



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

June

NEWSLETTER

2015

President's Message

Greetings,

It is time to celebrate summer again in our beautiful mountains. There is plenty to see and do to keep us busy. The Fire Brigade training will be on June 21. Please try to attend this important function. Contact John Kracik for more information.

There will be many festivities at the Ponderosa Lodge celebrating the Fourth of July, from a parade, to a BBQ, plus live music. Join the community for a fun day. The annual PPOA picnic will be Sunday, July 5, at 12:00. It will be held at the PCSD building this year. There is more information on this in the newsletter.

As always, 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: <http://www.ponderosaca.com/pondo/>, and in the newsletter. You can also find the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters located at this site.

Regards,
Kit Korf

PPOA President



Liberty Bell Trivia

The bell cracked the first time it was rung. Due to concerns about further cracking, the iconic instrument, the Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1846. Instead, every year, to mark the Fourth of July, the 2,000-pound bell is tapped 13 times to signal for bells across the country to start ringing.



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

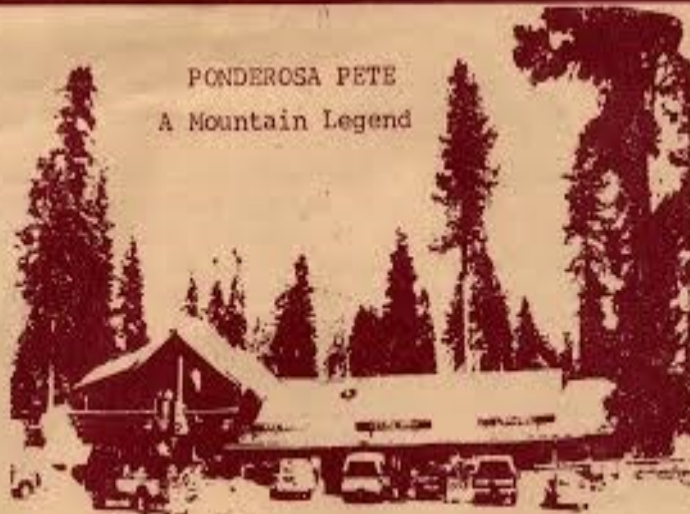
Contact PPOA Treasurer Gail Lack at glack@bak.rr.com for payment

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The next newsletter will be out in August

Please have submissions in by August 10th

PONDEROSA PETE
A Mountain Legend



Go up to the Ponderosa Lodge sometime; say for one of those Sunday morning breakfasts that will turn any logger into a Paul Bunyan. Before you've had your second bloody mary you'll be able to pick out the owner even if no one has pointed him out to you. He's the one with the big voice and the big laugh coming out of it-the high profile marine DI type with one weak point; he likes people. Pete Brewer.

A few years back Pete was teaching landscaping & ornamental horticulture at Ventura College. He was grumbling to his neighbor Al Dottle, "I quit going up to Big Bear and Arrowhead...takes a long time to get up there, and then you've got wall-to-wall people..cabins so close you can hear the guy next door working a crossword puzzle..."

Al stopped him. "Found a place in the mountains that you've just got to go and see. I'm going to buy a lot up there...up above Camp Nelson."

"Army camp? I never heard of it before."

"No, not army....it's a resort....sort of"

In the top end of "71 Pete and family were at Ponderosa snowromping. While he was tobogganing, he tried to launch a tree with apricot brandy---after he finished the bottle. He cracked his knee and was forced to spend more time around the lodge. Come Sunday afternoon everyone was wet, cold, and rednosed but the tears in their eyes were because they didn't want to go home. The kids looked at the snow-burdened trees and said: "Boy, if we could only live here!"

Home again, Pete thought about the talk he'd had with the owner of the Ponderosa Lodge. It was for sale. After a few days he couldn't stand it any longer----he had to go back and look the place over.

When Pete walked into the Ponderosa Lodge that time he was sold. People were elbow-to-elbow, a cheery fire burned in the fireplace, workers polished the reefers and the cases; liquor flowed. Now, thinking about it, he shakes his head ruefully. "What I didn't know was that it was the annual meeting of the residents and Ponderosa homeowners giving a party to raise money for cooperative snow removal during the winter. I didn't even listen to a friend who said, 'You're not really thinking of buying this turkey, are you? It's a died-in-the wool, certified, guaranteed jinx.'"

"I should have listened, at least a little. I bought it and found out that there were only five sticks of wood and three bottles of

whiskey. It didn't occur to me to worry that we had only 50 knives & forks & about 20 plates...maybe 40, counting the cracked & chipped ones."

They opened Memorial Day, a family of six who had just lived near the beach and goofed around like normal Southern Californian consumers, led by a father carefully trained for cooking & restauranteering by teaching horticulture. He figured that if he could just increase the gross a little and cut back on payroll by using the family he could squeak by the first year.

