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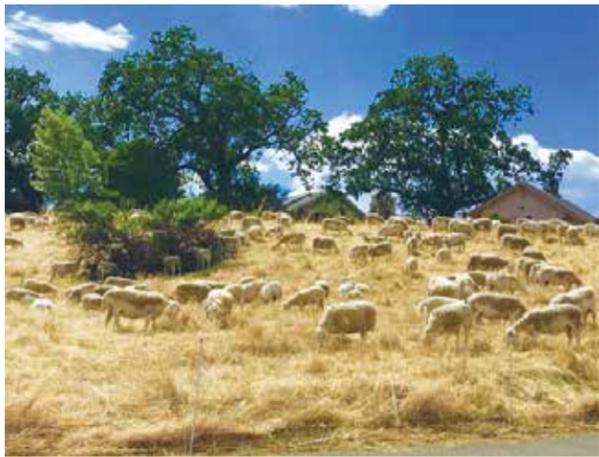
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Sheep Here For Spring Grass Mowing

■Photos by Julie Kiil

The herd of Central Valley sheep Oakmont hires to chew down tall grass each spring went to work May 23 on this year's rain-fed tall crop adjacent to the Community Garden on Stone Bridge Road.



Herd of sheep at their first stop, near the Community Garden on Stone Bridge Road.

Shepherd Edgar Montari Pastrana stays in a camper and oversees his herd's work and safety.



Shepherd Edgar with his helper. 24 acres of land.

From the Community Garden, the sheep were to move to fields behind Silver Creek Circle and then to the hillside around the par course. From there, they go on to the East Recreation Center area, and then to work for two sub-HOAs.

Mr. Pastrana works for Living Systems Land Management of Coalinga. OVA pays the company about \$24,000 to clean up



A lamb with its mother, both part of the herd this year.

Caution about Fine Print In Home Insurance Policies

■Jackie Reinhardt

The devil is in the details, Emily Rogan, chief operating officer of United Policyholders, told an Oakmont crowd eager for more information about home insurance at a June 4 Berger Center workshop sponsored by the OVA.

An advocacy group for consumers, United Policyholders helps individuals and businesses solve insurance problems after disasters, shares lessons learned to facilitate preparedness and is an advocate in the courts, legislative and other public policy forums.

Insurance money, not charitable or government aid, is the number one source of money for people seeking to rebuild and recover after a disaster, according to Rogan. Yet she noted two-thirds of homes in the U.S. are underinsured.

Six months after the North Bay fires, 80% of those surveyed had not settled the dwelling portion of their insurance claims and 66% reported being underinsured by an average of \$317,000, Rogan said. After 12 months, 53% had not settled their claims.

Rogan urged the audience to contact their agents for an "insurance check-up" to determine if they have the right kind and amount of insurance. Other preparedness action steps she identified include doing an inventory of assets, scanning important documents and storing them offsite and "hardening" your home by clearing bush and debris and installing fire retardant materials.

Particular attention should be paid to the "Declarations Page" in your policy which identifies dwelling coverage, personal property and loss of use. Policyholders should look for extended replacement coverage, building code upgrades and exclusions related to flood, water and mold damage.

A standard homeowner's policy has over 100 common "Endorsements" which can change the terms of an insurance policy by adding or subtracting coverage, Rogan said.

To get the big number right, she suggested people get a replacement cost estimate from their insurance company, a local contractor or by using estimating software. United policy also offers free check-up reviews from time to time.

"The best thing to do is to have a strong relationship with an agent and find someone you can trust," she said. Rogan stressed adjusting coverage when you remodel or do major repairs or there are significant life changes.

Attendees received a handout listing questions to ask an insurer along with a "Wise Up" booklet which is available in the Oakmont library. Many questions from the audience came from HOA members who were concerned about inadequate coverage and rebuilding issues in the case of a disaster.

(Watch the presentation online at www.oakmontvillage.com/videos)

Landscape Committee Gives CAC a New Look

■Jackie Ryan

Members of OVA Landscape Committee rolled up their sleeves to give the grounds in front of the Central Activity Center a facelift with a new pallet of plants and flowers replacing areas of fescue long overdue for removal.

Chairperson Yvonne Horn says the renovation was a major design project for the committee, with members first enlisting ideas from retired landscape architect Wells Horton who lives in Oakmont.

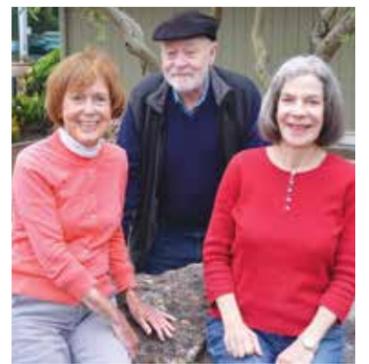
Horn said the final design for the two "triangle" areas on either side of the CAC entry and larger quarter-circle areas above carefully incorporate plants that coordinate with the existing garden along the CAC entryway, which has long been maintained by Sunnie McGinnis, a committee member and volunteer gardener.

"Our focus was to concentrate

flowering plant color into the triangle areas and to create a more park-like look in the larger areas so as to blend easily into any future development in the central area," said Horn. While all members participated in decision making, Peggy Dombeck and Horn were principal project designers, with Alan Scott assisting in the final layout of the plants.

Architectural accents also include strategically placed boulders selected by Horn and Peggy Dombeck.

Design for the renovation and plant selection began in May, 2018, with True North the successful bidder on the project. With late rains, planting started in April, and Horn said the fruits of the labor will be growing well all summer.



Yvonne Horn, Alan Scott and Peggy Dombeck take a break on one of the new boulders in the CAC's newly designed landscape that previously had large areas of fescue. The Landscape Committee's work is taking root, with planting begun in April. (Photo by Paul Ryan)

Carole King Songbook Concert at Berger

■Staff Report

"You've Got a Friend," the Carole King Songbook, performed by the Rhythm Method 4 is coming to the Berger Center on Thursday evening, July 11, sponsored by OVA.

The program celebrates one of the most prolific songwriters of the 60s and 70s. Carole King hits include Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman," the Drifters' "Up on the Roof," and the Shirelles' "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," along with songs from King's Grammy Award-winning album, "Tapestry."

Rhythm Method 4 appears regularly throughout the Bay area.

Tickets are being sold in advance at the OVA for \$10. No reserve seats or tables. Bring snacks and drinks.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on July 11. The concert starts at 6 p.m.

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Regular Oakmont Association Committee Meetings

■ OVA Administration

The listed Oakmont Village Association meetings are open sessions. Any interested Oakmont residents are invited and encouraged to participate in these important meetings.

MEETINGS	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Architectural (No participation) / mary@oakmontvillage.com	2nd Tues. Monthly	1:30 PM	Conf. Rm.
Oakmont Village Association (OVA) Board Workshops <i>(Check our calendar in the event that a workshop does not occur)</i>	1st Tues. Monthly	1–3 PM	Berger Center
Oakmont Village Association (OVA) Board Meetings	3rd Tues. Monthly	1–3 PM	Berger Center
COMMITTEES	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Communications (CC) / oakmontcommittee@gmail.com	4th Wed. Monthly	10 AM	Conf. Rm.
Community Development (OCDC) / ova-ocdc@sonic.net	2nd Thurs. Monthly	11:15 AM	Rm. B
Community Education and Transparency Committee (CETC)	2nd Thurs. Monthly	10 AM	Mgrs. Conf. Rm.
Finance (FC) / ova-finance@sonic.net	The Thursday before the Regular Board meeting	2–3:30 PM	Rm. B
Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC)	1st & 3rd Mon. Monthly	1 PM	Conf. Rm.
Landscape Improvement Committee (LIC)	2nd Tues. Monthly	10 AM–12 Noon	Mgrs. Conf. Rm.
League of Maintained Area Associations (LOMAA)			
Regular Meetings	1st Mon. Monthly	12 Noon	Rm. B
Quarterly Meetings	1st Wed. (March, Sept., Dec.)	7 PM	West Rec.
LOMAA Annual Workshop	2nd Wed. (June)	9 AM	East Rec.
Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC)			
OEPC Board	1st Thurs. Monthly	2 PM	Rm. B
OEPC Community Meeting	3rd Thurs. (Jan., May, Sept.)	2 PM	Berger Center

A quorum of OVA Board of Directors may be present at these meetings. *It is sometimes necessary to change meeting locations and/or dates and times. Please check the Rec. Center bulletin boards for written notice of change or call the OVA office prior to scheduled meetings for confirmation.

LOCATIONS
Room B is in the Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Drive. Conf. Rm. is in the OVA Office, 6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A. Mgrs. Conf. Rm. is in the OVA Office, 6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A.

LOMAA

League of Oakmont Maintained Area Associations

■ John Renwick

NEW RESIDENTS

OVA sponsors a Newcomers' Meeting to introduce new residents to the various organizations and activities in Oakmont.

A reoccurring comment from new members has been, "I think I am in a Maintained Area but I know nothing about it." The LOMAA Representative then attempts to explain our associations. This is not the best way to introduce new residents into the association.

LOMAA suggests that the Association Board make a point to greet a new resident and explain the operation of the association. A Welcome Letter along with other information such as the association's policies would be a great help in this matter.

