

# RANCH CHATTER

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LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by R. T. Burnham

After five or six years of attendance at many meetings and almost endless discussion with the engineering staff and all the Directors of the Antelope Valley East Kern (AVEK) Water Agency, we can confidently announce that delivery of water is scheduled for the winter of 1971-1972. To achieve this result, your Club and Water Company were required to accept a contractual agreement projected for a first period of five years. The Agency, rightfully, needed our projections to adequately plan for a properly constructed turnout and storage capacity.

Our own distribution system is installed and completely paid for these many years, nevertheless, we do have the obligation to estimate our maximum requirements in the foreseeable years ahead, and though we have no immediate need for supplemental treated or domestic water, we will indicate to the agency such a possibility thus assuring a continuous supply in any emergency which may arise if our own wells suffer even moderate attrition as a result of another long continuing drought.

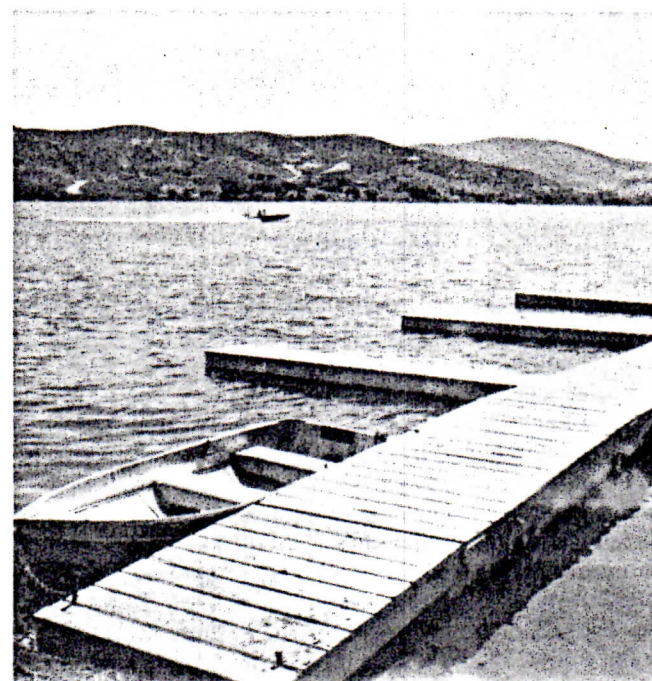
A prime reason for our very moderate charges for boats on the lake, slip rentals and launching facilities should be immediately apparent to all members. We must all share a moderate assessment for those facilities which afford our property and boat owners, water skiing enthusiasts and fishermen a private lake, untrammelled by the general public, for enjoyment of all aquatic activity. An extra cost will be the installation of a delivery pipeline from the Feather River reservoirs to the boundaries of our own property; a cost which could conceivably be shared by other users on either side of our own properties.

More simply stated we should look forward to a continuing supply of that most precious commodity water, water, water! For raw or untreated water we are to be charged at the rate of \$25.00 per acre foot (325,900 gals.): Treated or potable water will probably run \$35.00 per acre foot. There is also included a possible supply of surplus water at a price of \$17.00 per acre foot. Any agreement executed at this time is subject to indefinite renewal in accordance with growth requirements in our area and in neighboring communities.

The availability of Feather River water is bound to have a salutary effect on the sound values represented by the ownership of property or of any type of membership in our Club. With the advent of the Intercontinental Airport and a rapidly expanding Lockheed development our area becomes one of the most desirable places in all of the Southland. Think of our Club area as the next and upcoming San Fernando Valley. By any yardstick we represent sound, orderly progress toward one of our finest communities composed of the very best people around!



*Launching facilities and mooring slips for boat owners now available at the lake.*





## BUILDING NEWS *by Bert Koch*

Welcome neighbor to Neil and LaVeigne Christianson. They moved into their new lodge to live at the Club. Neil is retiring after many years of teaching in the Los Angeles School System.

Dick & Lillian Bender are almost completed with their new lodge (Blue Haven). What a beautiful view from their place!

Foundation, sewage etc. is under way on John & Vera Grimm's new home; also Warner & Evelyn Johnson, Smitty & Phil White's addition is closed-in, looking good there Smitty. Several other lodges to start soon.

Thinking about building at Lake Elizabeth? The time is now, as cost increases each year 6 to 8% and with the increasing demand for housing at the Club due to our activity, and Palmdale Airport, etc., your lodge would be a sound investment and complete your dream of enjoying the Club.



