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CHIEF'S CORNER

Last month it was mentioned that we needed rain - well it came along with some snow too! It was rewarding to see the lakes and ponds filling toward their capacities. That along with the increased snow pack in the Sierra makes our prospects of entering into another severe drought this summer less likely.



The Department

We had five personnel attend a training class on Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations. The class was instructed by Jared Infant (a local resident and member of the Dixon Fire Department) at no cost to the district.

We had at least one Paramedic on duty and did respond on 75% of the medical aid calls that occurred during this last month.

As a precautionary measure, during the recent snow event we staffed the Station on a 24 hour basis.

Personnel

We will be losing Firefighter/EMT Phil Southern to CALFIRE in April. In an effort to increase paramedic staffing in the district during the daily 8-5 operational period, we will staff the position with relief personnel instead of filling the position with a permanent employee at this time.

Information

The Firefighters participated in the Battle of the Badges Chili, Stew and Soup cooking competition. While we didn't win, a great time was had by all in attendance.

Calls for Service to date:

Medical: 5	Traffic Collision: 1	Debris Fire/Smoke Check: 5
Public Assist: 7	Electrical Hazards: 2	
Structure Fire/Alarms: 2	Move up and Cover: 1	

Safety Tip

Daylight savings time began on March 11th. We all changed our clocks and our bodies are slowly getting accustomed to the physiological changes that often accompany a time adjustment. But let's not forget the other task that is often associated with the time change - checking the functionality of your fire and carbon monoxide warning devices. If you forgot to do this, it's not too late. Test your detectors and replace the batteries if applicable.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday April 12th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.
You are welcome to attend!**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

By the MVFA Board of Directors

The MVFA Cowboy Chuck Wagon Dinner was a terrific success despite almost blizzard-like conditions that evening. Thanks to all our great community volunteers who participated in this event and the 85 community members in attendance. Next, mark your calendars for the upcoming **Cinco de Mayo Dinner** at the Fire Station on **May 5th**. There will be a gift raffle at dinner, and donors are requested to bring a gift, or drop one off at a board member's home ahead of time. In addition, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Get your raffle tickets early - starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner is \$10 for Señores y Señoras and \$4 for Niños age 12 and under. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm, and take-outs will be available. The complete 2018 schedule of MVFA events is at www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Click the "EVENTS" button.

You may have noticed the improvements being made at Finnon Lake Recreation Area during the winter months. On March 12th, three transfer loads of base rock were delivered on the perimeter road in the campground to repair the damage caused by last year's heavy rains. Many thanks to volunteer Kim Purcell who spent all day on her tractor spreading and smoothing the gravel.

The MVFA board is continuing to review and make changes to its By-laws. The present By-laws are a carry-over from its pre-2006 days as the 501(c)(4) Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) which purchased the Finnon Lake property. Since the Finnon Lake dam was rebuilt, MVFA's financial responsibilities increased dramatically. Besides an annual dam inspection fee of almost \$8,000, MVFA was liable for back fees and penalties totaling over \$40,000. In addition, property taxes and insurance amounts to over \$3,000 annually. The primary reason for reorganizing as a 501(c)(3) and changing its name to MVFA was to separate these financial liabilities from district taxpayers.

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Many thanks to the many community members who have donated very generously to MVFA over the past year.

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake, events and volunteer opportunities.

In the meantime, please visit both MVFA websites for legal, historical and event information: www.GoMVFA.org for by-laws, mission statement, *Mosquito Byte* online and upcoming events. Also, look for the "Amazon Smile" link on the top right hand corner of the home page. By signing up for "Smile", and indicating MVFA as your charitable beneficiary, 0.5% of your Amazon purchases will go to MVFA.

Visit www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click "EVENTS" for the 2018 MVFA events schedule. Click "ABOUT" for the message board and historical information about Finnon Lake Recreation Area and MVFA. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, and wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. Or contact the board at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

BINGO

By MVFA

Don't forget, **BINGO** is back in 2018 on the fourth Thursday of the month which is **April 26th**. Games start at 7:00 PM at Frank's Diner. Half the game proceeds go to the game winners and half goes to the MVFA Community Funds including the MVFA Station 75 Fund. Frank will provide dinner at a special BINGO price. Frank also offers catering at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Call Frank for more information at (530) 409-1977 or visit: www.franksmosquitodiner.com.

SCPOA Report

by Roger Stenbock

Playground Approved

The board is pleased to announce that at the March 15 board meeting it unanimously approved funding for a playground. It is planned to be constructed at Dyer Lake this spring. Watch for more info as we progress towards completion.



SCPOA's Common Area

Our insurance coverage limits what and who is covered. Any decisions regarding common area use and maintenance should be approved by either the Board or a committee that the Board creates. Not doing so may result in loss of insurance protection and put the Association at risk. Anyone wanting to engage in any maintenance, improvements, clean-up work or similar activity must get prior board approval.

Committee participation

There is a lot of interest in our airport. The board welcomes members to get involved in all committees, including the airport committee. Check the SCPOA.INFO website for more information. Happy Easter and enjoy the upcoming spring.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, April 19th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!



MS75

By Lisa Hampton

What's the best pancake topping? Why, more pancakes of course! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 21st**. We'll be flipping flapjacks and whipping up waffles at the Mosquito Fire Station from 8:30-11:00 am. Come join us for some excellent nosh, even better company, and a wonderful cause as all proceeds go to the firefighters. Hope to see you there!

