

PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

May

2013

President's Message

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Greetings:

We are well into spring and should be cleaning up around our homes and lots by now. It sounds like they are going to increase the inspections of the Ponderosa properties this year. What fun!

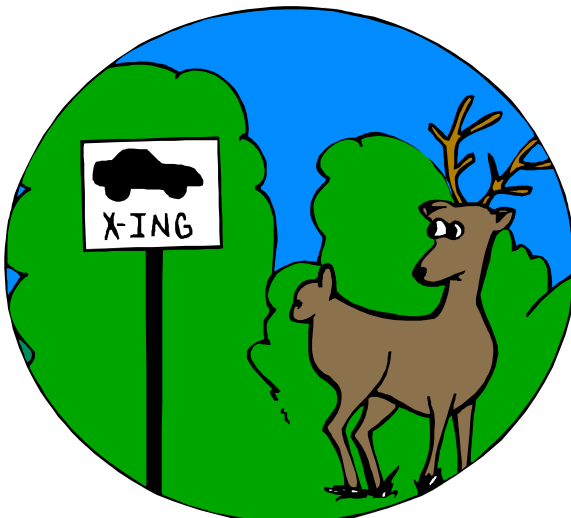
The PPOA Snow Day at Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge in February was successful. Our thanks to the DeClerk family that organized the event, prepared a delicious breakfast, and lead the snow sports. Also, thanks to Rich Thomas who grilled the hamburgers & hot dogs for all who attended.

Again, I encourage anyone who is not a member of the PPOA, to consider becoming a member. There are many projects that your board takes on to keep our community up to date, safe, and a wonderful place to visit in the mountains.

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.

See you at the Chili Cook Off on May 26th.

Regards,
Kit Korf
PPOA President



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Next newsletter is July.

Submissions are due June 10th

Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

Summer Hours:

- Saturday-Tuesday: 8am-9 pm (Kitchen) Bar open later
- Wednesday-Friday : 9am—8pm (Kitchen) Bar open later
- Thursdays 5—7pm: Happy Hour 1/2 price appetizers and drink specials.
- **Live music on the deck Sat. & Sun. all Summer long 11-4pm**

Important Dates:

May 26th: Chili Cook-Off; enter your group now!

Register at www.brewersponderosalodge.com

June 16th: Fathers day BBQ Burgers and Dogs.

July 4th: Parade and BBQ 10 am.



Farmer's Almanac Weather

MAY 2013: temperature 63° (1° below avg.); precipitation 0.5" (avg.); **May 1-4:** Sunny, cool; **May 5-9:** T-storms, then sunny, cool; **May 10-19:** A.M. clouds, P.M. sun; **May 20-26:** Sunny, warm; **May 27-31:** A.M. clouds and sprinkles, P.M. sun coast; sunny, cool inland.

JUNE 2013: temperature 68° (2° above avg. northwest, 2° below southeast); precipitation 0.1" (avg.); **Jun 1-6:** Drizzle coast; sunny, cool inland; **Jun 7-17:** Sunny; cool coast, hot inland; **Jun 18-23:** Sunny, cool north; A.M. sprinkles, P.M. sun, cool south; **Jun 24-30:** A.M. drizzle, P.M. sun coast; sunny, hot inland.



Big Bad Breakfast's Pain Perdu

Brandy-spiked toast a breakfast standout

Adapted from: Big Bad Breakfast, Restaurant, in Oxnard, Mississippi.

Total time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4

Chantilly Cream

1 cup whipping cream

2 tablespoons powdered sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a large bowl, whisk the cream, powdered sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until needed; the Chantilly cream can be made up to 1 hour in advance.

Pain Perdu and assembly

4 eggs

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup half-and-half

1/4 cup brandy

Peanut oil for frying

6 slices Texas toast or country white bread cut into 3/4 inch-thick slices

Powdered sugar, fresh berries and/or Chantilly cream to garnish

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, sugar, vanilla, salt, half-and-half and brandy until thoroughly combined to make the batter.
2. Add enough oil to come up the sides of a deep cast iron skillet by about 1 inch. Heat the oil until a thermometer inserted reaches 325 degrees.
3. Halve the bread slices diagonally. Dredge a couple slices in the batter until both sides are thoroughly soaked. Lift the slices out of the batter and allow to drain briefly.
4. Carefully place the bread into the fry oil and fry each side until golden brown, approximately 1 minute per side.
5. Remove the toast from the oil and drain on paper towels. Repeat with the remaining slices until all are fried.
6. Serve the pain perdu, three pieces to a plate. Garnish as desired. The restaurant serves the dish topped with powdered sugar, berries and Chantilly cream.

FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING

Here it is the start of May and we have already had a fire in the Ponderosa area. This fire was the result of our Forest Service burning piles at the Peppermint Workstation. The Brigade responded (thanks Jimmy and Trebor) and with county fire was able to limit the fire to less than one acre. The Forest Service did their usual thing, start the burn and then go home for the night. The winds picked up and away it went.