But they learned-boy, did they learn! They learned that you can't stand around and ask someone if they are done with their steak.... there's this other guy who needs the knife. But the family jumped in and worked. Doug sat on a couple of milk crates out by the pumps for about 11 hours that Memorial Day. Lonnie Hughes drove up and Doug asked: "How much gas do you want?"

Lonnie said, "I don't know yet."
"You mean you don't know how much it takes?"

Lonnie chuckled. "That's your job." Doug shrugged, "I'm new around here."

Pete learned mostly that there was so much that he didn't know about cooking for large numbers of people. Then there was the phone call for him. An unfamiliar voice said, "I'm Roy Lowe....I hear you might be needing a cook and I'm a cook....."

"Ah....well....."
"I'm a hellova cook and I'm over here in the pink hotel and....."
"Where?"

"The county jail in Visalia. They'll let me out if I have a job."
Pete thought a moment. "A hellova cook?"
"Yeah."

Pete hired him on the phone and two hours later got a phone call from him. "This is Roy...I'm out. Now I need a bottle of wine to get me up the hill."

After that there was little cooking wine at Ponderosa...there was cook wine, though; and Roy wore it well. Everyone liked his cooking and loved him. He taught Pete. "Think quality before you plan the menu or you won't last on this mountain. If you're going to give it away, give it away good. If you can get by with margarine, use butter anyway."

And Pete learned to think big. Good thing. A while back the fire crew showed up unexpectedly for breakfast--five hundred and fifty of them. He figures God made the woods and Pete makes the breakfast for the people who are trying to save them.

About his lodge being the virtual hub of the proposed Peppermint Recreation Area, Pete says, "I want to see the plan and know it will work. We don't want this place ruined by bad planning like some of them have been."

by Rick McClun
from the Tule River Times, November 25, 1982

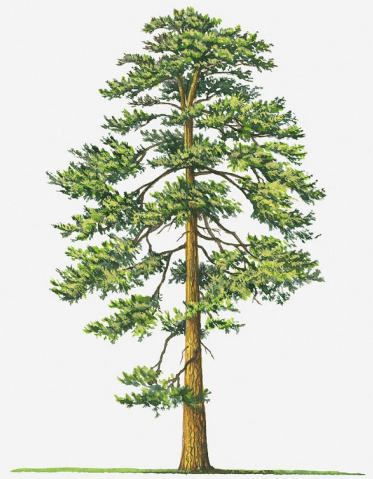


Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

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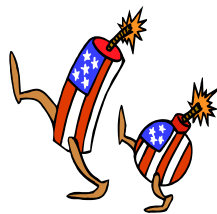
Summer Hours:

- **Saturday—Tuesday: 8 am—9 pm (kitchen)
Bar open later**
- **Wednesday— Friday: 9 am— 8 pm (kitchen)
Bar open later**
- **Thursdays-4:30 _6 pm: Happy Hour 1/2 price
Appetizers & \$1 off drink specials**
- **LIVE MUSIC on the deck, Sat. & Sun.
11-4 pm, all summer long**
- **This summer * Karaoke * Fri. & Sat. Nite!
PRIME Rib Au Jus Every Saturday Nite!**
***** Reservations Please *****



Important Dates:

- **4TH OF JULY PARADE (STARTS AT 10:00)**
- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- *** LIVE MUSIC ***
50 Buck Band



- * SATURDAY, 4TH OF JULY PARADE & BBQ AT THE LODGE
- * SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, PPOA ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ, PCSD BUILDING
- * SUNDAY, JULY, 5TH: PPOA MEETING, 9 AM, PCSD BUILDING
- * BRIGADE TRAINING: THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM PCSD BUILDING. TRAINING WILL CONTINUE THRU OCT.

Exclusively Ponderosa

You may have noticed an unusually large number of properties for sale this year. We have 14 homes on the market today and a few more are offered by others. You should also notice all



the “Sold” and “In Escrow “ signs appearing. Aspen Real Estate is the leading listing and selling agent for Ponderosa property. Barbi and I have lived and earned our living building and marketing Ponderosa real estate for 35 years as High Sierra Builders and over 18 years as Peppermint and Aspen Real Estate. Our latest addition to our sales force is Jennifer Thompson, a past employee of High Sierra Builders for over 20 years. Along with her real estate license, construction experience, she has her certificate in building home inspection. As a team, we offer the home seller and buyer a total knowledge of the homes and land in the community of Ponderosa. For the

seller, prospective buyers are able to get low financing, making it the right time to buy. Even though appraisal values are still low, this brings home buyers to the mountains to search and buy their first second home or their retirement house. All of us : Barbie Dolmovic(Agent #00915363), Jennifer Thompson(Agent #01961112) and Bill Dolmovic(Broker #01452541) at Aspen Real Estate look forward to helping you with your mountain home search or sales this year.

