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LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

From the very first issue of our "Ranch Chatter" we have asked members to express opinions whether favorable or not. Oddly, critical letters have been a rarity in our office. Hence the contributions printed below we feel are all on the positive side of the ledger. So it is our judgment that the feelings of warmth and appreciation should, at this new season, be shared with all of our very wonderful members:

Russell T. Burnham

Gentlemen:

Either because the cold weather has made the bass stop biting or because it's Thanksgiving, one or the other, I'd like to say a few things I feel should be said about the Club in general and the folks who run it in particular.

First, I have had more enjoyable hours this past summer than any other I can remember fishing on Lake Elizabeth. More mornings than I can count we were on the lake before the sun came up and were still there to see it go down. In between, we caught more big bass and bluegills than most people catch in a time (most of which, incidentally, we threw back in). All told, I'd say it was one of my finest summers and I must say at this time that I fully intend to be back next year to catch all those fish we threw back in.

Secondly, I would like to say a word about the unfortunate situation brought about by the tremendous Santa Ana winds which caused the dock to be torn apart sending my boat, motor and all, to the bottom. It might well have been there for several days had it not been for Les and Charlie. These two men, using uncommon ingenuity and skill, and completely disregarding the fact they were getting wet up to their hips on a chilly, windy day, had my boat out of the water and loaded on my trailer the very next day, thereby saving me from what could have been a total loss. I can't say enough for their consideration and deep concern for my welfare.

Lastly, I'd like to say the Club's treatment of guests is most gracious and warm. During the past year, Jack Casey and his wife Lydia were guests of myself and my wife, Wynnne. They were amazed at the complete acceptance and courtesy shown them at all times. Mrs. Casey sends thanks to Allan and Jack in the pro shop for their help in selecting a set of clubs and Jack would like to say thanks for being treated so cordially when he drops in for a beer at the clubhouse.

So, until the fish start biting again, I'd like to leave these few words with you. I've been happy with this club since I joined it in 1951 but when my friends say the things they do about it, it not only confirms my opinion, it makes me proud to carry a membership card in such an organization.

Please accept this check as a token of my appreciation.

Sincerely,
Walter R. McLean
Artcraft Enterprises

Dear Mr. Burnham:

We wish to thank you for the very pleasant time spent in your lovely Valley on the occasion of the Dedication of the Butterfield

Overland Mail and Havilah Coachline Stagecoach houses last Sunday Oct. 4, 1970.

My husband and I both enjoyed being there very much. It was so thoughtful to invite our husbands as they often are as interested as we are in the preservation of "Land Marks".

We both are intrigued with the Elizabeth Lake Ranch Club and the fact that everything is planned around the family. It is a wonderful idea and I am certain that the families there must be grateful for such a plan. The area was entirely new to us and we were pleased to be there.

Thank you again for your kindness and courtesy to us.

With Our Best Wishes for Success.

Sincerely,
Bya and Bob Sperry

Dear Sirs:

Enclose find a check for three dollars, (\$3.00), for which, please send one subscription of "Ranch Chatter" to Herbert J. Seaber, 9303 Gainford Street, Downey, Calif. 90240 and one to Edward Seaber, 19028 Horst Avenue, Artesia, Calif. 90701.

We enjoy reading the "Ranch Chatter" so very very much. It's enjoyable reading the news of our good friends at Lake Elizabeth. Merry Christmas to one and all!

Zetta A. Seaber

Lake Elizabeth Club:

We want to thank and extend our gratitude to Les Biehl, for his thoughtfulness and hard work on a really bitterly cold day. He did an outstanding job running that big machine to clear the roads of snow. Larry would have not been able to get to work. The snow was beautiful, so high if you could stay inside and enjoy it!!

But! we do feel that Les is very thoughtful and goes out on a limb to help us living at the beautiful peaceful Lake Elizabeth Club.

Sincerely,
Eileen and Larry Williams



"Ringin' out the Old and in the New" at the Ranch Club New Year's Party.

GOLF NEWS by Annie Dutton

We finally have grass on fairways #8 and #9. This has been a real struggle and a hard row to hoe. Next spring the course should be beautiful. Most of our golfers declare the greens here at the ranch are in much better shape than at most courses. The putting is a big part of the game.



Allen Jones, Jack Rutherford and Club Champ Don Brown putting on Golf Golf clinic at Ranch Clubhouse.