*Neil & LaVergne Christianson Lodge*

## GOLF NEWS

I have been asked to write Golf News for this paper. Being sort of a novice I ask for your indulgence until I get sort of attuned to "Chatter" reporting.

We have much activity going on down at the golf course. Every week-end there are tournaments of all kinds for both sexes. I understand that Rajko (the Chef at the Ranch Club) prepared an excellent meal for all those who participated in the member guest tournament.

If you play golf and don't belong to the Men's Club, you can (after paying greens fee) make up your own tournament with some one else. In fact I know 2 couples who did just that. The men gave their wives 2 strokes a hole for nine holes. The loser had to buy the refreshments at

dinner. Mary Smudlack and I had a good time anyway. Next time handsome Dale and sweet-thing Elmer are going to have to give us gals a better deal.

Two of our Ranch and Golf Club members have lived it up in Hawaii for fifteen days. Jean and Bill Mann plus Alex and Ethel Martin took a golf tour. Alex has promised to teach me a few new movements when he finds time.

The home and home at Rancho Golf Club was really a great day. LECC came in like the champs they are. They had a calcutta.

Some of us bought tickets on our own teams. I bought Virg De Vore and Dale Smudlack for win but they ran out of the money (mine that is). Talk about a born loser!

Gene Martin is on the sick list. Come on Gene, you look better on your feet.

There are a lot of great things planned for the course. If you want to try to get in on our fun come on out and give it a try. None of us were born with a set of clubs in our hands. It is wonderful exercise. Our Pro, Allen Jones, is always ready to give lessons (for a fee). He has clubs to use. Who knows, you may make a new friend. We also have a club for Juniors. A few of the fathers refuse to play with junior for fear of losing face.

May I caution all of you however, a golf course is a dangerous place for children unless they are golfers. We all love kids but sometimes a person will hit a golf ball out of bounds etc. This really stings if you get hit and occasionally it happens. The children are usually happier at the ranch house than with us old fogies.

We are looking forward to fresh growth on the course, and do look forward to construction of our back nine together with the room addition that is in the planning stage. The club house is small and it gets a bit crowded at times. We do have togetherness! What a lovely way to get to know you. However, there's always room for one more. We are looking forward to seeing you. Step right up and shake our hand and tell us your name. Hope to see you around.

Annie Dutton



*Fairway and greens are in excellent condition at this time of year.*



## THE HOT LINE

Summer is hardly the time to be mentioning Christmas Trees, but here goes! Warren and Jo Nute, Charter and Golfing Members, are determined to beautify the Ranch Club entrance by establishing our very own Xmas Tree Lane. To this end they have purchased at least six very beautiful blue spruce trees for presentation to the Club. Since one tree has already been ceremoniously planted, the remaining will be put in the ground with tender, loving care this fall. Thanks Jo and Warren.

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With the tremendously increased use of the lake by all members we are impelled to sound a note of warning. All water skiing must be in a counter-clockwise direction and only during the posted hours, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.! When you see a red flag raised it means a skier is down in the water. Keep a sharp lookout and exercise all proper caution as it might be a member of your own family or group. The Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for accidents of any kind including swimming. We employ life guards and attendants only at the pool, therefore it is suggested that all swimming be confined to the pool!

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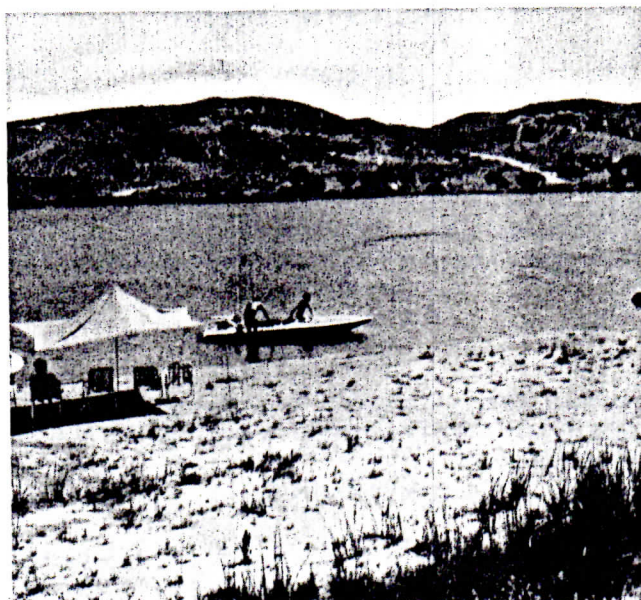
The arrival of Maggie and Reijko Jevtic as chef and hostess mark a new era in our Dining Room. Many have been the admiring comments on the savory quality of our dinners, short orders and the Friday night fish-fry. The popularity of this nice couple is rising constantly as they continue to show genuine concern for the gastronomic welfare of our Members. Mr. Jevtic is from Yugoslavia arriving in the land of the free? just over three years ago. Maggie is a local girl and together they make a great team! Welcome to the family.

