

## LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

*on Historic Lake Elizabeth, Lake Elizabeth, California*

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### HISTORY OF LAKE ELIZABETH PART I

Through the years many of our Members have expressed the desire to know something of the Club's beginning. How the basic format evolved, the planning, what motivation moved us in the direction leading to a fine, select membership coupled with orderly growth. Increasingly the question is posed as to those originally charged with the development from its inception.

Let us start with an office on Wilshire Boulevard in the downtown area and a chance remark which uncovered the possibility of acquiring the original eight hundred acres of beautiful rolling countryside tucked away in a peaceful mountain valley containing a sparkling blue lake of comfortable, usable dimensions. This was extensive property excellently located to afford families and friends the chance to get away out of the smog and endless lines of traffic to enjoy vacation periods in amiable, happy association.

We would start in a humble way to add necessary facilities on a pay-as-you-go basis as certain facilities were vital to the realization of maximum enjoyment in the charm of our beautiful countryside. But of utmost importance was the type and kinds of persons to be invited to participate with our good people, their families and guests. To this end we asked each incoming member for sponsorship of friends, relatives and good families who would join in a rather Utopian concept of sharing together in an atmosphere productive of carefree companionship. From this policy we have not deviated to this very day.

A first attempt to acquire the property had failed, however, with renewed enthusiasm the late George H. Langford, our first president, and this writer again sought contact with the previous owner of the Ranch, Mr. B. C. McCabe, and within a short period our renewed proposal was accepted with the proviso that he retain a little valley to be devoted to his own purposes. Thus we were involved in a property of great historic significance dating back to Spanish land-patent days.

Shortly thereafter the founders, all transplanted mid-westerners, chartered and incorporated the

Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club. The names of the founders? Mr. George H. Langford, Mr. Clifford V. Pratt and the writer. The rest of our early family of contributors and completely dedicated people will be portrayed in our very next issue.

R. T. Burnham, *President*

### NAME CONTEST

From the hundreds of good names submitted in our "Name Contest" we have chosen three to be voted on by the membership. The family that submitted the winning name will be treated to a Sunday Dinner at the club and receive tickets to our 1st Hayride of the season on May 27th. In case of ties, the name of the winning family will be drawn at our Fiesta Day on May 13th. Voting closes at noon on May 12, 1967. You may vote by using the ballot provided at the bottom of the page.

The Finalists Are:

1. RANCH CHATTER
2. "TWO-BIT" NEWS
3. PONY TALES

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319 North Central Avenue  
Glendale, California 91203

### OFFICIAL NAME CONTEST BALLOT

1. RANCH CHATTER ☐
2. "TWO-BIT" NEWS ☐
3. PONY TALES ☐

CLUB MEMBER'S FAMILY NAME



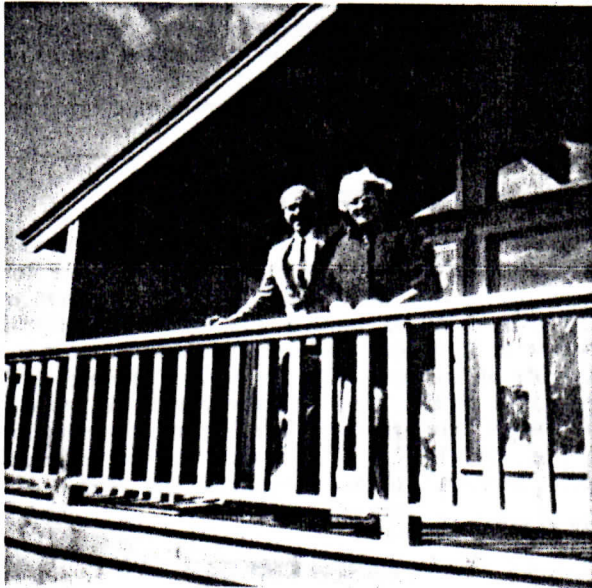
## RESORT AND LAKES REALTY

We are turning our attention, in the coming months, to the alterations of the "Corrigan Lodge," as the imagination and energies of the new owners begin to show . . . Welcome, Gil and Ethel Radditz, to our family of member-neighbors, at Lake Elizabeth.

Our newly formed Resort & Lakes Realty Company has shown, during its brief life, to have served an area of useful service to our membership. Proof of this is in the many recent lot purchasers, now beginning the construction of their Ranch Lodges in various areas of the Club's holdings.

