



## PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

September

2015

### President's Message

Greetings,

The PPOA Fourth of July picnic was a success with John Kracik procuring and preparing the meat & everyone that brought a side dish. Patti Tori and friends provided the music. Thanks to the board members and everyone that attended.

In addition, we have updated the PPOA Directory 2015 - 2016. If there are any changes to your information from the 2013 - 2014 edition, or are new in our community contact Betty Korf for an e-mail copy. It will only be sent by e-mail to your e-mail address. This is the only way the Directory is being provided this year. Contact information on the back of the newsletter, under Board Members for relevant e-mail or phone number.

The PPOA Board is made up of seven members each with two-year terms beginning in September. They rotate, three one year, four the next. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact one of the board members for more information.

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 in this newsletter. Also, visit the web site: [www.ppoa.ponderosaca.com](http://www.ppoa.ponderosaca.com) to view the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters.

Regards,

Kit Korf

PPOA President



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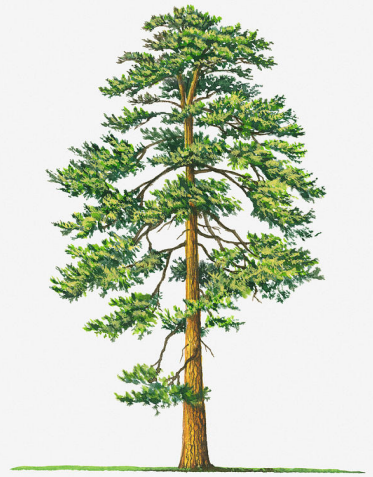
**Please have submissions in by Nov. 9th**

# Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

## *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!  
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## *Important Dates:*

- **LABOR DAY WEEKEND: BBQ \*\* LIVE MUSIC \*\***
- **SNOW POOL OPEN: \$2 A GUESS**
- **HALLOWEEN PARTY: SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST**



CALENDAR



- \* MONDAY, SEPTEMBER, 7TH: 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](http://ponderosaaspenrealestate.com)

