



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

August

2017

President's Message

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Greetings,

Our picnic on July 2nd turned out great. I hope everyone had a good time. Thanks to Yves & Dominique DeClerck for putting it all together and their family for all the work to make it happen, along with Cheri Benton and Juana Gray. The PPOA sends a big thanks to Manuel & Carol Gregory for donating the meat for the BBQ and Bill Dolmovic as the auctioneer. Thanks to everyone who donated items as the income from this auction is put into the general fund for PPOA. Finally yet importantly, we appreciate all the other PPOA homeowners that contributed to the day's event.

Our vacancy on the Ponderosa Property Owners Board of Directors has been filled by Juana Gray. We want to thank her for taking this position. It has been a while since we have had a full board.

Also, Betty Korf will be updating the PPOA Directory again. If your information is not correct or missing, let her know so it can be corrected or added.

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: <https://ponderosaca.com> to view the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters.

Regards,
Kit Korf
PPOA President



Many thanks to new owner, **Julia Inestroza**, for updating the community website and adding the Ponderosa to Facebook!

Please send photos and comments to Julia at julia@tenalu.com

Use the websites below to stay connected and get useful information about our community.

<https://ponderosaca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/ponderosacalifornia>

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 Yves Declerck at declerck.yves5@gmail.com

Circulation 250

The next newsletter will be out in November

Please have submissions in by Saturday, November 4th

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

FIRE NEAR PONDEROSA BURNS 21 ACRES



On July 8, 2017 at 1:13pm a fire was reported on the Needle Rock Rd near Ponderosa. The Fire Brigade met with the U.S. Forest Service at the scene of the fire, just past 1:30 pm. We were asked to transfer our 240 gallons of water in our Fire truck into one of their engines that was engaging the fire. The fire soon crossed the road and began to move toward the Ponderosa. Once our truck water transfer was complete, we were asked to stand down and leave the scene of the fire.

We hooked up a hose to the hydrant on Carter and parked the fire truck on Meadow Ct., as the fire began to approach the subdivision. Two helos began dropping water directly on the fire, while the fixed wing aircraft also began to drop fire retardant in front of the fire. The winds began to shift and the fire moved around Kramer Meadow. We then shifted the fire truck over to the end of Marilyn in order to keep our eye on the fire and follow its progress.

With the Forest Service ordering full suppression of the fire, to protect the Ponderosa community, the fire was reduced and finally came under control. With the air support and direct attack by firefighters the blaze was extinguished after burning approximately 21 acres. Fire teams continued to patrol and monitor the burn area for a week to ensure no flare-ups occurred.



Although the fire's point of origin was within a prescribed burn area, the cause of the fire is under investigation. While the Ponderosa was poised for evacuation, it was not necessary, due to the commitment of assets and response by the County and Forest Service. They sent 8 engines, 6 hand crews, 2 helos and fix-winged aircraft.

A shout out goes to our neighbors from Camp Nelson, Brian and Jan Swanson, who brought up a trailer to assist in evacuation, had it been necessary. It is a breath of fresh air to have good neighbors that are so thoughtful and considerate during an emergency. It's one of the many factors that make the mountain a great place to live!

Dana Stewart
Chief Training Officer
Ponderosa Fire Brigade





Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

Summer Hours:

- Monday thru Friday 8 am to 8 pm (kitchen)
Bar open later...
- Saturday—7 am to 9 pm (kitchen)
Bar open later...
- Sunday—8 am to 8 pm (kitchen)
Bar open later
- *Happy Hour*- Thursdays 5 pm to 7 pm
1/2 price appetizers & \$1 off drink specials
- Prime Rib au jus on Saturday nights all summer

*** *Reservations please! *****



LIVE MUSIC ALL SUMMER, SAT. AND SUN. 11-4!

Labor Day BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 3rd
“Room Service” Band all weekend



CALENDAR

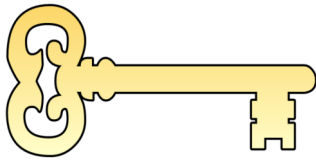


PPOA BOARD MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 9:00 A.M.

SUMMER FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING DATES:
AUGUST 19, SEPT. 16 AND OCTOBER 7 FROM 10 AM TIL NOON

COMMUNITY VOICES...

Special thanks to Patty Torrey and the musicians for the wonderful music at the 4th of July picnic. There were over 50 auction items and \$2,000 was raised for the PPOA.



Do you want a Ponderosa mailbox? Ponderosa residents interested in getting a mailbox key, please contact Tammi Stewart (559) 542-2218 or (949) 492-3659.

Summer Dump Hours until September 30

Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(559) 542-0311

A big THANK YOU to Matt Goldsmith for being a community minded guy and donating his time and his Kubota to clean up brush and old stumps around our little mail building. Now we are setting a better example on fire clearance...

VERY IMPORTANT!