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If you like the improvements we've all seen coming about at the Club take the time and make the effort to thank Les Biehl. He, Ethel and their family are concerned Members who not only believe in our future, but are mindful of the years past during which the principles we all subscribe to were formulated and worked at. Les will always welcome any suggestions originating with our membership. That is why we have a suggestion box at the Club. Some of our young people stuff the box occasionally, but we like to hear from them, too. Who was it first said, "Out of the mouths of babes?"

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While on the subject of dedicated, nice people to have around, how about a rousing cheer for Miss Catherine LeLay, office Manager, officer and director of the companies and another friend to all Members? Catherine is now working on her twentieth year with our organization having completed nineteen last May. Recently she acquired a very nice fringe benefit in the person of Felecia Sebeske who is doing a very nice job in the office. We like to be busy, so keep the reservations, contracts and recommendations of other nice families coming!



Remember—you must have the ANNUAL DECAL for your boat to use it on Lake Elizabeth. This applies to fishermen, too, and boy are they pulling in the fish; big ones if you are good with the Rod and Reel!

## CONTESTS AND FUN

Wildflower Dance 4-18-70

### TALENT CONTEST

1st place Laura De Vore  
daughter of Virgil DeVore (Charter)  
15140 Rimford Dr., Palmdale 93550  
Guitar & Sang

2nd Place Russell Moulton  
Son of John Moulton (Life)  
3211 Euclid Ave., Lynwood 90262  
Accordian

3rd Place Group of 4 Synthetic Sounds  
Jack Johnson—Drums; Gregg Nissen—Guitar; Paul Nissen—Piano; Barry Russell—Trombone  
Don Nissen (Charter-Life), 217 Reese Place, Burbank 91506  
Ronald Johnson, 201B Reese, Burbank.

## LOST AND FOUND

We have the following in lost and found:

- 1 Pair of water skis
- 1 Tackle Box
- 1 Diamond Engagement Ring

Owners may claim the above by perfect identification  
The Management



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

July 6, 1970

Dear Sirs,

A week ago I wrote a letter criticizing the pool managers. We were up this last week and the dressing rooms were clean and the fellows were friendly and polite.

I feel I should write and say so especially since I took time to write a letter criticizing their actions earlier.

Thank you,  
Mrs. John Crocker

Many such letters are received, so we thought Mr. & Mrs. Dennis wouldn't mind seeing this in print. Note that Mrs. D writes lovely poetry.

April 23, 1970

Dear Sirs,

Will you please keep us on the list for the Ranch Chatter. We have not been able to get out there as often as we wish, but we want to keep in touch with the progress.

Enclosed is our dollar for the Chatter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dale and Zelma Dennis

## CALIFORNIA BEAUTY

The sand becomes an ivory sea by moon,  
Long roads are silver ribbons caught with stars,  
The only sound is night-wind's haunting tune  
That binds with beauty life's deep-wounding scars.

Zelma S. Dennis

April 14, 1970

Dear Fellow Club Members and Officers,

I want to thank everyone of you whom have helped me.

First Lolly Snodden, for making the telephone call, all I remember saying to her is, "the back door is open."

In response she called Jerry Brown. He was over in a few minutes, I remember none of this: His lovely wife had also called the fire department. Then I saw Jerry, he slapped me, shook me and said, wake up Esther, Wake up Esther," then I saw the men in the blue shirts, and got scared. I remember when Jerry put his hands on my face and said, "Esther everything will be alright, George is here now."

I wish to thank everyone for the lovely cards, especially Paul Schultz. Paul, the words in your cards really gave me a lift.

Now, I wish to thank the Club for the beautiful plant you sent me, also for your concern, for your thoughts, kindness, prayers, but most of all for your lovely friendship.

