

# RANCH CHATTER

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LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is relevant to our 'Special-Membership Drive' to emphasize the strong factors accounting for the successful operation of our Club since the early months of 1947. This success must be attributed to the continuing response of practically all of our people to the urgent need for enrollment of other compatible families and individuals.

You may well ask why we seek your cooperation periodically? It is simply because in our society we are always confronted with the restlessness and the change of circumstances found in the ranks of our people. We now have Members in all parts of the world! Then, too, we are confronted with the specter of attrition by illness, death and away from home young people who establish their own families in other locations.

Because of the urgent requirement to cherish and maintain the privacy of our Club we are dependent upon the help and understanding of our many dedicated people. This represents the solid foundation and most fundamental principle leading to whatever progress noted by all with the passing years.

It follows, therefore, that to aspire to the goals we have set for the future, of constant orderly development, we need, indeed must have, an infusion of more new people whose enthusiastic support will aid greatly in bringing about sorely needed progress in the years ahead. Remember, please, we started with nothing but a dream. Today it would be extremely difficult to match, let alone surpass, the diversity of our recreational facility and the high quality of the Members using it.

Finally, thanks to all for your cooperation, dedication to an ideal and your personal assistance.

President and Founder  
Russell T. Burnham



*Proud Young Fisherman after a morning on our lake.*

## OUR SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Member:

Demands are made by our Members for more Lake facilities. These include more beach areas, marina, additional docking and food services. We also plan to rejuvenate the old Ranch Club House and would sincerely enjoy starting other projects for your continuing enjoyment.

To acquire funds for any improvement, it is vital that we enroll New Members as our Club policy has always been to pay for improvements when built. For this reason we request your sincere interest and effort to recommend nice people for membership in the Club. It is the only method by which we can grow and still maintain our privacy.

REMINDERS: Have you tried our Golf Club lately?

NEW CHEF – Family Ranch Style dinner is superb!

EVERY FRIDAY FUN NIGHT – Fish fry from 6 to 8 PM  
and then Bingo!

EVERY SUNDAY SQUARE DANCE – from 2:00 PM.

4th SATURDAY NIGHT each month a special square dance.

2nd SUNDAY (May thru Sept.)

CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST RIDE – at 8:00 AM.

MAY 1, First HAYRIDE of the summer with wiener roast  
and square dancing.

MAY 15, First FIESTA DAY of the season with Outdoor  
Barbecue.

FISHING is good. The Lake is stocked with bass, bluegill, and catfish. WATER SKIING & SAILING are popular. Boat permits are available.

Put Your Shoulder To The Wheel And Push. Offer your friends and neighbors the same pleasures our Members have enjoyed over the years. Send their names and addresses to:

Lake Elizabeth Ranch Office  
319 North Central Avenue  
Glendale, Calif. 91203

FOR EACH INVITATION EXTENDED TO PERSONS OR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN MEMBERSHIP, WE OFFER ONE FREE RANCH STYLE DINNER. So be absolutely sure you include your name and address when submitting prospective members' names. Thank You.

Yours very truly,  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LAKE ELIZABETH BOAT PERMITS  
NOW AVAILABLE





## GOLF NEWS by Annie Dutton

It's that time again to pass on what we are doing down the hill from the Ranch Club House. Several of the Golf Club Couples went to the St. Patrick's Ball at the Ranch Club. It was a 'hard-time' costume affair. How come more of you guys and gals don't get gussied up in your rags and join in? All these things are for free and planned for you and your pleasure. Besides if you look a little silly it gives you an excuse to act the same way. No one can fault anyone for having fun. You only go through life once, so come on out and enjoy it!

We are grateful to Clem Carlson for the beautiful wheel-like chandelier in the Pro-Shop Addition. I can tell you right now, my grandpa never had any wheels like that on any of his rolling stock. No siree! We also have a juke-box we can play. Seems sorta nice after a lousy game to sit and have a 'wee drap' with a friend with soothing music in the background.

Notice the new sign posts on every hole giving the distance and par. All the holes now have names and will be posted. For instance #3 is known as Cardiac Hill. We are having a '20 mile' tournament on May 7th for the men and their wives who live within 20 miles of the course. This is sponsored by our Pro Allan Jones. It will be Scotch Play and I don't mean the saucy kind of Scotch. The players all tee-off and then pick the best shot. From then on the ladies hit every other shot. This will be a 9-hole event with dinner and refreshments afterward. So far about 25 couples are entered. So you see we do have fun. It isn't all die-hard golf. We have had some wind but we have been blessed with some beautiful days. You've all heard of the Ides of March!

I want to tell you about the New Cook at the Ranch Club House, Ollie Bradley. She's a great happening up there. You see the hackers do get over the hill sometimes.

We have a new bunch of Quivering Quails. These girls, like young chicks, are just learning to play. They come in all sizes, shapes and ages. All are in the instruction stage. (Seems like a good idea for me.)

