

MOSQUITO BYTE



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NUMBER 17 COMING UP!

As we start our seventeenth year of the *Mosquito Byte* – yes that is 17! – we want to take a moment to thank:

- ☺ Our loyal subscribers, some have subscribed since the year one.
- ☺ Chief Leo Chaloux, who, with some gentle nagging, has written an article for just about every issue. When he was away, Devery Minor filled in.
- ☺ Jim Hinds and the late Norman Benes who wrote weather columns for so many years.
- ☺ Lois Pearson who has kept us informed of new and renewed subscriptions.
- ☺ Doreen Frazier and Evelyn Potter who've given us many good recipes over the years.
- ☺ The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board who sponsors the *Byte*.
- ☺ And all the others who have contributed in so many ways.

THANKS!!!

THE KID ON THE ROCK

Chief Leo Chaloux

Well we went from one of the hottest Julys to one of the wettest Augusts. Funny how that works as we were teaching an EMT class during that time. On one Saturday we were outside using the jaws to take a car a part and it must have been 110 degrees. We were all dying inside that protective equipment we have to wear. On the very next Saturday when it was time to take the final test and be inside – it was raining. Just cannot win.

At the least the EMT class is over and everyone passed. We now have a fire department that has a roster consisting of all EMTs. I want to thank Jerry Okumura who put in many hours teaching this class and also all those who took it. They gave up two evenings a week and several Saturdays for four months just to take this class.

A couple of Saturdays ago we were dispatched, along with El Dorado County Fire Protection District, to assist the Sheriff with a rescue on the river. My son, who is now a volunteer fire fighter, and I responded along with Chris Johns and George Kellison to the south side of the river where we met up with someone who stated their son was trapped on a ledge down by the river. From what he was telling me his son was all right but was not able to get down from a ledge and he was only about 15 feet above the waters edge. Since it was around 6:00 in the evening I thought that I, Nathaniel and Chris Johns along with the father could go upstream and get the kid off. George remained on the road to provide communications and the fire fighters from County Fire decided to walk the canyon edge to see if they could find the kid. Now, I may not be the smartest guy on the hill but I do know that I'll choose going up the river over climbing through the poison oak, black berries and brush on the canyon wall. I would much rather get wet than all tore up.

About $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile up the river we found the kid. Sure enough he was stuck on a ledge but instead of being 15 feet up he was more like 25. He was on a ledge that was above an area in the river that is about 12 to 15 feet deep. So being the red necks we are we were trying to get him to simply jump in the river. I mean to me it was a rather simple solution. However, this kid had his back to the wall and refused to move to the left or to the right and he sure was not going to jump in. So now the rescue is on. The canyon wall above the kid was too steep for us to get him from above so a decision was made to call out the Sheriff's high angle rope rescue team. Now, the sun is going down and the canyon is getting darker so since Nathaniel is young and dumb I sent him back up the canyon wall to the Command Unit to get flashlights. Up the canyon he went and back he came in about 30 minutes with the kid still stuck on the ledge not willing to jump in the river.

Now, here we are on the river waiting for the Sheriff to get some people with ropes down the canyon. After about two hours here they came with one guy on the end of a 160-foot rope. Once he made it to the kid he had to tie him into a harness and then he and the kid were lowered down to the river. So after about five hours of waiting for this kid to get wet he ended up in the water any way. Once we got him out of the water and onto our

side of the river it was now a journey downstream. That canyon down there is one that demands a great deal of respect and to be walking out of it in the dark is kind of scary. The last thing I wanted was someone ending up with a broken ankle. The father and the kid were dressed only in shorts and sneakers so we had to be aware of the black berries and poison oak. But then as we were walking out of there I was almost tempted to look for poison oak to go through just as a means of pay back.

All in all around midnight we managed to get out of there and with no one getting hurt it was quite successful. If the kid had just jumped in the water though it would have still been successful but not near as long.

Be careful out there. We are still not through the fire season; in fact the worse part of the year is coming up. Seems that September is the traditional month that has the largest and most destructive fires for El Dorado County. Lets hope we make it through till we get at least a couple inches of rain.

MOSQUITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Leonard Newell, Co-Chair and Secretary

The MFSC, or Council, held its first meeting of 2003 on January 5. That meeting's objectives were to (1) firm up the Council organization, including election of officers, and (2) review the draft application for the Federal Community Protection Grant. The grant application draft was further developed and reviewed, in consultation with Eldorado National Forest officials, and in Officer meetings held in February and March. Leo submitted the final application on time in

April, and we were given informal, unofficial word that we would receive a grant of between \$200,000 and \$150,000. On May 31, after the annual Fire Department Breakfast, Chief Scott



Vail of the Eldorado National Forest presented Chief Leo Chaloux with a facsimile check for \$154,825, signaling that the official word was on the way.

