



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

February **NEWSLETTER** 2013



President's Message

February 2013

Greetings:

Well it is really wintry weather now. We have had some very cold temperatures this year, below zero at times. Almost like being back east or in the mid-west. It's time to enjoy the snow.



The Thanksgiving / Holiday party at the lodge was a fun time with around fifty people attending. PPOA members celebrated the holiday with new and long-time residents. Our thank you to, Mary Brewer and everyone, that brought a dish to share.

The PPOA Snow Day will be at Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge once again this year. The date is Sunday, February 17th at 9 A.M. There are more details in the newsletter.

The Forest Service burning of the standing wood piles seems to be going well, with more supervision and control. Let's hope it continues that way.

Again, I encourage anyone who is not a member of the PPOA, to consider becoming a member. There is a membership form available on line at the community web site:

www.ponderosaca.com/pondo.

You can also find the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters at this site.



Regards,

Kit Korf

PPOA President



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Next newsletter is May.

Submissions are due May 1st.

Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

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Winter Hours:

- Monday-Friday: 10am—6 pm
- Weekends: 9am—6pm
- Closed Tuesday and Wednesday (When Western Divide closes)
- Thursdays 5—7pm: Happy Hour 1/2 price appetizers and drink specials.

Important Dates:

Valentines Dinner for 2 Thursday Night February 14
Filet Minion
Please call for reservations



February 17th Snow Day at the Lodge

Fun time at the 2012 Ponderosa Lodge PPOA Christmas Party!



Photo courtesy of the McWilliams



PPOA
Annual Snow Day Event
Sunday February 17, 2013



PROGRAM

9.00-10.00am: Breakfast with Belgian Waffles at the lodge (\$3.00 per waffle)

10:00am-12:30pm: Snow shoe and cross-country skiing. Departure from the lodge. Snowmobile rides.

1:00pm: BBQ at lodge (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs; courtesy of the PPOA). \$ 5.00 for non-PPOA members.

Afternoon: More snow experience for those who wish

Bring your equipment if you have. The lodge also has several pairs of cross-country skis and shoes for rent. We will have a few extra pairs of snow-shoes.

*Confirm your attendance
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Snowmobile Safety Tips

Snowmobiles are an exciting way to enjoy the snowy landscapes of winter. But, collisions, poor ice conditions and alcohol can turn snowmobile fun into snowmobile tragedy. Before you hit the trails, check out these snowmobile safety tips to help you stay safe:

1. **Wear a helmet.** Never operate a snowmobile without one.
2. **Know the rules in your state.** Wherever you're riding, get to know the rules and follow them when you ride. For instance, many states require you take a snowmobile safety certification course before legally operating a snowmobile.
3. **Have a plan before you head out.** Decide which routes and trails you would like to ride on as well as the length of time you plan to ride. Check conditions. And, tell family or friends where you'll be and the time you plan on returning.
4. **Go together.** Avoid riding alone. If you get in a snowmobile accident, others in your party can call for help.
5. **Signal your actions.** Make clear, deliberate hand signals so you can communicate your intended actions to other snowmobile drivers near you.
6. **Be aware of speed and distance.** Understand relative speed and the distance between you and other drivers, especially at night.
7. **Don't override your headlights.** Overriding your headlights means that they don't illuminate the area where your snowmobile will finally stop. If you ride at speeds over 40 mph in poor conditions, you may not be able to stop soon enough to avoid hitting potential obstacles on the trail, a leading cause of snowmobile injuries and fatalities.
8. **Dress for the weather.** In winter, temperatures can drop suddenly. Pack an extra hat, mittens, gloves and pocket warmers, just in case.
9. **Exercise caution on the ice.** Travel over ice only when you are absolutely sure it is strong enough to support your snowmobile. Travel at low speeds, know where other riders are, and look for potential hazards like open water.
10. **Be aware of potential avalanche dangers.** Mountain snowmobilers need to be aware of their surroundings, and that includes avalanches. For additional information on avalanche safety, visit www.fsavalanche.org.
11. **Don't drink and ride.** The majority of snowmobile crashes involve alcohol. When snowmobiling, remember you are operating a motorized vehicle that could hurt or kill you or others, especially if driven while intoxicated.

Here's to great – and safe – snowmobiling through stunning winter scenery. From us to you – enjoy the ride!



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CALENDAR

February	17	PPOA Snow Day
	18	Property Owner's Association Meeting - 9am, PCSD Building
	18	President's Day

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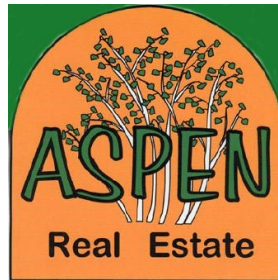
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Chef Paul Prudhomme's Louisiana Sautéed Shrimp

Seasoning mix:

- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon oregano

2 dozen medium-large raw shrimp with shells included (about 1 lb.)

1/4 pound (1 stick) butter, plus 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, in all

1 to 2 teaspoons minced garlic

1 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup seafood stock or vegetable stock

(can also use clam juice) When shopping, it is easier to find!

1/4 cup beer at room temperature

- 1) Rinse the shrimp in cold water and drain well. Leave shells on.
- 2) In a small bowl, combine seasoning mix ingredients.
- 3) Combine one stick of the butter, the garlic, Worcestershire sauce and seasoning mix in a large skillet over high heat. When the butter is melted, add the shrimp.
- 4) Cook for 2 minutes, shaking the pan (do not stir), in a back and forth motion. Add the remaining 3 tablespoons butter and the stock, cook and shake pan for 2 more minutes. Add the beer and cook and shake the pan 1 minute longer. Remove from heat.
- 5) Serve immediately on a platter with a mound of white rice or seasoned rice in the center and the shrimp and sauce surrounding it.

Have you ever considered how snow forms?

Snow begins as a tiny ice crystal or even a speck of dust. This moisture brings condensation and these drops or particles begin to stick together and form hexagonal crystals, sometimes in clumps, as they descend through warmer air.

Is every snowflake different?

It's improbable that you will ever find two snowflakes that are alike. The snowflake's hexagonal symmetry has its origin in the shape of a water molecule, which consists of an atom of oxygen and two atoms of hydrogen. They are connected in such a way that the hydrogen "arms" make an angle like the arms on the letter x. This angle ensures that when the water molecules link to form a crystal, the resultant symmetry will be hexagonal.

Regarding the probabilities of combination, a single snow crystal consists of something like one quintillion molecules of water. The number of ways that many molecules can be arranged into six-sided crystals is astronomical. So the odds are huge that no two snowflakes have ever been exactly alike.

Credit: Chris Burnett
"Ice Crystals in Montreal"
taken January 18, 2013.



Change of Address

Below is a change of address form. It is important to let me know if you have moved or have a new PO Box number. Each time I receive an address correction from the US Postal Service it costs PPOA extra money. Please notify me by email at jahansen@bak.rr.com, call (661) 836-2060, or mail this form to Julie Hansen at 8803 Brannock Ct. Bakersfield, Ca. 93313.

Name _____

New Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Phone _____ Email _____

Ponderosa Address _____

Detach here and mail to the address above

Below is a form to join the Ponderosa Property Owners Association if you haven't already done so for the 2012-2013 year. The cost for a developed lot is \$30 a year **OR** \$15 for an undeveloped lot. Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check to **PPOA 56693 Aspen Drive, Ponderosa, CA 93265**. If you wish to make a donation to the Volunteer Fire Brigade fund, please mark the form below with the amount desired along with your PPOA membership dues.

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PPOA Membership Dues 2012-2013

Name _____

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City _____

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