Our office will, for a brief period, find itself without our good friend and neighbor, Smitty White. He and his wife, Phil, are leaving for a well earned vacation in Europe. (Smith will probably travel "light" . . . a 3-5-7-9 and putter.)

If anyone wonders why Bill Mann's golf game is a "little off" lately, perhaps it's because he and Jean are expecting a new addition to their family. . . . Bill Jr., their son plans to present them with a daughter-in-law, sometime in May.



*"The Snuddens" in their New Lodge.*

## BOATING

Now that water has returned to our lake the question of boating privileges keeps popping up. Only Club Members are permitted to place and use boats of any description on the lake. To do so requires written permission from the Board of Directors and all such permits must also be made in writing addressed to the Glendale office.

Heretofore, all motor-driven craft were restricted to a maximum speed of five knots per hour. However, with the widespread interest in water skiing and other aquatic sports we are re-examining the rules of conduct on the lake.

It appears at this writing that certain hours will be set aside each day for the fast-moving sports enthusiast with the early and late hours of each day reserved for our more sedentary fishermen and their families.

A schedule of hours of usage will be posted both in the Clubhouse and at the lake.



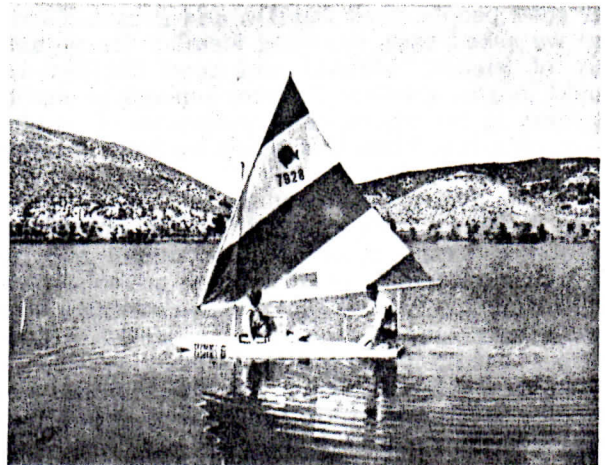
## RANCHO SIERRA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

The beautiful lodge pictured above was built by our own construction company; The RANCHO SIERRA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. We are nearing the completion of home number 10. We are as proud of them as the owners themselves. They are enjoying their country home or are using it part time and have placed it on our rental list for week-end enjoyment of vacationing Member guests.

The Construction Company is operating on a sound building program; proper planning, good material and good workmanship. Our new lodge owners are completely happy and have given us many fine compliments on the quality construction and comfort of their home. They have complete confidence in our ability to construct a good building and would welcome any inquiry from other Charter Members. Those of you who own property should be aware of this progress. We strongly urge any one interested in building to contact us now. There is some financing available at the present time. A word to the wise, take advantage of it now.

If you are not ready to build, we do have a good plan service. We suggest you acquire our plans and work toward the actual construction. Proper planning is important and by this effort we will help to make LAKE ELIZABETH the fine community we are all looking forward to.

This Community will become a reality by our Members developing their property. The fulfillment of your dream and ours is your home at Lake Elizabeth. Let us begin.



*Sailing on Lake Elizabeth.*



## GOLF COURSE NEWS

### GOLF MEMBERS, RANCH CLUB MEMBERS

Course is open 7 days a week but the Pro Shop and Coffee Shop are closed on Mondays.

### NEW GREENS FEE RATES:

Ranch Club Members

\$2.00 Weekdays, \$3.00 Weekends

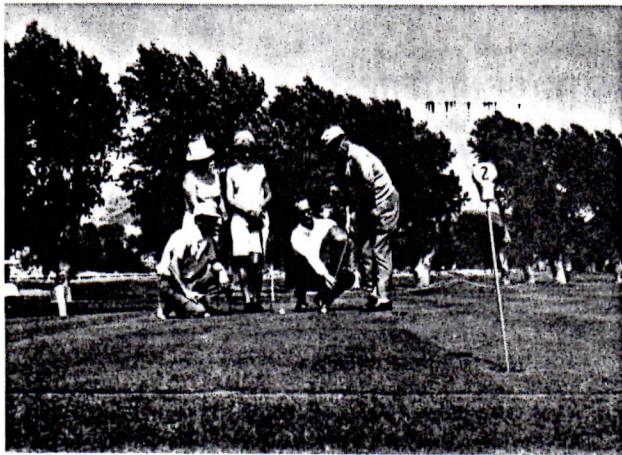
Guests

\$3.00 Weekdays, \$4.00 Weekends

(Prices above are an all day rate, as many holes as you wish to play. After 3 PM, half price.)