This was enough to make the Council call a series of open meetings to discuss specifics for contracts to obtain (1) a Strategic Fire Safe Plan, and (2) an

Implementation Plan. These meeting were held on June 1, June 27, and July 19, and were variously attended by Council and interested community members. Participants and leaders expressed strong support for beginning the actual work of reducing forest fuels and performing other actions on the ground before the next fire season begins. We all know somewhere in our minds that Mosquito has been very lucky about wildfire so far, and now we want to depend more on our own actions than on luck. So from the timing perspective we agreed that we should be doing the planned work on-the-ground by the middle of next April.

This meant that Strategic Planning would have to be done by early November, so that there would be December-March to have the more detailed Implementation Planning done. Council members and others contributed ideas for both contracts, and the Request for Proposals for the Strategic Plan (which will tell us the most important areas that are to be worked first, among other things,) and the advertisement and Prospectus went out on July 22. On August 9, all prospective bidders were invited to a personal showing of the District by Leo and Council members. Two companies were represented at this showing, and several others have expressed interest. As of this issue, we are awaiting the bid deadline date of September 9. If we get three valid bids, we will make the award by September 12. The successful bidder will call a community meeting in October.

Thanks to every one who attended the meetings, contributed ideas and time, and have responded to the need for better fire safety in our community.

We may have gotten through another fire season without having a wildfire over a few acres in size. There are probably still several-to-many critical weeks ahead before we see enough rain to push the Fire Danger Rating to Low, so let's all remember to stay careful with fire, outdoors and in.

GOAT CENTRAL

Julie Austin

In the Wildland/Urban interface, there are many challenges to providing and maintaining fuel load reduction to protect the urban environment.

Many techniques and tools are available to the reduction of fire fuels. Mechanical thinning, hand work, mastication, burning and grazing. Each has its own set of positive and negative aspects.

Goat Central uses goats for vegetation management. Browsing is an underutilized tool that

can be effectively used for management where mechanical means are impractical and at times where burning could be dangerous or chemicals not desirable.

Goats, properly managed, can reduce a heavily brushed area, making it easier for other tools to be utilized. Grazing brush reduces the vegetation, so that clearing is more easily accomplished. It reduces the amount of work required in human labor, makes access easier for mechanical needs. And goats work endlessly, without complaint. They can browse areas too steep for safe mechanical work. They are virtually silent. No significant noise is created. No fossil fuels are used and no noxious exhaust is created.

The work is flexible. Goats will eat all day and night, taking short rests. Their browsing behavior dictates coverage of a large area. Aggressive behavior in foraging and reaching up for vegetation that is located high creates a browse line to approximately 6 feet.

Mobbing behavior will break smaller branches. Poison oak is consumed, and if growing into trees, can be brought down with the mobbing behavior. Grasses can be reduced, with grazing and trampling, after seeds have set, minimizing reduction to the seed bed.

Small, smooth barked trees can be damaged by goats. Protection of such vegetation must be established in such a manner that it can withstand the effects of the goat behavior. Wrapping with tarps, or PVC pipe split in two on the long side, and reattached around a young tree can be effective in keeping goats away from it.

Because the work is "slow" in comparison to bulldozing, masticating, human thinning, the potential for soil erosion is minimized. Unwanted vegetation trunks can be left in the ground. By not removing a short trunk, the roots remain, holding the soil around it. The small stumps and roots can be left to decay. With minimized under story, more sun light and air movement is available, and dormant seeds can germinate.

Ground compaction can occur along the trails the goats use. Care must be taken to minimize ground compaction in these areas. Goat camps are the congregation area of the mob. They will visit a particular place several times a day. This can develop a significant level of erosion and manure buildup. Management techniques can be employed to minimize these problems. Goats manure is dry, and pelleted. It does not attract flies. The digestive system is highly effective, from mastication to digestion. The manure breaks down easily in rains.

Creating a defensible space can be easily

accomplished. However, maintaining that space can be difficult and time consuming.

Goat Central goats are medium in size. We use Kiko goats. Developed in New Zealand, they are aggressive foragers, have a high feed conversion and are a very hardy breed.

Goat Central clients have enjoyed the use of our goats on their land. After the goats have moved through a project area, the land owner can "see" the area that is now open, and make appropriate short and long term plans as it relates to the desired outcome. The outcome is most often for the protection against fire.

Predation management is accomplished with guardian dogs. Containment is accomplished with electric fencing and portable chargers.