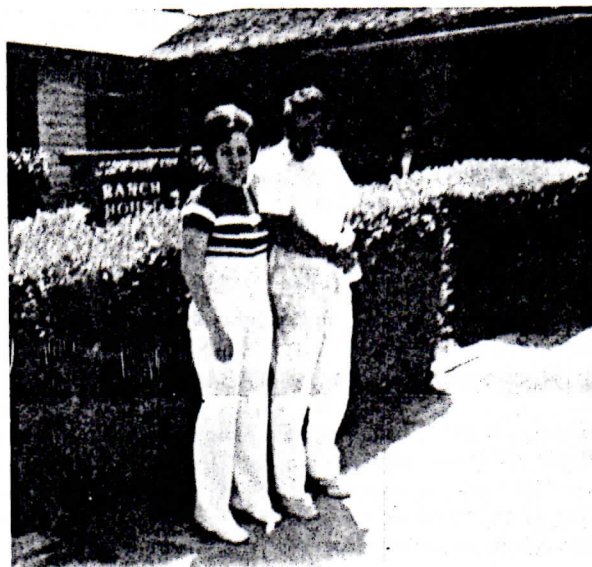
I wish to thank, Katherine DeLay for making a long distance call from Glendale to find out about me - "I don't remember if I said, "Hello" or "Ouch!" They are shoving thermometers in my mouth and taking my blood with needles. That for me was rather a "bad day" (Tuesday 4-14).

I sincerely hope I have not left anyone out, because I do wish to thank you all.

Sincerely  
Esther Pasek

# BEAR FACTS by Schultzie

It's Easter Sunday and the Bunny has been at Lake Elizabeth-colored eggs on the back lawn with a couple of special eggs and a little basket of jelly beans for each child. The weather was cool, but sunny - A yummy "Ham and Sweets" dinner prepared by Rajko and Maggie. One little girl, Dawn Wallace, caught our eye. All dressed in her Easter outfit and paraded with all the other well dressed children, but Dawn dropped her purse, lost her hat, however, she did not lose her cool. Sure was a cute three year old. Paul Shulz, led the parade and rewarded all the paraders with some pennies. Fun Day for young and old alike.



Rajko & Maggie Jevtic

APRIL . . . The fruit trees are in bloom, the Wisteria and Lilacs are ready to bloom - and it's beautiful at the Ranch Club. The wild flowers are blooming all over the place. The poppies are outdoing themselves just over the hill on Muntz Lake Road. If you have never seen the flaming fields you are missing a beautiful sight.

Elmer Williams of San Bernardino has presented the Club with a Coyote skin - look for it behind the desk next time you visit the Club.

We've had our first bad fire at one of our homes; the old story of paint, a fire in the fireplace, and it was left all alone. It wasn't discovered until it had a chance to get a good start. Considerable loss. Mr. Bradley sounded the alarm, after he noticed smoke coming from the eaves.

Esther Pasek was rushed to the hospital with a apparent heart attack on the same Friday.

Sorry to report Lolly Snudden is in the hospital, but is doing real well after surgery. Get well quick, Esther and Lolly.

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APRIL 15 . . . . Our Wildflower Dance — Our talent show displayed the musical ability of our young people. Laura DeVore won the first place trophy, playing her guitar and singing. We've watched Laura growing up at Lake Elizabeth into a fine young lady, but didn't realize she has so much talent. Second place was taken by Russell Moulton of Lynwood, playing the accordin. The Synthetic Sounds from Burbank, consisting of Jack Johnson on the drums, Gregg Nissen on the Electric Guitar, Paul Nissen on the piano, and Barry Russell on the trombone, won the third place trophy. Our orchestra had they dates mixed up and forgot to come to our dance. So, the young men of the Synthetic Sounds played for the rest of the evening and did a real fine job. Thank you, boys. Our judges were Goerge Pasek, Maurice Pecaut, and Pete Van Dyken. As usual there was a fabulous buffet in the dining room.

Have you watched our Tumbler Pidgeons... They are so beautiful. After they are air born for awhile, they begin to tumble in mid-air. Have seen so many colorful wild birds around the club. Noticed a huge flock of red winged blackbirds, and about a dozen egrets. Sounds like I'm becoming a bird watcher.

We have lost one of our Charter members and home owners here at the Ranch. Mel Brown of Sun Valley passed away on April 25th. I know several of our members have enjoyed staying in the Brown Lodge up on the hill. Our sympathy goes with much love to his wife, Ella, daughters Rose and Betty and three grandchildren. Sweet Dreams, Mel.

MAY . . . . First Fiesta day, First Gymkhana and Hackers at the Pro Shop. Wonderful Bar-B-Que served in the picnic area, but what happened to all our members? The weather was ideal, warm and sunny. Did you forget to look at your schedule? This was really too nice to miss. Barney Ross, our returning wrangler wants these Gymkhanas for our young people, but they also forgot to show up. This was posted at the Ranch Club. If you are interested in competing in a horse show, please watch for the next one. The Hackers was well attended, those golfers sure know how to have fun. Glad to see Buddy Barthel on the golf course, after just returning from active duty and being wounded in Vietnam.

