 9 and 10**, from 7:00–9:00 p.m. The production dates are **Friday, February 14**, **through Sunday, March 2**. Needed: 6 men and 2 women.

Simon's hilarious script about the confrontation between an ultimate fussbudget and a genial slob powered the 1965 play, starring Art Carney and Walter Matthau, to multiple Tony Awards, and fueled the hit 1968 movie which in turn spawned the long-running television show with Tony Randall and Jack Klugman.

For further information, call Ken Stephens at 360-779-1998.

Port Ludlow Associates

Club Program Update

by Greg McCarry

PLA recently announced that it has withdrawn the Club at Ludlow Bay program. For the immediate future, PLA's focus will be on the Golf Course where the most critical improvements are needed. Our goals are as follows:

- Provide a sustainable golf membership program that is fiscally sound and supports short and long-term capital needs of a high-quality golf facility.
- 2. Provide for replacement and/or expansion of the existing Pro Shop.
- 3. Provide an attractive and supportable program for existing and future members.
- 4. Not burden members with the possibility of assessments

I have met with a number of Golf Club members individually and in a group to learn of their interests and concerns. I will continue to meet with interested members for about three months. If you are a golfer and wish to express your views, please contact me at 437-8337.

New memberships for golfers will continue to be available under the existing Golf Club program that has been in place since October 1995.

Development Activity

A new townhome building will soon be under construction at Ludlow Bay Village. The job first begins with pile driving to support a foundation. The next building will have five dwellings. Immediately after starting the new building PLA plans another two-unit building to complete construction on the eastern shoreline.

An offer has been received by PLA for the purchase of the Village Center. The terms and conditions have been countered to the prospective purchaser. As of this writing no agreement has been finalized.

Resort Holiday Events

The holidays are quickly approaching and The Resort is ready to celebrate! The Harbormaster will be open on Christmas Day for breakfast and lunch and will feature a special dinner menu from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Wreckroom Lounge will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Fireside will be closed that day.

The New Year's celebration this year is being held in the Ludlow Room at the Conference Center, with live music by "Never Been to Utah." A special buffet will be available at the Harbormaster for the same price as last year, at \$50 per person, which includes admission to the celebration. Tickets to the event are available also without dinner for \$18 per person. That includes hors d'oeuvres, party favors, live music and dancing, and a champagne toast at midnight.

The Resort will offer Getaway packages including room, champagne, gift basket, dinner, and breakfast on New Year's day and admission to the New Year's Eve celebration. For those staying at the Inn, a special four-course dinner will be offered with an Inn package. New Year's day will feature college football bowl games at the Wreckroom Lounge with specials and fun.

The Harbormaster recently introduced Early Dining Specials from 5:00–7:00 p.m. every weekday night. Each evening features a different entrée for just \$9.95 per person (except Thursday prime rib at \$10.95 per person). Additionally, Happy Hour is now featured during the same two-hour period at the Harbormaster's Wreckroom Lounge and the Inn's Fireside Room. Even with fall and winter upon us, live music continues with Baila Dworsky performing every Friday night in the Wreckroom Lounge at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch at the Harbormaster is also available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. New menus are now available at both restaurants. Both the Inn and the Harbormaster feature friendlier pricing and new choices. Come out and see if you like the changes.

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

With the holidays fast approaching, and the end of the year so near, I wanted to take time to thank the Marina tenants for mooring your boat at Port Ludlow. The Marina staff and I appreciate your business and hope that we will have the privilege of working with you for many years to come. I would also like to thank you for your kind words of encouragement in regards to my recent promotion to Marina Manager.

The Marina experienced an impressive guest moorage year, with more visiting yacht clubs than any other season. We had a total of 35 visiting yacht clubs! The clubs came from all over the Puget Sound and beyond—from as close as Sequim and Port Townsend, to as far away as Portland and Ellensburg. They all picked Port Ludlow for their destination cruise.

We are anticipating a new shipment of clothing to arrive mid-December. New logo sweatshirts, hats, and long sleeve polos. Our Gear clothing line would make for a great present under the tree.

I would like to announce that the 2003 moorage rates will be remaining the same as 2002. We will also continue with a similar annual prepay option. We are looking forward to an eventful 2003 year. We hope to see you **Saturday, December 21**, for our seventh annual Holidays on the Docks.

From the Marina staff, best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.