It was good to see our Galloping Golfers this week-end. The Hibbards were in for a break in their traveling. They have been in Mexico for several months. The Karns were here to play golf again. They have been all over the U.S.A. in their beautiful new Boles Acro. They all look as if retirement has been good to them.

If any one of you men are interested in playing any of the tournaments, drop in at the Pro-Shop and see what the rules are.

The course is getting into shape now. They are re-seeding #8 and hopefully with all the new top soil being added it will be beautiful by summer. The greens are the best around anywhere. They must be, because my scores are better than they have ever been. Hope to see you around.

Annie Dutton

## 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

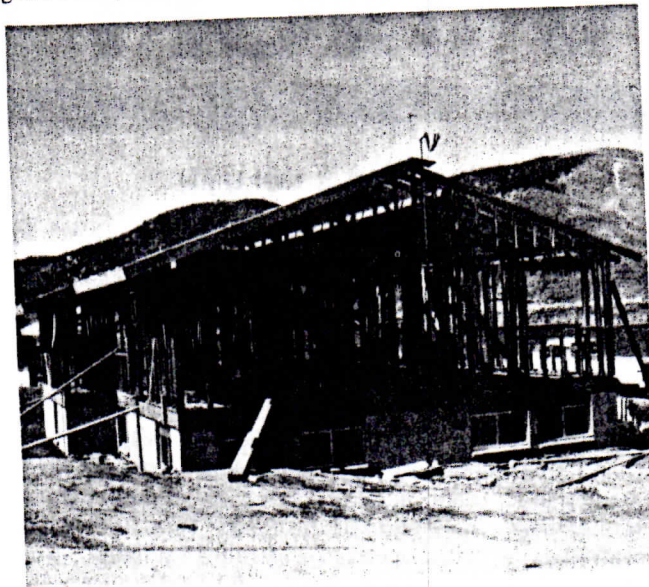
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM — Weekdays, Sundays and Holidays  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM — Saturdays

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.



## BUILDING NEWS by Bert Koch

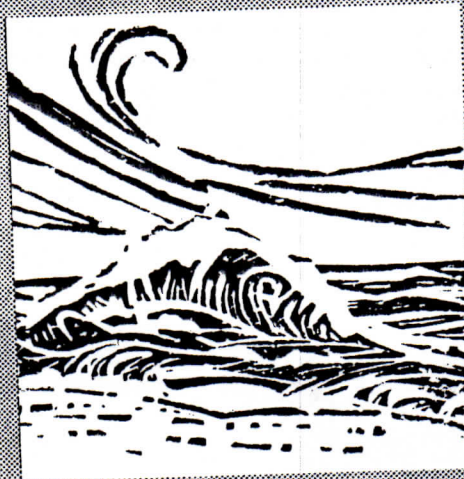
New home of Clyde and Elsie Jensen is close-in. Looking good Mike, full basement and all.



Soon to start on Ranch Club Road, Ernest and Louise Howard's Lodge.

Welcome neighbor to Warner and Evelyn Johnson, we wish you much happiness in your New Lodge.

Financing is improving, interest rates are down and longer terms are available. Now is the time to build before they change again, please phone Glendale office for more information or stop at Model Lodge on weekend.



## CALIFORNIA BEAUTY

Upon the parchment scroll of amber sand  
Sea-fingers write the moving histories  
Of sea-born life wrought by God's mystic hand,  
An endless cycle of the centuries.

Zelma S. Dennis





## THE PARTY LINE, "MANN"ed by Jean

January 1971

High hopes for 1971. Ring in the new, kick out the old! Our High hope for 1971 is a new grandson, Billy Mann, the 5th, born January 2nd. Allan & Carmen Jones welcomed a new granddaughter, and the Forest Lloyds have a new grandchild too. Their hope for the future.

This was a wedding month for Betty Hagstrom and Elmer Anderson. They were married at the little community church in Lake Hughes. The reception was held at their home in Lake Elizabeth. Our best wishes for much happiness to you both.

January was like June at the Ranch, and for most of the Southland. November we had rain, December gave us snow, January was hot, what next?

February

What next!!!! Earthquake!!!! No damage up at the Club, just a few broken cups in the dining room, a good shaking of course, but really we are thankful for the lack of any sever consequence. Our sympathy is extended to all our members residing in the Sylmar and San Fernando areas.

Our Valentine Dance was cancelled. Just too many temporary problems with the freeway to expect normal attendance. Bingo went on as usual, and so did the Sunday Square Dance. All the lodges were rented for the four-day-weekend, and many members visited the ranch despite the minor traffic delay. The weather was delightful—springtime—with the fruit trees in bloom and the narcissus perfuming the area. Hope winter forgets to arrive again.

