



# PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November

2016

## President's Message

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Greetings,

It looks like winter is on its way. The temperatures have been dropping and the Aspen trees have all turned their beautiful gold color. As nature dictates, some have already partially lost some of their leaves. Maybe we will see some snow soon.

The next PPOA event will be the annual Thanksgiving Potluck Party. It will be Saturday, November 26, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It is being held at the Ponderosa Lodge. We are hopeful we will not have an extended power outage as last year. This unfortunate power outage lasted for 23 hours just before the party was supposed to start.

We still have a vacancy on the Ponderosa Property Owners Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in being on the board, please contact one of the current board members. The board members are listed in the PPOA newsletter, on the last page.

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



Welcome! new Ponderosa property owners,  
**Robert & Melody Cope**

## To place an ad:

[email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:glack@bak.rr.com) for payment

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The next newsletter will be out in February

Please have submissions in by Sunday January 8

Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, recipes, etc. that you feel would be of interest to the Ponderosa community.

**Greetings!** We are Lorna and Mike McWilliams, and we are the new newsletter editors. We're taking over for Mark and Julie Hansen, and we want to thank them so much for their 5 years of editing this newsletter. Mike is originally from New Mexico and joined the oil industry in 1981 when fresh out of college. He started out in New Orleans (Who Dat!), where he met Lorna. We moved to Bakersfield on a two-year assignment in 1984, and after buying a home, raising two daughters and getting settled in, are still there. We discovered Ponderosa in 2005 and fell in love with a snow-covered lot, and managed to build our dream mountain cabin in 2010. We love the community and the people here, and look forward to working on this newsletter.



### In Loving Memory.....



#### **Jackie Rudnick**

Jackie was born in Boston on September 6, 1937 and passed away on August 30, 2016. She was married to Phil Rudnick for 60 years and they made Bakersfield their home. She had five adult children, two granddaughters and one great-grandson. The Rudnicks have made their home in Ponderosa available for several PPOA and community functions. She will be missed here, as well as in Bakersfield, where an overflow crowd said their good-byes.

#### **Christine L. Griesbach**

Christine passed away on 9/17/16. Christine was born in 1949 and was the wife of Tom Griesbach.



### 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



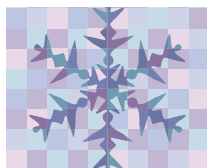
the "Sold" and "In Escrow" signs appearing. Aspen Real Estate is the leading listing and selling agent for Ponderosa property. Barbi and I have lived and earned our living building and marketing Ponderosa real estate for 35 years as High Sierra Builders and over 18 years as Peppermint and Aspen Real 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)

# Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579



## **Winter Hours:**

- Weekends: 9 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Thurs. and Friday: 10 am to 6 pm



## **Happy Hour.....**

- Thirsty Thursdays 4:30 to 6 pm  
1/2 price appetizers & \$1 off drink specials
- **PRIME RIB Au Jus SAT. NITES during the holidays**  
**\*\* Reservations please! \*\***

**Closed Tues. and Wed until spring thaw;**

**Closed Thanksgiving Day**

**Open Christmas Day**

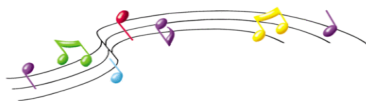
## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

*Main dish and salad bar provided by Mary at the Lodge*

**PPOA Thanksgiving Potluck—Sat. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**

**Christmas Party Potluck—Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**

*(white elephant gift exchange and singing)*

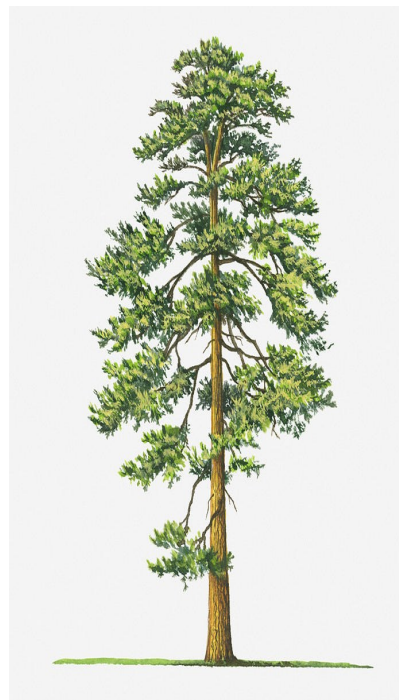


## **CALENDAR**

**PPOA BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, NOV. 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 AM**