May all your crossings be smooth!





Coast Guard Auxiliary

by John Reseck

With the New Year approaching like a high-speed ferry, the Port Ludlow Coast Guard Auxiliary unit is setting some new goals for 2003: more boating classes, more on-the-water patrols, and more general boating safety education for our younger generation.

In 2002 the Port Ludlow unit worked with 400 third and fourth graders on water safety. In the coming year we will strive to increase that number by at least 50 percent.

Our public education classes will be coordinated with the Port Townsend unit for the first time, so we will not be duplicating our efforts. Port Townsend will teach "basic boating" classes in January and February at the Wooden Boat School, and Port Ludlow will teach "navigation" classes in March, April and May at the Bay Club. Port Townsend will also teach "fundamentals of sailing" in the spring.

As always, Port Ludlow will teach the eight-hour "Boating Safely" class at any time, anywhere a group of six or more people wants it. So get your group together and give us a call at 437-9888 to have a class set up for you. Works great for scouts, church groups, clubs, etc. The "How to" boating classes will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like to become one of "America's Volunteer Life Savers" call 437-0351 for membership information and join the fun. Visit our website at www.uscgaux. org/~1300401.

Aids to Navigation "How to" Boating Topic

The Coast Guard Auxiliary's "How to" boating classes continue on **Wednesday, December 4**, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. "How to Identify Aids to Navigation" will cover protection of ATONs, buoyage systems, waterway marks, how waterways are marked, light characteristics, chart symbols, light structures, electronic aids to navigation, and navigation publications. The cost for the class is \$7. To register call David Aho at 437-9888.

Port Ludlow Paddlers

by John Reseck

Winter is the time that tries the gumption of kayakers' souls, (at least in the Northwest). Only the most hardy and committed are found out on the water when the water temperature drops below 45 degrees, the air temperature drops below 40 degrees, and wind is lurking beyond the point. But Port Ludlow has a bunch of these intrepid souls. Our group has grown well beyond the capacity of our Marina dock to hold all the boats, so we are expanding to Port Hadlock. A new kayak rack for eight boats was just constructed by the Port Hadlock Yacht Club and will soon be filled with boats of the Port Ludlow Paddlers.

We have used up all of our planned trips except the Baja paddle in April so it is time for us to have our semi-annual meeting and create an exciting year of paddle trips for 2003. If you are interested in helping plan our next year's paddles, join us on **Monday, December 9,** 7:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. If you would like to join us, call 437-0351 and you will be placed on our e-mail information list and be one of the informed.

Wooden Boat Building

by Danille A. Turissini

The Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building is accepting enrollments for its Winter Community Woodworking and Boat Building Program at the Port Hadlock Heritage Campus. The program, which will commence in early January 2003, is open to all adults, ages 18 and older. For information regarding registration, schedules, offerings, and tuition, please contact the school at 385-4948 or visit its Glen Cove Campus, 251 Otto Street, Port Townsend (one block east of Route 20 on the Quimper Peninsula).

For more information about the boat school and its year-round offerings, please visit http://nwboatschool.org. A winter catalog listing the boat school's full slate of classes and seminars is available. The Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building is a non-profit, accredited institution specializing in fine wooden boat building and the traditional arts and crafts of the sea.

Modern Vaudeville Plays the Bay Club

Seattle theater comes to Port Ludlow on the afternoon of **Sunday, January 26**, at 2:00 p.m., when Seattle Mime Theatre (SMT) brings their modern vaudevillian performance to the Bay Club. Sponsored by Performing Arts at Port Ludlow, the Arts Council's popular musical series, this show will encompass the very best of slapstick comedy, dance, mime and even improvisational storytelling. SMT is world famous and a regional gem. Their verbal wit convulses audiences with laughter. Their amazing physical skill is eye-popping and mind-boggling. Don't let the mime word scare you. This is great stuff.

Preview of Coming Events

- Water Color for Beginners. Grace Easterbrook will instruct a six-session art class beginning **Thursday**,
 January 9. If interested, call 437-2208 to see if openings remain.
- Finding a Caregiver. Tuesday, February 4, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Helen Adams will address this subject.
 Watch for details in the January *Voice*.
- Mardi Gras Party, Tuesday, March 4. Watch for details.
- Music on the Green, Sunday, July 27. A Village Tradition!
- Gems or Junk, Saturday, October 18. Back by popular request!