### DRIVING RANGE OPEN:

The driving range is available to all Ranch Club Members and their guests. We have 50c buckets and \$1.00 size range balls with clubs for you to use free of charge. Come down and sock a few.



### A DAY ON LAKE ELIZABETH GOLF COURSE

On March 25, 1967, Ralph Laws (Whittier) made the FIRST—"Hole in One," using a five iron and the new spaulding Executive (solid) ball, on the 147 yard third hole. This hole is uphill, a blind green and the 4-some did a lot of looking before venturing a looksee into the cup.

Dick O'Rear and Wil Coley's "Eagles" were overshadowed by Ralph's Ace, for each occurred within fifteen minutes of each other. Wil hit a four wood 220 yards into the cup on the 400 yard second hole, and Dick, after a bad drive, hit a 7 iron into the cup on the 360 yard No. 5.

So March 25, 1967 will be long remembered — a "Hole-in-One" plus two "Eagles."

A further word on the Golf Course. The majority of our "Golf Members" are Ranch Club Members from way back, and we have lots of fun. The Men's & Ladies' Golf Clubs are well organized and meet the 2nd Saturday of each month.

As members of the Men's Club, we are individual members of the Southern California Golfers Association, and our club is a member of the United States Golfers Association, giving us many privileges. The children of Golf & Ranch Members are eligible for the Jr.'s Club which include professional instruction, their own tournaments, officers and so on. It's a challenging course, so get in on the ground floor (before the other (9)) and join the fun.

WIL COLEY, Membership Committee



### HORSE GYMKHANA

MAY 13, 1967

10:30 AM Sharp

This event is designed for an individual or a family group.

Horses are available for rent. A family may use one horse and take turns for different phases of the events.

You may bring your own horse. Corrals are available at \$1.00 per day per horse.

There is competition for all ages. However they will be divided in 3 groups. Contests will be related to degrees of ability such as beginners, intermediate and advanced riders.

### CONTESTS:

1. **FLAG RACE** — beginners only;  
Contestants will take the flag from the first position and place it in the second, then race to the finish line.
2. **BARREL RACE** — intermediate and advanced groups;  
Barrels are set in positions so that racers must pass them in a cloverleaf pattern in the race, plus other variations.
3. **KEYHOLE RACE** — all groups;  
This race is designed for testing and handling of the horse: start, stop and turn. There are variations of this contest.
4. **TRAIL HORSE** — open class;  
Contestants will be judged on handling and riding of the horse in situations occurring in an ordinary pleasure trail ride.

Please see Barney Ross at the Corral or call the Glendale office on how, when and where.

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### RIDING LESSONS

3 Group Lessons — \$10.00, including horse rental.  
Private Lessons — \$5.00 per hour, including horse rental.

Details of time and place will be given on request at the corral.

### HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR \$1.00?

Your \$1.00 for this quarterly publication is due. Please remit by return mail and don't forget the ZIP CODE. (If you have already sent the \$1.00 in, please ignore this notice. We are working hard to bring our list up-to-date.)



## STRAIGHT TALK

In the early days of the Club, members were active users of the Club's few facilities. They enjoyed it and were very eager to have their friends join so they could enjoy their association at the Club. It is the only way new people can become members.

The Club has grown and will continue to grow. All clubs do have a certain amount of turn-over and we are no exception. There is always some replacements needed. We want to be sure we are enrolling the right kind as members, those with the same interest, respect and friendliness as you folks. So send those names of potential members. We are enclosing a postage paid card for your convenience in assisting us.



Barney Ross at the Corral

## THE WILD FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING!

Those who have seen them before, know that a description of their beauty is almost impossible. The rains this year have increased their number and magnificence. Ask at the Club desk where the best displays are to be found.

And don't forget the lilacs. They can be viewed on the grounds.

## THE CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We are anticipating a few new facilities at the club. The biggest project for your convenience scheduled for the immediate future is, of course, the skeet and trap shoot. It will be located east of the parking lot about 3 to 4 hundred yards. Also, we would like to expand our present facilities. Make more croquet courts, more shuffle board courts and improve on the condition of those courts now being used.