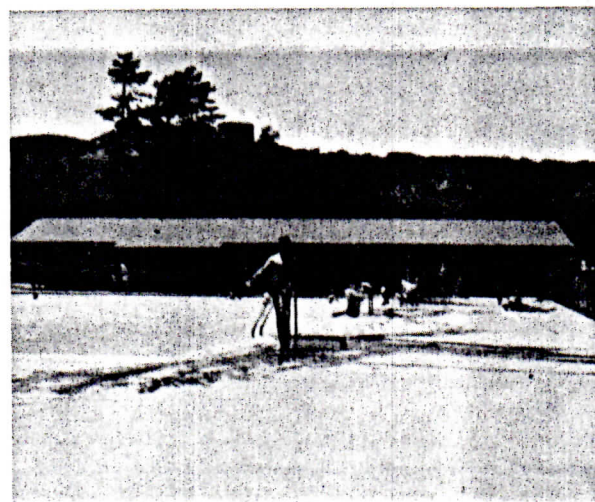
MAY 9th . . . . The Women's Golf Club had their Spring Luncheon in Leona Valley and finished up back at the course for a fun tournament. They all played in one bunch, and were eliminated one by one, Wanda Hibbard, Leila Rutherford and Annie Dutton were the winners.

MAY 16 . . . . First Hay ride and what wonderful weather,

usually figure this first one to be a dilly, as it can be so cold, even if you have your love to keep you warm, but this Trail ride was perfect. Ray Brehle of Lancaster was picking at his guitar around the campfire. Doug Morgan wanted to call some Square Dances, but all our local people were at some other big shindig.

Our lake has really come into its own this year. It is getting so busy, with the fishermen and water skiers. Did you see our Scuba Diver, Doug Koch? He was getting some old fence posts. Rajko served a great Luau at the Pro Shop, complete with a whole roast pig.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY . . . . What a nice crowd for the three day weekend. All the Lodges were filled. A record crowd at Bingo, 84 nice bingers. The pool was opened, and busy. A wing-ding of a Trail ride, and many square dancers whooping it up. This is such a grand place for a holiday, close to home for most of us, and everything you could want to do. Don't forget now, we square dance on the fourth Saturday, and every Sunday afternoon, and of course every Hay ride nite. Check your schedules for all the other events.



*Ranch Club Pool open every day for summertime fun.*

#### SWIMMING

Open in the spring and throughout the summer season, we offer members and their guests, swimming in our Olympic size pool. Helpful, courteous, certificated lifeguards are on the alert to assist adults and children at all times.

#### POOL HOURS

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM — Weekdays, Sundays and Holidays  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM — Saturdays

SWIMMING LESSONS for groups or individuals are available at a nominal price. Make your arrangements with the pool manager or call the Glendale office for information.

#### FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Archery • Badminton • Basketball • Baseball • Barbeque • Croquet • Ping Pong • Horseshoes • Handball • Hiking • Hunting • Fishing • Volleyball • Riding • Tennis • Golf • Skeet and Trap • Dancing • Swimming • Picnicking • Shuffleboard • and many more.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 18th

### MOONLIGHT TRAIL RIDE

There is nothing like a Bright Moonlight Night in the Country.

Ride the haywagons and sing along the trail or if you're over 12 years old, join one of the groups riding horses. 1st ride out 7:30, other rides are out approximately every hour during the evening. Outdoor wiener bake, singing by the fire pit and dancing in clubhouse. A real Western Ranch Party the entire family will enjoy.

Aug. 1st

### FIESTA DAY

This is family day, bring friends and join in. A true Outdoor Western Barbeque served in the picnic area, from noon until evening. Games and contests all day starting at 1:00 p.m. with prizes for winners, climaxed with the Pinata for the children. A lot of fun for everyone — regular Saturday night schedule in the Club House.

Aug. 15th

### MOONLIGHT TRAIL PARTY

Aug. 29th

### FIESTA DAY

Sept. 7th

### LABOR DAY

Beauty Contest. Help select our Queen Miss Lake Elizabeth of 1970, also Master and Miss Wading Pool, (toddlers under six years).

Sept. 19th

### MOONLIGHT TRAIL PARTY

Last ride of this summer.

Oct. 10th

### SQUARE DANCE, BUFFET, ROUNDUP DANCE

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:** Square dances will be held 4th Saturday Night of each Month.