

PORT LUDLOW VOICE

Collaboration Transforms “Helipad” into Mini-Park

by Kate Madson

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*Best of the
Holiday season
to all
of our readers.*

The center of my large cul-de-sac in South Bay has gone from pavement to plantings, thanks to the cooperative efforts of neighbors, OPG and the County. A 30-foot diameter “doughnut hole” of asphalt was removed from the 90-foot circle at the end of Driftwood Court. In its place are three trees and sweeps of shrubs and perennials. It took property owners with a shared goal, donations of cash and services and a bit of persistence and sweat.

Is it Legal?

One spring day in 1999 I looked up from my weeding to see a County Public Works employee returning to his car just as a fire truck pulled away. “Guess you can have your little park,” he said to me, “Just had to make sure the fire equipment could turn around.” “What?” I puzzled, but before I could inquire he drove off. Nothing more was heard on the subject and it’s still unclear who researched such a possibility.

But our field of paving was not much for looks, and the idea of diminishing it stuck in my mind. Jim and Dianne McDonald, then building on the lot next to ours, liked the idea also. Yet some time later their contractor relayed a message: their architect had asked the County if the center of the cul-de-sac could be removed for planting, and been told no. I was puzzled. It seemed once the answer had been yes, now it was no—which was it? Finally, in late April of this year, I called the County.



Scott Kilmer of the Transportation Department was encouraging. Approval of the required permit application for a road easement was likely if the following considerations were met: sufficient turning radius for semitrailers and emergency equipment, approved plantings whose foliage didn’t hurt drivers’ visibility or the pavement with their roots, a design that didn’t create a drainage problem, and a signed agreement that neighbors, not the County, would be responsible for maintenance. Attach a plant plan and he would check for all needed approvals. So it was allowable. Was it affordable?

Project Steps and Costs

Having determined the cutout could be 30 feet across based on the requirements supplied by Scott, I started by calling Greg McCarry. OPG owns two lots abutting the cul-de-sac; their sale could be helped by this improvement. Greg offered to have the asphalt cut, removed to a depth of 12 inches and disposed of—but he cautioned that Pope had sought County approval for the same thing nearly ten years ago when the area was being platted and had been denied permission. Whether regulation or administration had changed I never knew, but the County’s backing was not withdrawn.

I listed the project's likely steps, sketched a proposed design, tracked down estimated costs and met with my neighbors. Suggestions were incorporated into the plant placement and selections. The McDonalds offered to install irrigation and pay for water, and the Masons, Stiles and Krafts agreed to split expenses for topsoil, plants and bark mulch. We also decided to install the plants and trees and spread the soil and bark ourselves. The project was a go, and as a courtesy we informed our fellow homeowner association members at the annual meeting in mid-June. By August all was in order. The permit application, submitted by Ray Welch of OPG, was approved. David and Sally Stiles chalked, revised, then spray painted the teardrop outline for the cutters to follow. OPG agreed to have the required curb built. Finally, on September 14th, the asphalt was removed.

Transformation

Things moved quickly once we had a hole! The water line was tapped and a battery-operated irrigation timer installed. 55 yards of topsoil was dumped. Plants arrived: red and yellow barberry, dwarf redtwig dogwood, yellow and red yarrow, acanthus, fountain grass, sedum "Autumn Joy," heather and Russian sage. Jean Kraft, David Stiles and I placed pots and enjoyed the rare opportunity to dig in easy-to-work soil. One month after work had begun, the end was in sight.

Finally three workmen built a shallow asphalt curb, leaving two slots as requested by the County for additional drainage. My husband Denny picked up the three parrotia trees from Valley Nursery and managed to muscle them into place. Just before Halloween the bark mulch was delivered, and Roy Kraft joined the Madsons and McDonalds in a bucket brigade of shoveling, dumping and spreading. A few beach rocks in the drainage slots to avoid erosion, two reflectors to warn night drivers of the new addition and the job was done.

Final Results, Future Possibilities

The final result is better than anticipated, despite some unexpected costs: the tax on plants (!), the \$100 happily paid to have the topsoil spread, the soaker hoses and a third tree. Total costs were under \$5000 for everything.

It was a pleasure to work with my neighbors and accomplish something so "concrete." The outcome is an improvement for everyone who drives or walks around the cul-de-sac. Such a traffic circle can be done elsewhere in Port Ludlow. The County is supportive as long as safety

requirements are met. It's a great neighborhood project, and can cost less than ours. The circle can be smaller, the plants fewer or different, the irrigation eliminated and sprinklers used with a neighbor's water source. Take back the streets!

Eifert and Nature at American Marine Bank

Nancy Eifert has organized and hung a rare local exhibition of original paintings and prints by her husband and partner, Port Townsend artist and author Larry Eifert. With murals and books occupying most of his time these days, shows of his original paintings are few and far between. From now until Christmas Eifert's acrylics, both on paper and hardboard, are hanging at the American Marine Bank branch at 9500 Oak Bay Road. Prints of originals make fine Christmas gifts and are on display in both framed and matted versions,

Most of Eifert's images are of wildlife, some painted from museum mounts and some from actual encounters few of us would ever personally see including a cougar catching a drink below a spring waterfall. The cougar was painted directly from a true-to-life eight-foot long mount in a park visitor center. The waterfall was partially painted on location to catch true color values and the blurred atmosphere surrounding water in motion. As the painter states: "It's what I do best, actually. Just sit there and do nothing but soak it up. It's even better with a brush in my hand, working to get that vision down to paper. I wish I had more time to do more of the fieldwork instead of spending life in the studio or behind a computer screen writing. Art is an old-person's game, after all, and it takes all your life to figure out how to put this stuff down from eye to paper."

A reception with the artist will be held at the bank on **Friday, December 8th** from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with wine and refreshments. Mark your calendar to enjoy these paintings as well as American Marine Bank's fine new building that is definitely a welcome addition to Port Ludlow's community core. The show will remain until after Christmas.



Calendar Coordination System Launched

The goal of the Community Calendar Coordinating Committee (CCCC) of the Village Council is to provide access to a long-range calendar of all major community events (including large events restricted by Club membership or dues, such as LMC or South Bay Potluckers or Free Spirits) in order to help organizations plan. This does not alter the responsibility of any organization to do its own booking of the desired venue; the Master Community Calendar of Village Activities will provide information on events already booked.

The following system will be implemented: A "Master Calendar" will be placed at the Bay Club for public information. Anyone can look at it, but only members of the CCCC will make entries or changes. When an event is booked, the CCCC should be informed by e-mail at bayclub1@olypen.com, attn: CCCC. The Committee has contacted many Port Ludlow groups about the new plan, including the golfers, the Inn, the Resort, the Marina, the Jefferson General Hospital Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but wants to hear from any it might have missed.

Another purpose of the CCCC is to help inform the community about major events. The *Voice* will continue to include a Village Activities Calendar for the month of publication. *Portludlowconnections.com* may also carry the calendar linked to the PLVC page. The scheduling project will be up and running early in 2001, and a computer-savvy volunteer could provide valuable assistance in its preparation. To volunteer, or to supply thoughts or information, contact the e-mail address above or any member of the committee: Connie Wilkinson, chair; Mary Lee Pabst; Sally Smith; Patsy Swindler or Chris Whitehurst.

Mahjongg, Anyone?

An old craze is sweeping Port Ludlow! We're "twiddling the birds," and clicking tiles. This excited group meets Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., at the Bridge Deck for learning, fun and laughs. After the first of the year, we'll be switching sites to the Bay Club. Join us and see if you enjoy this challenging game—an exercise class for your brain.

If anyone in the vicinity is expert enough to provide a few instructions, we would appreciate the help. Please contact Diane Strader at 437-7809 for information.

PLUSH Investment Club a Winner!

On Saturday, November 11th, 2000, the Port Ludlow Unified Share Holders (PLUSH) Investment Club was named the Number One Club in the Puget Sound area for their portfolio performance for the year 2000. Competing against 100 NAIC (National Association of Investors Corporation) investment clubs in the Puget Sound, PLUSH members were named the top club for their 110.592% return on their portfolio year ending September 30th, 2000, and won \$200. Stocks in their portfolio include Costco Corporation, EMC Corporation, Johnson Controls, Linear Technology, Network Appliance, Inc., Southwest Airlines, Washington Mutual and Watson Pharmaceuticals.

Members of PLUSH include Judy Stahl, President; Bernie Robinson, Vice President; Ross Robson, Secretary; Ken Stahl, Treasurer; Edel Bahr, Don Derrington, Janice Downs, Dave Heid, Gordon James, Steve and Kathleen Jennings, Flemming Lorck, Rich Matheny, Lee and Jeanne Watts, and Don White.

Members of the PLUSH Investment Club got together two years ago to educate themselves on investing in the stock market following NAIC guidelines. After contributing an initial investment for start-up costs, members contribute \$25 a month towards their stock fund. Members research each company they recommend and give a presentation to other members who then vote on whether to purchase that stock. All research is done by computer and reading various business, news, and company publications. Club members are both men and women who are willing to learn from each other. There are thirteen membership units in the Club. At the present, only one new membership unit is open each year. An existing member must sponsor that new member.

After-School Tutoring at the Beach Club

If you have a child who needs help with his or her studies, we may be of some assistance. Beginning in January, we will offer tutoring to students. These sessions will take place in the Gazebo Room at the Beach Club after school and will be by appointment only. If you are interested in signing up your child, please call Bernie Robinson at 437-0703 or e-mail her at brob@olypen.com

Though we cannot guarantee a tutor for your child, we will try our best.

Village Council—November Meeting

President Sally Smith called the November meeting of the Village Council to order, and welcomed new members Phil Otness, Lee Amundson and Howard Slack to the Board. Treasurer Amundson announced a current bank balance of \$4542.76. Noting that Port Ludlow is now the largest Master Planned Resort in the State at over 2,100 acres, a representative from the American Planning Association of Washington presented an award for “Community Outreach” to the partners in the Planning Forum: OPG, Jefferson County and the Port Ludlow community. He noted the tough competition in this category, and said the participants’ work had impressed public and private planners from across the State.

District 24 State Representative Jim Buck apologized for a scheduling mix-up that caused him to miss the local Candidates Forum. He said funding for the Hood Canal Bridge repairs would not be affected by the legal challenge to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. The former, built with Federal funds, cannot have tolls. The replacement of the Hood Canal Bridge poses a significant engineering challenge, which can be dangerous and tricky due to the tides. Buck is confident that the work can be done safely if done carefully in the two to six weeks anticipated for the installation of the new section. Design work is on schedule, but decisions are still to be made on replacement transportation. Buck also commented on the Shoreline Management Act, saying, “an agency (the Department of Ecology) has made more stringent regulations without legislative authority.” He expects public and private entities to take the matter to court.

Developer Operations Report

Greg McCarry of OPG said the relocation of staff from Walker Way and Poulsbo to the Village Center site near the RV Park was in progress. He was unable to report anything definitive regarding negotiations with a financial partner, except to say that they are still underway. Vice President Jon Rose announced that the Golf Course has achieved designation as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” by the Educational Division of Audubon International. He thanked course superintendent Jerry Mathews for his hard work, along with the many members of the Hiking Club who helped reach this goal. To be certified, a course must demonstrate a high degree of environmental stewardship in water quality and conservation and the management of wildlife and habitat, wetlands

and turf, as well as pest control. Port Ludlow Golf Course is the seventh in Washington and the 273rd in the world to receive the honor.