A friendly reception will also assist in convincing the new resident to serve on the board at a later date.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 5, 12 noon, Room B

ASA

Aid for Sub-Associations Committee

■ Jeffrey Young

SEEKING LEGAL HELP

Our OVA Aid for Sub-Associations Committee (ASA) is looking for Pro Bono assistance from an attorney who is experienced in Real Estate or Homeowner Association Law. Our interest is in researching and identifying the steps that must be undertaken if some of our sub-associations might wish to merge.

We understand that this is very difficult to accomplish. In spite of this, we are looking to identify the legal steps and their requirements that must be taken in order to successfully accomplish the process.

If you are available to help, please contact me at 237-2532 or jeffryyoung@comcast.net.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The recent traffic delays at Oakmont Drive and Hwy. 12 have been annoying at least. They may also be dangerous, too. If a simple gas pipeline repair can back up traffic getting in or out of Oakmont, think of what a real disaster might do. We need another road to get in or out if things get really bad. We must improve the emergency access that we already have off of Stone Bridge Road. We also need to get another future access road through the Elnoka property to exit onto Melita Road. The time to act is now, not after it is too late!

Tony Lachowicz

Dear Editor,

I have been walking my 15-pound dog daily since I moved to Oakmont in 2015.

In 2018 I noticed a huge, 8 to 10 times increase in dogs being allowed to run at me and my dog. I always try to pick up my dog as I do not know which dogs are friendly and which are not. Invariably the dog's owner will assure me that their dog is friendly.

My dog has been attacked twice. Nine visits to the vet. With both attacks the owner stated that their dog was "friendly" and had never attacked a dog before. Given the two attacks by "friendly" dogs I put no credence in the "friendly" claim.

So far 2019 is shaping up to be worse than 2018. There are more and more incidents of dogs leaving their yards or garages to run at me and my dog. It is also happening to others with small dogs. No matter the size, your dog is in danger running in the street. Let's protect ALL the dogs, big and little.

Oakmont has a new pet policy. Rule number three clearly states, "Dogs may be allowed outdoors only with secured fenced yards or on a leash at all times."

Donna Gleckler

The Oakmont News welcomes letters from residents to express opinion, criticism or praise. See details on how to send at oakmontvillage.com/news or in this issue on the Oakmont Village Association page. While letters may be edited for length and spelling, Letters to the Editor are not edited for accuracy of content. The opinions are that of the writer and not necessarily the Oakmont Village Association.

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Golf News

Guys and Dolls Golf and Dinner

■Debbie Warfel

MEMBERS AND PUBLIC WELCOME FOR EVENTS

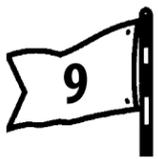
All ability levels can participate in this long-standing social golf group. One Sunday afternoon each month through October, there is 9-holes of shotgun golf on the East Course and dinner to follow at the Quail Inn.

Our inaugural event this year was Sunday, May 26. Atypically, it was a cold, windy, rainy afternoon, yet 21 golfers decided to play on! The rest of the group stayed warm and came for dinner at the Quail Inn, totaling 43 participants. We had an indoor putting contest, cocktails, Mexican themed dinner, and Sweeps prizes. Afterwards, we proceeded from the banquet area to the bar area and had a farewell party with live drumming and singing, laughter and fun, to wish our wonderful friend Rodi Martinelli good-bye.

The next event is June 30, followed by July 28, August 25, September 15 and October 27.

The June 30 event will include an indoor putting contest after our 9-holes of 4-person scramble golf, followed by a Greek-themed dinner. East Course check-in is at 2:15 p.m. with payment for applicable course and cart fees in the East Pro Shop and then \$5 cash sweeps fees with hole assignment in the East club house. Dinner is billed to your membership in advance or by cash/credit card at the Quail Inn Banquet area during your 5:30 p.m. check in for the putting contest. There is a no-host bar. Dinner is served at 6-6:15 p.m.

The event is open to men and women, as singles or couples. You may sign up alone, with a partner, or as a four-some. We are happy to do the pairings if you prefer. The sign-up sheet will be on a clipboard in the West Pro Shop starting one month prior to the event until one week prior to the event. For signing up and/or any questions you may also call or email the organizers: JoAnn Banayat at (415) 279-2954 (cell) or jbanayat@sbcglobal.net; Debbie Warfel at (415) 602-0783 (cell) or debbie.jaffe129@icloud.com. Hope you can join us for these fun events.



9-Hole Thursday Women's Club

■Valerie Boot

MAY SWEEPS RESULTS

MAY 23, 15 PLAYERS, FRONT NINE

First flight: First, Linda Yates; second tie, Sheila Sada, Elaine Foote, Barbara Robinson; fifth tie, Shy Baxter, Ada Branstetter.

Second flight: First, Ellie Baciocco; second, Dee Johnson; third, Jane O'Toole; fourth, Marie Crimaldi.

MAY 30, 11 PLAYERS, BACK NINE

First flight: First tie, Sheila Sada, Linda Yates; third, Shy Baxter.

Second flight: First, Maria Crimaldi; second, Tammy Seila; third, Barbara Robinson.

Hope to see you all at the Men/Women Mixer.



18-Hole Tuesday & Thursday Women's Club

■Debbie Warfel

OWGS

No sweeps results for May 21.

Sweeps results for May 28: Kathy Mokricky was the Red/Yellow game low gross winner of the field of 32 players.

First flight: first, Kathy Mokricky; second, Joan Seliga; third, Angela Johnson; fourth, Eileen Beltrano.

Second flight: first, Yoshi Smith; second, Mary Ann Gibbs; third, Susan Porth; fourth, Kathy Faherty.

Third flight: first tie, Lauri Vree and Noreen Hagerty; third, Piilani Edwards; fourth, Mary Jobson.

Fourth flight: first, Christy Rexford; second, Susan Hazlewood; third, Vanita Collins; fourth, Linda Yates; fifth, Debbie Warfel.

OWGS Members: There's a few changes for play days that differ from our pink booklet; refer to Lynn Davis' email. Captain Susan Hazlewood has sent out an informative email (dated May 31) requesting our vote and comments referencing the PWGA/NCGA unification. Club voting will occur in early June.

TOWGC

No sweeps results for May 16.

Sweeps results for May 23: Sue Clark was the Red/Yellow game low gross winner of the field of 25 players.

First flight: first, Kris Peters; second, Sue Clark; third, Kathy Mokricky; fourth, Kim Agrella.

Second flight: first, Yoshi Smith; second tie, K.C. Cote and Chris Carter; fourth, Joan Seliga; fifth tie, Kathy Faherty and Linda Barr.

Third flight: first, Christy Rexford; second, Vanita Collins; third, Laurie Vree; fourth, Jo Knudsen.

Sweeps results for May 30: Jennifer Huff was the low gross winner of the field of 14 players.

First flight: first, Jennifer Huff; second, Joan Seliga; third, Leslie Clark; fourth, Kris Peters.

Second flight: first, Chris Carter; second, Yoshi Smith; third tie, Michele Yturalde and Laurie Vree.

TOWGC Members: The general meeting was held on May 23 and well attended by 22 members. Nachos were served and many items were reviewed—please review the meeting minutes! The new date for the Captain's Choice game will be June 20, followed by lunch.



9-Hole Monday Men's Club

■Stan Augustine

May 20 was a rainout. Golfers will be welcoming the warmer and dryer weather so that we can get rolling with our regular activity and exercise out on the course.

On May 27 the format was "Terrible Two's" (Individual Low Net without worst two net holes, best ball net on even holes) and it attracted nine players. Jack Robinson and David Beach tied for first with scores of 21; third, Charlie Perotti, 22; fourth tie, Al Bentham and Phil Sapp, 23.

Come join us. Email: stanaugustine@icloud.com for more information and try it out one day, then decide.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Julie Kil

SADDLE CLUB DINNER—JUNE 20

"What's Happening at Pepperwood Preserve" will be presented by Cal graduate, Dr. Tosha Comendant, the Conservation Science Manager at Pepperwood.

The next Saddle Club Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 20, with cocktails starting at 5 p.m. and buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Please join us to celebrate the summer season with Cal Alumni, sipping cocktails on the deck and partaking in a delicious meal in the club house with a spectacular view of the Trione Polo field, the Mayacamas mountains in the Valley of the Moon. All alumni are welcome and non-alumni please consider becoming a "Friend of Cal" and enjoying all our dinners and events.

The menu will be Sweet and Sour Pork, Vegetable Fried Rice, Asian Salad and Coconut Sponge Cake for dessert. The price of the dinner is \$40 and includes cocktails before dinner, tax and gratuity!

Reservations and prepayment must be made in advance and are due by Monday, June 17. To make reservations please contact Linda Williams at 322-6272. Linda can instruct you on payment to Wild Oak Saddle Club in the amount of \$40 per guest and mailing address to send your check. Unfortunately, diners/members/guests sending checks without a call to Linda for the reservation count will be turned away.

Linda can also advise on how to become a "Friend of Cal" and enjoy all our events.

The Wild Oak Saddle Club is located at 550 White Oak Drive.



