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Preparation for Michael Kobseff's Visit at the Annual Meeting

Michael Kobseff, County District Supervisor, will be our guest speaker at the Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Michael will address many issues of interest and answer your questions.

If you do have questions, it would be a good idea to send those questions in advance so that Michael will be fully prepared to answer. It will save time, given our limited amount, and make for a smoother presentation.

Questions can be sent to the HLA at P.O. Box 795, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 or emailed to the HLA at www.hammondlandowners.org.



Volunteers Needed to Help at the County Fair Beer Booth

To all our neighbors and friends on Hammond Ranch: The Hammond Ranch Firefighters Association needs volunteers for the yearly Siskiyou County Golden Fair Beer Garden beer booth in Yreka. The beer booth is operated by volunteers only, and more people are needed because some people who previously volunteered have moved and several are not able to help out this year. This is the Firefighters Association's only chance during the year to raise funds for much-needed equipment that the County does not pay for.

The fair is from August 10th thru August 14th this year. There are three shifts a day; one from 9:00am to 2:00pm, 2:00pm to 6:00 pm and 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Your help is especially needed on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Please call Bob Keyser 938-4140 to volunteer.



A Note to All Road Committees

As a reminder, all requests for road reimbursements must be received by the Board no later than October 1st to be considered in the current fiscal year's budget. Requests received after that date will be reimbursed and accounted for in the budget for the following fiscal year.

For those of you who may not be aware, the HLA has allocated funds for the majority of the roads in Hammond Ranch, to be used for reimbursement to landowners for repairs and maintenance done on their roads. Requests for reimbursement must be signed by two current HLA members and include copies of all receipts/invoices and evidence of payment. It will then be presented to members of the board for discussion and approval at the next board meeting. Once approved, the HLA will reimburse 25% of the amount of the expenses, up to the maximum allocation for the road in question.

If you are unsure about whether funds have been allocated for your road, feel free to contact any member of the board or send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org.

*Doug Lathrop,
Treasurer*



Antique Road Grader

*"The Summer night is like a perfection of thought."
- Wallace Stevens*

Our Mission Statement: To provide information, to assist in the coordination of group actions, to determine guidelines and make suggestions in matters relating to development and use of property on Hammond Ranch.



Run Report

April: 4 vehicle fires, 1 vegetation fire, 1 structure fire, 1 smoke check and 1 false alarm.
May: 1 vegetation fire, 1 lightning fire, 1 hazmat call and 2 medical calls.

June: 2 structure fires, 1 medical call and 5 vehicle fires. For some reason, there were an unusual number of vehicle fires this quarter.

From the Chief

Here we are again in the middle of fire season, hoping and praying we are spared a major fire event. We have had approximately five small wildland fires in our area that were quickly contained, all man-caused.

Mt. Shasta and Weed are experiencing a high level of transients (aka travelers). These people are migrating into private and public land for the purpose of long-term camping or living. This behavior is responsible for many of the man-caused fires. I would encourage all residents of the ranch to inspect their property and report such trespassing to the Sheriff's Department.

*Dave Jenkins,
Hammond Ranch Fire Chief*

2016 Annual Members Picnic

Over 60 members and friends came to the annual picnic. It was a perfect day, not too hot, not too cold, no rain! The food was great; a good time was had by all! The music was lively, thanks to the Gentlemen Callers.

Also, many thanks to all the volunteers that put together the picnic this year, especially: Bob Keyser and Lynn Potter, Leland and Jeanne George, Terry McGraw, Paul Elberts, Larry Braz, Pam and Dave Scott, Tom and Larie Wearing, Katie LeBaron and Davis Bowden and Pam and Randy Robinson.

Also many thanks to the donors of crafts and artwork: Gretchen Waiswilos, Linda Richter, Linda Klokow, Terry Lathrop, Sandra Tye, Elsbeth Tiefert and Pam Robinson. There were some beautiful things donated and auctioned.



The cranes came late this year, but wasted no time. They have been spotted in the meadow the last few weeks with two colts.

Keep an eye out!



Welcome Baskets

A welcome basket was delivered to Mariana Harmon in February of this year. Her husband, Bob, was in Modesto tending to their pest control company they have owned for many years. They have two sons in high school and an older son who lives in Modesto and has an eight-month old son. The family has four rescue dogs as well.

Mariana first came to the Mt. Shasta area three years ago with some girlfriends and immediately fell in love with the beauty. She and Bob came and he also liked it, so they moved here full time in August of 2015. Mariana works doing the paper work and running of their business, Harmon Pest Control. We welcome them to Hammond Ranch and hope they continue to enjoy our neck of the woods.



Setting the Record Straight

Lakewood Ranch is that subdivision on the north side of Hammond Pond. It is all private property and its use is for Lakewood owners and guests only. Recently, a Lakewood landowner came across a man on his property walking three dogs off-leash. When told he was trespassing, the man is alleged to have said that he is a Hammond Ranch owner and a member of Hammond Landowners Association and that he has a right to be there.

Sorry to say that would be incorrect. Neither the public, nor Hammond Ranch owners, nor HLA members have any right to be on Lakewood Ranch property.

Likewise, Hammond Pond is not a part of Hammond Ranch. The pond is an agricultural reservoir and the water is owned by others downstream. The land under and around the pond is owned by several landowners, but on the south side it is principally owned by the Siskiyou Land Trust. Ranch landowners do not have any right or permission to use the pond for recreation or any other purpose. The public does not have any use rights as well.