The Men's and Women's Club both have new officers. Mary Schmudlack and Allan Mockabee are the new presidents. They are both very conscientious workers in the golf club.

We had December's hackers party in our new addition. It was a pot-luck. The amount of food and the quality of it was out of this world. What good cooks we have around here. There was a gift exchange and a lot of well wishes along with it.

The ladies club had their fall luncheon in December also. It was held at the oasis bowl in Palmdale. They gave us a royal welcome.

We had installation of new officers. To digress just a moment the girls wish to thank the past president Jean Mann. She is deserving of all the praise that can be heaped upon her. She is one of the biggest boosters of the Club that I know. She works hard and is so quiet about it but a lot of things are accomplished. Back to the luncheon. The ladies all dressed in their finery, met at the pro-shop and caravanned to the oasis. The gift exchange was handled in a very unique way. The trophies were handed out for all the good golfers and the improved ones also.

They are working on plans for the February hackers. So far as the rumors go it is to be a Valentine dinner dance (husband's treat) but place, etc. has to be worked out yet.

For those of you who are bored and have no interest outstanding come on out and give golf a try. We have a pro and an assistant who are more than anxious to help you and give you all the information. It's a whole new bag and who knows, you might make a new friend which is an accomplishment in itself. Maybe a whole new bunch of friends, we did and our lives have been much happier. So if you want to try it drop into the pro-shop for coffee and sit-a-spell, someone will talk to you. I'm sure.

HORSE SENSE

One of the most important pastimes at the Ranch Club is horseback riding. Members and guests of all ages enjoy this year sport daily. Teenagers particularly find it enjoyable to bring their dates and friends to the Club to participate in this and the other numerous activities provided by LERC.

During the year a number of young people have come up to the Ranch Club to go horseback riding only to be greatly disappointed because they did not have proper approval cards signed by their parents. Club Rules necessitate that all members and guests under 21 are required to have authorization cards to enable them to ride if their parents are not with them.

A 90 day approval card is available at the Ranch Club for parents' signatures to alleviate this problem. Cards may not be taken home by teenagers to obtain their parents' signatures, they must be signed by parents at the Club during a visit.

BUILDING NEWS by Bert Koch

Warner & Evelyn Johnson's new lodge is nearing completion and proving Rancho Sierra knows all about building a fine hillside Lodge. A slight delay in completion we blame on our very heavy snowstorm. Old Man Winter and two feet of snow.

Welcome Neighbor to John & Vera Grimm. They are no. 1 living in their new Lodge.

Another family moving to the Club. Clyde & Elsie Jensen's plans are in for plan check, etc. Construction should start soon.

A number of members are planning their Lodges. 1971 should see quite a lot of activity in construction.



Lillian and Dick Bender hosting friends in their new home at Club. How about that suckling pig fixed by our Chef!

THE HOT LINE

Many of our fishermen and their ladies have suggested that we impose and enforce certain limits to the number of fish taken from our lake; therefore, the following numbers will be considered allowable under our rules:

5 Bass per person.

10 Catfish per person.

No limit will be observed for Crappie, Bluegill, Perch and Sunfish.

Fishing will be allowed from sunrise to sunset every day. A license is required to fish Lake Elizabeth. Size of fish is the same as State Regulations.



How about this typical string of fish caught by Cleo and Jim Price, our long time friends and charter members. Notice the smug expression on Jim's face!



Many enquiries have been received concerning our Mobile home and Camper Park. Mr. Wayne Johnson considers his best projection to be fall of 1971. A passing note: the lake was above high level for over a year keeping pace with very high interest rates and a shortage of available funds!

As of February 6th all Lake Elizabeth phones will be on direct dialing. The code number is (805) and the area prefix 724. All present four digit numbers will be the same. For example: (805) 724-9521 is the Ranch Club phone. The Golf Pro Shop: (805) 724-3411.

THE PARTY LINE, "MANN"ed by Jean

OCTOBER 24TH . . . Six squares of square dancers had a ball night. Ole' Doug Morgan was in good voice and kept the crowd swinging. The fourth Saturday of the month is always Square Dance night, of course we dance on Sunday afternoons and Trail ride nights. So, if you like to square dance come on out and join the fun.



Winners at our annual Halloween Party.