■Darlene Donat

CAL ALUMNI CLUB HOSTS

"WINE AND APPETIZERS" RECEPTION

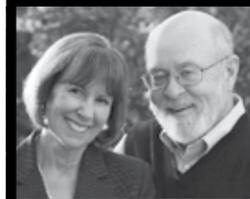
Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont invites both Cal Alums and "Friends of Cal" to join us Friday, July 12, 5-7 p.m. Sebastiani wine will be featured. Appetizers will include grilled sausage and pineapple kabobs, crostini with Anjou pear, Gorgonzola cheese and a honey balsamic drizzle, and spring rolls with a spicy dipping sauce.

The event will be held on the patio of the Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive. Cost is \$15 per person.

For a reservation form, call Helen Young at 539-9649 or email ddonat63@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is July 8. Sorry, no drop-ins.

Our club includes both UC Alumni and "Friends of Cal." Besides sponsoring social and informative events, we also support scholarships for SRJC students transferring to UC Berkeley and California Alumni Association scholarships.

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Lawn Bowling



■Topher Gayle

WANT TO TRY LAWN BOWLING?

Join us July 15, 10 a.m. to noon at the green next to CAC. It's free!

We had a good turnout of volunteers—ten, to be exact—to help with the annual major maintenance of the green. First, the grass was verticut, using a heavy machine that looked like a cross between a road surfacer and a Star Wars spacecraft. Our hardy team of volunteers raked up thatch, conveyed it to the base of the big trees, and spread it as mulch. Those are very happy trees. Then the green's grass was cut, fertilized, and thoroughly watered. Kudos to Jim Krause, who organized the event, and thanks to all the volunteers.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

The final rounds of the Women's Pairs Tournament haven't been completed, as of this writing, so no photos of the Queens of the Green, just yet. The Men's Triples Tournament was scrubbed due to iffy weather and low signups. I encourage you all to sign up! It's great fun when there are at least six teams.

The Memorial Day Tournament results are in—Francis Coryell, James Chang and Ande Anderson



First place: Ande Anderson, James Chang and Francis Coryell.



Second place: Eva McGinn, Linda Rubio and Liliane Rains.

took the first-place honors. In second place was Linda Rubio, Liliane Rains and Eva McGinn. Third place went to Steve Pickell, Kathleen Connelly and Jim Brewer.

EVENTS IN THE OFFING

June 28: Vet/Novice Pairs Tournament (a novice has less than two years of experience)

July 4: Independence Day Tournament

July 8: Women's Triples Tournament

July 9: After Five Social (play at 4 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m.)

July 15: Demo Days (volunteers needed! Please contact Linda Rubio)

Sign up for all tournaments on the board at the clubhouse. That's a great place to check the calendar and see what's coming up.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

I find that when I'm doing something I enjoy, such as working in my woodshop, or cooking dinner, or out for a hike with my sweetie, there'll often be songs (or just parts of songs) running through my mind. I've discovered the following playlist for lawn bowling: "Hit the Road, Jack," especially when I've knocked the jack into the gutter—"don't you come

back no more...!" "Proud Mary," as in, "Rolling, Rolling, Rolling on the River" particularly if it's wet out. How about "Jack be nimble, Jack be quick" from the "Limbo Rock," not that any of us is likely to do the limbo any more. At least, not in our whites. "Jumping Jack Flash, it's a gas gas gas." "Roll up! You've got an invitation" to the "Magical Mystery Tour." "Cover of the Rolling Stone," or "like a Rolling Stone" because, after all, that's what we're rolling, really, on the "Green, Green, Grass of Home!"

I'll sign off with my favorite: "Let the Good Times Roll." There are at least a couple different songs with this lyric in them, and they all work.

Community Ambassador Retires



Photo by Colin Hannigan.

After 44 years of welcoming newcomers to Oakmont, Charlotte Dross-Retter is retiring at the end of June.

Charlotte began as a Welcome Wagon hostess in 1975. In 2005 she became licensed by the city as a Community Ambassador. Known as Charlotte the welcome lady, she provides new homeowners with lists of clubs and activities, discount coupons for local businesses and brochures of community attractions.

"It's my contribution to Oakmont," Charlotte says. "Making people feel comfortable with their new homes." Her retirement plan: "Relax."

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Memories at the Berger

■Photos by Kathy Sowers

Visitors to the 17th Annual Oakmont Car Show browsed autos from America and Europe, including some now vanished brands such as Cord, Plymouth and Nash, which filled the Berger Center Parking lot on a sunny Saturday, May 25.



A maroon and black two-tone 1931 Chevrolet is admired by Sharon Ressoud and Bob Kothman.



A 1913 Ford Model T Roadster catches the eyes of James Willis and Helen Anderson during their tour of the 17th Annual Oakmont Car Show in the Berger parking lot May 2.



Jane and John Messineo paused beside a black 1936 Plymouth sedan. The ad on the fender brags of Plymouth's merits vs. its "low-priced three" competitors, Ford and Chevrolet.



How about that round windscreen over the wooden steering wheel? John Agnew, left, and Jim Cotton check out those and other features of a sporty 1913 Ford Model T Speedster.

OakMUG



Oakmont Macintosh Users Group

■Linda Koeplin

EVERNOTE WITH MARILYN PAHR SATURDAY, JUNE 15, WEST REC. CENTER

Social starts at 1:30 p.m., meeting at 2 p.m.

Looking to organize all those bits of paper cluttering up your bulletin board, table and desk? Join us to see how the free Evernote app/web product lets you create notes, organize them into notebooks and store them in the cloud so you can access them anywhere. Never forget what you need to remember.

Plan to come early at 1:30 p.m. for coffee/tea, refreshments and fellowship. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. in the West Recreation Center. We look forward to seeing you.

Website: <http://www.oakmug.org>

MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are \$10 per household. Three ways to join: at any meeting; a check made payable to OakMUG and sent to Justine Haugen, Treasurer, 8926 Acorn Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95409; or you may put your check into our file in the OVA Office.

MAC TECHNICAL HELP

If you need technical help with your Mac or other apple product, call Ronnie Roche, Certified Apple Consultant, 573-9649.

A free service to our membership, send your Mac questions by email to the following email address: OakMUGTechHelp@gmail.com. An OakMUG Mac expert will either get you an answer or will recommend someone who can.

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Do you have a smartphone or PC computer with which you need assistance? Andy Holroyd-Sills and Carl Appellof may be able to lend a hand.

If you would like to see if they can help, call Carl at 291-5278 or Andy at 775-5220.

Oakmont Sunday Symposium

Berger Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon
\$3 donation

www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org

■George McKinney

SUNDAY SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

As the season came to a close, the Symposium recognized the contributions of Mark Randol, retiring President, for his many years of service. The Symposium also recognized the work that Harriet Palk and Marsha Zolkower had done, both of whom were leaving the Symposium Board.

For the 2019-20 season, the Symposium Board elected George McKinney, President; Judie Coleman, Vice President; Juanita Roland, Treasurer; and Gordon Freedman, Chair of the Speakers' Committee. Other board members will be Jim Brewer, Kathie Brix, Linne McAleer, Marilyn Pahr, and Karen Palmiotti. Jane Gyorgy will continue as A/V specialist.

The Sunday Symposium will meet in Berger this next year. Our lecture series for 2019-20 includes speakers on Jack London, Mountain Lions in Sonoma and Annadel, Women in Politics in 2020, poetry, several political speakers leading to the 2020 election, and the ever-popular Bruce Elliot. See you in Berger September 8 for our first lecture!

More information is always available on our website: www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org.

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Wii Bowling Oakmont Lanes



■ Terry Leuthner, President, and Diane Price, Vice President

Oakmont Lanes Bowling Club is a Bowling League consisting of four-person teams that utilize Nintendo Wii to simulate the experience of bowling without the weight of a bowling ball. Any resident who has the ability of holding a small remote control in their hand while swinging their arm as if they were rolling a bowling ball will be able to join.

Anyone interested in joining our club, either as a team bowler or substitute, please call Terry at 538-9177 or Diane at 538-3365 or stop by the West Rec. Center on Tuesdays from 3–4:30 p.m. to see us in action. See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information and schedules to bring cookies and to setup/teardown equipment.

Remaining bowling dates for June: Summer League started June 11—week #1, 1:30 League bowled at West Rec. at 3 p.m. Possible move to East Rec.: June 18—week #1, 3:15 League bowls at 3 p.m. if at East or still at West. No bowling fourth Tuesday, June 25.

WINTER LEAGUE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Winter League playoffs were held on June 4 where the top three teams from the 1:30 League (4 Tops, Alley Oops and Pocket Hits) bowled the top three teams from the 3:15 League (Strike Outs, Wii Power and High Rollers) to determine the Winter League Team Champion and get their team name engraved on the team champion trophy. Awards presentation and sign-up for Summer League followed playoffs. Results in July 1 article.

RESULTS AS OF MAY 28 (FINAL WEEK WINTER LEAGUE)

1:30 PM League: first place, 4 Tops; second place, Alley Oops; third place, Pocket Hits; fourth place, Strikers; fifth place, Wii Four; sixth place, Wild Turkeys.

Men's High Games: Charlie Ensley, 249; Don Shelhart, 243; Gordon Freedman, 237; Terry Leuthner, 229; Christian van den Berghe, 201.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 300; Peggy Ensley, 279; Robin Schudel, 268; Sandy Osheroff, 233; Beverly Shelhart, 232; Sandra Pessner, 228; Diane Price, 221; Alicia Panizo, 213.