## Fast & Fresh

### Pork chops with mustard, rosemary, and capers

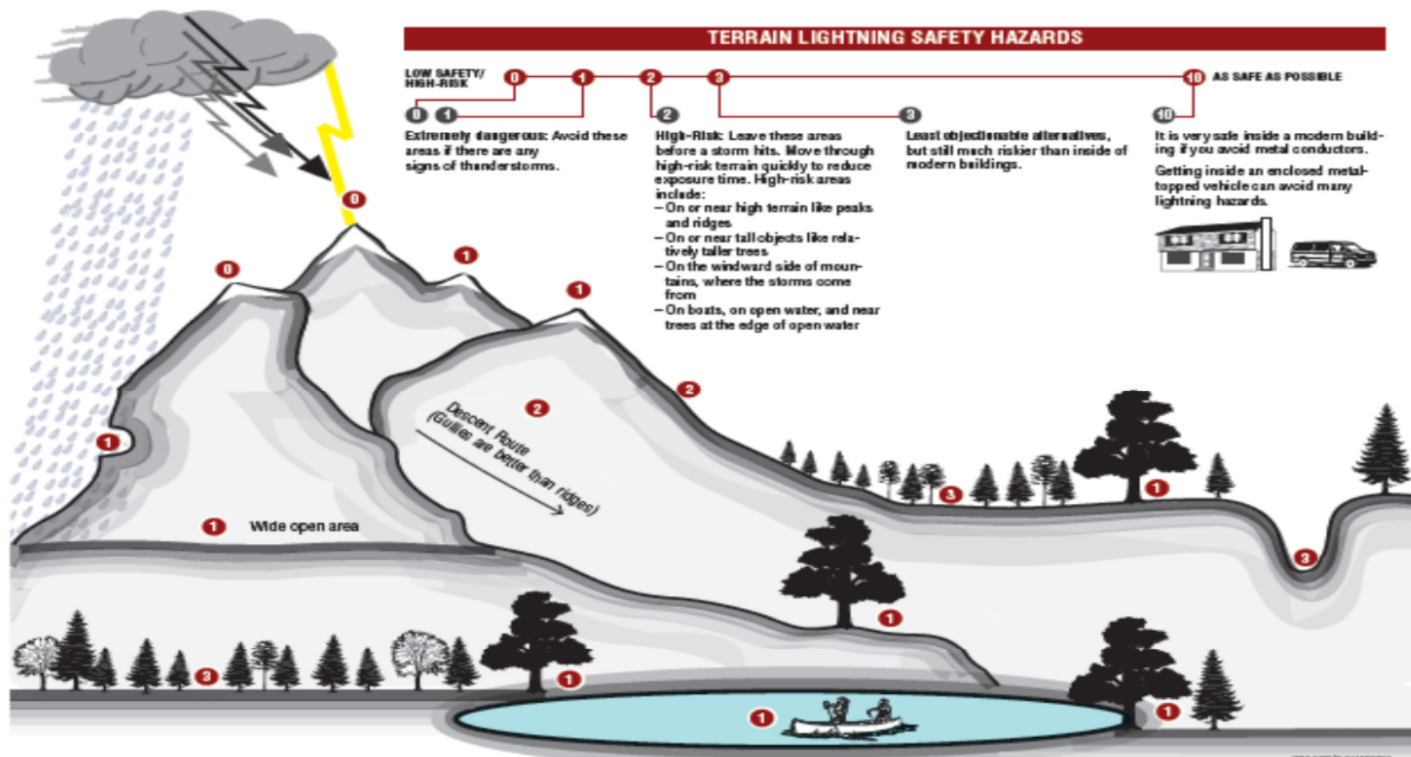
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 bone-in pork loin chops (3 1/2 lbs. total), 1 inch thick
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 3 tbsp. capers, rinsed
- 1/4 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- Splash of white wine vinegar

Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Season chops on both sides w/salt & pepper. Add chops to pan & cook until barely pink in center, turning once, 10-12 min. Transfer pork to a serving plate & tent w/foil. Add broth to pan & bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in mustard, capers, & rosemary. Add splash of vinegar. Simmer until reduced by half, about 4 minutes. Spoon sauce over chops.



# BACKCOUNTRY LIGHTNING RISK MANAGEMENT

No place outdoors is safe from lightning. Lightning is an objective hazard. Your behavior can reduce the risk of that hazard harming you.



## REDUCING LIGHTNING RISK IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

Backcountry settings are at least a 30-minute walk from the nearest vehicles or modern buildings, where you can easily find safe shelter. There are four actions that can reduce your lightning risk in the backcountry, but none of them can make you as safe as getting in a modern building or a metal-topped vehicle. These behaviors are listed in order, and each is roughly twice as important as the next.

### 1. TIME YOUR VISITS TO HIGH-RISK AREAS WITH LOCAL WEATHER PATTERNS.

Timing activities with safe weather requires knowledge of both typical and recent local weather patterns. There is no such thing as a *surprise* or *freak* storm. You must set turnaround times that will get you off of exposed terrain before storms arrive. You need to observe the changing weather and discuss its status with your group. If you have logistical delays, you may need to change your plan rather than summiting a peak or crossing open ground during a thunderstorm. Begin your turnaround if you hear thunder (which means lightning is less than 10 miles away).

### 2. FIND SAFER TERRAIN IF YOU HEAR THUNDER.

Safer terrain in the backcountry can decrease your chances of being struck. Lightning tends to hit high points and the surrounding terrain. Avoid peaks, ridges, and significantly higher ground during an electrical storm. If you have a choice, descend a mountain on the side that has no clouds over it, since strikes tend to be less frequent on that side until the clouds move over it. Once you get down to low, rolling terrain, strikes are so random you shouldn't worry about terrain as much. Move to safer terrain as soon as you hear thunder, not when the storm is upon you.