OCTOBER 31ST . . . The night of Spirits and Ghostly ones is always a fun night at the club. We really had some funny and unique get ups. Cecil Godward made such a beautiful woman, and several of the Lake Elizabeth personnel came as clowns, some of our Golf members had a great war dance in their Indian costumes, Marie, our attractive waitress, was in a sacque dress. Maurice and Ti Pecaut won the first place trophy, they were dressed as a cave man and a cave woman, complete with bone necklaces. Betty and Gil Hodges made a perfect "Dirty Old Man" and Ruth Bussey, compliments of "Laugh In". Gil even gave me a "Walnetto". Raggedy Ann and Andy were the third place winners, they were teen-agers, Mark Adams and Debbie Jennings. The children's parade was won by Doug Gordon, who was an Indian. Julie Hannah, was a darling little Jack in the Box and Eddie DeVore was our attractive girl.

The hall was decorated with orange and black balloons, scary ghosts and black cats. A nice buffet was served in the dining room and music was supplied by the Gold Coast Four. This is usually our biggest dance of the year and was a lot of fun.

Our golf club championships are over, and the Women's Club had a breakfast at the Ranch House and the Winners were announced. Wanda Hibbard again is our Champion. Betty Dahle, Mary Schmudlack and Ethel Martin were winners in the Champion flight. Jean Mann, Donnie Lambert and Mary Cothran were winners in the Elizabeth flight and Pat Jost, Tana DeVore and Annie Dutton were winners in the Quivering Quail flight. Lelia Rutherford was the Ringer Tournament winner, with Doris Burnham and Ethel Martin in a tie for second. Marian Barthel knocked off the most strokes from her game.

NOVEMBER . . . Our Bingo night with a Fish Fry Buffet continue to be a fun night with nice crowds coming in to play. Our caller for the Bingo is Paul Shultz, and when we found out it was his Birthday, we celebrated with a cake, and presented Paul with a Money tree. The Bingo game the weekend of Thanksgiving was one of our big ones, with 80 members having fun. If you haven't been on a Friday night, each person brings a \$1.00 prize in a brown paper sack, these are the gifts for winning a Bingo, when they are all gone, we play "Cut throat", where you help yourself to a gift that strikes your fancy, as everyone must leave their "Loot" in plain sight, and it isn't really yours until 10 O'clock. Of course there is always something that is real popular, and makes the rounds. The last game is "Black out", this means the whole card must be covered, the gift for this is furnished by the Club and is a real nice item. It's a nice night at the Ranch.

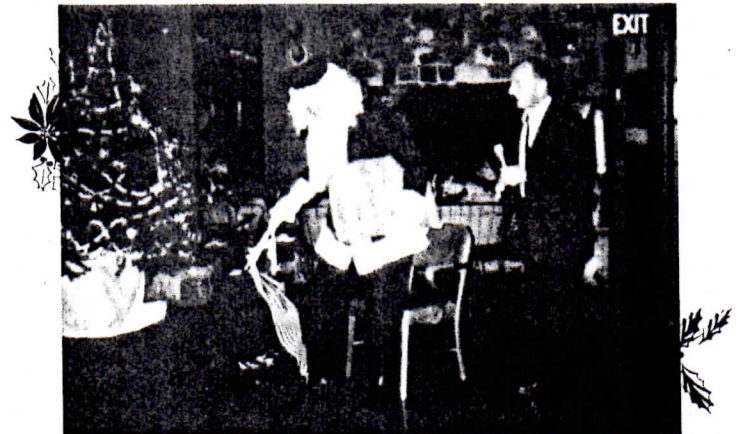
NOVEMBER 14TH . . . This is the night of our Harvest Moon Dance. Our formal affair, because we have a waltz contest, and we want to look pretty. This was won by Betty Hagstrom and her fiancé, Elmer. Second place trophy was won by our new permanent residents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Christenson, and 3rd place was taken by Gordon Rymal and Marie Yaeckel. The judges were Mr. Snudden, Mr. Render and Mr. Eldridge. The Gold Coast Four were again our good music makers. Another great buffet in the dining room, served by Maggie and Rajke.



Winners of Waltz contest - Harvest Moon Dance.