Sub High Game: Debbie Miller, 244.

RESULTS AS OF MAY 21 (FINAL WEEK WINTER LEAGUE)

3:15 PM League: first place, Strike Outs; second place, Wii Power; third place, High Rollers; fourth place, Strikes and Spares; fifth place, Pin Heads; sixth place, King Pins.

Men's High Games: Scott Harris 229; Christian van den Berghe, 204.

Women's High Games: Maurine Bennett, 280; Vickie Jackanich, 278; Barbara Koch, 269; Mollie Atkinson, 256; Marie Haverson, 247; Shirley Jamison, 223; Nicole Reed, 221; Judy Lawrence, 213.

Sub High Game: Debbie Miller, 279.

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Pétanque Club



■ Don McPherson

LEARNING PÉTANQUE

Pétanque is a fun, social game popular worldwide that people of all skill and physical ability levels can play. In fact, a player with serious mobility restrictions invented pétanque in the early 20th century as a modification of an ancient Provençal game.

If you're interested in playing or learning, come to the court (between Berger and the OVA offices/ Umpqua Bank) at 9:45 a.m. on the club play days of Wednesday and Saturday. We have boules to lend. No membership fees are required—just sign up to be on the roster. The court also is reserved 10 a.m.–noon for club player-arranged pickup games on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and is otherwise available for use by any Oakmont resident. View the Pétanque Club webpage (OVA login required) at: <https://oakmontvillage.com/article/category/clubs/petanque/>.

FAQ: WHY DO THEY THROW IT THAT WAY?

Unlike bocce, which uses a large composite ball typically rolled out underhand, palm up, pétanque is a throwing game using much smaller, hard metal boules. In addition, pétanque is not played on a bordered, groomed and level court but rather on an open, uneven terrain of any surface, including gravel of consistent or inconsistent grade and stones, as well as materials like dirt, sand or pulverized shells.

Although pétanque rules do not prohibit rolling, palm up, or throwing underhand (or even

overhand!), the usually unpredictable, obstacle-laden characteristics of most pétanque terrains yields a strong preference for the classic palm-down, underhand hold with cocked-back wrist. The boule is cradled at the bottom of the palm with fingers straight and "cupped" over it, turned palm down, and then released off the tip of the fingers with a straight arm pendulum-type throw that begins with a wrist snap and ends with a follow through of the hand pointing upward in a Buddha-like gesture toward the target.



The classic underhand, palm down, cocked-wrist hold.



Cupping the boule at the bottom of the palm before turning the wrist over.

This loose cupping, rather than gripping, and snap release produces backspin or "retro" regardless of the particular "pointing" or "shooting" throw that is chosen and greatly improves accuracy by stabilizing the boule at the moment of impact and putting force behind its intended final, rolling trajectory toward the cochonnet (jack).

Controlling the speed, power, arc and height of the throw as well as the degree of backspin are the challenging skills to be mastered, as with any sport or game, by play and practice.

Boomers



■ Carolita Carr

LOOKING BACK

The Boomers Club will be taking a break in July, but let's look back at the highlights of the past few months.

We started the year with our Mardi Gras party with Pure Energy, one of the best DJ experiences we know of. If you wanted to sit out a dance, you could watch the great videos! In March, we enjoyed pizza and a playlist of sock hop tunes. This event was free to members. April brought the unforgettable Fleetwood Mask concert. What a night that was, and it was free as well! Boomer members have come to expect these great "freebies." If you're not yet a member, join today. Go to our folder in the OVA office.

In May, we danced to the tunes of the 7th Sons, one of our favorite bands. June was for celebrating the 50th anniversary of Woodstock with the Captain Paisley Band.

We hope you had as much fun as we did at these events.

LOOKING AHEAD (SAVE THE DATES)

But let's not stop there. The second half of the year will be even better.

August 17: We will bring back Decades, a band that plays tunes across the decades. Entry fee will be \$15 per person.

September 19: We are back in concert mode with "Rocket Man Meets Piano Man," the music of Elton John and Billy Joel. The charge is \$20 per person.

October 19: We present the Great Pumpkin Caper with the Beatles tribute band, the SunKings. Due to the popularity of this group, tickets will be \$25 per person.

November 21: We will screen the film *In Search of Greatness*.

December 12: We are hosting our annual Holiday Party, free to members.

So, Boomers, enjoy the summer, and we'll see you on August 17!



Band Concert at the Berger Center

■ Helen Hargrave

Our New Horizons Band of Sonoma County, who recently performed its Spring Concert at the Berger Center, will be hosting a Wine Country Band Camp, June 23–27, in Santa Rosa. Over 75 musicians, some local, including Oakmonters, and some from across the country will come together to experience the joy of making music together.

The five-day band camp will conclude its time together with a free concert on Thursday, June 27, 2 p.m. at the Berger Center. You are cordially invited to attend, and this is a free concert.

Come and enjoy seniors making music together. All friends and all Oakmonters are cordially invited. See you there!

Playreaders

■Norma Doyle

Playreaders meet every Monday from 2-3 p.m. in the Central Activity Center, Room B. Visitors are always welcome. Come early so that we can meet and greet you.

The Play: On June 17 and 24 Jane Borr will stage *Heatstroke* by Eric Chappell. Readers are Jane Borr, Dennis Hall, Al Johnson, Jackie Kokemor, Stephen Litzenberger, Hal McCown and Gina Zoellner.

Sam and Fay Spencer arrive for a peaceful holiday in a luxurious Spanish villa, closely followed by actor Howard Booth and his girlfriend, Dodie. Unfortunately, Sam and Howard have matching hold-alls (overnight bags), which become mixed up. Yet a third identical hold-all containing a large sum of money, brings the sinister Raynor to the villa—assumed identities, breakneck pace and hilarious mishaps of farce combine with the tension and startling plot reversals of a thriller occur in this comedy.

The Playwright: Eric Chappell (1933-) is an English comedy writer who wrote and co-wrote a number of the UK's biggest sitcom hits during the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. His successes include *The Squirrels*, *Rising Damp*, *Only When I Laugh*, *The Bounder*, *Duty Free*, *Singles*, *Haggard*, *Home to Roost* and *Fiddlers Three*. He also wrote the stage plays *The Banana Box* (later turned into the sitcom *Rising Damp*), *Only When I Laugh* (based on the earlier sitcom), *Natural Causes*, *Theft* and *Dead Reckoning*. He won multiple awards including the BAFTA and PYE TV Awards.



In late May Playreaders read *Doubt* by Patrick Shanley. Readers were: (standing) Genna Zoellner, Hal McCown, Norma Doyle; (seated) Honora Clemens and Morgan Lambert.

SHUFFLE BOARD

■Joan Kline

SUMMER HOURS ARE HERE— BEAT THE HEAT

We have moved up the starting time from 10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in order to avoid the midday summer heat.

Club play starts at 9:15 for instruction and doubles play from 9:30-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a newly-rebooted sport at Oakmont and the option for club play on days other than Tuesdays or Thursdays is still open—just let us know and we'll make it happen.

The shuffleboard cues and discs are stored in the Shuffleboard Locker at the back of the Berger Center. They are available every day from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a hat.

For more information about joining the dues-free shuffleboard club or about the courts at Oakmont call Jon at (650)-279-0001 or email alsonjonny@gmail.com.

Pickleball Corner

■Doc Savarese

CHOOSING A PADDLE

A lot has happened since I last wrote about selecting a paddle. *Pickleball Magazine* reports that there are 3.5 million players with over 50 approved paddle manufacturers who produce high quality and technologically advanced paddle improvements.

The selection of a paddle, according to experts, is best determined by the one you play the best with and feel the most confident. Your player personality is an excellent consideration where an aggressive characteristic typically leans towards a paddle having some weight (8 oz), pop, and blocking. A less aggressive player most probably would prefer a lighter and softer paddle (7 oz) for better control.

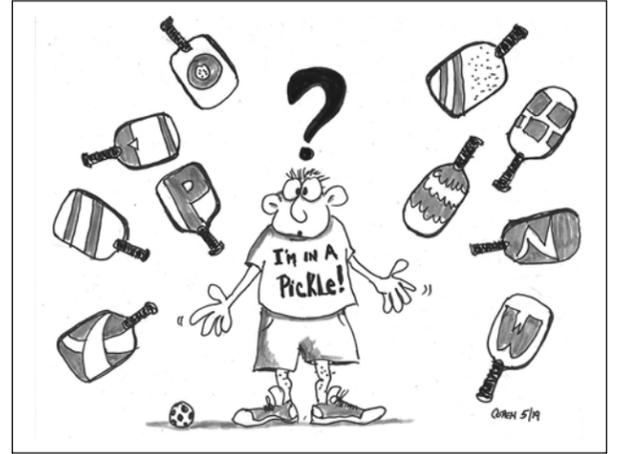
The most common made paddles have either a fiberglass (polymer) or graphite surface with a honey combed core. Fiberglass offers greater "pop" while graphite is known for its light weight and control. Consequently, the weight of a paddle is an important consideration, where heavier paddles offer more power and lighter paddles more control, especially with dinking and a soft game.