Again, it can not be stressed enough that using goats in vegetation management requires diligent, adequate management to be effective. Much thought and planning must go into a project. Timing can be a critical factor in what goats will eat. Age of the goat and physiological condition also plays a role in how the goats will work. The number of goats required for the treatment will have the most influence in determining cost. A mature goat can eat approximately 10% of their body weight of dry matter per day. This will impact how many goats, based upon the amount of vegetation, how large an area to secure, and how quickly the vegetation will be reduced.

A very important component to working goats is understanding the behavior and working with it. Goats can be very effective when used instead of or in addition to other management techniques. Using goats is not without challenges.

You can visit us and some of our goats at the Harvest Fair or www.goatcentral.com

The Swansboro Country Property Owners association is looking for a new maintenance person. This is a part time position with the hours required varying by the season, \$15-\$17/HR DOE. The job includes maintaining the common areas, replacing fencing, patching roads, trimming brush and working with a variety of equipment including tractors and mowers. You can call SCPOA at 621-0309 to receive a complete job description. Please send your resume to 6770 Sluice Street, Placerville if you are interested.

JUST A THANK YOU NOTE!

We want to thank everyone involved in assisting us with the care of our goats, and the identification of the dogs involved in attacking our chicken and goats, in May. Our milking goat is now healed and happy. Both of our goats are finally, coming out of their fear of dogs. A special thank you to Leo, Linda, and Ken, for their kindness in helping us in the late evening! We are grateful to have people like you in our lives!

Samantha, Seth, Dominique, Sakora and Karin

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hem

A BIG THANK YOU to our community for their continued support of our Craft Sales and events. The total to date earned for our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department is as follows:

Craft Sales \$1045.25

Yard Sales \$ 170.00

Raffle Donations \$ 62.50

Total \$1277.75

Our Fire Department has been able to purchase and put in use, another much needed hand held radio with the proceeds from the Fireman's Picnic Craft Sale proceeds.

Our next Craft Sale is on Labor Day, September 1st at the Diamond Springs Fire Department Labor Day Bazaar. If you have never been to this event, be sure to mark your calendar and plan to come early and enjoy shopping for everything that you ever thought you could possibly need or want.

Our next Craft Sale is the Fall/Christmas Craft Sale on November 7th & 8th at the Baptist Church on Cold Springs Road.

The next craft meeting is on October 3rd. Hope to see you there as we have a lot of different projects that we are working on and need all kinds of crafty help. We do hope that you will continue to help us out by working on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or have them dropped off at the Firehouse. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

NOTE: Change in date for September Craft Meeting has been moved to October 3. There will be two Craft Meetings in October.

Future Meetings:

Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday of each month at Darlene Rood's home

Next Meeting: October 3, 2003

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: October 3, October 24 and November 28.

Phone Book Update

Add:

Johnson, Daniel & Shannon

3216 Buckeye Court

295-8047

SCPOA UPDATE

Our maintenance person had to resign suddenly so we are currently in search of a replacement, this has unfortunately left several projects unfinished. John Skaggs will be filling in on as a temporary replacement until we can have the formal hiring process. The bathrooms have been trashed yet again and that will be one of John's first projects along with completing the fencing that was started along Rock Creek Road. The well pump went out at Dyer Lake so there has been no water available, a new one has been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible. We will be looking into security doors for the bathrooms at Dyer Lake so that we can lock them at night to try to prevent the constant damage, if this doesn't work we may be forced to consider closing them except for special events.

Our new secretary has been working hard to collect the unpaid dues for this year, we are still short \$12,000 but this should be made up with continued collections and interest on accounts.

We have probably all seen the news reports of the insurance crisis that is occurring in California and anyone who has been looking for insurance is very aware that many companies will not write policies here. Unfortunately this is now affecting us, our prior company is no longer insuring property associations and finding a new one has been very difficult. We have been looking since April and were turned down by all but one which is three times as expensive as our last one was. We cannot go without insurance so we will have to pay \$38,000 this year, just over \$25,000 more than we have in the budget. We will be borrowing this money from the future road budget to pay the immediate bill and sending out a special assessment of \$36.00 per lot to repay this loan. We are not happy about this assessment but see no way around it, we

cannot go without insurance.

The board has agreed to accept the water meter from EID for Dyer Lake at no charge and they have agreed to provide the water at the gravity flow rate instead of the pumped rate. We will still be paying more for water than we have in the past but instead of the estimated 1500% increase it is a 250% increase, our only alternative was to not get any water. We will also have pretty much agreed to take over the Dogwood well from EID which we should be able to use to offset some of the increased cost.

There will be three positions that need to be filled on the board this year and we need volunteers to do it. It is not always very easy but it gives you the opportunity to help out your community.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT SCPOA BOARD MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

YOUR PET QUESTIONS

Pam Steinke

I didn't get as many questions as I thought for this month, but I now have a post office box available for those who don't email.

Q: My dog's teeth look dirty, but I can't brush off the stuff. Will it hurt to leave it on?