Committee Composition for 2000-2001

PLVC committee and subcommittee chairs and liaisons were announced for the coming year. To assist with communication, a member of the board is assigned as a liaison to each committee chaired by a non-board member. The Council very much wants the perspectives of the whole community as it makes decisions. Community members are encouraged to add their energy and inspiration to one or more committees by joining. Contact its chair in the accompanying chart, or PLVC President Sally Smith to ask questions or share ideas.

Other

Connie Wilkinson, PLVC liaison to the Recycling Committee, asked her colleagues how they wished to act regarding a reported transgressor at the Recycling Center. It was decided that the PLVC would draft a letter to the individual. Jon Rose noted that OPG owns the land on which the recycling containers are placed, and that he would have “no shyness” about writing to someone who violated the disposal regulations. Sally Smith felt that the Council needs a written policy defining its role/response to such an issue.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas at Fort Worden

Bring your holiday visitors to an “*Old-fashioned Christmas*” at the Commanding Officer’s Quarters, Fort Worden State Park. This twelve-room historic house with period furnishings will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m., **Tuesday, December 26th through Saturday, December 30th.**

Colonel and Mrs. Deems are hosting a dessert buffet, and the Christmas decorations are beautiful for this festive occasion. Costumed interpreters are anxious to tell you about living in this house and on this Army Post in 1910.

Admission for adults is \$1; children under 5 are admitted free.



2000-2001 Village Council Committees

Budget and Finance	Lee Amundson
Community Affairs	David Graham
Communications and Public Relations	Dick Ullmann
Community Calendar	Connie Wilkinson
Farmers Market	Don Cooper
Port Ludlow Kitchens	Maureen Poole
PTTV Public Programming	Gene Carmody
Resident and Business Directory	Bob Force and Sally Smith
Community Development	Larry Nobles
Emergency Preparedness	Howard Morse
Government and Regional Affairs	Sally Smith
Political Candidates Forum	Sally Smith
Membership and Elections	Carol Saber and Frank Siler
Articles and By-laws	Carol Saber and Frank Siler
Natural Resources	Jon Rose
Trails	Marge Carter
Utilities	George Dyer
Recycling	Joe Darcy

Local Man Honored

How many times have you been surprised when you discovered one of your Port Ludlow friends had a background that you were unaware of? It seems to happen on a regular basis in our community. Many of us led a very different life before we moved to Port Ludlow. John Reseck seems to be one of these.

We know John as a kayaker, Coast Guard Auxiliarist and boater, but it seems that in his LBPL (life before Port Ludlow), he was primarily known as a diver. This past life caught up with him on Sunday, November 12th when he was inducted into the "Diving Hall of Honor" in Houston, Texas.

The citation, which was read at the ceremony, tells us things about John we didn't know. For instance, he had 3,000 underwater hours in a hard hat and 15,000 hours in SCUBA gear. He was the Diving Safety Officer at a college, certified 11,000 SCUBA divers, oversaw 70,000 student dives and never had one accident. He was the concept originator of the International Conference on Underwater Education. This event became the largest

symposium on diving in the world and was held annually for twenty years in various cities and countries.

John developed the displacement method of snorkel clearing which allowed free divers to reach greater depths, stay down longer and avoid shallow water black-out. He was sent by the National Association of Diving Instructors (NAUI) to oversee diving instructor programs at Texas A & M, University of Hawaii, Santa Ana College, University of California at San Diego, Simon Fraser University in Canada and many others. He wrote a book, *SCUBA, Safe and Simple*, which sold well over 100,000 copies, as well as many articles.

In addition, John gave talks and workshops at over twenty international conferences, mostly on teaching techniques, methods and attitudes. He created and organized the "Diving Dinosaurs" which are instructors from around the world that were the pioneers in the diving industry.



He is proud to have his name listed as one of twenty-two men and women in the National Diving Hall of Honor.

Squash—Anyone?

Squash is not a vegetable—rather, it is an up-scale pastime imported from England in the mid-nineteenth century. Much has been written about the mental and physical values derived from playing squash (properly called “squash racquets”). You are never too old to either learn or play the game. Pope and Talbot, in their wisdom, included a regulation squash court as a part of the amenities of the North Bay Beach Club.

When looking for a place to retire on a Northwest visit back in 1977 and finding a squash court, I said to my wife Pat, “look no further—this is the place.” Over the years, quite a number of us have used the court to play the game. There are several fine players who live here in Port Ludlow. Darrell Grything (the best), Robbie Robinson, Ken Easterbrook, and Jim Goode are excellent players. Bob Scott, Bill Shamhart and I are in the senior category. Mea Graham represents the women admirably.

We wish to share our enthusiasm for squash with residents (men and women) who would like an introduction to the game by inviting you to join us on **Tuesday, December 5th** at 10:00 a.m. for a session at the squash court. We also welcome those players whom we don't know about or players who just need a fellow player. For those who have never played, don't have any equipment, or are just curious, we will take care of you. We will demonstrate the basics, be on our best behavior and best of all, will provide refreshments.

Please call me, Dave Barlow, at 437-2546, if you have any questions. Non-members may attend as a guest of a regular member.

Christmas at Port Ludlow Community Church

His Name Is Jesus, a wonderful worship celebration for Christmas, will be presented by the Port Ludlow Community Church on **Sunday, December 17th**, at 10:30 a.m. You won't want to miss this program of gospel favorites, traditional carols as well as new gospel songs that unite to create a highly meaningful Christmas musical full of tenderness and charm.

Port Ludlow Community Church also invites you for a one-hour Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this evening will be *The Greatest Gift of All*.

Community Carol Sing

The Choral Belles invite the community to join them in their annual “caroling” evening on **Tuesday, December 19th**. Everyone will meet at the Bay Club at 5:30 p.m. and carol throughout the Village to bring some cheer to shut-ins.

If you know of someone who would enjoy a little uplifting Christmas music that evening, call Grace Prussing at 437-2986, Nan Smith at 437-2162 or Annette Koch at 437-0507 with names and addresses of Port Ludlow shut-ins.

Following the caroling, all participating singers will gather for a party and refreshments. If all singers bring a dozen of their favorite cookies, there will be plenty to share with others in the group.

UGN Campaign 2000

As of Wednesday, November 15th, Port Ludlow had contributed \$16,540 against a target of \$21,115 in this year's UGN Campaign 2000. The total County campaign is at \$119,000 raised against a goal of \$225,000.

As in past years we hope that all the residents of our great community will help us go over the target. Because of our good fortune in living here, we believe that by supporting the safety net for others who are less fortunate, we enrich our own lives. If you have any questions about what agencies are funded or other facts about UGN call 385-3797. Many thanks for all your help

Christmas in Poulsbo

For a taste of Scandinavian holiday traditions, visit nearby Poulsbo in December. Between noon and 4:00 p.m. on **Fridays and Saturdays through December 23rd**, Holiday Heritage House will be open next to Heirloom Quilts & Fabric. Get a picture taken with Father Christmas and donate non-perishable food items to Fishline. The community will celebrate the arrival of the Lucia bride at Yul Fest on **Saturday, December 2nd** at 5:00 p.m. at Waterfront Park and Kvelstad Pavilion. Christmas tree lighting, music and Scandinavian story telling round out the program. Then on **Friday, December 8th**, the Lighted Boat Parade at Waterfront Park includes a traditional cone ceremony, hot cider, bonfire and carols.



Fresh Flower Arranging Demo

The Port Ludlow Garden Club will meet on **Wednesday, December 13th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Club. Following lunch and a business meeting the program will feature Nichol McKeag from Occasions by Nichol who will demonstrate fresh flower arranging. Bring a sack lunch and your own place setting. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided by the hostesses for the day, Ray Watkins, Tanya Cornish, Sharon Shiner, Betty Knudsen, Myrdelle Teaford and Pat Hannan.

Membership dues covering the year 2001 will be due by **Monday, January 1st, 2001** and remain at \$10. Make your check out to PLGC and send to Bonnie Ahlstedt.

New officers confirmed for the coming year are Co-Presidents Bonnie Ahlstedt and Jeanette Best, Vice President Fran Drum, Co-Secretaries Rae Watkins and Judy McLeod, Treasurer Sharon Shiner, Co-Program Chairpersons Pat Ryan and Noreen Millbauer. A Hostess Chairperson or Chairpersons are still needed.

We all owe Bonnie Ahlstedt much gratitude for continuing on for so many terms. Thank you Bonnie! Don't forget to make your reservations with her for the **Wednesday, February 7th** trip to the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle.

Myrdelle Teaford's Garden Tips for December

Here are some winter gardening reminders:

Sow hardy annuals such as candytuft, clarkia, larkspur and wildflower mixes now in weed-free, well tilled soil. Seeds sown now will germinate and flower earlier than those sown in the spring.

There's still time to get spring flowering bulbs into the ground, but you are pushing it. Crocus, daffodils and tulips are the obvious choices.

Cut back mums. When the last flowers fade, cut back chrysanthemums to within six inches of the ground. They will send up new growth next spring.

Featured Plant of the Month

Poinsettias are a favorite flower for holiday decorating. Thanks to innovative growers, the traditional holiday flower is healthier and more vibrant than ever before. Choose a plant that has fully colored and expanded bracts—the colorful portion of a poinsettia. Find a plant with dense foliage down to the soil line. Select one that's

about twice as large as its pot. Poinsettias need indirect sunlight for at least six hours a day, performing best in room temperatures between 68 and 70 degrees. Keep away from cold drafts or excessive heat. Water them when soil is dry to the touch, but don't let them sit in standing water.

Local High Voter Turnout

Registered voters in Precincts 501 and 502 turned out in high numbers to vote at the Port Ludlow Community Church on November 7th. The local citizen participation (both by absentee and poll voters) was 84 percent for the two precincts combined, considerably higher than the national average. More than half of the voters chose absentee ballots and hand counting of those ballots continued as of Tuesday, November 14th. The State Auditor's office expected to certify Jefferson County votes by Wednesday, November 22nd as required by Washington State law.

Perhaps the most thrilling part for election poll workers was seeing five young first-time voters cast their ballots. They were each congratulated and assured of the importance of their vote. (With subsequent events, how true that is!) We can all be proud of the traditional high voter turnout here in Port Ludlow.



Village Council Meeting Agenda

The December meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council will be held on **Thursday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Beach Club. The following are proposed items for that agenda:

Presentations by:

- Millenium Digital Media
- Gary Lemon - Channel 42, Port Townsend
- Fire Chief Wayne Kier
- Dean McDonald - Glacier Northwest Quarry
- Village Council Committees re/ Mission Statements

The public is invited to attend.

Port Ludlow Voice Annual Report

by Ralph Thomas, Publisher

The *Voice* is an all-volunteer project and is financed through contributions and donations. The only charge is for out-of-town mailing for Snowbirds. Olympic Property Group pays the postage and cost of mailing to the owners of unbuilt lots. Other financing comes through contributions and advertisements.