Snow Train to Leavenworth is Leaving the Station

If this fantastic holiday trip has been on your mind, check

with Maureen Poole at 437-2165 for last-minute tickets. We're off to Kingston, catch the ferry to Edmonds, and then pick up our chartered train for a fun day in Leavenworth, on **Sunday, December 15.** We're 45 fun seekers—look out Leavenworth!

Tide Timber Trail

PROspectives

by Dave Ramsay



Winter is fast approaching, and many members and guests are starting to think about their holiday shopping list. For those who have not yet heard, the Members' Balloon Sale will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday**,

December 3. We'll have the same

sale all day long for the public on the following day, **Wednesday, December 4**. Almost every item in the shop will be discounted (members get their regular markdown, and the public will receive 20 percent off), and each balloon will have an extra savings percentage to apply to your purchase, from 10 percent off to free! It's a great way to stretch your dollar for all the shopping you may be planning! If there are any questions, please call us at 437-0272.

The golf maintenance staff is continuing the task of winterizing the course. Last month I mentioned the process of tree thinning that will help maintain the course properly. This practice helps us improve visibility and playability, and will facilitate better sunlight and airflow for healthier turf growth. The crew is also still securing rubber matting to all wooden railroad tie steps. This project will continue through the next couple months until completion. Looking far ahead to the spring season, we will be putting in extra time on all landscaped areas near the tees and greens, and we will be sure to bring back the wildflowers that give the course so much extra color. Along with these new season projects, we are planning a schedule for Greens Committee meetings, so course staff and members can communicate course concerns effectively.

I'm very happy to announce that Sheila Hoselton, who has been working in various capacities of the food and beverage industry for over 20 years, will now supervise Niblick's deli. She is very enthusiastic about the potential of the restaurant, and we are committed to bringing in some new ideas and items for our members and guests. Please help by providing us with your feedback over the next few months!

Lastly, we are now accepting new memberships again

under the existing plan. Initiation fees are \$5,000 for a couple and \$3,000 for a single. Starting in January, monthly dues will be set at \$231 for a couple and \$152 for a single. Membership entitles one to unlimited free golf, preferred tee times, and discounts on cart rental, guest fees, merchandise, lessons, and Niblick's food and beverages. Please call me at the Golf Course if you have any other questions about the cost or benefits of membership.

Rules of Golf by Dave

It's not uncommon to see a player exchange one golf ball for another when he is going to putt. Usually it's because he has a particular affinity or "feel" for that particular ball and prefers to putt with it. Or perhaps it's simple superstition. Whatever the reason, this practice is not allowed in formal play. The Rules state that, during the play of a hole, the only reason a player may exchange a ball is if the one being used is sufficiently damaged (i.e., visibly cut, cracked, or misshapen). If a player believes his ball to be unfit for play, he must announce his intention to his opponents or fellow competitors, mark the original position of the ball in question, pick up the ball (but not clean it), and allow the other players to examine it for defects. Upon agreement that the ball is unfit for play, the player may substitute another ball at his mark and continue play without penalty.

Men's Golf Association

by Ray Carlson, President, PLMGA

As the Club at Ludlow Bay has been pulled off the table, the Men's Club will begin planning for 2003. Dick Swindler and Tom Smith are the Nominating Committee and will screen applicants for next year's Board. If you desire to run for a position on the Board, contact Dick at 437-0479, or Tom at 437-0759. We hope to hold elections before **Wednesday, January 1**. Check bulletin board and Pro Shop for information.

Don't forget Wednesday's play (Pro's Pick) is open to anyone with a valid handicap card.

Happy Holidays!

Women's Golf Association

by Sally Grything

The 18-Hole Ladies closed out the 2002 season on Wednesday, October 23, with an Awards Luncheon at the Bay Club. Decorating each table were tee prizes of wineglasses, each with a unique charm made by Norma Hartley. After opening comments by Captain Lucinda Thompson and the Treasurer's Report, the presentation of awards began. Carol Katuzny announced that Shirley Purcell had the most birdies during the year, followed by Carol Katuzny, Lucinda Thompson and Barbara Adams. They all got to select glass birdies to take home. Pat Berg announced that the low gross Eclectic winners were Lucinda Thompson with a 71 and Barbara Adams and Shirley Purcell, each with a 75. Low net winners were Grace Allen with 48 and Mea Graham with a 50. Flora May Bradley announced the ten most improved players over the year, with Susan Wright being the most improved of all.