**SNOW WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 18, 19 AND 20, 2017**

**(BELGIAN WAFFLES AND BBQ)**



## PONDEROSA FIRE BRIGADE REPORT

### USFS SUPPORTS PONDEROSA FIRE BRIGADE

A big thanks goes out to Jesse Sanchez Capt. 23 for his generous donation of 3 wet water bags and some nozzles for the Ponderosa Fire Brigade! These will help with the new patrols in the Peppermint and Quaking Aspen Campgrounds. Captain Sanchez has been very supportive of the brigade and has participated in our training program. His team helped our members hone their skills at hose lays as well as nozzle work! Their demonstrations were amazing and appreciated by all of the brigade members.

### PONDEROSA FIRE BRIGADE COVERS PEPPERMINT AND QUAKING ASPEN CAMPGROUNDS

Peppermint Campground as well as Quaking Aspen Campground are within the current jurisdiction of the Ponderosa Fire Brigade. As we all know, there is no water source (Hydrants) in either of these areas and therefore, we must rely on the Fire Truck for any fire suppression that becomes necessary. The truck has 250 gallons of water on board as well as several wet water bags and fire extinguishers.

Due to the discovery of some camp fires left unattended at the end of the weekends this summer, the Brigade began patrolling both these campgrounds. Every Sunday between 4 – 6 pm we drove through to ensure no fires were present. A big thank you goes out to Jim Parminter, Wes Pabst, Dana Stewart, Tammi Stewart, Dee Graham and Kurt Rhea for their participation on these added patrols. Barbara Arnold has also volunteered to assist in the future.

**Dana Stewart**

**Chief Training Officer**

Future Fire Brigade trainings TBA later



### Sierra Skies

Fall is here and winter is on the way. One great thing about being in the high Sierras during winter is the great displays in the night sky. Some of the most striking constellations make their appearances during this time of year. If there is a downside to winter nights in the Sierras, it may be that the skies are so dark and there are so many bright stars it can be hard to find your way around them! Fortunately, there are some really good sites on the internet to help you out.

One great site is Sky and Telescope. The link <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/stargazing-basics/learn-the-sky/> will take you to a "beginner's" page. Starting in the first paragraph, there's a link to a page to help you build your own star chart. Dig a little deeper and find the video that shows you how to use it. Search for "winter asterisms" and get a walk-through of the winter sky. Look under the "Observing" link in the top banner and click on "For Beginners" for much more.

If you've done this a while and are beyond the beginner stage, hang in there because there's more to explore here. There is an equipment guide, news on space missions, a multimedia page and much, much more on this site.

Another great thing about winter nights in the Sierras is that, when you're done looking at the stars, the hot chocolate tastes really good!

"If at first you don't succeed, try to hide your astonishment" - Harry S. Banks



## **Jordan-Slate Earthwork**

*“For on time and reliable work, call Matt!”*

**Fire Clearance**

**Dead Tree Haul Away**

**Driveways**

**Drainage**

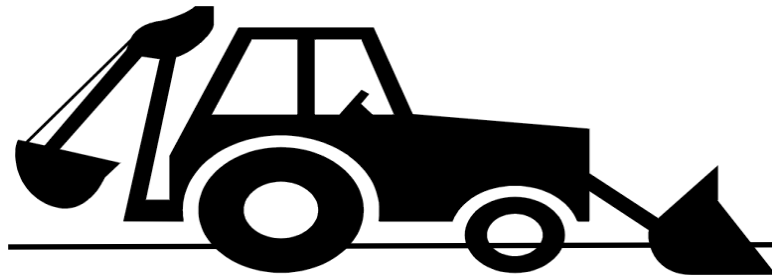
**Building Sites**

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**Snow Removal**

**Chimney Sweeping**



***We Do Fire Clearance!!***

***Let's Haul Away All Those Dead Trees!!***

***We've Added a Bigger Trailer (4x Bigger)!!***

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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 ppoanewsletter@gmail.com or mail this form to Lorna McWilliams, 7300 Feather River Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

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 2016 - 2017 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 2016-2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin/Lot Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Cabin

**OR**

☐ Lot \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Fire

Brigade Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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