It is best to experiment with play/demo tests to determine what gives you the best balance. Loaners are readily available from many retail outlets such as Pickleball Central or you can contact Connie Mederios to borrow one of the club demos. Remember, if your serves and returns are landing short, try a more powerful paddle. If you're popping up your dinks, try a model made for more control.

You'll notice that paddles come in various shapes. Most paddles utilize the conventional shape of around 8" wide and 5.75" long. Narrow paddles are chosen to help cover more of the court, reach more volleys at the net, provide extra power, and better suited for singles play. A narrow paddle means a smaller sweet spot which can be tricky particularly on a windy day.

The grip is a very important piece of a paddle since your hand is the only connection. When gripping the paddle, the space between your fingertips and thumb pad is recommended to be ¼" to ½". Too large or small a grip circumference can lead to hindered play and even injury such as tennis elbow.

Perhaps the most considered determination in selecting a paddle is paddle brand. While there are many manufacturers, I recommend the following



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

three brands based on competitive player success: Engage—Poach Extreme (fiberglass), Poach Advantage (fiberglass), Maverick (fiberglass), Elite Pro (fiberglass); Paddletek—Bantam TS-5 Pro (fiberglass), Tempest Wave (graphite); Tempest Pro (graphite); Selkirk—Epic (fiberglass), Invikta (fiberglass), S2 (fiberglass).

Finding the right paddle for you, according to the experts, will make a difference by adding points to your game. It is the players responsibility as to which one works the best for their playing style.

OAKMONT PICKLEBALL PLAY INFORMATION

WHERE: East Rec. Center lower courts, Courts #1 and #4

WHEN: New players (strictly beginners) Introduction to Pickleball and Coached Play (for beginners and novices), Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. The first hour is for newbies and the second hour is for coached play.

ATTIRE: Court shoes with non-marking soles

EQUIPMENT: Balls are provided. Loaner paddles are available for introduction and coached play. These balls and paddles are for use only on the Oakmont Pickleball courts.

WEBSITE: <https://oakmontpickleball.shutterstock.com>

NEW PLAYER CONTACT: Pauly Uhr, richuhr@gmail.com, 984-4186; and/or Nancy Lande, Nancy_lande@comcast.net, 978-2998

Emergency Preparedness Fair

■Pat Barclay

Learn what to do before disaster strikes. Free for the entire community! Bring your neighbor!

WHEN: Sunday, June 23, 1-4 p.m.

WHERE: Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa. Free parking.

All are welcome. Bring your neighbor! The Jewish community is partnering with local organizations and first responders to help you be ready for any future crisis.

Be informed, know how to respond: Presentations on home safety, medical response, survival strategies and the 911 system from local PD and fire department.

Practice skills such as CPR and first aid. Learn important numbers to have on hand.

Have a plan, get to know your neighbor: Informational materials to develop your personal plan. Get your neighborhood ready. Checklists and ideas for "go" bags and to shelter in place.

Build your confidence: Sit with companion canines, crawl in fire engines and patrol cars, visit an animal mobile command center. Enjoy food trucks, water stations, bounce house, and secure children's playground.

For more information, contact info@sfjcf.org.

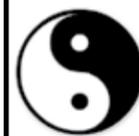
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Oakmont Art Association

■Philip Wilkinson



OPEN STUDIOS IS SET FOR JUNE 22 AND 23

Our annual Open Studios event is set for the weekend of June 22 and 23. Put it on your calendar to visit our local artists and photographers to see their work and their studios. If you want to be part of the event, registration forms are available in the OVA office, and on our website, www.oakmontart.com. For further questions, contact Susan Berg, 479-6185, sberg123@me.com.

EAST REC. CENTER OPENING WINE AND CHOCOLATE PARTY FRIDAY, JULY 12, 7 PM

The newly-renovated East Rec. Center did not open May 22 as planned, and is rescheduled for an official opening in early August. Before the official opening, the OAA is planning a wine and chocolate ceremony from 7-8 p.m. on Friday, July 12 to thank all those that made the art possible in the center: OAA members, artists and photographers who submitted entries, jurors, donors who paid for the canvas prints, and the members of the East Rec. Development committee.

During the soiree we will show all the entries submitted for consideration and have our own private tour of the center. We will send out an email invitation as well, but if you fall into any of the above categories, please come and celebrate the new art and the beautiful center!



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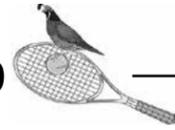
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Tennis Club



■Ruth Layne

SPARKLERS VS. ROCKETS COMING UP

Show your Independence Day spirit by wearing red, white and blue outfits for the Sparklers vs. Rockets tennis event Saturday, July 13. Players will meet at the West courts at 8:30 a.m. for play starting at 9. Although billed as a female vs. male event, this year the competition might morph into mixed doubles to make for a more rounded playing experience.

Sign up individually, or if you have a favorite mixed doubles partner, sign up and list your partner's name in the comment section of the online sign-up sheet. Signing up by Thursday, July 11, helps Edi, Jon and Fred put together a really fun event. Register individually or with a partner online at the OTC website sign-up tab or by contacting Edilberto Loaiza at (914) 907-8186 or edilberto1@gmail.com.

TIME FOR TWINKLE TOES!

Let loose at the Summer Sock Hop on Saturday evening, July 20 from 6-10 p.m. in the Berger. Get ready to strut your stuff to the rhythms of the Blues Burners, who you might remember from a previous holiday. Can't remember who they are? Check them out at Funky Friday on June 14, and you'll discover they are a group you don't want to miss.

Doug Smith and Fred Merrill will once again take charge of the grills to provide delicious hamburgers, but you will bring your beverage of choice.

This event is open to all residents of Oakmont Village. Sign up using the coupon below. This summer social costs \$17.50 per OTC member and \$20 for non-members. However, if you reserve a prepaid table for eight the cost is \$140 regardless of membership status. Sign up now for hot fun in the summertime!



Chefs Doug Smith and Fred Merrill.

MEN'S USTA SEASON OVER

To complete a season beset by rain, members of the 65+ team played their final match, away, against Galvan on May 29. A smaller roster providing fewer players and rescheduling of matches that had been rained out caused some forfeits, so that even though our guys always played well and fought hard, the results were less than hoped for. A final record of four wins and six losses means that their season is over a little sooner than expected. A big round of applause for the fellows representing Oakmont in the local USTA circuit!

GET THOSE ROSTERS

The 2019 OTC rosters are in the Tennis Club folder in the OVA office. If you were registered and paid up on time, your name will be on the roster cover.

SUMMER SOCK HOP SIGN-UP FORM SATURDAY, JULY 20, 6 PM, BERGER CENTER

Name(s) _____

of tickets at \$17.50 _____ # of tickets at \$20 _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Or table for 8 at \$140: (names) _____

Contact name and phone no. _____

BYOB. Deposit coupon and payment in OVA Office Tennis Club folder. Checks made payable to Oakmont Tennis Club.

Funky Fridays Return

■Marty Thompson

Funky Fridays concerts returned to the Hood Mansion venue across from Oakmont on Friday, June 7 with Levi Lloyd and Friends, serving up a menu of R&B, rock, funk, dance and soul music.

It's the seventh season for Funky Fridays, which fill the lawn outside the historic building, entertaining while raising money for the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation.

"It's grown every year with last season's biggest night bringing out more than 800 people," says Bill Myers, who coordinates the events with Linda Pavlak. What's new this year? More food trucks and a professional sound system, replacing equipment brought in by the groups making up the 13-week summer series.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. each Friday; shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults; children are free. Parking is free in three lots reached off North Pythian Road. Tickets are available onsite or in advance at www.funkyfridays.info.

There's a dance floor in front of the stage. Audience members bring blankets and low-back chairs for seating. Beer and wine are available for purchase. Picnickers can buy food onsite or bring their own.



Band's eye view of dancers and listeners in front of Hood Mansion. (Photo by Lynda Wilson)

2019 SCHEDULE

- June 21: The Big Fit
- June 28: Volker Strifler Band
- July 5: Poyntlyss Sistars Band
- July 12: Dylan Black Project
- July 19: Gator Nation
- July 26: Soulshine
- Aug. 2: Rock and Roll Rhythm Revue
- Aug. 9: Jami Jamison Band
- Aug. 16: Soul Fuse
- Aug. 23: Stax City
- Aug. 30: Funky Dozen



InvestOAK Club



■Dave White

Our goal is to advance members' knowledge and understanding of investment options and strategies for retirement. Membership experience ranges all the way from investment novice through those who have had a professional career in the financial world. There is no actual monetary aspect to the club's activities. Active member participation is encouraged.

The topic for June will be: "Puttin' on the REITS!" presented by Len Grosso, an InvestOAK Board

member. FYI, "Puttin' on the Ritz" is an Irving Berlin song written for the 1930 movie of the same name. David Distad, Ph.D., will be discussing the tumultuous stock market.

An auxiliary group, meeting once a month, has been formed to discuss individual stock analysis, various investment strategies and details of other items of interest beyond the scope of the general InvestOAK meeting. They meet at 10 a.m. at the Umpqua Bank,

one week after the regular meeting (June 28). Plan to come and check them out.