Contributions per Issue

- SBCA, \$200
- LMC, \$200
- Marina, \$150
- Golf Course, \$150
- OPG, \$600

Advertising Revenue per Ad

- Harbormaster, \$230–\$460
- Heron Beach Inn, \$230–\$460
- American Marine Bank, \$230
- Miscellaneous Advertisers, varies
- Classifieds, usually does not break even

In the past twelve months we have spent \$30,429 on printing costs and \$2,200 on postage. We have received \$33,821 in contributions and advertising fees. The *Voice* has very little miscellaneous office expense and has about \$2,000 on hand for our January issue. As of this date we are sound financially and expect to remain so, though any additional contributions certainly help to cushion unexpected expenses.

I would like to acknowledge our volunteer staff, some of whom spend up to 40 hours per issue, receive no compensation and pay their own expenses. They are dedicated to the community and the *Voice* could not function without them.

My sincere thanks to:

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 Jerry Conover, MGA
 Teddy Conover, Nifty Niners
 Shari Hagey, OPG

And to the many others of you who do not contribute on a monthly basis but none the less are greatly appreciated. Last I want to thank my wife, Lynn Thomas who has had to watch me spend 40 to 60 hours per month on the computer and who has never once complained.

Mark Torres Relocates to Oregon

The Resort and Harbormaster Food and Beverage Manager Mark Torres has moved on to a new job. Mike Derrig has hired him as Operations Manager of the Inn at Otter Crest in Oregon. Many of us found Mark very helpful and cooperative and a pleasure to work with. We wish him the best in his new endeavor.



One of the awful Herdman kids.

See full story on page 17.



Village Activities Calendar

Most events are at the Bay Club unless otherwise specified.

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or are obviously special interest groups.

December

Fri., December 1st

8:00 a.m., Green Mountain Hike, Depart Bridge Deck
10:00-11:30 a.m., Christmas Cookie Exchange
5:00-7:00 p.m., South Bay Members-only Cocktail Party

Sat., December 2nd

1:00-3:00 p.m., Teal Lake Village Meeting

Sun., December 3rd

2:00-4:00 p.m., Arts Council Matinee Series, "Gift of Song"

Mon., December 4th

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Play'n with Clay Angels
3:00-4:30 p.m., PLCC MS Office SIG
4:00-5:00 p.m., Bereavement Support Group

Tues., December 5th

10:00 a.m., Introduction to Squash, Beach Club
2:00-5:00 p.m., Plush Investment Club

Wed., December 6th

Christmas Balloon Sale, Golf Shop
11:00-2:30 p.m., First Wednesday Lunch
1:00-5:00 p.m., Mahjongg, Bridge Deck
5:00-7:00 p.m., Bluebills Dinner Meeting

Thurs., December 7th

9:00 a.m., Village Council Meeting, Beach Club
12:30-2:00 p.m., Broadway Production Meeting
5:00 p.m., Hiking Club Christmas Party, Sub Base Bangor

Fri., December 8th

5:30-8:00 p.m., reception at American Marine Bank
6:00-10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Christmas Dinner

Sat., December 9th

9:00-11:00 a.m., Dine and Discover Christmas Tree Cutting

Mon., December 11th

9:00 a.m.-noon, Bayview Board Meeting
12:30-3:30 p.m., Line Dancing and Luncheon
3:00-4:00 p.m., Village Social Committee Meeting
6:30-9:00 p.m., PLCC General Meeting

Tues., December 12th

8:00 a.m., Burke-Gilman Trail Urban Hike, depart Bridge Deck
10:00 a.m.-noon, PLVC Disaster Committee Meeting
3:30-5:00 p.m., Fairway HOA Meeting
6:00 p.m., Book Club Holiday Celebration, Heron Beach Inn

Wed., December 13th

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Garden Club Meeting
1:00-5:00 p.m., Mahjongg, Bridge Deck
2:00 p.m., Quilters by the Bay Raffle

Thurs., December 14th

9:30-11:30 a.m., Advisory Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m.-noon, Village Council Meeting
2:00-3:30 p.m., Broadway Production Meeting
2:30-4:30 p.m., PLCC Board Meeting

Fri., December 15th

1:00-3:00 p.m., ARC Review Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m., Independents Christmas Party, Home of Pat Mitemeyer
7:00-9:00 p.m., Holiday on the Docks, Marina

Sat., December 16th

9:00 a.m., LMC Meeting, Beach Club
5:00 p.m., Ye Merrie Auld Christmas Feast, Beach Club
7:00-9:00 p.m., Holiday on the Docks, Marina

Sun., December 17th

10:30 a.m., Christmas Worship Celebration, Community Church

Mon., December 18th

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PLCC SIG
5:00 p.m., Food Corral Closes

Tues., December 19th

5:30 p.m., Choral Belles Community Carol Sing

Wed., December 20th

1:00-5:00 p.m., Mahjongg, Bridge Deck

Thurs., December 21st

3:00-5:00 p.m., PLCC Board Meeting

Fri., December 22nd

9:00-11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting

Sat., December 23rd

Bay Club Closes at Noon

Sun., December 24th

Bay Club Closed
6:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service, Community Church

Mon., December 25th

Bay Club Closed for Christmas

Tues., December 26th

7:00-9:00 p.m., Coast Guard Auxiliary

Wed., December 27th

9:00 a.m., Timberton Loop Hike, meet at trailhead
1:00-5:00 p.m., Mahjongg, Bridge Deck

Fri., December 29th

4:30 p.m., Independents meet to car pool
5:30 p.m., Independents Holiday Fling,
Port Townsend Victorian Home

Sun., December 31st

6:00 p.m., Village Social New Year's Eve Party
8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover New Year's Eve 2000, Beach Club

Beach Club Update

Nan Smith is the correspondent for the North Bay and the Communications Chair for the LMC. She can be reached at 437-2162 or by e-mail at justnan@olypen.com. All items of interest to the North Bay may be submitted to her.

LMC Meetings
*Third Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m.
at the Beach Club. All LMC members are welcome.
Agendas are posted at the Beach Club.*

Committee Reports

LMC Committee reports at the Saturday, November 18th meeting were brief:

Finance

- There are sufficient funds in the budget to finish out the year.

Operations

- New Rules and Regulations still are being considered.
- A Personnel Manual is being developed.
- Future remodeling under consideration concentrates on two areas: the exercise room and the kitchen. LMC members are urged to contact the Committee with any specific comments or suggestions.
- The CAD drawings have proven to be a good investment. Many errors in the old drawings, with many remodels not included, have been discovered and corrected.

Architectural Control

- Two five-acre lots in Unit 6 have been sold.
- Two new propane tanks have been approved. The Committee is actively pursuing non-compliant homeowners who have installed tanks without Committee approval and are not meeting the CC&Rs, which require tanks to be underground or hidden.

Covenants and Regulations

- George Dyer will provide an update of the by-laws on computer disk to Dick Smith.

Greenbelt

Please contact the Committee if you live on a greenbelt and have ideas on how to get any needed work done.

- The LMC is responsible for the greenbelt areas in Tract 7; the pond is not included.

LMC/County Affairs

- No report given. The Board is still looking for a chair for this Committee.

LMC Budget Ratified

The 2001 Budget for the LMC was ratified by the members at a special meeting held on November 18th. The budget, which called for an increase in yearly dues of \$12 per lot, had already been approved by the Board.

LMC Manager Dick Smith had answered many questions during the two weeks prior to the vote. Several questions and comments were addressed to the Board at the meeting. Chairman Jim Brannaman commended the LMC members for their intense interest and concern. He also thanked all those who volunteered their efforts to bring the LMC a realistic, although conservative, budget.

Drainage District Commissioner Appointments

With voter approval to establish a drainage district in Port Ludlow's north area, the Jefferson County Commissioners advertised for volunteers to serve as interim commissioners until the election in February 2002. Four people submitted their names for these positions.

The LMC Board was asked to recommend three people. The Board nominated Bill Wilke, Dick Regan and Walt Cairns. Each of these men has served on the LMC Drainage Committee and volunteered their time to support the drainage election. This recommendation will be sent to the County, who will make the final decision.

North Bay Lot Owners Association

Joe Darcy, Events Chairman, is planning a train trip to Leavenworth for a round-trip fare of \$119. The train leaves from Edmonds, and includes breakfast and dinner. This trip is offered quarterly and will be open to the community. He's also working on future sporting events for 2001.

Sally Orsborn, Arts Chairman, has advised a quality used piano could be purchased by the LOA for the Beach Club for \$4,000-6,000. She is hard at work on fund-raising events planning to attain this goal. The Board voted to hold funds in our treasury, and anticipates a two-year effort.

Dave Harris reported on his contact with Nancy Irwin, Area Manager of Millennium Digital Cable regarding the expanded service promised to our area. He was advised they still need to install twenty-three fiber optic nodes to provide the service, and are still waiting for additional hard-to-get Highway Franchise Permits for several sections of Port Ludlow. Some might be available in December, but more likely at the end of January, 2001. Construction cannot proceed without them. Michael Cahn, LOA President, advised he would write a letter to our County Commissioners voicing our concerns.

The Board discussed the possibility of forming a committee to clean up and create trails and assist in greenbelt cleanup. This will be tabled until discussions with the LMC.

Three board members were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Jim Laker, Joe Darcy and Dave Harris. Anyone interested in running for office on the LOA Board should submit their names to the Committee headed by Sally Orsborn.

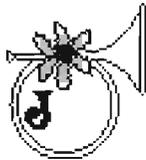
The next LOA Board meeting will be **Thursday, January 11th**, 9:00 a.m. at the Beach Club.

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Future Events

January:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Beginning Computer Class
 11th, LoA Board Meeting
 20th, Vancouver Wind Trio, Arts Council
 28th, Super Bowl Party



LMC Board Names New Finance Chair

At its regular meeting on November 18th, the LMC Board approved Michael Walker as Chair of the Finance Committee. Walker has lived in Port Ludlow for a year. He has been a management consultant for thirty-three years, specifically working with utilities. Walker replaces Betty Stevens, who has served on this Committee for seven years. Stevens is to be commended for her outstanding work and her dedication. In his acceptance, Walker emphasized his desire to concentrate on financial planning and fiscal responsibility.

Also approved by the Board, was the nomination of Howard Slack to serve on the Finance Committee. Slack is a former LMC Board member.

De Merrie Auld Christmas Feast

A catered dinner in the
Elizabethan tradition

Saturday, December 16th 5:00 p.m.

wassail and hors d'oeuvres in the
Beach Club Cove Room

Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. in the
Beach Club Bayview Room

\$27.50 per person

Sign up with the hostess
at the Beach Club

Elizabethan entertainment, including
singers and dancers is planned

Diners are encouraged to
come in costume

Questions? Contact Frances Wright
at 437-0627.

(an LMC event)

Bay Club Update

Dorothy Foust, Editor

Dorothy Foust is the Bay Club editor. Submit your articles to her by e-mail at frost@olympus.net or call her at 437-2836 no later than the 12th of the preceding month.

For information on Bay Club activities, call Debbie Ueda at 437-2208.

SBCA Board of Directors
*Meetings Held 4th Friday of the Month
 at the Bay Club at 9:00 a.m.
 All SBCA members are welcome.*

Make a Holiday Contribution to the Food Corral

Donations are still needed for this holiday season's "Food Corral" located in the Great Room entry at the Bay Club. This is an opportunity for local residents to help those in need in the surrounding area. All contributions will be donated to the Tri-Area Community Center Food Bank. The Corral will be open until **Monday, December 18th**.