I would like to see the gymkhana for the children receive a large turn out. The first one being scheduled on the first Fiesta Day. Depending on the success of this first one, will determine future scheduling. I'm sure you'll agree the children need good, wholesome activities such as this.

Remember, only Club Members can determine how rapidly we build and expand. Use your club and its facilities. If you see any condition that needs correcting, do not hesitate in making it known.

VIRG DEVORE

## A NOTE OF INTEREST

Those who failed to attend our Wildflower Dance on the 22nd missed a most interesting event... the presentation of an anniversary cake by Margot Eigenberg. The Anniversary marks the exact date of the founding of the Club.

Hal and Margo have been members for many years and are responsible for what we consider the most beautiful Mobile in the country. It is assembled and hung for the enjoyment of all our people during every Christmas Holiday Season.

The three-tiered cake was a true work of art... a joy to behold. We all felt it should be displayed for an indefinite period, but wound up savoring the deliciousness of taste.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 13th 1ST FIESTA DAY  
(Outdoor Barbeque • Special Events)  
May 27th MOONLIGHT TRAIL RIDE  
(Hayride • Horseback Riding • Fun)  
June 10th 2ND FIESTA DAY  
June 24th MOONLIGHT TRAIL RIDE

July 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY  
(Outdoor Barbeque • Special Schedule of Events)  
July 15th MID-SUMMER DANCE  
(Don't miss this one!)  
July 22nd MOONLIGHT TRAIL RIDE  
(Lots of FUN for everyone)

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# MEET YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

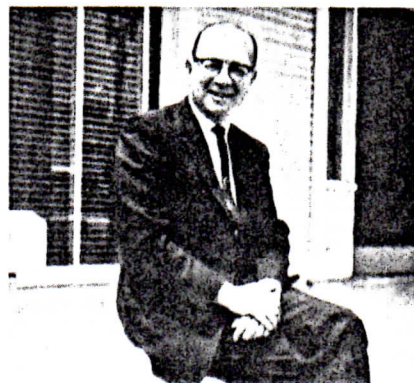
**HENRY BOYLE:** "Hank" has been a member of Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club for nearly 15 years and been active with the membership committee during most of that time. Hank is married to Marjorie Jean and with their two children, Peggy 19 and John 8, reside in Alhambra. Our own Rancho Sierra Construction Co. is keeping Hank so busy, it's been hard for him to find adequate time to pursue his favorite pastime of fishing, fishing, fishing! With summer coming, if you have a nice family you would like to sponsor that lives in the San Gabriel Valley area, please contact Hank through the Glendale office. He will take good care of your friends.



**ROBERT CHESLEY:** The members can thank Bob and Barney, the Rangler, for the Pony Cart that has been so popular among the children. Our pony, Niggy, is about two inches shorter from all the trips he has taken. Bob and his two boys, Fred and Bill, are regulars at the club on weekends. The way I hear it, the car is packed and ready to go by the time Bob gets home Friday night. Bob and wife Pam live in the Downey area, so if you have a nice family in the South Bay that you would like to hear about our membership program, get in touch with Bob through the Glendale office.



**ROSS HOUGHTON:** Ross and his lovely wife Priscilla are long time members of Lake Elizabeth and two of the club's biggest boosters. The Houghtons are "blue water" sailors, a la New England. The size of our lake doesn't approach the thrill of the Atlantic, but don't be surprised to find them floundering in Lake Elizabeth this summer. Their daughter, Susan, married club member, Dave Penrod, and can frequently be seen "showing off" the newest addition to their family, Debbie Penrod.



**WILSON COLEY:** "Wil" and wife Marge are two of the club's favorite people. Both are active at the golf course on weekends and recently topped the field in both the Men's and Women's Division of the Flag Tourney. Son, Craig is floating around off the coast of Viet Nam in the kitchen of the world's largest aircraft carrier, the U.S. Forrestal. (That sounds like a nice spot to be in!) Wil has been active with the club membership committee since 1963 and is well known among the members for his friendly and sometimes "lengthy" line of chatter!



**NORM COLEMAN:** Norm and wife Bonnie have that rare disease, "Gold Fever". They haven't purchased a burro yet, but Norm reports finding some "color" in them there hills! If you haven't met Norm, he is easy to find. On days that keep normal people huddled around the fireplace, Norm will be out running around in his shirt sleeves. If Norm wears a coat, it's too cold out for man and beast. Norm has been serving the membership for many years and is always happy to meet a nice family.