Thank you Matt very much! *Barbara Arnold*

“Never use money to measure wealth.” (Barbara’s favorite saying)

More memories of Carl and Paulette Cappelen...

by Dominique DeClerck

We are not “full timers” in Ponderosa but we do come regularly and found Carl and Paulette right there when we needed help. Once our son, Fabrice with his wife and two young kids had car problems. He had to leave them to go get some help on foot. Carl and Paulette passing by realized how uncomfortable Rachelle was on the roadside in the cold. They did not hesitate and stayed with her until Fabrice’s return making Rachelle feel protected and much more safe.

On another occasion, we were in Ponderosa with our pregnant daughter in law whom experienced severe headaches. We wanted to check her blood pressure, but did not have the equipment. Carl right away went to get his tensionmeter and let us use it for as long as we wanted.

If you have not done so yet, join the PPOA now!

The specific and primary purpose of the Ponderosa Property Owner Association (PPOA) is the promotion of the welfare and enjoyment of the property owners in Ponderosa and in adjacent areas. Among the many services provided by the PPOA are:

Communication among owners: The PPOA maintains an accurate list of PPOA members and shares with them important information through its newsletter published 5 times a year. This coming year the PPOA will develop its own website where updated information of weather, fire, road conditions and many other aspects of our community will be posted.

Working with other Ponderosa groups: The PPOA works with the PCSD (Ponderosa Community Service District) and helps to maintain and repair the water system.

Social events: The PPOA organizes several social events each year for the community. These are opportunities for owners to meet each other, make new friends and share common interests.

Mailboxes: The PPOA maintains the mailbox building that allows owners to have mail delivered directly to Ponderosa.

Fire Brigade: Most importantly, the PPOA maintains and supports a fire brigade. This all-volunteer fire brigade known as the "Ponderosa Fire Brigade" was established in 2007 for the purpose of fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical aid within the community and for all its benefit and safety. The Brigade is led by a Fire Chief (Dana Stewart) who promulgates policies that define duties and coverage, conducts training and maintains the necessary equipment for the best operation of the Brigade. The brigade maintains a fire truck that provides first intervention in case of fire in the area. The recent Needle Rock Road fire south of Holby Meadow on July 8 is a good example of how the fire brigade efficiently contributed to a rapid intervention by the Fire and Forest Departments that avoided a major fire in our community (see article from Dana Stewart in this issue). With an unprecedented number of dead trees in the community, we are facing for the many years to come, one of the highest levels of fire hazard in our community. Support to our fire brigade is a top priority of the PPOA.

Maintenance of public space: The PPOA maintains street signs and is presently working at creating a site in the honor of those who contributed to the community.

All these benefits are provided for a minimal annual fee of \$30 for homeowners and \$15 for landowners (due September 1, 2017 for 2017-2018). Please use the form enclosed in the newsletter to mail your 2017-2018 membership contribution and consider adding a donation to the fire brigade. Thank you very much. **Please visit our website at <https://ponderosaca.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/ponderosacalifornia>**

Yves A. DeClerck
PPOA Board Treasurer



The 100th Cattle Drive For The Shannon Cattle Ranch

-written by: Kelsey Lane with the help of Toro Lane



For the love of family, land, history, heritage and tradition

The Shannon Cattle ranch just celebrated their one hundredth bi-annual five day cattle drive. Not only is this the longest cattle drive in all of California, but it is also one of the oldest running cattle drives in California. The Shannon Ranch is based in between Terra Bella and Porterville, California. Every summer in the first week of June the Shannon family pushes their cattle up from their ranch, through California Hot Springs, up the western divide, passing Ponderosa and finally settling in Grey Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness.

Reuben and his brother George Shannon first started their ranch in 1917 with the help of Reuben's wife Ione. Around the 1960's Reuben and Ione's son, Jack Shannon, took over the ranch. Jack, and his wife Sandra, kept the family tradition alive until the day he died. Around 2012 Jack and Sandra's sons, Bill and John Shannon took the reins on the ranch. To this day they run a full crew made up of mostly family. John is married to Carla and they have two twins sons, Blake and Jake, and a daughter Tabitha. Bill is married to Sherry and they have two daughters, Summer and Sarah. All of which work together on the Shannon Ranch. They also have three ranch hands, James Ward, Dan Shew, and Chuck Sandborg; who are all "just as close as family," says Carla Shannon.



Jake, Bill and Tabitha Shannon driving cattle



(Picture from left to right: Tabitha , Carla, Jake, Blake, and John Shannon, Chuck Sandborg, Dan Shew , Bill Shannon & James Ward)