Birding at Finnon

By Dave Angelo

The Finnon Recreation Area Bird Watch is held on the third Saturday (**April 21st**) of each month starting at the Pavilion at 9:00 am. This is a leisurely walk around the lake and takes about 1.5 hours. These are the bird watch results for March 18th, 2018.

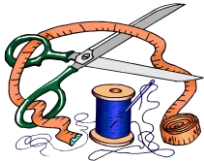
1	Canada Goose	2	Mallard
12	Bufflehead	4	Pied-billed Grebe
6	Double-crested Cormorant	1	Great Blue Heron
3	Turkey Vulture	46	American Coot (Red-shielded)
1	Hairy Woodpecker	5	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
1	Pileated Woodpecker	2	Black Phoebe
1	Bushtit	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
26	Western Bluebird	8	American Robin
60	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	32	Red-winged Blackbird



Number of Taxa: 18

Crafters

By Sharon Hern



We have a lot of new craft projects, so.....If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies.

Our next meeting is on **April 27th**. Don't miss out on the Friday Fun Day!!! Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10 AM to 12 PM** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **April 27th**.

IN MEMORY OF

Jerry Avery

John Florin

Swansboro Pilots Association - Scholarship Offering

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for this \$500 college scholarship. If you are a high school senior going on to college next fall we hope you will apply. We've had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more!

To apply, send at least a one page, double spaced, typed essay that states:

- Any community service projects you have done
- What college you plan to attend
- Your life and college plans
- Your high school grade point average
- Mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked no later than June, 30th to:

Swansboro Pilots Association
2724 Swansboro Road
Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions please call 621-1049.



Finnon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one year pass is \$50.00 and expires on the 1st of January 2019. The 2 year pass is \$75.00 and expires on the 1st of January 2020. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.

Franks Diner

By Frank Ethridge

News from the Diner

With the warmer weather just around the corner, we are working on some new things for the summer. We're adding some more dining space outside and doing some sprucing up with the landscape with the help from Jan Okumura and a few fund raisers being held here at Finnon. Stay tuned for more details. On **April 11th**, there will be a meet and greet for our El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Diner.

Easter is on the 1st of April and we will be closed.

Our Take and Bake Pizzas are available after 4 p.m. and, to date, we have sold almost 250! I hope everyone who has bought one enjoyed it. Coming up in May, we will be opening up breakfast 5 days a week and we also looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with some nice specials. Be sure to check out our web page franksmosquitodiner.com. You can reach us at 530-409-1977 Thank you and we look forward to serving you at the Diner.

Frank's Diner Family Nights for April

Our price for our Wednesday Family Nights will be \$10.00.

April 4th	Eggplant Parmesan w/ small salad
April 11th	Chicken Enchiladas
April 18th	Mom's Meatloaf
April 25th	Soup and Salad



Recipe of the Month – Bread Pudding

By request

BREAD PUDDING

3 ½ cups Sugar
2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
1 tsp. Nutmeg
6 medium Eggs
1 cup Heavy Cream
4 cups Milk
3 tsp. Vanilla
French bread, sliced thin

SAUCE

1 cup Heavy Cream
2 cups Whole milk
1 Tbsp. Corn Starch
1 Tbsp. Water
6 Tbsp. Sugar
½ cup Bourbon/Whiskey

Directions

To make the bread pudding, first preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease 8" square baking pan. Combine sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a large bowl. Beat in the eggs until smooth, add the milk then work in the heavy cream. Add the vanilla, Arrange the bread slices in the pan pour the mixture over the bread. Allow bread to soak up the milk mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and foil place pan in a water bath.

Bake for approximately 45-60 minutes, uncover the pudding and bake until the pudding has a golden-brown color and is firm to the touch. If a toothpick inserted in the pudding comes out clean, it is done. The mixture of pudding should be nice and moist, not runny or dry. Serve warm.

To make the whiskey sauce, place the cream and milk in a small saucepan over medium heat, and bring to a boil. Whisk cornstarch and water together and add to cream while whisking. Bring to a boil and let simmer for a few seconds, taking care not to burn the mixture on the bottom. Remove from heat.

Stir in the sugar and the bourbon. Taste to make sure the sauce has a thick consistency, a sufficiently sweet taste, and a good bourbon flavor. Pour over the Bread Pudding top with Fresh whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon.

FRANK'S DINER

Our Hours are

Wednesday thru Friday from 11:00 am to

8:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

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delicious meal!

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6, Saturday 9 to 5



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NOTARY SERVICE – I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503 (0618)

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Frank's Closed 	2	3	4 Frank's Family Night <i>Eggplant Parmesan w/ small salad</i>	5 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	6	7 Support group 10am
8	9	10	11 Frank's Family Night <i>Chicken Enchiladas & Meet the Sheriff</i>	12 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	13	14
15	16	17 	18 Frank's Family Night <i>Mom's Meatloaf</i>	19 SCPOA Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	20	21 Birding at Fannon Lake 9 am Fannon Lake Pavilion MS75 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11 am
22	23	24	25 Frank's Family Night <i>Soup & Salad</i>	26 Bingo 7pm at Frank's Diner  <i>See Article for Dinner Specials</i>	27 Crafters 10am at Darlene Rood's house	28
29	30	1 May	2	3 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	4	5

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