

# RANCH CHATTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we move into the decade of the seventies it becomes necessary that we deviate, at least temporarily, from our long continuing story of a bygone era which hopefully was of more than passing interest to our members. Thus, let us now part the curtain for a preview of tomorrow instead of reading yesterday's newspaper, or the periodical of some months gone, though not entirely out of the eye of memory.

Many events of late seem to verify our very early predictions that we will become an important segment in the rapid development of Palmdale, Lancaster and other nearby valley communities into an urban area. We, however, are very fortunate not to be at the mercy of the many trials and insoluble problems faced by unplanned and too rapid expansion. Conscious of what has occurred in other times, we have recently taken steps to augment and to complete a pattern of growth for our entire property.

Since early 1947, we have been fortunate indeed to have had the services of an outstanding land-planning and engineering firm, Mc Intire and Quiros; perhaps the largest and best such company in the country. Recognizing a need to be aware of the highest and best use of our land we asked our long time friends to produce a "Master Plan" of ultimate development. This work is now under way and even at this early date suggests certain divisions of activity not confined to but directed toward centers of interest as shared by all of our people.

For example, we intend to direct our energies toward complete fruition all of the various equestrian pursuits largely associated with the original Ranch Club complex retaining all the flavor of the old west. The second segment to warrant careful planning and execution will be the entire lake with complete marina facilities of the highest practical use to serve all aquatic needs of the general membership. A third and very important phase will be the Western Village projection taking much the same form as we have discussed for the past several years. Finally, our Golf Club will receive the attention it so richly deserves. We will make all of our golfing friends happy by disclosing here that designs for completion of the next nine holes are under study, as is the establishment of a proper Clubhouse with all of the facilities so much a part of a championship course.

To all of our friends, one simple if classical reminder, Rome was not built in a day!

by R. T. Burnham



"High Desert Muzzle Loaders" trap shooting.

## THE HOT LINE

By notice in a previous issue, it was stated that a boat charge would be necessary to help defray the costs of water delivery from the Feather river project. It was also indicated that such charge would be moderate to minimal. Herewith is our rate schedule and certain regulations vital to the safety of all members and their guests:

- Members with Lodges or homes at Club:  
\$10.00 per calendar year—any boat.
- Members launching and use fee per day:  
\$3.50 for any boat.
- Guests of members—limited to one annual visit: \$7.00 per day.
- Non Resident Members fee per calendar year by length of boat:  
To 13' 3": \$11.50; To 14' 3": \$12.50;  
To 15' 3": \$13.00; 15' 3" or more \$14.00.

Hours for water skiing set at 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. during daylight saving time, or as otherwise posted. Boats are not to exceed 30 M.P.H. with all skiing on lake to be in counter-clockwise direction. Canoes and boats under minimum length will be charged at the above rates with all kyaks excluded from use. The Board reserves the right to plan regattas, or special aquatic events of interest to our entire membership. All annual permits are to be secured through the Glendale office. Annual decals will be issued. Daily fees may be paid at the Club.

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Our "High Desert Muzzle Loaders" turned out recently at the Trap Shoot range and had a ball. These events really thrill members and any of the young ones who watch Dan'l Boone. Our group turned out in typical early American garb and did some fantastic shooting at targets with their ancient squirrel and flintlock fired rifles. Watch the event bulletins at the Club for future events thruout the year.

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Our Family Plan is still in effect for all permanent members at \$48.00 per year for the entire family. However, participation is strictly limited to close blood relationship by families all residing in the area.



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## GOLF CLUB NEWS

Here it is a brand new year, 1970. Why not name it the year of the Golf (Oriental style). We have a new roster of officers for the coming year, in both men's and women's club. The tournament chairmen have a long list of contests for all you hackers.

If you play golf and have never tried the course, come on out and get acquainted. If you don't play golf we have two pros to teach you.

There are big plans for the future of the golf course. We are growing, so get in the swing (golf or otherwise) and start the new year off right. It's good for your health and well-being.

Hope to see you soon.

President Elmer Dutton

## GOLF NOTES

Any members interested in playing in the Pro Am tournaments, sign in for almost any Friday. We have also started a new league for north Los Angeles County and Kern County. These Pro Ams to be held on a Monday. One scheduled for Lake Elizabeth Monday, May 11. Also Monday, August 10. Contact Allan or Jack a few days ahead of time.

The course record was lowered by one stroke to 66 by Pro Allan Jones—5 birdies, one eagle, one bogey, eleven pars.