In addition to food items, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex) are especially needed. Also, remember the little bottles and tubes that we all pick up in hotels—soap, hand lotion and shampoo are most welcome. We are unable to accept contributions of clothing.

If you have any questions, contact Annette Koch at 437-0507.

Needed: Cooks and Decorating Helpers

The Free Spirits Board would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who stepped up and helped to make the Halloween dinner such a fun event. The degree of cooperation in this community is truly inspiring.

Now we need your help for our Christmas dinner on **Friday, December 8th**. Should any of you be so inclined to join our merry bunch, please let us know. If your talent is culinary, call Nancy Green at 437-0548. If decorating is your strong suit, call Phoebe Ewaldsen at 437-0399 or Val Vogt at 437-4055. Oddly enough, we have almost too much fun putting these things together and we're willing to share that fun with you!



South Bay Board Meeting Update

by Bill Schoenemann

The last monthly SBCA Board meeting was held on Friday, October 27th. There was an extended discussion of the new Design Standards and it was decided to leave references to what needs to be referred to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) as general as possible because of the difficulty in defining exceptions. Approval of the Standards, fees and distribution will be discussed at the next meeting. Larry Elton was selected as the new member of the ARC.

There were no significant deviations in the financial status; we are on target with the exception of the previously noted expenditures for dry rot repair. Mike Morgan completed his five-year forecast of Bay Club operations, including inflation allowances. The analysis indicates that we would break even, with an increasing number of members, by the middle of fiscal 2003 (we are now in fiscal 2001).

Jim Callahan is continuing to search out insurance coverage for the SBCA. Of particular importance is insurance coverage for the various groups holding events at the Bay Club including the Arts Council, Free Spirits, etc.

In the past, the SBCA Board relied on ORM's legal staff for advice. Since this service is no longer available, we are initiating a search for appropriate legal counsel and will need to budget for this in the future.

There was a continuing discussion of a hedge, which was planted contrary to the Master CC&Rs and without any approval. Due to the extenuating circumstances, it was decided to grant a one-time variance to allow the hedge if legal ownership issues could be resolved. Homeowners are once again reminded that all architectural (including changes in exterior paint colors) and landscaping changes must be submitted to the ARC and their respective homeowner's association.

Mike Morgan has reviewed the rules governing parties, noise and time with the Resort, which sponsors most of these events. In addition our policies have been discussed with Bay Club employees who are securing these events.

The continuing function of the SBCA Advisory Committee was discussed. There was not a clear-cut mandate from either the Advisory Committee or the Board. Since Bay Club rental has become a significant revenue source, it was decided that the Board of Directors should control the funds. It was also decided to ask the Advisory Committee to continue to meet on a quarterly basis to provide another source of homeowner input to the Board as well as to assist the Board on special projects and funnel Club expenditure requests. One such project resulted in an excellent report on Bay Club landscaping improvements, which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Additional items to be discussed include a Bayview Village request to review their architectural and landscaping procedures and a presentation by Bates Thomas regarding Bay Club floor covering.

The Board welcomes input to any of your directors—Bob Force, Frosty Foust, Bert Goldstein, Judy McCay, Tom Murray, Bill Schoenemann and Bob Wilkinson. We also invite your presence at our monthly meetings held on the fourth Friday, except November which was held on the 17th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The December meeting will be **Friday, December 22nd**.

Holiday Hours

The Bay Club will close at noon on **Saturday, December 23rd** and will be closed on **Sunday and Monday, December 24th and 25th** for Christmas.

May I Have This Dance?

Dancers by the Bay have arranged for ballroom dance classes to resume after the first of the year. They have a new teacher—there's no need to change partners. Call Ann Radwick at 437-0318 for details.

Looking in the crystal ball, there will be a Valentine's Ball on **Wednesday, February 14th** at the Bay Club. More details later.

Does a Loved One Have a Brain Disorder?

Mental illness happens to one in five Americans at some point in their lifetime. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a non-profit, self-help organization. It is composed of families and friends of persons who have a mental illness, more recently called brain disorders, and consumers of mental health services. Such disorders include major depression, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder (previously known as manic depression).

NAMI Jefferson County provides public information presentations and maintains a peer support group. The group meets at Port Townsend Coffee Co. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the next meeting on **Tuesday, December 12th**. Call 379-8276 for information or visit their website at www.olympus.net/community/nami.

Also available, through NAMI Kitsap County, is the Family-to-Family Education Program, a peer program of twelve weekly classes designed to foster learning, healing, and empowerment among family members and friends of people with brain disorders. To learn more contact Jane Cartmell at 206-855-1171. A workshop to teach family members and professionals to advocate effectively for people with brain disorders may be offered in February or March of 2001 if there is sufficient interest.

An Invitation to Worship

Kingston's Faith Lutheran Church-LCMS invites the Port Ludlow community to share in a Christmas Eve Carol Service at 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, December 24th** and a Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. on **Monday, December 25th**.

Worship services are held at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday with adult and Sunday school classes beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran is located at 26736 Miller Bay Road in Kingston. For further information, call 360-297-2736.



Mariners News

Port Ludlow Marina

by Alyce Elder, Marina Store Manager and Kori Ward, Dockmaster

Dock Talk

As we all are aware, winter is sneaking up on us quickly. Though October brought us some sunshine and temperatures in the mid-60s, the winds and rain are not far behind. The Marina staff has noticed more and more dock carts going down the docks empty and returning from the boats full, a sure sign winter is here.

The changing of the season means the first storm is due to arrive soon. The Marina is on the Storm Web system, which means we get e-mails regarding any serious change in weather pattern. Storm Web can be reached at www.stormweb.com. When predictions are for winds over twenty-five knots, the Marina staff moves into storm mode. We walk the docks checking for loose or frayed lines and remove any debris that could cause problems. If the storm is predicted to hit or continue through the evening and is predicted to be severe, the staff will do hourly patrols throughout the night.

Here is a checklist that will help us all get through the winter with ease:

1. Check the condition of your lines. They should not be green with age or frayed.
2. Test your lines by rocking your boat to be sure no line is wrenching on a cleat. Your lines should have some slack so the vessel can rock slightly with the movement of the waves.
3. Put out an additional spring line.
4. Put down extra fenders. This could save your gel coat if a fender deflates.
5. Store all your gear, such as any buckets or dock steps, in a secure place so it doesn't get blown away.
6. Check your canvas; be sure it is secure and unable to flap in the wind.
7. Check your shore power cord. Be sure the rocking of your boat will not cause your cord to be pulled from the electrical pedestal.
8. Check the state of your batteries and bilge pump. Should a storm cause a power outage the strength of the batteries and the operating capabilities are the only things that will protect the boat.
9. Lock your dock box. The winds tend to lift the lids and they will become flying objects if not secured to the box.
10. If you are planning to be out of town, please be sure to give the Marina staff an emergency number so you can be reached.

Remember, if you have any request for additional cleats or maintenance to your slip, don't hesitate to fill out a maintenance request form located in the Marina Store.

Future Events at the Marina

Holiday on the Docks: This annual event on **Friday and Saturday, December 15th and 16th** will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It will include tours on Saturday of the Coast Guard Cutter *Osprey*. Hot chocolate will be served. There will be Christmas carolers and we expect to see Santa Claus at some point during this planned event.

Valentine's Day Wine Tasting: Scheduled for **Sunday, February 12th, 2001** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us and you may find something that your loved one might enjoy for Valentine's Day. The Port Ludlow Marina Store has a large selection of Northwest wines. If you don't see the label you like, just let us know and we can special order it for you.

Wooden Boat Foundation Port-to-Port Race: Tentatively planned for **Saturday and Sunday, April 7th and 8th, 2001**, details will be available as the date gets closer. Contact the Marina Store if you should have questions about this event.

F.S.B.O. (For Sale by Owner) Boat Show: This semi-annual event is planned for the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22nd, 2001**. This is the weekend after Easter. The registration fee will be \$20 to participate. See the Marina Store for details.

During the next few months you will see a couple of unfamiliar faces doing work on the docks. This is Loral Construction, a contractor out of Bellingham. They will be doing many projects on the docks during the months of **November 2000 through January 2001**. New whaler boards are being installed on the outside of A and E docks. Both the east and west ends of D dock are getting new whalers and through rods. A new ramp will be installed from the Marina Store to C, D, and E docks, and supplemental flotation is going under the docks to raise them approximately three inches. During the transition from the old ramp to the new ramp, there will be approximately two days of “no” ramp. We will be happy to shuttle you out to your vessel during this period. We are all excited about the new improvements and looking forward for them to be completed.

To all of you snow birds, we wish you a safe and warm winter. To all that stay in the area for the season, we wish you safe and joyful winter cruising.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone that we have propane for sale. Just bring your propane tanks to the Store and we can fill them for you. Like all fuels, the price of propane goes up and down. Call for a current price, 437-0513.

Coast Guard Auxiliary

Winter: A Time to Learn

With the air temperature having to struggle to climb over 40 degrees and the water temperature hanging in there at 52 degrees, it's hard to spend much time “having fun” on your boat. Grit your teeth because for the next four months that's about what you're going to have to deal with. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has scheduled some classes where, during these trying times, you can still have fun in boating during the winter.

The Boating Skills and Seamanship class (BS&S) and the Coastal Navigation Class (CNC) are both fun as well as educational. Where else can you hear the exciting, and occasionally true, sea stories of such ancient mariners as Pete Becker, Stan Kriegel, David Aho, Denny Madson, John Reseck and others? Where else can you have someone remind you of all the boating skills and techniques you have gotten rusty on, or never heard of before? Where else can a person new to boating get such good training for such little cost?

There is nowhere else. The only place to get all of this is in one (or both) of the classes mentioned above, the

BS&S or the CNC. They are easy to get to because they are being held at the WSU Learning Center in Port Hadlock (next to the Bagel Shop). Don't miss the chance to start the 2001 boating season being one of the few recreational boaters that actually knows how to get to where they want to go in a safe manner.

Boating Skills and Seamanship—12 Hours

Monday and Thursday, January 22nd and 25th, **6:00 to 9:30 p.m.** and Saturday, January 27th, **8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** **Final Exam**, Monday, January 29th, **6:00 p.m. at the WSU Learning Center, Port Hadlock.**

Electronic Navigation with GPS

Saturday, February 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the WSU Learning Center, Port Hadlock. Bring a lunch.

Coastal Navigation Classes

Scheduled to start Thursday, February 22nd.

Call Connie Macdonald, 437-2235, for all the information. Get ready to enjoy.

Port Ludlow Paddlers

by John Reseck

During the winter months the Port Ludlow Paddlers stay active in several ways. Some brace the elements and continue to paddle every week. Others make plans to escape to warmer waters like the April Baja trip. Still others take advantage of the time to upgrade their equipment and their knowledge.

A number of paddlers are considering the purchase of a new boat. Kayaks come in many sizes and designs, each being more comfortable to various body types and shapes. Some paddlers are looking to find a boat that has more comfort for their particular shape. Others are trying to change their shape to fit in a particular kayak. Recently I have found it easier just to buy a wider boat.

Another reason some new boats are being scrutinized is performance. The longer the boat, the faster it is. The narrower the boat, the faster it is. The wider the boat the more stable it is, etc. As the skill level increases so does the desire for a faster, higher performance boat. Many of our paddlers are in their third boat already.