Interested Oakmont residents are invited to attend the next regular meeting which is Friday, June 21, 10-11:30 a.m., Room B, Central Activities Center. For the rest of the year 2019 our meetings will be held on the third Friday of the month.

For further information contact me at dwhite747@hotmail.com.



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Oakmont Rainbow Women

■Dorothy Webster and Rochia Holmquist

YOU'LL BE DANCING IN YOUR SEAT

People who like to dance go to hear Foxes in the Henhouse at The Big Easy and the Red Brick in Petaluma, the Station House Café in Pt. Reyes, and the Redwood Café in Cotati. The Foxes are a big favorite at the Folkish Festival in Larkspur Landing every Sunday.

This is a great band. They won the Norbay Award for best acoustic folk band in 2013. Thanks to Rainbow Productions, we get to enjoy them here at Berger on Saturday, August 3 at 7 p.m.

You will love hearing these gals play and harmonize to Texas swing tunes (Bob Wills), honky-tonk (Loretta Lynn), blues (Bonnie Raitt), gospel (Aretha Franklin), and pop (Cyndi Lauper).



Before playing bluegrass in several bands, Alice Fitzwater (far right in photo) was a classically trained violinist. Now, she improvises with abandon for the Foxes. Lead singer Dorian Bartley (next to Alice) has a lush, throaty voice, plays bass for the Foxes, and also has her own vintage jazz, blues, and swing band. Pamela Joyce, second from left, plays guitar, mandolin, ukulele, banjo, harmonica and washboard.

This sounds like fun. To get tickets, go to the OVA office and put a check in the Rainbow Women folder, \$25 per ticket. Pick up your tickets at Will Call the night of the concert.

AND, THAT SAME NIGHT

The August 3 concert has a very good opening act, too. Comedienne Mary Carouba played the Luther Burbank Center last month, has entertained audiences on Olivia cruises and Holland America ships, spoken at corporate events (Safeway), and even made psychiatrists laugh at their convention. Her book *Women at Ground Zero* is in its fourth printing.

While promoting that book on CNN, Fox, MSNBC, in book stores and on college campuses, Mary discovered that she can make people laugh, which she will do here on August 3 before the music starts. She's working on a second book and writing a play. You will enjoy Mary, a comic version of a TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) talk.

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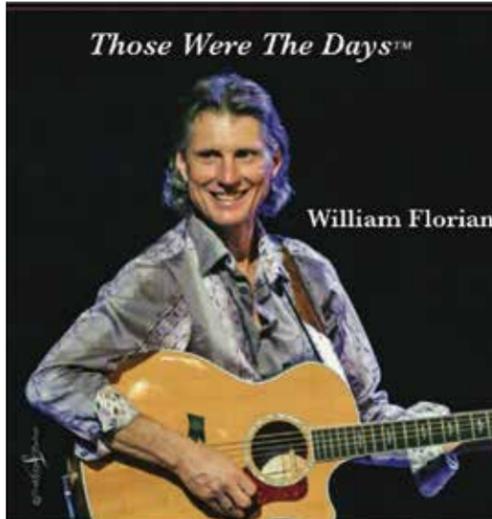
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Passages

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Thursday Night Couples Bridge

■Lynn Wycoff

Calling all bridge players! Do you know we have an active group that meets twice a month for a friendly game of bridge? We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to about 9:40 p.m. We play three rounds of 40 minutes each and change partners with each round. There are table prizes for high score, and prizes for slams.

We are a sociable group with coffee and teas and refreshments provided.

To join us you need to have a partner and then just show up. It costs \$1 to play. Check us out!

For more information call Paul Wycoff or me at 537-7019 or e-mail at plnwycoff@yahoo.com.

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Grandparents' Club

■Leslie Brockman, Chair



at Oakmont Gardens on Sunday afternoon and ends with coin tosses at the Central Pool. In between are daily classes of Bocce, Tennis, Wii Bowling, Table Tennis, Pickleball, Juggling, and (new this year) Shuffleboard. Creative classes include Zentangle, Pasta Making, Pin Wheels and Paper Crafts, Making Personal Scrapbooks, Robotics, Card Making, Science Fun, Board Games and much more. Suggested ages for the classes and events are 2 through 14—something for everyone!

Registration forms will be printed in the July 1 edition of *Oakmont News* and also available in the Grandparents' Club folder at the OVA office. Deadline to register is July 17. Minimal fees are requested to cover cost of materials and snacks.

For the book giveaway on Sunday, we need gently-used children's books for all ages and coins (both U.S. and foreign) for the coin tosses. There is a box for books in the Oakmont library; coins may be put in the GPC folder at OVA office. Thanks!

Questions? Email me at lesliebrockman45@gmail.com.



Lifelong Learning

■Marlena Cannon

JOIN US FOR A FALL OF FUN!

There will be six exciting new classes taught by entertaining, informative instructors, and two fabulous concerts!

- August 22: Holland and Coots Jazz Duo
- August 28: Class Preview with music and refreshments
- September 16: Classes Start
- October 4: Oakmont's own More Joy
- More information at oakmontll.org.



Music and Dancing on the Greens

■Photos by John Williston

Lawn chairs, blankets and umbrellas set the tone for Music on the Greens, co-sponsored by the Oakmont Golf Club and Oakmont Village Association on June 2.

Music of the Decades provided the tunes, OGC the food and beverages and a sunny day made it all more fun.



Music of the Decades from Chico, California, center stage at the OGC.



Focus here is on Benny Goldberg, 30 months, his mom and onlookers.

GRANDPARENTS' WEEK IS COMING JULY 21-26

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McBride's Annual Picnic



Dining on hamburgers and hot dogs Wednesday, June 6 at McBride Realty's 9th annual free picnic and barbecue. About 500 people turned out on a warm afternoon. (Photo by Marty Thompson)

Will Durst Show

■Staff Report

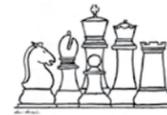
The OVA Comedy Club is bringing comedian Will Durst and friends to the Berger Center Friday evening, June 21. Durst, who is based in San Francisco and has performed in 14 countries, is a regular favorite in Oakmont.



Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the June 21 show, which starts at 6 p.m. It's BYOB and snacks. Tickets are \$15 at the OVA office.



Drop-In Chess



■Richard Duncan

The Drop-In Chess players meet on Tuesday afternoons between 1–4:30 p.m. in the Card Room at the Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Drive. Beginners are welcome and there are no fees or cost—just your time as you see fit. Bring a board and chess set if you have one. The atmosphere is casual and players of varying proficiency, both men and women,

take part in these games.

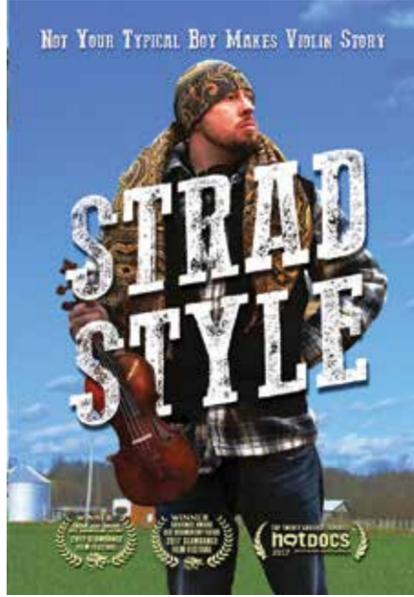
If you have not played chess in a while, are new to our Oakmont community, or are just curious and would like to know more about the “Game of Kings,” drop in and check us out. If you have any questions or would like to know more, feel free to contact us at richardgduncan@comcast.net or at 707-225-0661.

Oakmont Music Lovers

■Judy Walker

SUMMER DOCUMENTARY SERIES

For our July session, Ernie Rose will be introducing award winning American filmmaker (and violin player) Stefan Avalos who will be present in person to discuss his latest documentary. For eight months, he embedded himself in the life of Danny Houck, an eccentric, 50-year-old, near-penniless hermit-like figure in rural Ohio with a hobbyist's obsession for Stradivari-like violins. Through the magic of social media, Danny has convinced a famous European concert violinist that he can make an exact copy of Guarneri's “Il Cannoni” (“the cannon”), one of the most famous and valuable violins in the world. The soloist has set a definite date on his schedule to use Danny's instrument in an important upcoming recital in Holland.



We see every phase of how he goes about each painstaking step in choosing the wood, creating the mold on which the instrument will be shaped, using a plane and wood chisel to make its back and front surfaces just the right thickness, gluing the parts together, and applying the many coats of lacquer to match the full scale color photo from which he is working. But can he overcome all the frustrating impediments confronting him, and what will his violin actually sound like when it's completed?

That is the fascinating story of *Strad Style* (2018, 104 min.), Avalos's latest real life portrait of a fellow musician that is already winning plaudits at film festivals all over

the world. Hope you can join us for this fascinating documentary and also meet the filmmaker!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 2 at 10 a.m.—note earlier starting time

WHERE: Berger Auditorium **COST:** Free

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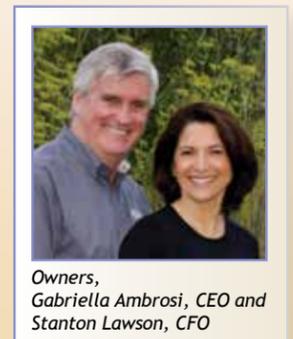
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Bocce Club



■Linda and Don McPherson

WINE COUNTRY GAMES

Three teams represented the Oakmont Bocce Club in the annual Council on Aging-sponsored Sonoma Wine Country Games on May 31 at the Julliard Park courts in Santa Rosa. The Oakmont Club teams were among 12 entrants from the wine country region.