NOVEMBER 26TH . . . The day to count your blessings. The ranch is always a nice place to come to have a Turkey dinner, meet your friends, or make some new ones. Of course our extra ordinaire mobile is up again for the holiday season. Margo and Harold Eigenberg make a special trip each year to get that mobile up for the Holiday season. If you haven't ever been up in the holiday season, you are really missing a beautiful work of art. It is one of it's kind. They had asked Margo to hang it in the County Museum but she refused, saying that mobile belonged to the Club, and that is where it would stay. You know, that is what it is really all about, the Ranch is so grateful to so many of its members for just this type of thing.

November has brought us rain, and the Canadian Goose, I hope you have had a chance to see them arrive or depart from the lake in "V" formation.



This year's Santa, our good friend Barney Ross, hard at toy giving, capably helped by good ole Paul Schulz.

DECEMBER . . . The Holiday Fun is beginning here at the Ranch. The Golfers all look forward to the Hackers party in December. It has become a tradition for a Pot Luck Supper, with all the gals preparing their favorite Christmas dish. This is followed by a gift exchange and some crazy games. The new addition was finished enough to hold a crowd of about 50 and a wonderful time was had by all. This was also the night Esther Pasek had her Bingo party, which she made into a Christmas party for not only the women but

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their husbands too. Esther made a Santa Clause suit, and even she didn't know the Santa that showed up in it to hand out the gifts and kiss all the girls. It was our new representative in the Hawthorne area, a Baptist minister, Justin Wales. Everyone had a ball. Esther has asked me to thank Maggie and Rajko, and all the friends that helped her out that night.

DECEMBER 12TH . . . This was the day for the Women's Golf Club's Christmas Luncheon and this year was a outing to Palmdale, where we had a nice party at the Silver Spur Room. After awarding the winner's trophies, a surprise award was given to Tana DeVore, she was voted "Golfer of the Year" for dropping 17 strokes from her handicap. Our new Board of Officers was installed by me, outgoing President. Mary Schmudlack is the new President, Ginie Tapp is the Vice President, Marty Zapfa is the Treasurer, Marian Barthel is the Secretary, and Bernice Prentice, Jean Laws, Pat Jost and Tana DeVore are the board of directors. Sounds like a winning team to me and I want to thank all the gals for the cooperation I received for the two years I was in office. Allan Mackabee will be heading the Men's Club this year. I know he and his board will also have a good year.

November was the month of rain, so it only follows that we were to have snow in December; but so much? It began on the 18th of December, gave up for a little while, to let us have the annual employees party on Friday, but by 9 O'Clock we realized a storm was really brewing so we ended our party in a hurry, but not before our Santa Clause, Barney Ross, had handed out the gifts and we had coffee and Christmas cookies and sang a few carols. Many stories are still to come out of the rest of the evening, but I'll tell you just a few. Catherine DeLay, our very capable office manager, and Felica, from the office and her husband Bob Sebesta came to the Employees party and drove as far as Leona Valley, when their car refused to go forward, so they backed up, and backed up and backed up, until they finally reached the bottom of Russ Burnham's drive, and then walked up the hill, Felica in high heels and a maxi gown, arriving at 1 A.M. Would you believe they were there until Sunday noon? Florence and Bert Koch were also stuck on their hill until Sunday. The snow was such a heavy wet one that the plow would ride right over the top of the snow.

This was reminiscent of the snow 10 years ago, that time we had a colt born and a helicopter rescue of a sick child. This snow lasted for a couple of weeks because December and January decided to be cold, cold, and colder. For the first time our Christmas party had to be postponed, as the roads were just too bad for any one to try and come in. The weekend after Christmas everyone had fun in the snow and it was the first chance to show off the tree. The members who live on the property, or close by, had a tree trimming party. All the decorations on the tree and the garlands strung from the lights were hand made, mostly out of popcorn, straws and paper. There were about 30 workers and I hear they had a ball. Of course their treat was home made cookies and candy. This is a live tree and will be planted on the grounds.

Sorry to report Maggie and Rajko have had to leave for a short time on business, but Rajko's right hand lady, Ollie Bradley, is taking over for him and she did herself proud on the New Year's Eve Buffet. Was really good. We had a swinging party to welcome the new year, hats, noise makers and balloons, with the usual good

wishes of every one in attendance. We had a western band this year and they were really swinging, picking and a singing. Want to extend to you all our best wishes for a Happy New Year and do make a resolution to use your club as much as you can.



How-deep the snow. Take a look at the Club front yard!

REPRINTS OF 1970

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.

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 same home, or household. Make all applications thru the Glendale office. Please do it now!

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