We plan to have several special classes for the paddlers this winter—one on general boating safety and one on kayak navigation. It would be a good time to get involved and take advantage of getting a slow start into the group so you will be ready for the 2001 season.

Arts and Entertainment

Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Editor

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to the editor at bwagnerj@olympus.net by the 10th of the preceding month.

The Gift of Song—a Holiday Concert

The award-winning Evergreen Brass Quintet and Chamber Choir of the Tacoma Youth Chorus perform an afternoon of music for the holidays when the Arts Council presents *The Gift of Song* on **Sunday, December 3rd**, 2:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. The program will include classic Christmas carols from around the world, holiday popular music and selections for Hanukkah. The program includes *Angels We Have Heard On High*, a Festival of Alfred Burt Carols, the spiritual *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, Victor Herbert's *Toyland*, *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, three songs from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. The musicians will invite the audience to join them for a short carol sing.



Founded in 1981, the Evergreen Brass Quintet is made up of five outstanding musicians from the Puget Sound area—Edwin DeLeon, trumpet; Raymond DeLeon,

trumpet; Elizabeth Ward, horn; Kerry Allman, trombone and Jerry Smith, tuba. The Quintet has received grants for educational programs from the Tacoma and Pierce County Arts Commissions, the Fuchs Foundation, and the Cheney Foundation. EBQ performs educational programs and residencies as part of the Washington State Arts Commission's Arts in Education and Rural Residency programs.

The Tacoma Youth Chorus, a select auditioned treble choir of musically gifted young people, was founded in 1991. It serves the counties of Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston and south King and consists of three choirs for girls and boys (unchanged voices), ages eight through high school. Members of the Chamber Choir commit to extended rehearsals and additional performances in addition to their Concert Choir responsibilities. Founder, Artistic Director and Conductor Judith Herrington brings more than twenty-five years of successful teaching and performance to the Tacoma Youth Chorus and her work at Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma. She is highly regarded as a guest conductor, workshop and choral clinician.

The Matinee concert begins at 2:00 p.m. A wine bar will be available before the show and during intermission. In addition, the Arts Council will serve their traditional wassail and cookies during intermission. This very special holiday event is part of the Arts Council 2000-2001 subscription series. Individual tickets are available at the Bay Club for \$10. A sold-out house is expected for this concert.



One of the Tacoma Youth Chorus fine singers.

Miracle on 34th Street

CTOCK (Central Stage Theatre of County Kitsap) will present the holiday favorite *Miracle on 34th Street* on **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through December 17th** at the Silverdale Community Center. You loved the movie; you've probably seen one of the remakes—now enjoy the story live on stage—with music! The show has a cast of over twenty adults and children and is directed by Randal S. Powell with original music and some of the lyrics written by musical director Gwen Adams.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m. with Sunday shows at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Kitsap Mall Customer Service Booth. The theatre information line is 360-692-9940.

Carols of Christmas

The Bremerton Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus will present a holiday celebration on **Sunday, December 10th** at 3:00 p.m. at the Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center. The program will appeal to the whole family, especially the children. It will feature popular seasonal hits and a musical surprise or two. Children will particularly enjoy the Wild Instrument Petting Zoo, which will be held in the lobby prior to the concert.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and seniors, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family. For further information, call the Bremerton Symphony Association at 360-373-1722 or see their website www.symphonic.org

Creole Christmas

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will premier a holiday program featuring the band's standard repertoire and traditional holiday songs performed with its unique New Orleans jazz style on **Thursday, December 7th**, 7:30 p.m. at the Admiral Theatre in Bremerton.

Founded in 1961, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band has been devoted to keeping alive turn-of-the-century New Orleans jazz. The music is showy, vibrant and exuberant. Playing the soul-stirring old jazz tunes the way they were meant to be played gives the audience a glimpse of the past. Their signature tune is *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*.

For tickets, call the Admiral box office at 360-373-6743.

Celebrate the Winter Solstice!

Spend the afternoon **Sunday, December 17th**, 3:00 p.m. on Marrowstone Island enjoying Jazz at the Bluff with Chuck Easton on bass, George Radebaugh on piano, Rex Rice on trombone and Turtle Bluff Orchestra Scholarship winners, pianist Marlon Schmidt, saxophonist Willy Ingersoll and soprano Martha Krabill.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served followed by a humongous Winter Solstice Bonfire. A donation of \$25 for the Turtle Bluff Orchestra Scholarship Fund will be collected.

Hear Big Band "Opus One"

The seventeen-piece swing band Opus One has been together since 1988. Pat Casad and friends including Charlie May formed it. The band's original conductor and arranger Gaylord Jones retired this past year, but the band's library is still made up largely of his arrangements. Opus One follows the styles of Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. It is an exceptional band to listen or dance to. Port Ludlow audiences should remember Opus One from the first Music on the Green in 1998, and of course saxophonist Charlie May performed here this past summer.

The Jazz in the Olympics Society presents a performance by Opus One on **Sunday, December 17th** at the Eagles Club in Port Angeles. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with music starting at 1:00 p.m. Food and a bar are available. Admission for JITOS members is \$6, non-members pay \$9. For further information, call George Placek at 360-683-7600.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Herdman kids are quite possibly the meanest, nastiest, most inventively-awful kids in the history of the world. Somehow the annual Christmas pageant must go on despite the necessity for casting these little monsters. Presented by The Roving Players Theater Company, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* promises to be a hilarious but heart-warming holiday production suitable for the entire family.

Performances are **Fridays and Saturdays through December 16th** at the Indianola Club House. For ticket information, call 360-638-1858.

A Woodwind Trio that will “Blow You Away”

The Arts Council presents the Vancouver Wind Trio on **Saturday, January 20th, 8:00 p.m.** at the Bay Club. This international-class ensemble from Canada’s spectacular port city of Vancouver provides exceptional entertainment through the medium of the world’s greatest classics.

Although only a threesome, VWT consistently amazes its audiences with a fullness of sound rivaling that of an orchestra, which enables it to include brilliant arrangements from the operatic and symphonic repertoire.

Anthony Averay, the trio’s leader, peppers his informative commentaries with flashes of spontaneous wit. Oboist Nicolas Braun and clarinetist Susan Bullock join him in a program of music ranging from before Bach to beyond Brubeck. The program will include jazz and rock arrangements, Canadian and American contemporary works, and virtuoso fantasies by composers of the Romantic era, such as Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Verdi, and Bellini, to name but a few. Sometimes poaching their repertoire from much larger orchestral works, the Trio’s skillful arrangements infuse fresh life into classics old and new.

This concert is the third Mainstage event in the Arts Council 2000-2001 concert series. Individual tickets for this performance are available at the Bay Club for \$12.50. They also can be ordered by mail. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Port Ludlow Arts Council, P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Casting Call

Mister Roberts

Written by Thomas Heggen and Joshua Logan

Directed by: Craig Smith

Sunday and Monday, December 17th and 18th

Indianola Club House

Production Dates: **March 9th through 31st**

Needed: 19 men and 1 “lucky” female plus 11 extras
(mostly male)

The Roving Players Theater Company

For information call Craig Smith at 360-297-1961

“Broadway” Told the Story

The final curtain has come down on “Broadway Tells The Rest of The Story,” the seventh in our series of annual Broadway Shows presented at the Bay Club. The company numbered almost eighty (okay seventy-seven to be exact) hard working members of the Port Ludlow community—almost as many seen off-stage as on, all smiling and all trying to put on the best possible show. They came through with flying colors and so did our audiences! All of our efforts would be in vain, if you our neighbors and friends, didn’t show us by your attendance and applause (we especially like standing ovations) that we must be doing something right. We of “The Company” put forth our varying creative talents, sometimes newly discovered, sometimes latent but always surprising, to have fun ourselves and to sense that wonderful show business feeling that all of you on the other side of the footlights are having fun with us.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued support. I add my own personal thanks to the chorus who rehearsed valiantly through my cajoling and scolding, to the dancers who looked and danced so beautifully and to the specialty performers who added both comic relief and moments of nostalgia.

Together we are already planning next year’s show. *Broadway Swings to the Big Band Sound!* We will see you all again next November!

Seattle Broadway Shows Temporarily Discontinued

The bus trips to the Paramount Broadway shows are being discontinued due to increased costs of transportation and lack of participation. Lynn Thomas explained that unless a minimum number of people participate, the cost of the tour bus becomes prohibitive. She also said the current offerings of Broadway shows are not as appealing as some we have had in the past.

For those who are interested in putting together a group of twenty participants who provide their own transportation, they can get discount tickets through Bill Fisher at 206-622-7744. These tickets are sold at approximately 20 percent below market price.



Performing Arts Calendar

December, 2000

Fri. & Sat., December 1st & 2nd

Key City Players present *Little Shop of Horrors*, Key City Playhouse, Port Townsend, 8:00 p.m., 385-7396.

Fri. & Sat., December 1st & 2nd

The Last Night of Ballyhoo, about a Jewish family trying to fit into a Christian society, Bremerton Community Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 360-373-5152.

Fri., December 1st, 8th & 15th

Roving Players present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Indianola Clubhouse, Dinner Theater 6:00 p.m., Dessert Space-Available Theater 7:15 p.m., Curtain 7:30 p.m., 360-638-1858.

Fri. & Sat., December 1st, 2nd, 8th & 9th

Performing Arts Guild of South Kitsap present *Oliver*, Bay Street Playhouse, Port Orchard, 8:00 p.m., 360-876-6610.

Fri. & Sat., December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th

Olympic Theatre Arts presents *Tuna Christmas*, Howard Wood Memorial Theatre, Sequim, 8:00 p.m., 360-683-7326.

Fri. & Sat., December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th

CSTOCK presents *Miracle on 34th Street*, CSTOCK Theatre, Silverdale Community Center, 8:00 p.m., 360-692-9940.

Sat., December 2nd, 9th & 16th

Roving Players present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Indianola Clubhouse, Curtain 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., 360-638-1858.

Sun., December 3rd

The Gift of Song, Evergreen Brass Quintet and Chamber Choir of the Tacoma Youth Chorus, Port Ludlow Bay Club, 2:00 p.m., 437-2208.

Sun., December 3rd

Key City Players present *Little Shop of Horrors*, Key City Playhouse, Port Townsend, 2:30 p.m., 385-7396.

Sun., December 3rd

Port Townsend and East Jefferson County Community Chorus perform Handel's *Messiah*, Chimacum High School Auditorium, 3:00 p.m., 385-2233.

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The Last Night of Ballyhoo, about a Jewish family trying to fit into a Christian society, Bremerton Community Theatre, 2:30 p.m., 360-373-5152.

Sun., December 3rd & 10th

Performing Arts Guild of South Kitsap presents *Oliver*, Bay Street Playhouse, Port Orchard, 3:00 p.m., 360-876-6610.

Sun., December 3rd & 10th

Olympic Theatre Arts presents *Tuna Christmas*, Howard Wood Memorial Theatre, Sequim, 2:00 p.m., 360-683-7326.

Sun., December 3rd, 10th & 17th

CSTOCK presents *Miracle on 34th Street*, CSTOCK Theatre, Silverdale Community Center, 6:00 p.m., 360-692-9940.