Congratulations to "3 Guys and A Gal" Cindi Clemence, Jeff Clemence (capo), Fritz Spotleson and Jim Tosio, who won silver medals finishing in second place overall.



"3 Guys and a Gal" Jim Tosio, Cindi Clemence, Jeff Clemence and Fritz Spotleson earned silver medals as the second-place overall winners in the 2019 Sonoma Wine Country Games Bocce competition.

Also competing from Oakmont were "Straight Shooters" Barb Lowell, Ann Miller, Jean Reed (capo) and Malcolm Wing and "Go Getters" Don McPherson, Linda McPherson, Barbara Newton (capo) and Geoffrey Newton, who finished in fourth place overall.

With scoring order based on wins, total points scored, and total points against in three matches against three different teams, eight teams entered the championship single elimination round.

The Sonoma County Bocce Club, headquartered in Santa Rosa, hosted the event for the ninth year.

Oakmont players are already looking forward to entering next year's competition.

TOURNAMENT AND CLUB NEWS

Club members thoroughly enjoyed the first summer Evening Bocce social and open play on June 12.

The women-versus-men Battle of the Sexes Tournament was played on June 8. Winners will be announced and pictured in the next *Oakmont News*.

Next up is the Independence Day Tourney on Saturday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m. Tournaments are limited to the first 24 participants to secure a tag, so be sure to get to the courts early to reserve a place for the 9:15 chip draw.

Mark your calendars: The annual Bocce Club Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 20 with play at 9:30 p.m. followed by the picnic at the West Rec. picnic area at noon.

CLUB PLAY

All three West Rec. Center bocce courts are reserved for club play Monday through Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until all games are completed. Players are reminded to arrive early for the teams and court chip draw and also to return all umbrellas to their "down" position, restore scoring pegs to their pre-game position, and lock the shed securely after play.

New players and prospective players interested in learning about the game are always welcome during daily play. No prior knowledge or experience is required and you'll be on the court right away—we'll be happy to show you the fundamentals and introduce you to the fun of bocce.

Jazz Club

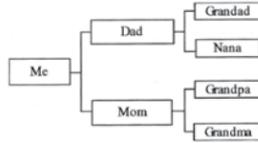
■Dolora DeGeer Hurst

A PROGRAM THAT NO JAZZ LOVER WILL WANT TO MISS FRIDAY, JULY 5 AT 2 PM

Member Dan Fishman will present a video featuring the incredible singer Diana Krall.

Come join us in room B, in the Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Drive. You do not need to be a member to come and enjoy our programs.

Genealogy Club



■Melinda Price

EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH MIGRATION

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club will be on Monday, June 24 in the West Rec. Center at 1 p.m.

Elihu Smith, a club member, will share his extensive research on the life of Eastern European Jews and the factors that drove them to emigrate, with particular attention to Poland. Much of this research applies to the pressures on Catholics living in eastern Poland by the Russians, who only supported the Eastern Orthodox church. This will be an interesting and informative program.

There will be no July meeting.

The Oakmont Genealogy Club regularly meets upstairs in the West Rec. Center on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) at 1 p.m. There are no club dues, and everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, both newbies and experienced researchers. For information about genealogy research or club activities please visit our website at: www.oakgenclub.org. If you have research questions or would like to receive our e-newsletter, email: oakmontancestry@aol.com.

Single Boomers Social Club



■Carolita Carr

NEXT EVENT: ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC JUNE 22, 12 NOON

Open to members only, the club is providing all the food. You must complete the electronic invitation which was emailed to all members. It is important that we have an accurate count of those attending.

We will meet at the West Rec. Picnic Grounds for food and fun. Members need only bring the beverage of their choice.

COMING UP

July 9: Our introduction to pickleball at the East Rec. Center. Come prepared to try out this new sport sweeping over 55 communities across the nation. Look for an email explaining what you need to do to participate.

Single Boomers Social Club is open to any single person residing in Oakmont. Only an interest in meeting people and socializing is required. We hold monthly mixers within Oakmont and find interesting things to do in the greater Santa Rosa area. We dine out at a different restaurant once a month, and we even arrange to sit together at other Oakmont activities.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, all you have to do is pick up an application form in the Single Boomers Social Club folder at the OVA office. Our dues are \$12 per year. Once you join and give us your email address, you will learn of our events and be able to participate.

Wednesday Bridge

■Lynn Wycoff

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS

Do you enjoy an afternoon of friendly bridge? If so, you should check out our Wednesday group.

We meet every week from 12:30—3:30 p.m. in the Card Room at the CAC for traditional party bridge. It is a mixed group, both men and women welcomed. Entry fee is only \$1 with prize money won at each table.

To reserve your seat call me at 537-7019.

Give us a call and check us out. You'll be glad you did.

Zentangle™ Art Class in the Afternoon

■Betsy Smith, Instructor

WHO: Anyone who wants to explore being creative

WHAT: If you can draw a dot, line, squiggly, circle or square, etc., you can do the Zentangle™ Art Method.

WHEN: June 10—Flowers, flowers, flowers. No class on June 24. July 8—Zendalas.

WHERE: Central Activity Center Art Room

TIME: 4:30–6 p.m.

COST: \$10 per class

INFO: All supplies provided. Be sure to register before class starts to reserve a space. Please email Betsy at bsmith@sonic.net.

Aging Agency Wants Your Opinion

■Staff Report

Oakmonters have an opportunity to weigh in on issues of aging in Sonoma County before June 30. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is inviting community members of all ages to complete the anonymous survey online or on paper, or to join a group discussion at a location near them. The community's input will guide the AAA and its Advisory Council's new plan of action and funding priorities for programs and services for the next four years.

The anonymous survey and the focus groups seek opinions about aging and about the needs of local older adults, individuals with disabilities and local caregivers. The survey asks participants to rate topics of most and least concern in areas such as housing, transportation, remaining safely at home and caregiving.

Residents can identify concerns about aging, including health and quality of life, and indicate areas where help is needed, such as care management, household help and managing medications. The data will help inform the agency's 2020–2024 Area Plan for aging. Gathered demographics will also help identify locations that need special services and support.

The survey can be accessed online at www.research.net/r/SoCo_AAA19.

For additional information or to register for a focus group (all outside Oakmont), visit: <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Human-Services/Adult-and-Aging/Area-Agency-on-Aging/>.

Paper copies of the survey with a pre-paid return envelope are available in the OVA office. The plan will be published in Spring 2020 on paper and online.



Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

WHAT: YMCA Healthy Living—free classes by JoRene
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9–10 a.m.
WHERE: Berger Center

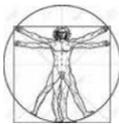
According to MentalFloss.com, June is a month of special celebrations. June 18 is World Juggling Day. This is the day for tossing balls or batons of fire in the air, or keeping it simple by just balancing the ups and downs of everyday life. World Sauntering Day, June 19, is the day for a relaxed stroll. Go around the block, walk to the mailbox, stop at a neighbor's house to remind them of June 22.



On that day, all Baby Boomers can all be celebrated because that day has been declared Baby Boomer Recognition Day (make sure to tell your Millennials—they'll want to celebrate with you).

Or you can celebrate on your own. Celebrate by exercising. It's the same as taking care of personal health and happiness.

Fitness Club



■Tom Kelley

EXERCISE AND BRAIN HEALTH

There are different ways of improving your brain health and regular exercise is considered to be one of the most effective methods. The benefits result from increased blood flow and oxygen to the brain creating new brain cells and the release of chemicals called endorphins, which produce a feeling of well-being. Indirectly, exercise also improves sleep and mood, plus reduces stress and anxiety.

The best brain health workouts involve activities that use different parts of the brain that involve coordination, balance and decision making. Engage in more than one kind of workout to avoid boredom, but involve different muscles. This could include long walks. An UCLA study found that walking 4000 steps or about two miles showed improvement in the brain. Also taking the stairs instead of an elevator, dancing, gardening, swimming, biking and going to the gym are beneficial. Better yet, do it with friends for more enjoyment.

Whatever exercise you may choose to use, commit to establishing exercise as a habit, almost like taking a prescription medication. After all, it is said the medication is medication and should be on your list of reasons to get moving. See you at the gym.

Balance and Strength Building

■Betsy Smith

WHO: Those who want to start a fitness program, improve or stay fit

WHAT: Strength and Balance class using weights, large balls, little balls, and bands

WHEN: Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m. No class June 20 and 27

WHERE: West Rec. Center downstairs

COST: \$7 per class or four classes for \$24 or eight classes for \$48

WHY: To enjoy keeping fit with friends while working out to catchy music and from your fitness base. You should be able to get up and down from the floor.

INFO: Bring yourself, water, mat, weights, and a large ball you can sit on if you have them.