The golfers have really enjoyed a bonus in being able to play in shirt sleeves. The new officers are planning some interesting tournaments for golfing members. Our new addition to the Pro Shop is just about completed and should come in real handy on Hacker nights.

Just talked with Barney Ross, our capable and well liked wrangler, and asked him what was new. He told me we are rebuilding the corral and arena fences out of metal pipe. The first Gymkhana will be the first Saturday in May at 10 AM. There will be 5 events for beginning riders and 5 events for the advanced horseman. Fee is \$3.00. This is a fun, safe test of skill for our young cowboys and cowgirls. It will be each first Saturday during the summer months. Try to come up for one of these events and watch our young people work out. First one May 8th, that's a Saturday at 10:00 AM.

The Golf Club Dinner Dance was a great success and something different in the way of Hacker's for this fun group.

March

The March winds are here right on time! This has been one year of weather, we've run the gamut. Looking back in September, the bad fires, November with the rain, December the snow, January the heat, February you know what! and now the March Winds.

St. Patrick's Day Dance and Hard Time Costume Party was a lot of fun. Ollie Bradley, our new chef had delicious corn beef and cabbage. After all, what else for St. Pat? She also decorated a cake for the occasion. If you haven't tried Ollie's home baked pies, you are in for a big treat. In fact Ollie is some cook! Her Friday night fish fries are being

very well attended. If you are not too fond of fish, she also has a meat dish, lots of salads and something good for dessert. Bingo always follows on a Friday night. Bring a dollar prize in a paper sack, and see what you can go home with.



*Our Band – as they played at the St. Pat's Dance.*

Getting back to the St. Pat's Dance, the Gold Coast Four, were playing for us, and they are my favorite orchestra for dancing. When you are a grandma, you appreciate the slow ones. You can always catch your breath when they play the fast ones. This is a hard times costume, so a good number of our members wore their "best bib and tucker", I think! The judges were Howard Snudden, Chuck Barthel, and Les Biehl. After much debate, they awarded first place trophy to Elmer and Annie Dutton, 2nd place to Esther and George Pasek, and 3rd place to Tana and Virg Devore. And then, who was that 'bum' wandering around? Think he was week-ending in the White Lodge. A bum in the White Lodge???

Ask Charlie Soos about his surprise birthday party, and he will probably tell you he hasn't had a birthday in 56 years, but this was a great party and a well kept secret. Charlie has worked for the Ranch Club for many years, and is a handy man with his hands, he has done the inside work on the Pro shop addition, and did the work on restoring the chuck wagon we use for the Sunday morning breakfast. One fine fellow.

Have you noticed the oil painting of the old stage coach stop? It belongs to Justin Wales, but he's letting us enjoy it for a while. Two painters from the San Fernando Valley spent a Saturday at the Ranch and as they specialize in old California buildings, they were intrigued with our old Stage Coach stop. Bill and I bought the work of Ben Abril, and Justin bought Mr. Mills' work, and we are really enjoying our painting. There is much California history in this valley, and the stories of our own Lake Elizabeth and it's place in history would make a very interesting book. One of our members, Harold Golden, is busy right now writing for one of the magazines. More in this later.



This little gossip column has to end on a sad note, we have lost one of our year round residents, Dorothy Lupica. Dr. Lupica and his family have lived at the ranch for about 10 years. We have watched their children grow up and all but the youngest are now married. Out sincere sympathy to the Doctor and the children. Sweet Dreams Dorothy.

Just a reminder, the wild flowers are just arriving, and even if this isn't your bag, a few minutes ride over the hill is a sight you won't forget.

Please check your schedule of events for the interesting things coming up at the Ranch. The weather should be beautiful from now on. We have trail rides, dances, fiesta days, bingo and gymkhanas planned just for you. See you soon?



*St. Patrick Dance at the Ranch Clubhouse.*

## St. Patrick's Dance — Hard Times

### Costume — Winners

- 1st Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Dutton
- 2nd Mr. & Mrs. George Pasek
- 3rd Mr. & Mrs. Virgil DeVore

### Judges were —

- Mr. Snudden
- Mr. Biehl
- Mr. Bartell

## BOAT PERMIT RATES

- 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.



## THE HOT LINE

Once more we invite the attention of all Members and their guests to the fact that we permit no overnight camping on any portion of Club property. This rule also applies to all self contained units, or campers of any type whatsoever.

Infractions of the posted rules governing use of our lake may result in denial of all privileges by the Club management. Please exercise good judgment by instructing your young people and guests.

Cocktails will be available (Golf and Ranch Club Members only) at Golf pro shop within the next three weeks. Come one, come all, but Members and guests over 21 years of age only may be accommodated!