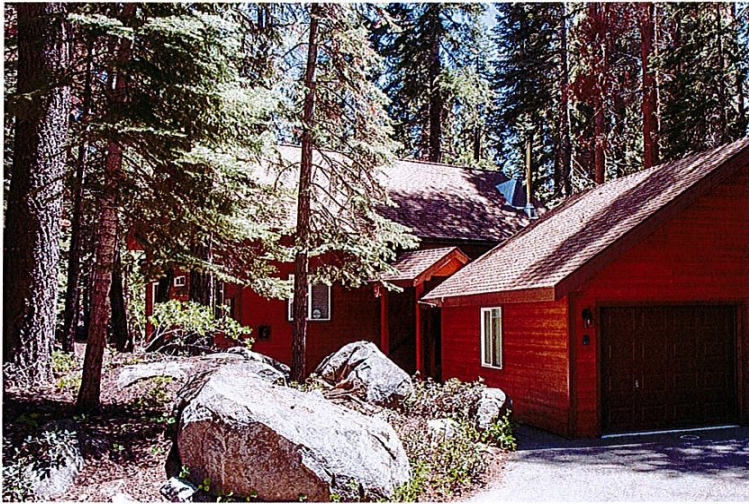
The Shannon's believe in saving the land. Their cattle graze in the meadows along their drive which provides a fire safe forest. It also helps reduce the unnecessary vegetation within the meadows keeping these historical meadows the same as they were a hundred years ago. "It's amazing to see a meadow that has been grazed by cattle for years...The cattle help the environment," says Carla Shannon. The Shannon Cattle Ranch isn't like any other cattle ranch. They are not only ambitious, hard working people that love what they do, but they also stand for something. They stand for preservation of land, history, heritage, and tradition. They have preserved the test of time and have made monumental strides in keeping our forests and home safe and healthy.

If you missed this spring's cattle drive, on an early morning in the middle of September the ranchers will drive their cattle back home. I am sure that with their endurance the Shannon Ranch will surpass us all in continuing their way of life for the next one hundred years.

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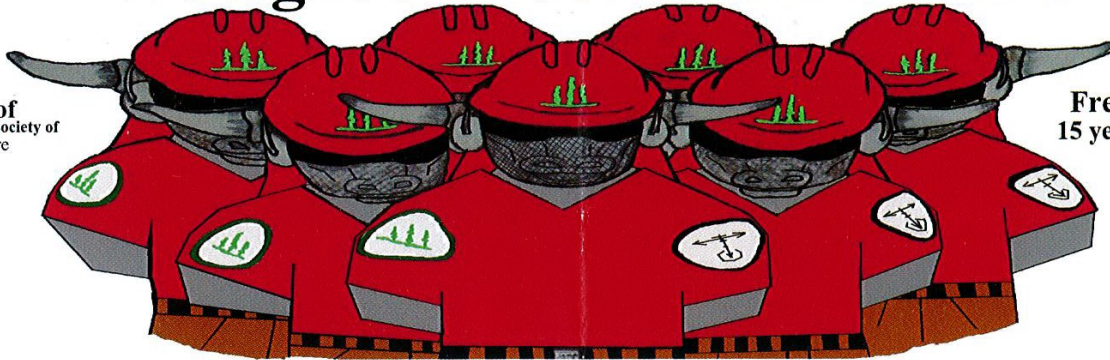
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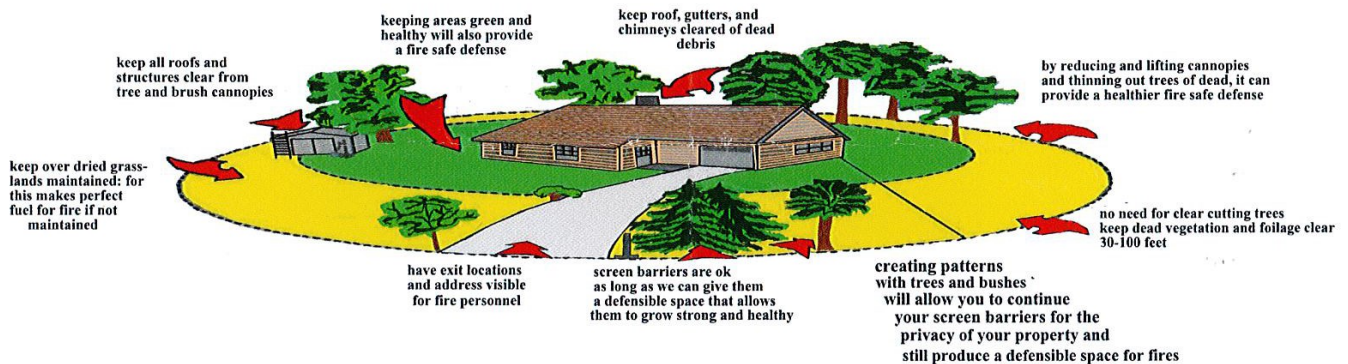
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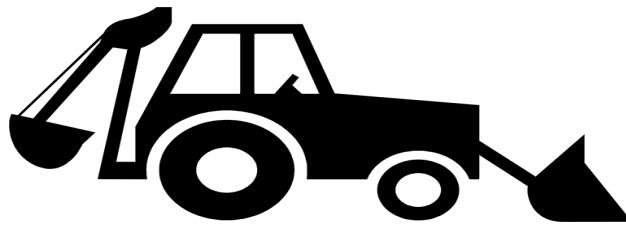
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Between us, we know the Ponderosa subdivision and all of the homes and lots in this area inside and out. Living here for 36 years, building over 50 homes in this area and being in real estate business in Ponderosa for 19 years, we definitely can serve 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 2017 - 2018 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 2017-2018

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