Lucinda Thompson, after being runner-up for two years in a row, claimed the silver bowl as our Club Champion. Val Durling, also a runner-up last year for the Captain's Cup, claimed it as winner this year. Lucinda Thompson, as outgoing Captain, received a crystal decanter to add to her collection and Norma Hartley was recognized for all her hard work and generosity on behalf of the club.

New officers elected for 2003 were Barbara Adams, Captain; Mea Graham, Co-Captain; Nancy Cooper, Secretary; Cathie Hampton, Treasurer and Lucinda Thompson, Member At Large. At the conclusion of the meeting, Lucinda reminded everyone that there would be sign-up sheets each week for tee times so don't put those clubs away.

Nifty Niners End Year with Flourish

by Peggy Scarborough

Our play days wrapped up with a "grand flourish." The Captain's lunch at the Belmont was a very pleasant affair—good company and good food—an excellent opportunity to thank Betty Quisenberry for a great year under her leadership. The Mystery Bus/Dinner evening was fantastic. After a bus ride we found ourselves at the C'est Si Bon restaurant. The food and atmosphere were superb. Awards were given to Nora Darcy for Captain's Cup and Loretta Close for the Eclectic. Our Couple's Golf that afternoon was

Eating Around Flagship Grill, A Pleasant Surprise!

by Mark McKibbon



Driving along Oak Bay Road and seeing a new sign "Flagship Grill" near the old Alcohol Plant (now the Inn at Port Hadlock), finally piqued my curiosity enough to investigate.

Friday and Saturday nights feature Angus certified prime rib accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables, which I couldn't resist. They start roasting

the beef early in the morning on a slow course to tender perfection. This was the best; it was excellent. My wife ordered baked halibut with a light cheese sauce. Chef Dave cooked the moist and flaky halibut delectably. It was served with rice pilaf and sautéed vegetables. The cheese sauce was not overbearing and was light enough to add, rather than detract, from the meal. Dinner prices range from around \$13 up. The prime rib was \$13.95 for a 10-oz. serving and included a green salad; the halibut was \$14.50, salad extra.

After that dining experience we went back for more. It became apparent that the new owners, Casey and Susan McKinney, were sticklers for consistency. Each time we received the same quality meal.

This continuing excellence resulted in our social group holding its annual banquet here. 60 of us had our choice of prime rib or halibut, and the meals served were every bit as good as our previous ones. The Flagship Grill is not your old Alcohol Plant fare! If you haven't already given in to the temptation of a new name and new owners, you should. The friendly service, great food and reasonable menu prices will pleasantly surprise you.

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Residents of the Port Ludlow community who wish to get rid of any furniture, curtains, pictures, etc. are asked to contact Peatt Raftis who has volunteered her design services to Habitat for Humanity. Two new homes have been completed in Irondale, and Peatt will be working with the recipients to see what they have and helping them fill in the gaps to make their new homes the best they can be. It's the perfect time to give the less fortunate something special, and any residents who would like to clear out some clutter before the holidays are urged to give her a call at 437-8092. Donations are tax deductible.

Peatt will be happy to pick items up to determine if they could be put to good use for these families. She hopes to have both homes completed before Christmas. Any items that can't be used in the Habitat homes will be delivered to their thrift store in Port Townsend.

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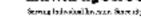


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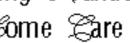
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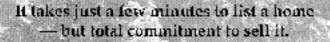
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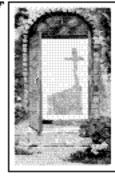
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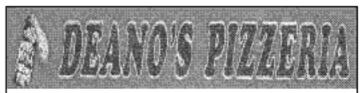




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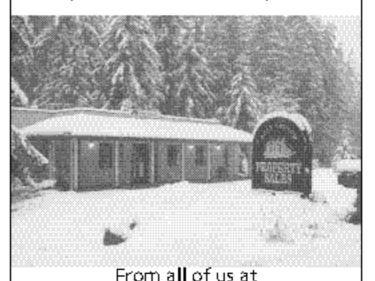
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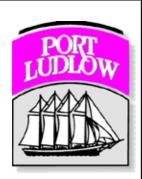
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