A: Teeth that are not brushed regularly form a crust of saliva, food debris and calcium salts on the teeth (tartar). As this tartar builds up, bacteria develops between this shelf of tartar and the gums. If it gets bad enough, the bacteria can enter the blood stream and seed the liver, kidneys and heart causing disease. Dry kibble helps slow down the build-up of tartar as the rough texture scrapes the teeth at each meal. Pressed food bones and firm toys for chewing also help. Real bones may help keep the tartar away but will wear down or even break the tips of the teeth. If your dog has visible tartar on the teeth that continues to build-up, I recommend having his teeth ultrasonically cleaned. After the procedure it will be easier to maintain clean teeth.

Q: We have a cat that keeps getting a sore in the same place. It will heal up for about a week, then break open again. It smells really bad.

A: It is hard to know for sure without getting further information or seeing your cat, but it sounds like an abscess. Typically when cats get into a fight, they will get a puncture wound from a tooth or claw. The skin will heal leaving bacteria to develop under the skin. After a few days you will see a swelling which may burst. If it does, the cat will feel better and the area may appear to heal. Unfortunately, the healing of the skin again traps bacteria and the swelling reappears.

To heal, this lesion needs to be drained, cleaned and antibiotics given to your cat. You'll need to take your cat to your veterinarian. Also, while there have them test for FELV and FIV as they affect the immune system and may complicate the healing process.

Q: We wonder if you have a practice up here. Would like to establish a relationship with a vet up here.

A: I recently acquired property in Mosquito. It will be at least a year before I will have any type of practice available up here.

If you have any questions concerning your pets you would like answered in this column, send them to Pam Steinke, P.O. Box 1992, Placerville, CA 95667 or e-mail to drpijs@hotmail.com

Toys Needed

For children in Mexico. We spend Christmas in San Felipe, Mexico and on Christmas Eve a group we belong to passes out toys in the poor section of town. If you have any you would like to donate, especially for boys, please leave at 6505 Log Cabin Lane. Please leave on porch if we are not home.

Elsie and Keith

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ADVERTISING

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MOUNTAIN MOMS I am a 30 year old mother of a 7 year old and a 4 year old who has lived here on the hill for over 3 years. I am interested in meeting other mothers and children here on the hill and would like to start a weekly or bi-weekly play date to get to know other families. Anyone interested? Contact Celeste at 626-3397 or at tckbkelly@netzero.net.

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A GOOD STORY

One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink it exploded into flames. The alarm went out to the fire departments from miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact."

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off. Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby rural township volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over the age of 65.

To everyone's amazement, the little run-down fire engine passed all the newer sleek engines parked outside the plant.....and drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

Outside the other firemen watched as the old timers jumped off and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the old timers had extinguished the fire and

saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, though elderly, firefighters.

The local TV news reporters rushed in after capturing the event on film asking, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Well," said the 70-year-old fire chief, "the first thing we are going to do is fix the brakes on that f***** truck."

News



EL DORADO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SUMMER CLEANING EVENT.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

MOSQUITO FIRE STATION
8801 ROCK CREEK ROAD

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED

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|---|---|-----------------------|
| Motor oil/filters | Automotive products | Solvents/removers |
| Household cleaners | Paint/varnishes/stains | Pesticides/herbicides |
| Vapor & sodium lamps | Paint thinners | Pool chemicals |
| Adhesives/sealants | Batteries | Photo chemicals |
| Aerosol cans | Flourescent light bulbs | |
| Mercury thermostats/thermometers/switches | Most products labeled "Caution", "Danger", "Poison" | |

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Radioactive material | Infectious medical waste | Explosives |
| Compressed gas cylinders | Household appliances | Business waste. |

Please limit materials to 5 gallons or 50 pounds; however you may transport up to 20 gallons of used oil or latex paint with no single container larger than 5 gallons. Please use original or disposable containers that are labeled with contents.

For additional information please call 621-5300 or visit the web site at www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/emd

A DUMPSTER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SWANSBORO PILOTS ASSOCIATION



FOR



HOUSEHOLD WASTE

PLEASE, NO APPLIANCES OR TIRES

PLEASE SEPARATE RECYCLABLES AND WE WILL PUT THEM IN A SEPARATE TRUCK AND TAKE THEM TO RECYCLING FOR YOU!

SEPTEMBER, 2003

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CRAFT SALE SEE PAGE 4 	2	3	4 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	5	6 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
7	8	9	10	11 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM
21	22	23 	24	25	26 NO CRAFT MEETING THIS MONTH	27
28	29	30				

DON'T FORGET THAT THE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY AND SWANSBORO PILOTS DUMPSTER DAY IS SATURDAY. AUGUST 30TH !!!!



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