## THE GYMKHANA

This horse riding event will get into full swing the first Saturday in May. This is a lot of fun for the kids. For \$3.00, including rental of a horse, they can try their skill in 5 different events and compete for trophies, ribbons and various prizes awarded in each class. The two groups are;

**BEGINNERS**—6 years thru 11 years and **SENIORS**—12 years thru 17 years. Watch for the contest each first Saturday from May thru September at approximately 10:00 AM. For children on the Family Plan the entry fee is \$1.00.

## RE-BUILDING PROGRAM

Notice the new pipe rail arena, hay barn, shed for the Stage Coach and Wagons, re-seeded pastures and general clean-up.

For the horse-boarders: Pipe pens with automatic waterers and a separate tack room. Boarding facilities are improved. See Barney at the corral to make arrangements to board your horse.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR USE OF LAKE!

... from Mr. Biehl

Skiing hours have been changed. Please note you may begin skiing at 9:00 AM instead of 10:00 AM. **ANYONE ENTERING LAKE AREA MUST FIRST REGISTER THEMSELVES AND GUESTS AT RANCH CLUB HOUSE OFFICE.** This is important. Any un-registered member and/or guest may be denied the use of the Lake. This enables us to control the use of the Lake for our members and their guests only. Please help us maintain our privacy.

## FRIDAY FISH FRY/BUFFET

Sorry, but due to rising costs, the price of the delicious meal must be \$1.95. It's all you can eat and worth every cent of it!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

We have just wanted to drop a line to tell you what a wonderful time we had at the Ranch Club.

We are new members and we went up for the Moonlite Trail Party. We have never enjoyed ourselves so much.

We've met so many wonderful people and we've already planned another trip to the Club with some of our new friends.

We just wanted to say thanks for having everything so clean and comfortable for all the members.

Thanks again!

Mr. and Mrs. Vito Caterino

Dear Friends,

Will you kindly make a note of my change of address and send my future mail to the above.

I would hate to miss my "Ranch Chatter" so full of goodies.

Good luck and continued success in all your endeavors.

Yours truly,  
Edith M. Gray

Dear Mr. Burnham:

This morning I returned to the task of running the Customer Relations Dept. of a major automobile company. As you can imagine this is a rather exasperating job. But, this morning it was different! This AM was my first morning back after a weeks vacation at the Ranch Club. It's amazing what a week of rest and relaxation doing the things you enjoy will do.

We rented the Lawrance Lodge overlooking the lake and as we arrived last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance were just leaving their lodge and we had the opportunity to chat for a while.

The purpose of this letter is just to tell you what you already know. We think the club is, in fact, that Utopian place you speak of in your column in the club paper.

Secondly, I'd like to take this opportunity to comment on one of the "employees", Barney Ross. Not only did he help us get the best horses we were capable of but to watch him do this all day long with such ease, diplomacy and out and out patience is something to see! Saturday night my wife and I went on the Moonlight Trail Ride. You ought to see him get thirty odd people up on the proper horse, adjust sixty stirrups all in "jig" time and with that big grin, looking for all the world like someone just gave him a \$100 bill! (This at 9:30 at night after doing this same thing since seven in the morning!) At the risk of sounding corny, this guy's one in a million.

Clip out and mail to: Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club  
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Enclosed is \$1.50 (in check or money order) for the 1971 subscription of "Ranch Chatter" News.

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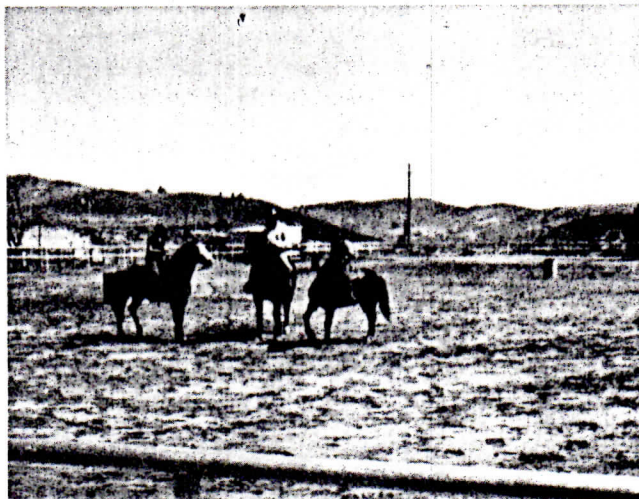
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state and zip code

To see our three boys at the club is to know they echo all of the above 100%. I know of no better way to cheer up our household on a Friday night than to say, "Let's run out to the Ranch Club in the morning! (Three voices as one "yipee"!)

Many thanks!

Sincerely,  
Michael P. Trader



Barney and student riders in New Corral.

Dear Fellow Members:

Place an ad in the Ranch Chatter as I have below and take advantage of its vast circulation.

You not only help yourself but you support your very own publication.

Contact the Glendale Office now and place an ad in the next issue.

Fellow Member,

*Bob Hines*

Bob Hines

R. B. HINES *Litho*

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