Select tent sites that may reduce your chances of being struck or affected by ground current. If you are in a tent in "safer terrain" and you hear thunder, you at least need to be in the lightning position. Lying flat increases the risk of injury by ground current.

If your tent is in a more dangerous location, such as on a ridge, in a broad open area, or near a tall tree, you must exit the tent and get to safer terrain before the storm arrives, and stay there until it has passed.

In gently rolling hills, lower flat areas are not safer than the higher flat areas because none of the gentle terrain attracts leaders. Strikes are random in this terrain. Look for a dry ravine or other significant depression to reduce risk.

The flash-bang ranging system measures how far away a thunderstorm is, but sometimes it is impossible to tell which flash is associated with which bang. The flash of light travels fast enough that it is virtually instantaneous. The sound travels a mile every five seconds (1km/3 sec) so ideally you just count the number of seconds between the obvious flash and the obvious bang, and divide by five to determine how many miles away the storm is. Divide the time by three to see how many kilometers distant the storm is. Do not stake your life on the reliability of this ranging system.

### 3. AVOID TREES AND LONG CONDUCTORS ONCE LIGHTNING GETS CLOSE.

Wide open ground offers high exposure to lightning. Avoid trees and bushes that rise above others, since the highest objects tend to generate upward leaders. Your best bet is to look for an obvious ravine or depression before the storm hits, then spread out your group at 20 foot (7m) intervals to reduce the risk of multiple injuries. Assume the lightning position.

Cavers (Fig. 3) should avoid cave entrances during thunderstorms. Small overhangs can allow arcs to cross the gap. Natural caves that go far into the ground can be struck, either via the entrance or through the ground. People have been shocked standing in water half a mile inside caves. If you are caving near an entrance during electrical activity, don't stand in water, avoid metal conductors like ladders, cables, and railings, and avoid bridging the gap between ceiling and floor.

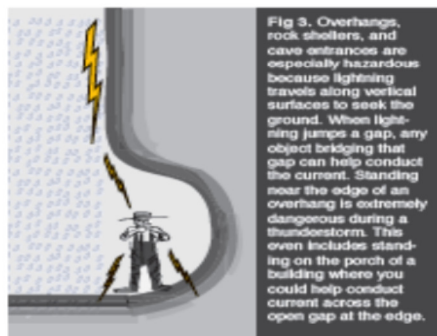


Fig 3. Overhangs, rock shelters, and cave entrances are especially hazardous because lightning travels along vertical surfaces to seek the ground. When lightning jumps a gap, any object bridging that gap can help conduct the current. Standing near the edge of an overhang is extremely dangerous during a thunderstorm. This even includes standing on the porch of a building where you could help conduct current across the open gap at the edge.

Boaters need to start getting off the water long before a storm arrives. Avoid tall trees near the edge of the water.

### 4. GET IN THE LIGHTNING POSITION IF LIGHTNING IS STRIKING NEARBY AND YOU CAN'T GET TO SAFER TERRAIN.

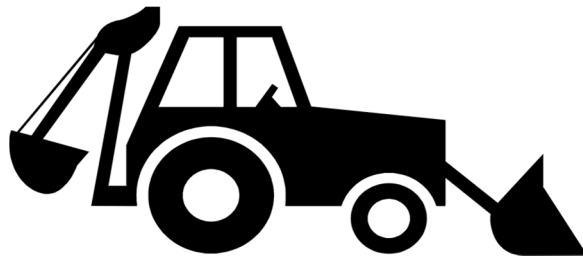
The lightning position (Fig. 4) is for waiting out storms in stationary situations when it is impractical to move to a safer location. It is important to reduce your overall footprint on the ground (Fig. 1).



Fig. 4 Lightning positions: Put your feet together to significantly reduce the effects of ground current. If you have a foam pad to stand on or a pack to sit on, get on it. Crouch or sit to slightly reduce the effects of side flash and upward leaders.

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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.

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New Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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## PPOA Membership Dues 2015-2016

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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