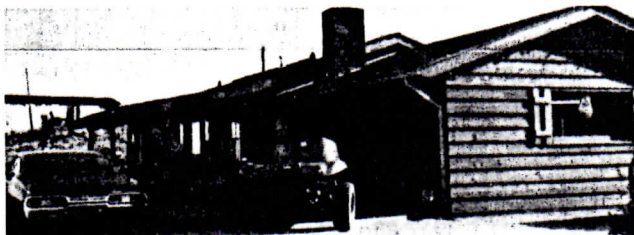
Virgil DeVore and Darrell Lambert will be cooking dinner for Gene Martin and Smitty White paying off a golf debt. A case of two sand baggers being beaten at their own game.

Pro Allen Jones

## BUILDING NEWS by V. H. Koch

**WELCOME NEIGHBOR:** To Paul & Lois Hardin, to Lester & Ethel Biehl. Many pleasant times at Lake Elizabeth in your new homes. Yes, and to yours truly and family. We all made it in time to enjoy the Holidays. More Christmas lights on the skyline—beautiful.

Finally, through 'the county' with Dick & Lillian Benders. The framing is started on the Neil Christianson's home. Others will be starting soon.



Lester & Ethel Biehl's new lodge.

## BEAR FACTS by SCHULTZIE

### MID OCTOBER

What a wonderful fall season we are having—it's so warm—it's shirt sleeve weather—Love It!



Winners of Halloween Costume Ball.

### OCT. 25TH

Our biggest dance is our Halloween Party; Kids and grown ups have a ball. A colorful buffet was served by the big pumpkin (Don) and helper, Leopard girl (Camille), and even the waitress, Melisa was in costume. The "Jello" had faces and the "Heavenly Hash" was made into a big pumpkin. The dining room was all full of ghosts and skeletons—Spooky...but good food. The judges were Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Bornbeck, Mr. Snudden and Mr. DeVore. The \$5.00 prize for the children went to the Jones' of Glendale, they were dressed as a crow, a pumpkin and a scarecrow. The second prize went to the Spanish girl, Darlene Haynes of Lancaster, and the third place was a tie between Cindy Humphrey of Lancaster and Charyl Hoskins of Reseda. The adults first place trophy went to that clown, Maurice Pecaut, who made a wonderful Hawaiian woman, he had the audience in stitches all evening. Mildred Taylor won second place, and Bea Humphreys and Betty Haynes won third place with a couple of good hobo get ups. The Haynes and Humphreys really went all out and had fun doing it. Those five clowns also had a ball, they were Representative, Bill Mann and his wife, Jean, and Dr. Maragret Van Tuyl and her daughters, Kathy and Sharon. This is a wonderful party for all our members. The Gold Coast Four again played the good music.



Name — Michael Bichsel — New Club Member.

Date — October 18, 1969 Weight — 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Proud Parents — Club Members Jerry & Ruth Bichsel.

Renewal Time — Have you sent in your \$1.00?



## LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

### NOVEMBER

Welcome to Michael Bischel, brand new son of our Lancaster Representative, Jerry Bischel and his wife, Ruth. He's already made his first visit to the Ranch, and he's a doll. First Saturday of the month is also Hackers at the Golf Course. Those golfers were still on the 9th green when the moon was up. How could they see? Followed by a steak bake and birthday cake for Flo Koch and Dale Schmuldack. Sorry to report our President, Russ Burnham is in the hospital with pneumonia. Hurry and get well, Russ.

### NOV. 7TH, 8TH & 9TH

Want to announce the name of the new Women's Club Champion—Wanda Hibbard—Audrey Parker was second, Flo Koch and Nora Wright won their flight, and Bernice Prentice and Jean Laws were the winners in their flight. Billie Murphy and Pat Jost won the novice flight. Good golfing, gals.



The Bingo party is really getting very popular. Biggest crowd, 52 members having fun. Most fun of course is "Cut throat," when you can help yourself to something you hanker for, that is if you can get a Bingo.

Did you know we had a honeymooning couple at the Ranch? Brand new Mr. and Mrs. Rex Merz. Best wishes from us all.

Our exciting Christmas Mobile is up. If you haven't seen it, believe me it's worth a trip up to the Ranch. It's the original creation of Margo Eigenberg, and it's a thing of beauty. They have called it "The Shower of Stars". It took Margo seven months to make; a total of 889 hours and 11 minutes. There are 130,309 beads, 5,289 feet of wire, a total of 605 units, each one different, one piece alone has 6,500 beads. Thank you Margo and Harold Eigenberg.