Mon. & Tues., December 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th

Coffee Concerts featuring morning of piano music, Turtle Bluff II, Nordland, 9:30 a.m., 385-3626.

Tues., December 5th

Olympic College Vocal Ensemble and Jazz Band Concert, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:30 p.m., 360-373-6743.

Thurs., December 7th

Creole Christmas, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:30 p.m., 360-373-6743.

Fri., December 8th

Port Townsend and East Jefferson County Community Chorus perform Handel's *Messiah*, Port Townsend High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., 385-2233.

Fri. & Sat., December 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd

Bainbridge Performing Arts presents a true-to-text rendition of Charles Dickens' holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, The Playhouse, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569.

Sat., December 9th

Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra performs Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet Music* from Act II, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, Opus 35, featuring The Thistle Theatre Puppeteers, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., 360-457-5569.

Sun., December 10th

Carols of Christmas and Wild Instrument Petting Zoo, Bremerton Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorale, Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, 3:00 p.m., 360-373-1722.

Sun., December 10th & 17th

Bainbridge Performing Arts presents Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, The Playhouse, 3:00 p.m., 206-842-8569.

Fri., December 15th

The Kings of Mongrel Folk, Orville Johnson and Mark Graham, Collective Visions Gallery, Bremerton, 8:00 p.m., 360-377-8327.

Sat., December 16th

Aaron Parks, jazz pianist, appears in concert, sponsored by Ravenscroft Youth Music Fund, Upstage Restaurant, Port Townsend, 6:00 p.m.

Sun., December 17th

Jazz at the Bluff, wine and hors d'oeuvres and a Winter Solstice bonfire, Turtle Bluff II, 3:00 p.m., 385-3626.

Sun., December 17th

Jazz in the Olympics Society presents Opus One, 17-piece swing band with Pat Casad and Charlie May, Eagles Club, Port Angeles, 1:00 p.m., 360-683-7600.

Wed., December 20th

Sounds of the Season II, annual holiday tradition featuring local talent, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743.

A Plea for the Rockfish

by Ron Garton and Dick Schneider

This article is the second in a series by the Natural Resources Committee of the Port Ludlow Village Council, designed to educate Port Ludlow residents of the various processes and rewards of living environmentally-friendly lifestyles.

Most Port Ludlow residents are aware that a number of fish species inhabit our Bay and adjacent waters. Although salmon are the most recognized Northwest species, others of special interest close by include the copper, brown and quillback rockfish, and the smaller flatfishes such as flounder and sole. While accurate population measures are difficult, rockfish are thought to be declining to such a degree that Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is considering adopting no-fishing refuges to help maintain the species. Federal scientists are also reviewing the status of Puget Sound rockfish and may require more aggressive conservation by the State to avoid their listing as threatened or endangered. Flatfish are more abundant in our area and this leads to the point of this article. Although both rockfish and flatfish may be taken legally, we can do our part by reducing recreational fishing pressure on the rockfish.

This is not meant to imply that one cannot keep rockfish to eat, but with a limit of one rockfish per day and 15 flatfish per day, the food sacrifice in avoiding rockfish is not great. Much of the rockfish pressure may result from catch-and-release fishing for sport. WDFW biologists believe that rockfish brought to the surface from depths of more than about thirty feet probably have long-term trauma leading to delayed mortality caused by expansion of the internal air bladder which rockfish have, but that flatfish do not. Rockfish are also especially long-lived and slow to reproduce so that recovery of a population may take many years.

So, what can we do to reduce pressure on the rockfish without ceasing to fish entirely? Probably most important is to fish in habitat preferred by flatfish, such as areas with a flat, sandy bottom or eelgrass beds, and avoid the rocky reefs which rockfish prefer. Because they are such aggressive feeders, it is almost impossible to avoid rockfish entirely, but gear can be chosen to lessen the damage. Barbless hooks, required for salmon, also make it easier to release rockfish caught incidentally. Artificial lures are less likely to be swallowed than is natural bait, such as herring, and many who fish with jigs or other artificial lures replace the original treble hooks with single hooks

that are easier to remove from the fish. Some studies have also shown that larger hooks can reduce damage because they are less likely to be taken deep into the fish where they can injure gills or the throat.

Next time you go to the Seattle Boat Show pick up one of the free WDFW "dehookers" consisting of a 22-inch (the length of a legal Chinook) wooden dowel with a brass cup hook on one end. They help remove hooks with the fish still in the water, thus reducing trauma to the fish. They also work for dogfish sharks that are hard to release because of the spine they carry. Incidentally, it is unlawful to deliberately mutilate or kill and waste dogfish, even though we do not usually consider them as food fish. They also are in decline in this area.

All this may sound discouraging, but the 2000/2001 fishing regulations show that we still have lots of fishing opportunity. Salmon seasons, complex in order to allow harvest of hatchery stocks while protecting wild/native populations, are open for a total of 41 weeks nearby. This includes 20 weeks in Marine Area 9, 13 weeks in Hood Canal, and 8 weeks in Marine Area 10. Add to this 7 weeks of lingcod and 10 weeks of halibut fishing. Smaller flatfish such as flounder and sole can be caught all year by fishing on the bottom in flat sandy areas with small white plastic worms (also called grubs) or with jigs. This is a great fishery for grandchildren because they catch fish. We also have good, and improving, year-long catch-and-release fly fishing for coastal sea-run cutthroat trout along the local beaches. Fishing is not like in the old days but we can still have fun without contributing to the decline of the rockfish.

OPG Relocation Reminder

Just a quick reminder that the offices for Olympic Property Group, Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. and Olympic Real Estate Development have been relocated to 70 Breaker Lane (adjacent to the RV Park). Telephone numbers remain the same.

Winter Market Without a Home

The Port Ludlow Farmers Market Committee regretfully announces that the Winter Market Sale will not be held as anticipated. A suitable location to hold the event could not be obtained at an agreeable time.

We look forward to the regular summer market schedule planned for the coming year.

The Day My Husband Won the Lottery

by Lynn Thomas

It was a typical Port Ludlow day—not too cloudy, just right. My husband Ralph (he likes me to use his name, I think it is a memory problem), who rarely gambles, has been taken with lottery fever. Understandable, after all it had reached \$30,000,000. He purchased a \$5 lottery ticket and was now going to see if he had been lucky.

With much trepidation he approached the ticket reader and inserted his ticket so that the bar code could be read. Much to his surprise the display told him he had won and he was to see the clerk. In a state of shock he realized he was in no condition to discuss high finance with the clerk at that time. He quickly headed for the car, watching carefully in case some neer-do-well had seen his good fortune displayed on the viewer screen. He got to the car in a highly agitated state and immediately grabbed a brown paper bag and started to breathe into it to prevent hyperventilation.

After a few minutes of deep breathing he was relaxed enough to drive home. As he proceeded home he was thinking of the many times I had told him he was just wasting his money on the lottery.

Deciding that he could afford to be forgiving, he made plans to buy me a yacht rather than say I told you so. He also figured that he could now afford two more computers and two Nordstrom personal shoppers. Being the generous soul that he is, he felt that a trust fund for each of the children and grandchildren would be appropriate. He also wanted to share his good fortune with his favorite charities and why not a small villa in Tuscany for himself.

On arriving home I was greeted with the usual “Guess what?” Which usually means he has done something dumb. Responding, “What?” I was informed of his good fortune. I told him it must be a mistake but he informed me that the machine does not lie and it clearly stated that he had won. He said the machine did not indicate that he was one of many winners but stated he had won. Wanting to see for myself I told him we should go back to the convenience store and see the clerk.

On arriving at the store we approached the clerk. Ralph told him he had the winning ticket. The clerk reached for the ticket to verify the numbers. Ralph pulled the ticket

back not wanting to part with it. I explained to him that the clerk must verify that he indeed had a winner. Reluctantly he surrendered the ticket.

By now he can hardly contain himself and might likely be a candidate for those special undergarments advertised by June Allyson. By my estimate he had already spent eight or ten million in his mind. The clerk turned to him smiling after running his ticket through the verifying machine and said “just a minute.” He then went to the cash register and produced my husband’s winnings. Three dollars.

Somehow, this is all my fault...

Check your Prescription Prices and Save

by Phil Jaffe, Port Ludlow Resident

When it came time to apply for the Medicare Plan B, I decided to compare the cost of my prescription drugs. In the past I did not pay much attention to the cost as there was a \$10 co-pay program with my previous insurance company. Now with supplemental insurance on my Plan B, the insurance company pays just 50% of the cost after a \$250 annual deductible.

In shopping I discovered that there is a difference in prices. For instance, comparing 30 tablets of 10 mg of Lipitor, I found that the cost varied from \$52.32 to \$68.12. The lowest is drugstore.com and the highest Rite-Aid. Prices were as follows—drugstore.com \$52.32, Costco \$53.17, AARP \$54.70, Apple Tree Pharmacy in Poulsbo \$57.06, Safeway \$60.29, and Rite Aid \$68.12.

In comparing 30 mg of Prevacid, I found Costco to be the lowest at \$102.37, drugstore.com 105.53, AARP \$108.30, Safeway \$113.39, Apple Tree \$114.11 and Rite-Aid \$125.72. The comparison for 5 mg of Coumadin was drugstore.com \$19.43, Costco \$20.49, AARP \$21.50, Apple Tree \$21.59, Safeway \$26.99, Rite-Aid \$31.48 and QFC \$32.97. I compared several other drugs and always asked for senior prices. In most cases the variation was about the same. Many pharmacies give senior and larger quantity discounts, but you must ask for them.

When we talk about senior benefits, Medicare reimbursements, and the high cost medicine we never hear that we should shop before we buy. Try it, you may save some money. Please keep in mind, however, that these prices were given to me by pharmacies over a 60-day period so they all may not be the same today.



Fraud Charged in Jefferson County Dog Catcher Election

by Ralph Thomas

Steve Balderdash representing the loser in the recent Jefferson County Dog Catcher election charged that ballot irregularities bordering on fraud prevented his candidate from getting a fair shot at being elected. Balderdash stated that the chad (the little piece that is punched out of a punch ballot) was not recognized by the ballot counting machine. He indicated that there are many different types of chad: the hangy-down type that stays connected by one corner, the swinging-door type that is connected by two corners, the pregnant chad that has a bulge in the middle but is still connected by all corners and the dimple chad that has obviously been punched by someone without sufficient strength to push the chad through to break all four corners.

Balderdash said that Port Ludlow has a population that consists of many senior citizens who favor his candidate but due to the poorly conceived ballot they did not get a chance to vote. He said that he personally knows three Port Ludlow residents who are not strong enough to push their chad through the ballot and that they have been effectively disenfranchised from this important constitutional process.

This reporter interviewed a number of Port Ludlow residents who reported problems with the election process. One woman told me that she had inadvertently used her driving glasses when she meant to use her reading glasses and she is now convinced that she punched the wrong hole. In another case I was informed that an elector found a sharpened chad pusher in the voting booth, and when he went to push out his chad, it was only penetrated but not dislodged. He wants an opportunity to revote with a dull chad pusher. Balderdash states that he believes penetrated and not dislodged chads should count and he is demanding a recount.

Dudley Dorite, a local animal lover, states the entire election is invalid because we shouldn't be catching dogs anyway. Letta Brite wants an opportunity to vote again because she received an e-mail from a local resident telling her that her party was to vote on a different day to avoid crowding at the polls. She said when she arrived at the polls the next day, she immediately became suspicious because no one was there.