Remember if we respond outside of Ponderosa (Forest) we need to inform Forest Service Dispatch that the Ponderosa Brigade is responding. Dispatch number is 781-5780 day time and 782-3120 ext 701 at night.

I was just watching the TV and all the fires that are currently going on in California. The news caster mentioned that the current conditions are what they would be in late August and September. Wow, I can't imagine what conditions will be like then. All of these dry conditions and wind just emphasis the need for the Brigade to be ready to respond. I can't emphasis more the need to train so if we do have an incident we will know what to do.

There have been some changes to County Fire this year. At the Camp Nelson station we have a new person, Lt. Tim Franks. His schedule is to be on duty 4 days and will be at the station the other three days with a few exceptions. Lt. Franks comes from Station 22 and lives with his girlfriend Trena. Trena works in the valley 3 days a week as an EMT and is part of the county volunteer fire. She will be responding with station 23 personnel.

Lt Franks would like the Brigade to start training with station 23 personnel. Training is always the third Sunday of the month from 2PM to 4PM. I believe this is a great opportunity for the Brigade; it will allow us to see how the county trains and what to expect if they arrive in Ponderosa on an incident.

Our first training will be on May 11 at 10AM at the county fire station in Camp Nelson. I apologize for the late notice as both Alvie and I have been extremely busy the last 2 weeks since we arrived back on the mountain. The training will be 1st Aid and CPR/AED; this is a hands on class that we should all attend. You will receive a Red Cross 1st Aid card along with a CPR card; this class normally cost \$30 but will be free to all mountain property owners. In addition we are going to have a Tri-Tip lunch as part of the class. CPR cards are good for only 2 years so if your cards are going to expire in the next few months this is a great opportunity to have a new one. Just to remind everyone we have 2 AED's in Ponderosa; one is at the Ponderosa Lodge and the second is in the Brigade fire truck.

Lt. Franks would like to have a discussion with the brigade members on training, how they respond to a Ponderosa incident and work with county personnel. This discussion will occur following the class on May 11 at approximate 4:00 PM.

The second scheduled Brigade training will be in Ponderosa on May 25 at 2:00PM at the brigade fire truck. Training will be a review of the fire truck, equipment, and pump panel. Additional fire truck training will be announced each month in addition to the brigade training the third Sunday of each month.

John Kracik

(Editor's Note: To all the new property owners we have a volunteer fire department and fire truck. With the current dry conditions the more people we have the better. I personally have not participated but I plan to start on May 25th and hope to meet you there! Training is at the PPOA building almost across from the Aspen real estate office. M Hansen).



CALENDAR

May	12th	Mother's Day
	25th	2:00 PM Fire Brigade Training
	26th	Chile Cook Off registration starts at 9:30 AM
	27th	Property Owner's Association Meeting - 11am, PCSD Building
	27th	Memorial Holiday
June	16th	Fathers Day

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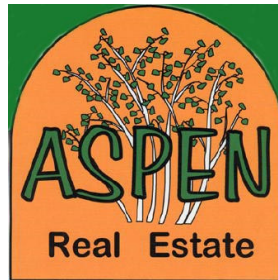
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A Cautionary Tale

A few weeks ago, I flipped the cover back on my propane tank, to read the gauge. An aggressive little hornet flew at me & stung my wrist. Darn! Those little guys hurt!! I didn't think that much about it, until I needed to check again.

My next check, just before I flipped the top, I noticed hornets buzzing in & out at the end of the cover & I backed off. At first light the next day, I sprayed an entire can of hornet spray into the hole and quickly retreated.

The next day there were still a few hornets flying in and out, and at dusk I emptied a 2nd entire can of hornet spray into the hole. Still, a few hornets flying in and out. I waited. In the end, it was: Ortho, Home Defense MAX foam spray, wasp and hornet killer that did the trick, and I will always have a can of it on hand from now on.

When I finally cleaned the top off of my cover & scraped the nest out, there were maybe 80-100 dead bodies to sweep away. I don't like to think about what would have happened if I had not noticed the activity before I flipped the top that 2nd time.

Barbara Arnold

Everbearing Raspberries

Raspberries are a disease-resistant, highly productive, easy-to-grow small fruit. They are versatile and can be used as fresh fruit, in preserves, or in pies and pastries. They do best in full sun on non-alkaline, fertile loam soil. However, they may be grown in partial shade. Protection against strong winter winds are provided in some valleys, but in other areas it is necessary to provide artificial protection during winter months. A well-drained soil is essential for success; a sandy soil will need to have plenty of organic matter incorporated in preparation. Raspberries need a good supply of moisture throughout the growing season. Raspberries take up little space, and live for many years. Birds also love the fruit, so you may have to share the harvest with your feathered friends unless you cover with netting for protection. Raspberries may be grown successfully at an elevation as high as 7,000 feet.



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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