Website: ponderosaaspenrealestate.com

Good Times! at the Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge annual chili cook off





AlertTC

AlertTC is a mass notification system designed to keep Tulare County residents and businesses informed of emergencies. By registering with AlertTC, time-sensitive voice messages from the County or City where you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, email accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

What Is AlertTC?

AlertTC is Tulare County's public mass notification system designed to keep those who live or work in Tulare County informed of important information during emergency events. The system is sponsored and led by the County of Tulare, in partnership with all Tulare County cities.

Public mass notification systems have become a critical component of emergency preparation and response.

- Residents prepare to be notified of emergencies by providing their landline phones, cell phones and email addresses.
- Public safety officials respond by using the system to rapidly send out messages when there is a perceived, upcoming or imminent situation that may require community action.

Based on the severity of the event, AlertTC may be used to contact residents by one or all of the following methods: home phone, work phone, cell phone, email, text message. The legal authority (County or City) responsible for announcing emergency notifications depends on the nature and scale of the incident. With the AlertTC partnership between the County and Cities, residents and businesses only need to provide their contact information once to receive emergency messages from either the County or City in which they live or work.

How Does AlertTC Work?

- AlertTC sends large volumes of messages through phone, email and text communication channels.
- When there is an emergency event requiring community action, authorized officials record a voice, email or text message that is then delivered quickly to individuals affected by the event.
- Since there are many instances when the public may not be at home to receive an emergency message, public safety officials feel it is critical that all residents and businesses provide additional contact channels by voluntarily registering cell phone numbers, email addresses and text numbers through the AlertTC web portal.

Example: A wildfire event triggers an evacuation notice.

- Officials will use the system to keep affected communities informed of event information as necessary.

Example: A wildfire evacuation notice is cancelled.

- AlertTC uses the 9-1-1 emergency database and voluntary registration data to contact Tulare County households to inform them that the evacuation is no longer necessary.

How Do I Register for AlertTC?

To receive important messages from AlertTC, register your contact information online by visiting www.alerttc.com, or call the Tulare County Health & Human Services Information Line at (800) 834-7121 for questions, or to have a form mailed to you.

How Do I Know My Personal Information Is Safe?

AlertTC is a service powered by Twenty First Century Communications (TFCC). Tulare County and TFCC take citizen security and privacy concerns seriously. Citizen provided contact information transmitted through the web-portal is sent over a secure connection. Policy and contract agreements have been put into practice that prohibit AlertTC contact information from being shared, sold, traded, leased or loaned to outside parties.

Register at
www.alerttc.com



AlertTC

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return by mail to the County of Tulare at the address provided above. Fields in * bold are required.)

County of Tulare
Attention: AlertTC Program
5957 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277



Register a Residence

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

Alternate Address: _____

Primary Email Address: _____ Secondary Email Address: _____

*Primary Phone #: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____

Alternate Phone #1: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____

Alternate Phone #2: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____

Register a Business

*Business Name: _____

*Contact First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

Alternate Address: _____

Primary Email Address: _____ Secondary Email Address: _____

*Primary Phone #: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____

Alternate Phone #1: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____

Alternate Phone #2: _____ If this is a cell #, who is the provider? _____



PPOA Annual Independence Day Celebration

Sunday July 5th 2015
An event you do not want to miss.

This year we will have our traditional BBQ at the PCSD building ON SUNDAY July 5 from noon to 2.00 pm

Noon : Get together. Drinks and appetizers

1:00 pm: BBQ by John and Alvie Kracik

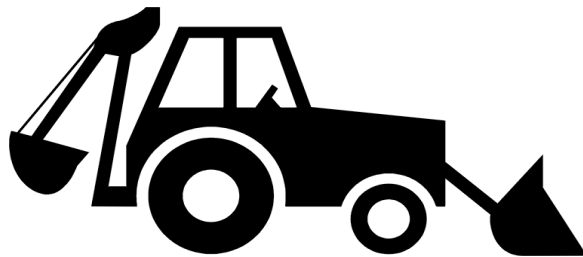
From noon to 3:00 pm,
Music and Songs by the Patti Tory Group

The PPOA board want to send a special invitation to new members of the Ponderosa Community as this will be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors.

Bring your favorite side dish to share and your own beverage

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Between us, we know the Ponderosa subdivision and all of the homes and lots in this area inside and out. Living here for 36 years, building over 50 homes in this area and being in real estate business in Ponderosa for 19 years, we definitely can serve you better than any other agency. Our sales record proves this. Ask any of our past clients about our knowledge and real estate efficiencies. Call us for a free opinion of the value of your property. We can show you where your property lines are and give you ideas how to improve it for selling purposes, or just making your home more livable for you.

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 2015 - 2016 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 2015-2016

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cabin/Lot Address _____

Cabin Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Cabin

OR

☐ Lot \$ _____

Volunteer Fire

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Total \$ _____

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