Election officials are concerned that the attempt to properly inspect chads may be a safety hazard. It seems that a system of looking for daylight around the chad to insure that there had been an attempt to dislodge the chad failed when a number of Port Ludlow senior citizens acting as election officials were unable to see daylight even when the chad had been removed. In an attempt to accommodate these seniors a 500-watt spotlight was used that immediately caught 100 ballots on fire. Election officials are trying to devise a plan to count these ballots. A new plan has been submitted called the charred plan, not to be confused with the chad plan. If less than half the ballot is charred it can be counted, otherwise it will be disallowed. Officials from both parties are enraged and threaten to take the matter to the courts for resolution. Meanwhile the stock market is down 1000 points but the good news is there has been a run on dog leashes at the local pet shop.

Dining Out

by Ralph Thomas

This month we have received recommendations on two restaurants from Kay and Art Pigott.

The first is Xanadu located on Route 101 three miles this side of Sequim. This restaurant features a wide selection of seafood items that are sure to please. All entrées are served with a choice of soup or salad and freshly baked French baguette bread. You also have a choice of garlic mashed potatoes, a baked potato or rice pilaf. Main selections include halibut topped with king crab, coconut prawns, king-sized Mexican white prawns and a filet of salmon. A petite top sirloin and medallions of pork tenderloin as well as baby back ribs in a Jack Daniel's sauce are also available for meat lovers.

The Breezy Hill Bistro in Silverdale across from the high school is their other suggestion. The chef is a former Heron Inn executive chef. They feature lamb, duck, pheasant, rabbit and a variety of seafood selections. Soup and salad are extra but you will find that they present a wide variety of specialty choices that will tempt your palate.

While we have not had time to personally try these restaurants, we appreciate the input from our readers Kay and Art Pigott. We welcome other recommendations from our readers.

Tide Timber Trail

Dog Notes

by Mike Buss (aka Director of Golf)

Frost Delays. You know the season is slowing down when you hear those words. On the morning of Wednesday, November 15th the Golf Course looked like a winter wonderland. It seems like when the sun comes out this time of the year we get the frost delays, and if not, we may need our umbrellas. Either way the Golf Course is in great shape and the greens are still as fast and true as ever. We still have a number of activities during these winter months—the Pro's Pick game is on Wednesdays. Watch for Niblicks dinner specials; they are great. Don't forget our annual Christmas Balloon Sale is **Wednesday, December 6th** this year, and the Winter Ball Buster is **Wednesday, December 13th**. Be sure not to miss these great events.

If you get a little tired of winter golf in the Pacific Northwest, consider taking a trip to one of the many sunnier areas such as Arizona, California or Hawaii. I recently went to Maui and found it had all the golf you would ever want. In the seven days I was there I played the Challenge Course on Lanai, The Dunes, McKenna, The Gold Course at Wailea and The Village, The Bay and The Plantation Courses at Kapalua. These are all great golf courses and the temperature was never below 80. If you do make it to Maui, Kapalua has recently added a new Golf Academy headed by Golf Teacher of the Year, Jerry King. It is a great facility with all the new high tech equipment. If you have any questions about places to visit this winter the golf staff and I will be more than willing to help.

Have a Merry Christmas,

Mike



Beaver's Tale

by Jerry L. Mathews, CGCS

We have great news, the Port Ludlow Golf Course has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International.

This is significant recognition for OPG, Port Ludlow Golf Course and our community! Only the seventh course in the state to achieve such status and the hundred and seventy-third in the world, this is indeed something to be proud of. National recognition through the Golf Course Superintendent's Association and the United States Golf Association will be forthcoming.

Believe me, this was no easy task. A lot of documentation and hundreds of pictures of our Course and operation were required. Not enough thanks can be given to the Port Ludlow Trail Walkers, headed by Ken Stahl along with Dick Ullmann, for their work and dedication to the songbird birdhouse project. Support from our Greens Committee and members, along with the entire community of Port Ludlow, was instrumental in the certification process. Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Smith, Horticulturist Jim Stenger, Spray Tech Gabe Cherry, and the rest of the Golf Course staff all played major roles as well. And of course, none of this would have happened without OPG management support and encouragement. The final product, which was submitted to Audubon International, was put together by OPG Administrative Assistant, Fay Shultz. She obviously did a great job, since we passed all six certification categories on the first try.

Where do we go from here? Re-certification is required every two years with more paperwork and pictures. We just need to continue our stewardship practices, wildlife enhancements, water management practices, and our integrated pest management to remain in good stead. More community involvement, additional outreach projects, and local school involvement projects are in our plans.

Switching gears a little, remember that tree maintenance is still a very important part of managing quality turf and acceptable playing conditions. If we let the trees and brush take over, we won't have much of a golf course to

enjoy. The PLVC and LMC receive notice of routine tree maintenance on the Golf Course seven days in advance. Notices are posted at the Bay Club, the Beach Club, and the Golf Course Pro Shop. Any objection or concern to these tree maintenance projects should be directed to the OPG office at 437-2101.

Thank you all and have a good off-season.

MGA Pitch

The MGA membership gathered for the year end annual dinner at the Bay Club following golf Wednesday, October 18th to present year end awards, enjoy camaraderie with the men's golf community and to vote on officers for the next year.

During the business meeting prior to a catered dinner, the following officers were named for 2001: President, Ray Carlson; Vice President/Tournament Chairman, Jerry Conover; Treasurer, Clinton Carrier; Social Chairman, Michael Graham; Secretary, Dick Fyock; and Director, Bill McConlogue. Other officers for the coming year are Jim Watson, Dick Swindler and Tom Smith.

Significant awards were presented to Phil Otness, winner of the President's Cup; Wayne Samples, winner of the Club Championship; Warren Petersen, most improved golfer of the year; and Jerry Conover, winner of the Len Hunton distinguished service award.

It was a memorable evening, made especially so by the excellence of the Bay Club staff. Thank you, Bay Club.

On Monday, November 13th, President Ray Carlson conducted a transition meeting for the outgoing Board members and incoming officers. He distributed complete copies of the bylaws and will be posting a ring binder in the Men's Locker Room for the membership to read any time they desire. There will be a rewrite process and then more information this spring as we update "The Rules and Regulations" as well as the "Constitution and Bylaws."

The USGA publication *Golf Journal* carried an article entitled "Winter Rules" stating that if a decision needs to be made, the "Committee," i.e. those in charge of the Golf Course are the ones who determine whether to play under "Winter Rules." Such local rules are "preferred lies" and as such "a ball in the fairway may be lifted, cleaned and placed within one club of its original position." You may have noticed "Winter Rules" signs placed visibly by our Course management on the first tee boxes.

Mark your calendar! The winter "Ballbuster" is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 13th**. The Social Chairman will work with Pam Elkins at Niblicks. We may have a big pot of thick soup, goulash or chili to warm us following the "big chill."

As far as I can tell we have bid our snowbirds aloha for the next few months. As for the rest of us, see ya each Wednesday, playing the Pro's Choice.

Women's Golf Association

The 18-Hole PLWGA closed their season with a delicious lunch at the Beach Club on Wednesday, October 18th.

Joan Bruce and her committee arranged the elegant table settings which provided the warm ambiance for our year-end Awards Luncheon.

Awards were given to:

Hole-in-One: Shirley Cirtaut
Most Birdies: Shirley Cirtaut
Most Improved: Cathy Hampton

Captain's Cup:

Champion, Ethel Merklin
Runner-Up, Sally Grything

Fall Classic Winners:

Club Champion, Jamie Casey
Runner-Up, Lucinda Thompson
Low Net of the Field, Shirley Cirtaut

Flight Winners (gross and net):

Turney Oswald, Barbara Reilly, Ethel Merklin,
Diane Koba and Burleigh Smith

Eclectic:

Spring (gross), Lucinda Thompson
Spring (net), Mea Graham
Summer (gross), Shirley Cirtaut
Summer (net), Debbie Bozanich

A gift was presented to our outgoing Captain, Norma Hartley.

Our new Board of Directors includes:

Captain, Valerie Durling
Co-Captain, Lucinda Thompson
Treasurer, Debbie Bozanich
Secretary, Mea Graham

The Men's Club joined the ladies on Tuesday, October 31st for a very enjoyable golf event, a Halloween scramble with assistance from pro Dave Ramsey followed by lunch at Niblicks and humorous prizes awarded to the winners.

The ladies continue to play in the off season. Please scan the Bulletin Board and Locker Room sign-up sheets to join other golfers for a game, weather permitting.

Ladies Nifty Niners

by *Teddy Conover*

The Ladies Nine Holers have completed their most successful season out of a series of great seasons. They have had more participation and a greater number of different winners. They have had wonderful luncheons and the annual dinner was a joy.

A few of the ladies will continue impromptu golf over the winter months, so it is wise to check the group information board on a regular basis. A December highlight we all look forward to is the Balloon Sale. Don't miss it. The date is **Wednesday, December 6th**, right in our Port Ludlow Golf Course Golf Shop. You'll find beautiful ladies' golf attire for seasons of pleasure. Thank you for a wonderful year.

Independents Schedule Holiday Parties

Local singles are invited to participate in the Port Ludlow Independents group. If you have never attended an event, the holiday season is a perfect time to get acquainted with other singles in the community when they enjoy two holiday celebrations this month.

On **Friday, December 15th** at 5:00 p.m., Pat Mittemeyer hosts the annual Christmas Party at her Port Ludlow home. Those who wish to participate are asked to bring a wrapped gift for the annual "Polish Auction." While the gifts can be white elephants, junk won't be appreciated! Call Pat at 437-0111 prior to **Tuesday, December 12th** to coordinate your potluck contribution, and remember these parties are BYOB. Word has it that Pat could use some help decorating her home for the holidays, so if you're able to help, give her a call.

Then on **Friday, December 29th** at 5:30 p.m., Christine Stubbs will host a second holiday fling with a potluck and BYOB social time at her Victorian home in Port Townsend. Please RSVP before **Tuesday, December 26th**. You can reach Christine at 385-3672. If you'd like to car pool to Port Townsend, meet at the Bay Club at 4:30 p.m.

Travel Tips

by *Maureen Poole*

"Come Rest On Our Lees." This vintner saying means "allowing the aging wine to rest on the expired yeast," and is also a nautical term meaning "sheltered from the wind." Seattle's Cruise West line offers several relaxing four- and five-night escapes to California wine country. Sailing round trip from San Francisco along the Sacramento and Napa Rivers, the Spirit of Endeavor and Spirit of '98 call on a selection of fine wineries. The itinerary may include stops at Benziger, Schramsberg, Domaine Carneros, Merryvale or Pine Ridge Winery.

Accompanied by a wine expert, you'll discover the secrets of choosing and enjoying fine wines. You'll also be the exclusive guests at many of these wineries. An unbelievable banquet in the Cask Room at Merryvale is sure to be a highlight of your cruise. Most tours and admission are included in your cruise cost. Both Spirit of Endeavor and Spirit of '98 are intimate vessels accommodating one hundred guests. You'll feel as though you are on a private yacht complete with American crew, cuisine featuring fresh regional fare, enriching lectures and entertainment. Comfortable and casual is the tone for this unique cruise experience.