Wildlife on the Ranch

Have you seen these insects lately?

Ctenucha rubroscapus/multifaria



are actually Tiger moths. They are a brilliantly colored, black, blue and orange/red day-flying moth found west of the Cascade Mountains. It is medium size (length 19-20mm). The fore and hindwings are similar black with a segment of white fringe at the wing tips. The head and tegulae are bright orange/red, while the collar and central thorax are black. The abdomen is metallic blue.

Their range extends from southern coastal Washington, further south through California to the Mexico border.

The larvae are foodplant specialists, feeding on grasses and sedges. Adults feed on the nectar of composites such as goldenrod and tansy ragwort. Adults are single brooded and have been collected from late June through September. They are most common in July and August and are diurnal.

Another interesting note: Many moths of both the families Arctiidae and Ctenuchidae are foul-tasting but would be vulnerable to nocturnal predation by bats were it not for the emission of a series of high-pitched clicks, audible to bats, made when the moths hear the bat's own ultrasonic navigational pulses. That the moth clicks actually do serve as warnings is borne out by the fact that captive bats ignore thrown mealworms (which they normally eat) when the mealworms are accompanied by recorded moth clicks.

Milkweed and Monarch Butterflies



As most of our residents are aware, Milkweed is common around the Ranch this time of year. Although they are not the most attractive plants around, they are an important nectar source for native bees, wasps and other nectar-seeking insects, as well as caterpillars of the Monarch butterfly.

Monarch caterpillars sequester the plants' chemical compounds, giving them protection by making them distasteful to predators.

The Monarchs' annual migration is a widely-known phenomenon. In the western U.S. each fall over one million Monarchs from Arizona to Washington and north into British Columbia, fly to more than two hundred groves along the California coast. These butterflies leave their overwintering sites in spring, and fly eastward to California's Central Valley and the Sierra Nevada foothills and north to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia in search of milkweeds on which to lay their eggs.

Milkweed and Monarch Butterflies (continued)

Unfortunately, annual counts of Monarchs on the California coast have revealed significant population declines. For example, in 1997, Natural Bridges State Beach near Santa Cruz had an estimated 120,000 monarchs. In 2009, the estimate was down to only 1,300 butterflies. A major factor contributing to these declines is the loss of Milkweed plants in the Monarch's spring and summer breeding areas across the United States. This loss is due to urban and agricultural development and the application of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides.

Although their name implies that they are a weed and they're not as pretty as the Shasta Lily, they are crucial to the survival of the Monarch butterfly. Next time you're out with the weed whacker or Round Up, you may want to think twice about taking out the Milkweed.



Solicitation on the Ranch

A question has come up about whether the Ranch has a policy of no solicitation. Evidently, recently there's been someone with a meat truck coming onto landowner's property and offering to sell meat.

There is no policy in the bylaws nor the CC&Rs; however, if someone is coming onto private property without permission, they are trespassing. The landowner can request the person leave. The landowner can post a "no solicitation" or "no trespassing" sign as well.



Today I saw the dragon-fly
Come from the wells where he did lie.
An inner impulse rent the veil
Of his old husk: from head to tail
Came out clear plates of sapphire mail.
He dried his wings: like gauze they grew;
Thro' crofts and pastures wet with dew
A living flash of light he flew.

- Alfred Lord Tennyson (1833)

Fires on the Ranch

There were at least two fires on the Ranch already this year that were unattended and reignited by winds and had to be extinguished by our local and CalFire fire departments. Below are the Forest Service's recommendations to take care of fires. Please follow them if you or your guests are going to have a campfire. Our forest and homes are at great risk if you do not.

If you are going to have a campfire:

- When not in a designated campground, build your fire within a ring of rocks.
- Clear all vegetation away from the fire ring (remove all flammable materials such as needles, leaves, sticks, etc.)
- Select an open, level spot away from trees, logs, stumps, overhanging branches, dense dry grass and forest litter.
- Keep your campfire small.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel nearby for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.
- Never leave a campfire unattended! Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread. Make sure a responsible adult is always in attendance.

When putting out your campfire:

- First, drown the campfire with water!
- Next, mix the ashes and embers with soil. Scrape all partially-burned sticks and logs to make sure all the hot embers are off them.
- Stir the embers after they are covered with water and make sure that everything is wet.
- Feel the coals, embers, and any partially-burned wood with your hands. Everything (including the rock fire ring) should be cool to the touch. Feel under the rocks to make sure no embers underneath.
- When you think you are done, take an extra minute and add more water.
- Finally, check the entire campsite for possible sparks or embers, because it only takes one to start a forest fire.
- Remember...if it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

Please take the time to completely put out your campfire, it could prevent a wildfire.



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The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at hla@hammondlandowners.org.

Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. The location is available on the website or from any Board member. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Wearing residence. Call Tom or Larie at 938-4288 to confirm.
- HLA Annual Picnic – Saturday, July 8, 2017.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting and Luncheon – Saturday, November 5, 2016, Best Western Treehouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Greater Weed Area Fire Safe Council – Third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., Hammond Ranch Fire Station.

Ranch Service Providers

A listing has been compiled of those available for hire with heavy equipment to provide services to the Ranch, including snow removal. You will find it by going to the website on the News and Events page: www.hammondlandowners.org.



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Please send changes of address to:
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