### NOV. 15TH

OUR HARVEST MOON DANCE. Our dress up affair, and didn't everyone look nice? The Gold Coast Four again "Tooting" up a storm of good dance music. These fellows took only one coffee break, they must love their work. This our waltz contest and the judges were Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Biehl and our new men's Golf Club President, Elmer Dutton. Everyone danced without knowing they were in the contest, and the Ranch club members applauded the winners as, First place, Marion and Reid Shreve, Second place, Carl and Betty Hagstrom and third, Bill and Jean Mann. A nice buffet was served in the dining room. We had visitors from Sweden, Bret and Gosta Hagstrom, brother and sister-in-law of Carl, they were on their first trip to the Ranch Club, Betty and Carl had visited them this summer in Sweden.

Congratulations to Lorraine and Gayle Dillenbeck, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. A surprise party

hosted by their son, Danny and daughter Kay. Wish you many more, Lorraine & Gayle.

### NOV. 23RD

We have been invaded by the High Desert Muzzle Loaders of Lancaster! This is a rather new group, the Lancaster chapter has about 15 members with other groups from Bakersfield, West Valley and Pasadena with a total of about 100 members. This is a family affair, the children and wives also dress in the old western tradition. They are having a Buffalo shoot on our trap range today. A motorized Buffalo is the target, six shots in five minutes. They have a lot of fun and, of course, invite spectators. The Ranch was also having a turkey shoot: I was worried about the turkeys, but Alice, the coon, told me they were shooting at clay pigeons.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The weather is really fine, altho some are wishing for snow. I say, Christmas would be fine for snow.

Bingo broke its own record of 52 players, it jumped to 72 this Friday. Everyone had such a good time taking each others Christmas decorations and wrapping. In appreciation of Paul's untiring work he was presented with a gift.

Did you hear about Tana DeVore's little dance? She's one of our most enthusiastic new golfers, and in showing off her new wooden shoes, she did a little dance, and slipped and has a bad sprained ankle and has to stay off the golf course all week.

We have a new square dance caller, Doug Morgan from Lancaster. The Houghtalings' were driving in each week from Long Beach and it was just too much. So welcome Doug and his wife, Pat. Come on out and dance with him. Doug is eager to teach anyone who would like to learn. I'm going to let him know I'm available, wonder if I could wear cowboy boots and a "Dude shirt".

### DECEMBER

Now we start the Christmas fun, first party is at the Pro Shop. Hackers for Christmas has always been a favorite pot luck dinner cooked by our women golfers. The Men's club furnished the ham. Everyone ate and ate, the food was so good!! A few funny games, and then a gift exchange.



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hips, keep your left arm straight"—on second thought forget it, I'll just sit and chew my tire.

The Club house tree is a beauty. It's a living tree and after the holidays will be planted on the grounds. All the permanent residents helped with the decorations. A prize was given for the longest paper chain in a given time limit. The kids had glue up to their arm pits, but they had a good time, with a wonderful showing of community spirit and wholesome fun.



*Santa Claus & Mrs. Santa's annual visit to the Club.*

## DECEMBER 30 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is a warm wonderful party here at the Ranch. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (Gil and Ethel Raddatz) arrived after the grown ups and children sang some beautiful carols. Santa talked to each child and gave them some candy and fruit. Coffee, punch and home made cookies, baked by Edith Welling, were served in the dining room. Some of the Christmas decorations were presented to the club by one of our new members, Mickey Knoop. Thanks for everyone for making this such a wonderful Christmas party.

Have you seen the geese? We've been invaded again this year by Canadian geese. Even a dozen of the white snow geese have been feeding on our lake. They arrive every morning eat all day on the lake, and take off each evening in their "V" formation, honking all the time.



*A typical New Year's Eve party at the Club.*

## NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEKEND

We all had a ball, Cecil Cook and his Country Cousins from Lancaster supplied our music. The "Geetar" was a "Twanging" and so was Cecil. Nice Group of members enjoying the buffet, and the party too, noise makers, hats and balloons all added to the fun.

Hey, it's cold outside, winter and New Year all arrived at the same time. We wish for you and yours a most healthy and Happy New Year.

Our Bingo party broke another attendance record—75—tonite. Dale Schmudlack was the lucky winner of the "black out" prize.

Saturday again was the Golfers Hackers. This one was a White Elephant Exchange. One way to get rid of that Christmas tie! This is a yearly event and it's really fun, as you exchange your gift for someone elses if you can roll a seven on the dice, there is always a favorite white elephant that everyone wants, for their very own.

Sorry to report Mel Brown had to have surgery, he's home and impatient to be up and into swing of things. Also we've had word that Claudia Hazel was in an auto accident and has been seriously injured. Our prayers are with you both.

Florence and Bert Koch are in their new home. Did you notice the Christmas lights way up on the hill. We're all so happy for you.

Next thing on the calendar is the Valentine Dance. See you there.

Schultzie



*Winners of "Harvest Moon Dance" Contest*

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