These cruises are offered during fall, the height of the wine-making season. Since both the four-day and five-day cruises sail round trip from San Francisco, you can easily extend your stay and enjoy the "City by the Bay." And if relaxing is really your thing, forget the hassle of planes and try the train.

If you have requests for future columns give me a call.

Book Club Celebrates the Holidays

The Book Club invites you to join them for a Holiday Celebration on **Tuesday, December 12th**, 6:00 p.m. at the Heron Beach Inn. Reservations and dinner selection can be made with Debbie Bozanich at 437-2326.

The group will discuss *Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas. This magical novel is about the ties that bind women together in good times and bad. Set in the 1930s in Kansas, a group of women, the Pickles, meet once a week to improve their minds, exchange gossip and quilt. Then a newcomer appears and her prying brings her close to a secret the Pickles have sworn to keep.

Questions? Call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Computer Club

Mary Ronen, Editor

Visit our web page at www.waypt.com/plcc

Is Windows ME for You?

by Don Florde, PLCC President

A number of our members have been inquiring about our recommendations as to upgrading their Windows Operating System to the newly released Windows ME. We have already installed Windows ME on our old Club computer; the new computer came with Windows ME already installed. Although advertised to be an easy upgrade from Windows 98SE (by both Microsoft and the computer press), there were real headaches involved in completing the installation. The ultimate solution was to uninstall the anti-virus software completely, not just disable it, before the installation would complete. There have been other reports of problems with upgrading associated with older peripherals that were not recognized by Windows ME, or from old DOS-based software such as games. Windows ME no longer supports the DOS mode but does provide a DOS window for executing well-behaved DOS-based programs.

If you are considering upgrading to Windows ME, the minimum hardware requirements given by Microsoft are a processor equivalent or better than a 200mhz Pentium, a CD drive, at least 32mb of memory and 500mb of available hard-disk space. The computer press suggests that 64mb of memory is preferable as a normally loaded computer may drag somewhat with only 32mb of memory. Exercise care when you purchase Windows ME; there are different packages needed dependent on whether you currently have a licensed copy of Windows 95, Windows 98 or neither. Check the package carefully before purchasing.

Should you upgrade? If you have Windows 95, the answer is almost certainly yes, particularly if you want to use the neat new stuff available now. If you have Windows 98 already, the answer is much less clear. If you are happy with the operation of the computer, software and peripherals you have now and are not considering anything bigger or better, then your answer is probably no. The main advantage of Windows ME over Windows 98 is the set of tools for recovery and maintenance of your computer, support for more digital cameras and digital video recorders, easier networking of home computers and ability to play the latest and greatest games (assuming you have the required hardware).

Celebrate the Holidays with PLCC

Port Ludlow Computer Club meets at 7:00 p.m. **Monday, December 11th** at the Bay Club with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. The program this month is *Checking E-mail when You're Away*, by Pat Awisus.

Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share with your fellow members if you wish. PLCC will supply the soft drinks.

Visitors are always welcome.

Beginning Computer Classes

Beginning Computer Classes are now forming at the Bay Club and are suitable for beginning computer users, for people contemplating a computer purchase and generally for people who wish to understand or brush up on the basics of Windows 95/98/Me, e-mail, letter writing and Internet browsing. Also, now is the time to plan ahead if a computer is on your Christmas list. Class enrollment would be an excellent gift for that hard-to-buy-for person who needs a little motivation to become a computer user.

Classes start on **Thursday, January 4th, 2001** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will continue for the next three consecutive **Thursdays, January 11th, 18th and 25th**. The enrollment fee is \$30 and includes an easy-to-use text. Over 350 of your neighbors have already attended this popular course and it fills very rapidly.

If you are interested or wish to register, please call Bernie Kestler at 437-5102 ASAP for all the details.

SIG News

Office SIG for December is **Monday, December 4th**, 3:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Bring your questions about Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Publisher) and we will do our best to answer the questions. The second portion of the program will be reviewing Mail Merge, Envelopes and Labels procedures.

Special Topics SIG meets on **Monday, December 18th** from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00. This month's topic is an *Introduction to PowerPoint*, given by Dave Hendrie. The Genealogy SIG is canceled for December.

Saturday Workshops

Do you have a problem with your computer, or do you want to just learn more about computers? Come to our workshops on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Club. The first portion of the meetings held on the first and third Saturdays focus on the basics. This month, due to the holidays, there will not be a meeting on **Saturday, December 23rd or December 30th.**

We try to answer all levels of questions; if we don't know the answer, we'll try to find it. We all learn something at these sessions.

Entire Community Invited to Dine and Discover Club Events

Christmas Tree Cutting: Start your holiday season with the annual Christmas Tree Cutting on **Saturday, December 9th.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Bay Club for hot beverages and hearty rolls. We will then carpool to a designated area provided by ORM to cut our trees.

Hopefully those with vans or pick-ups will help transport the trees back as some undoubtedly will be large. Wear suitable clothing and boots and bring a chain saw if you have one. Children are very welcome and always have a good time. All residents are invited. A fee of \$1 per family will be collected.

New Year's Eve 2000: Be at Rick's Cafe (also known as the Beach Club) at 8:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve **Sunday, December 31st.** Find out what happened to Rick Blaine and Ilsa Lund after Casablanca. Help Inspector Claude Rosseau solve the murder of Ingaborg Bernaise.

A light supper consisting of appetizers, salad, entrée, dessert, wine and coffee will be served between acts of this three-act murder mystery.

Dance to the music of the 40s, 50s and 60s presented by DeeJay Ikaika. BYOB for cocktails and after dinner drinks. No place setting is required. The cost is \$25 per person and all Port Ludlow residents are welcome. Seating is limited. Dress is tropical casual. Sign up at either the Beach or Bay Club.

Super Bowl Party: Mark your calendar for a Super Bowl Party, **Sunday, January 28th** at the Beach Club. Fun, food and football as well as contests with prizes are the order of the day. All residents of the community are invited. Further details will be forthcoming.

Quilters Hold Raffle

The Quilters by the Bay will hold a raffle drawing for two wall hangings on **Wednesday, December 13th, 2:00 p.m.**, in the Craft Room of the Bay Club. The quilts are now on display at the Bay Club. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and will be on sale until **December 13th** at the Bay Club front desk or from any Quilters' member. The event will be open to the public and Christmas cookies will be served. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The raffle donations, along with a portion of the proceeds from the October craft sale, will supply items for Christmas food baskets in Jefferson County. This is the fourth year the Quilters have held a fundraiser to support the holiday project.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, December 6th** at the Bay Club.

Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. We ask each of you to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. The gifts will go to the less fortunate in this area as part of the Tri-City Community "Christmas for Kids" program.



First Wednesday Luncheons always ask for a contribution of cash or food items for the Food Bank. We're pleased to announce that the November luncheon brought in \$200 and numerous bags of food for the Jefferson County Food Bank.

This luncheon will be a celebration of the season with holiday music by the Choral Belles directed by Janet Stark. We will also hear an interpretation of the "Gifts of the Magi: Health and Wealth" by Annette Isaksen-Stone, who lived and worked in Teheran, Iran in the late sixties. She will tell us what her research revealed about the medical and biblical significance of the gifts of frankincense and myrrh given to the Christ child.

We invite your involvement and if you would like to assist, please contact Dee Rossi at 437-0582. Contacts for program suggestions or announcements are: Annette Isaksen-Stone at 437-7852, Diana Anderson at 437-0235, Mary Kay Baldwin at 437-0325 or Ila Gluhm at 437-9123.

Hiking Club Highlights

by Herman Schweizer

At least 50 residents participated in another successful hiking season. Highlights included:

- The easy Spruce Railroad hike along Lake Crescent.
- Mt. Townsend, a rigorous hike with a 3,000-foot elevation gain.
- Mt. Ellinor, near Hoodspoint, hiking over snow and a scramble to the summit.
- An urban hike to REI in Seattle.
- The always popular Hot Dog Hike to the Dungeness.

And, best of all, an 8-mile hike from Obstruction Point to Deer Park, near Hurricane Ridge, culminating in the lounge of the C'est Si Bon Restaurant in Port Angeles.

To satiate the appetite of the adventurous that like to live a little on the edge, a more difficult regimen was included:

- A 19-mile day hike with a 4,000-foot elevation gain above Sol Duc Hot Springs.
- A 14-mile hike into the Royal Basin in the Dungeness River watershed.
- The infamous, annual climb to Lake Constance, a 3,200-foot elevation gain in two miles.

The annual getaway in October, with more than 40 hikers attending, was to Mt. Mazama, near Winthrop, with hikes into the north Cascades and the Pacific Crest Trail. The fall colors of the larch and huckleberry were in their glory.

We are very happy to report that despite rigorous hikes over all kinds of terrain other than a few blisters and some sore muscles, there were no injuries. The state of physical and mental well being generated by the hikes more than compensated for the discomforts.

Our Fall/Winter schedule is now available at the Bay Club and the Beach Club.



Hikers Plan Easy December Outings

The Port Ludlow Hiking Club will take an easy seven-mile hike along Wildcat Trail located in Kitsap County's Green Mountain on **Friday, December 1st**. If the weather is clear, there should be a view of Hood Canal and Seattle. Leader of the hike is Doris Monti and can be reached at 437-0716 for further information.

The Club's annual Christmas Party will be held in the Latitude Room at Bangor Sub Base on **Thursday, December 7th**. Meet for cocktails from a no-host bar at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$22 per person. Spouses and guests are welcome. The sign-up deadline was November 22nd. Check with Doris Monti at 437-0716 to see if any open reservations remain.

The final hike of the year will be moved to **Tuesday, December 12th** when the group takes an easy seven-mile Urban Hike along the Burke-Gilman Trail. Walk this popular Seattle park-like trail near the University of Washington campus. Sharon Sorenson at 437-0856 and Phyllis Matheny at 437-5020 are handling reservations for lunch. Dinner is optional for anyone wishing to stay longer in the city.

Newcomers are welcome to hike the Timberton Loop Trail in Port Ludlow with the group on **Wednesday, December 27th**. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Remember the 3rd annual Port Ludlow Christmas Cookie Exchange, **Friday, December 1st** from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Club. To participate, please package your cookies in 1/2 dozen lots, preferably in freezer bags. However many dozen cookies you bring, that's the number you'll take home after the exchange. Coffee and cider will be served. Please bring samples of your cookies so they can be tasted before we choose our favorites. Our Santa Claus, a.k.a. Vince Pace, will play our favorite Christmas carols on the piano.

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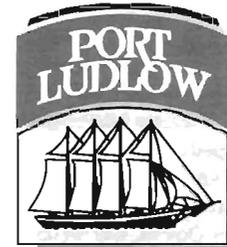
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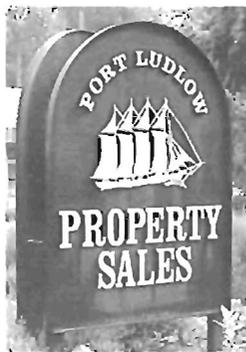
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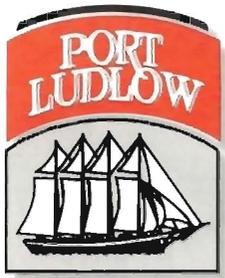
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