



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

February

NEWSLETTER

2014

President's Message

Greetings:

The PPOA Thanksgiving Holiday Party at the Lodge turned out great with delicious food and many people to visit. It was a fun time. Our thanks to Mary Brewer; the Lodge has been instrumental by participating with some of our community events.

The next PPOA event will be the Snow Day that will also be at the Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge on Sunday, February 16. Look for more information on this event in the newsletter. Hopefully, there will be snow for us to enjoy our beautiful mountain with winter activities.

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

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



For sale: Ariens 8 HP snow blower
Contact Kit Korf at 805-498-2944 or
559-542-2504 for more information.



To place an ad:

email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

Personal ads are free for PPOA members space permitting.

\$5- Business card

\$10- 1/4 page

\$15- 1/2 page

\$25- Full page

\$40- Both sides of page

Contact PPOA Treasurer Gail Lack at
glack@bak.rr.com for payment

Circulation 250

The next newsletter will be out in May.

Please have submissions in by May 1st.

Farmers Almanac 2014 Weather Outlook

January 2014

28th-31st. Dry weather.

February 2014

1st-3rd. Heavy mountain snows Pacific Coast, Western Rockies into Arizona.

4th-7th. Milder with a few residual showers.

8th-11th. Partly sunny; cool.

12th-15th. Milder temperatures return.

16th-19th. Warm and continued dry.

20th-23rd. Clear and warm.

24th-28th. Precipitation spreads from the Pacific: rain and (over higher terrain) wet snow.

March 2014

1st-3rd. Snow or (over valleys and coastal plain) rain, then clearing, cold.

4th-7th. More unsettled weather spreads in from the Pacific by the 7th.

8th-11th. Tranquil initially, then clouds and wet weather. 12th-15th. Unsettled weather gradually gives way to improving weather.

16th-19th. Fair skies.

20th-23rd. Sunshine, then increasingly cloudy skies.

24th-27th. Storm from Pacific enters near Oregon-California border and then sweeps rapidly east.



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PPOA Annual Snow Day Event

Sunday February 16. 2014



PROGRAM

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

10:00am-12:30pm: Pending on the conditions: Snow shoe and cross-country skiing. Departure from the lodge. Snowmobile rides or hike on Freeman Creek trail

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

*Confirm your attendance
declerck.yves5@gmail.com or
ddeclerck@me.com*



Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

Winter Hours:

- * **Weekends: 9 am—6 pm**
- * **Monday—Friday 10 am—6 pm**
- * **Closed Tuesday & Wednesday (With closure of Western Divide)**
- * **Thursdays 4-6 pm: Happy Hour 1/2 price appetizers & drink specials.**
- * **Dependent upon weather conditions, hours may be extended. Please call & confirm at 559-542-2579**



Valentines Day Dinner: Friday Night 5-8 pm

February 14th * RESERVATIONS PLEASE *****



MUSIC for PPOA annual Snow Day Event (50 Buck Band) Sunday, February 16th. 11-4 pm. weather permitting

PENDL'S MORNING GLORY MUFFINS

Makes 18 muffins

- 2 rounded cups (about 10 oz.) flour)
- 1 cup + 1 tbsp. sugar
- 2 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tart apples, preferably Granny Smith, peeled & cored & cut into 1/2 inch chunks
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup shredded coconut
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup canola oil

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease muffin tins to prepare.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon and raisins, tossing to coat.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs and canola oil until emulsified and creamy. Carefully fold the egg mixture into the dry ingredients just until combined; the mixture will be very thick.
4. Divide the mixture among the prepared muffin tins, filling each of 18 muffin cups almost to the top. Bake the muffins until puffed and springy to the touch, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on a rack before serving.



Close Encounters-Bears

Statistics show the best ways to react to bears when you see them:

If you see a bear that is far away or doesn't see you turn around and go back, or circle far around. Don't disturb it.

If you see a bear that is close or it does see you STAY CALM. Attacks are rare. Bears may approach or stand on their hind legs to get a better look at you. These are curious, not aggressive, bears. BE HUMAN. Stand tall, wave your arms, and speak in a loud and low voice. DO NOT RUN! Stand your ground or back away slowly and diagonally. If the bear follows, STOP.

If a bear is charging almost all charges are "bluff charges". DO NOT RUN! Olympic sprinters cannot outrun a bear and running may trigger an instinctive reaction to "chase". Do not try to climb a tree unless it is literally right next to you and you can quickly get at least 30 feet up. STAND YOUR GROUND. Wave your arms and speak in a loud low voice. Many times charging bears have come within a few feet of a person and then veered off at the last second.

If a bear approaches your campsite aggressively chase it away. Make noise with pots and pans, throw rocks, and if needed, hit the bear. Do not let the bear get any food.

If you have surprised a bear and are contacted or attacked and making noise or struggling has not discouraged an attack, play dead. Curl up in a ball with your hands laced behind your neck. The fetal position protects your vital organs. Lie still and be silent. Surprised bears usually stop attacking once you are no longer a threat (i.e. "dead").

If you have been stalked by a bear, a bear is approaching your campsite, or an attack is continuing long after you have ceased struggling, fight back! Predatory bears are often young bears that can be successfully intimidated or chased away. Use a stick, rocks or your hands and feet.

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm>



Guidelines for Recreating In Cougar Country

- Learn about the places and wildlife living where you hike, bike, ski, and climb. Be especially alert when recreating at dawn or dusk, which are peak times for cougar activity.
- Consider recreating with others. When in groups, you are less likely to surprise a lion. If alone, consider carrying bear spray or attaching a bell to yourself or your backpack. Tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return. In general cougars are shy and will rarely approach noise or other human activities.
- Supervise children and pets. Keep them close to you. Teach children about cougars and how to recreate responsibly. Instruct them about how to behave in the event of an encounter.
- If you come into contact with a cougar that does not run away, stay calm, stand your ground and don't back down! Back away slowly if possible and safe to do so. Pick up children, but DO NOT BEND DOWN, TURN YOUR BACK, OR RUN. Running triggers an innate predatory response in cougars which could lead to an attack.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly. Raise your arms to make yourself look larger, clap your hands, and throw something you might have in your hands, like a water bottle. Again, do not bend over to pick up a stone off the ground. This action may trigger a pounce response in a cougar.
- If in the very unusual event that a lion attacks you, fight back. People have successfully fought off lions with rocks and sticks. Try to remain standing and get up if you fall to the ground.

If you believe an encounter to be a valid public safety concern, contact your state game agency and any local wildlife organizations.

<http://www.hcn.org/wotr/what-do-you-do-when-you-meet-a-predator>



CALENDAR

**** FEBRUARY ****

- * *PPOA Annual Snow Day Event: Sunday February 16th*
- * *PPOA meeting: February 17th , 10am, PCSD building*
- * *Brigade training: Third Sunday of each month 9:30am PCSD building. Training may be cancelled during winter months. Please confirm.*

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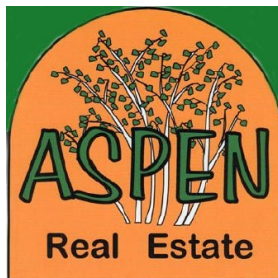
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Name _____

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 2013 –2014 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.

Detach here and return to PPOA at the above address

PPOA Membership Dues 2013-2014

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cabin/Lot Address _____

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OR

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