INSTRUCTOR: Betsy Smith, bsmith@sonic.net

Women's Yoga

■Osha Hayden

FREE YOGA CLASS—REFRESH BODY, MIND AND SOUL

WHAT: Free class for women—stretch and strengthen, relax and release tension, improve balance

WHEN: Mondays 10–11 a.m.; Fridays 10:10–11:10 a.m. When the East Rec remodel is completed, Friday classes will resume at the regular 10 a.m. time.

WHERE: Lower West Rec. Center

BRING: Yoga mat

If you are an experienced yogi who enjoys contributing to the health and wellness of our community, please contact me at 537-8891 or email circle4healing@gmail.com.

We are looking for a Yoga Teacher to replace our dear Peggy Dombeck who served our community for nine years as a Yoga Leader and has just retired from leading.

One of the earliest clubs formed in Oakmont, our Women's Yoga class has met continually for over 45 years. Since each class is taught by one of our eight Yoga Leaders, you'll experience a variety of teaching styles and poses.

Although some experience is helpful, none is needed. We will encourage you to be mindful of your body's signals, know your limits and adapt poses to meet your needs.

Please join us for a body, mind, and soul nourishing practice. Class is free and always open to new members.

Aerobics Class

■Betsy Smith

This class is for those who want to start a fitness program or stay fit!

WHAT: Low impact aerobics class

WHEN: Tuesdays **TIME:** 4:30–5:30 p.m.

WHERE: West Rec. Center downstairs

COST: \$7 per class or four classes for \$24 or eight classes for \$48

WHY: To enjoy keeping fit with friends while working out to catchy music and from your aerobics base. You should be able to get up and down from the floor.

INFO: Bring yourself, water, mat, weights

INSTRUCTOR: Betsy Smith, bsmith@sonic.net

We're Rollin' Check Us Out!

■Sandy Shaner

WHAT: Foam Roller Class—stretching, core work, and self-myofascial release therapy

WHEN: Tuesdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m.

WHERE: Lower West Rec. Center

COST: \$50 for six classes

WHAT TO BRING: Yoga mat and foam roller

Foam rolling has been shown to be beneficial in reducing chance of injury and increasing recovery by hydrating muscles with increased blood flow and breaking up adhesions between skin, muscles and bones. Range of motion is greatly increased. This class uses movements from Yoga for increased flexibility and balance, movements from Pilates to build core strength and movements from myofascial release therapy to target trigger points to soothe and release tight muscles.

I am a certified Yoga instructor, mat Pilates, and ACE personal trainer. This class was developed in conjunction with physical therapists.

Please feel free to come and try a class—we have extra mats and rollers for trial. If you want further information, please email me at shaner.sandy@gmail.com, or call me (Sandy) at (636) 532-4690.

Water Fitness

■Valerie Hulsey

One of the most important things you can do for yourself is to stay healthy and strong. A good way to achieve that is to exercise as often as possible. Here in Oakmont we are fortunate to be able to participate in Water Aerobic classes every week day so we invite you to join one of the classes listed below and see for yourself how good you will feel after a few sessions.

No special equipment is needed when you start—lots of available noodles and buoys at the pool for your use.

The Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) classes are in full swing and the no-fee classes shown below are paid for by the SRJC Adult Program and the other classes are \$8 drop-in fee.

MARY'S REGULAR SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Monday: 9 a.m. \$8; 10 a.m. no-fee SRJC class

Tuesday: 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. no-fee SRJC class

Wednesday: 9 a.m. \$8; 10 a.m. no-fee SRJC class

Thursday: 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. no-fee SRJC class

Remember if we don't keep the numbers up for the classes the JC will cancel their sponsorship.

JULIE'S FRIDAY CLASSES

Julie is once again teaching her 10 a.m. Friday classes. There is a \$6 drop-in fee.

Interval Training

■John Phillips

Studies have shown that Interval Training helps keep us young and active and promotes weight loss more than any other activity including cardiovascular work. If you need some new ideas on how to work out, then you may want to check out our Interval Training class.

It takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Lower West Recreation Center at 2 p.m. Equipment needed: lite hand weights, a non-slip mat and water, and the ability to get off the floor.

The first session is free, drop-in fee is \$8 or you receive 10 sessions for \$64.

Forrest Yoga

■Carol King, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher)

WHERE: West Rec. Center—Lower Level

COST: \$50 for six classes. Effective July 1, rate increase \$60 for six classes

INFORMATION: <http://www.carolkingyoga.com>; carolking1234@yahoo.com; 696-5464

CHAIR STRETCH AND BALANCE CLASS

WHEN: Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Feel better in your body. Invigorate yourself and coordinate your breath to movement. Feel your feet and explore balance safely. Strengthening core work supports your spine from the front. Students can remain seated for the entire class. Small free weights are used to tone the upper body.

Equipment: bring free weights of 1, 2 or more pounds—the weight you want to work with, bring water.

FORREST YOGA CLASSES

WHEN: Tuesdays, 12:30–1:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 9–10 a.m.

Slow down so you can breathe, feel, strengthen, and heal. Allow for the healing possibilities that focused poses and breathwork can nurture.

Forrest Yoga does not require strength or flexibility; it only requires that you bring a willingness to learn how to feel authentically and respond honestly.

All levels welcome. People with injuries or conditions are encouraged to attend.

Equipment: yoga mat, water, beach towel/yoga blanket.



Tai Chi for Beginners

■Dr. Kate Ha, Faculty SSU

Summer time is a perfect time to practice Tai Chi, especially if you're working on improving your balance and breathing. Tuition is \$75 for a five-class workshop which meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in room G of Berger Center.

Classes do not have to be consecutive in case you have other appointments to attend to. Preregistration is required so call me at 318-5284. I will love to encourage you to try this slow-moving meditative practice ideal as we age.

SRJC Classes

■Mary Hastings, Instructor

SRJC spring semester ended Friday, May 24. Summer session begins Monday, June 17.

All water aerobics classes will continue through the three-week break at a drop-in fee of \$8 per class.

There will be no strength and balance classes during the break.

Oakmont Military Veterans

■Dave Vogl

We have many retired and ex-military members here in Oakmont and we would like a chance to get together and meet new friends at least once a month. If this sounds interesting, please come to our first meeting—probably last Friday of June at the Quail Inn bar here in Oakmont.

If we can get enough interest, we can schedule some activities to keep meetings interesting. We can tell accounts of our experiences and even a few war stories. Also thinking of a charity for wounded vets.

We propose guys and gals meet for a drink just like our old beer calls. Plan on meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Website: oakmontveterans.weebly.com.

For more information call me at (661) 965-1960.

Duplicate Bridge Twice a Week



■Jackie Reinhardt

The Duplicate Bridge Club has two games a week: 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 12:30 p.m. on Fridays, all in the card room of the Central Activity Center. It is a friendly, low-key group who enjoy a more challenging way of playing bridge. There is a small fee, currently \$4 per person, which pays for a professional club director who organizes the game and pays for our club membership with the American Contract Bridge League.

If you enjoy bridge and want a fun, friendly and competitive way to improve your skills, bring your partner and try us out. Or if you don't have a partner, call Wally Schilpp at 538-4293. Another plus, if you're an ACBL member, is that you can collect master points when you win since this is a sanctioned game. You'll also be able to see your results online.

What is Duplicate? In rubber bridge, a new hand is dealt every time, and a player's score often reflects quite a bit of luck. In duplicate bridge the hands are dealt only once, and then played by nearly everyone. Your overall score is based on how well you do with each hand compared to everyone else who played those hands. Another significant difference is that bidding is silent, using a bidding box.

First-time players may play for free.

Santa Rosa Symphony League Presents

■Elizabeth Kern

PRESS RELEASE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ AT DRY CREEK VINEYARD JULY 14

Join us for an afternoon of jazz performed by the Russian River Ramblers in the Secret Garden at Dry Creek Vineyard, 3770 Lambert Ridge Road, Healdsburg, Sunday, July 14, 2-4 p.m.

The Russian River Ramblers have been entertaining jazz aficionados at local venues for the past 25 years. Dave Stare, the founder of Dry Creek Vineyard, is our host and the banjo player. Enjoy Dry Creek's award-winning wine paired with jazzy refreshments.

General admission is \$45, \$40 for members of the Santa Rosa Symphony League. Reservations can be made on line at www.srsymphonyleague.org/festival-of-parties.html or by mailing a check to The Santa Rosa Symphony League, 50 Santa Rosa Avenue #410, Santa Rosa, CA. 95404. For information about the Symphony League and its many programs, see



srsymphonyleague.org.

The Santa Rosa Symphony League supports the Santa Rosa Symphony Institute for Music Education in raising funds for music education for youngsters in Sonoma County. This event is part of a series of lectures, musicals, and cultural activities known as the League's Festival of Parties.

Trione-Annadel State Park 2nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner

PRESS RELEASE



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WHAT: "Living with Lions," presentation by wildlife ecologist and large cat expert Dr. Quinton Martins

WHEN: Saturday, June 29, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Friedman Event Center, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa

PRICE: \$150 in advance, \$200 after June 15. Oakmont residents and their guests receive discount—table for 8 for \$800 (contact Annette Musson directly).

Sponsorship tables available. To purchase tickets visit www.FOTASP.com

CONTACT: Annette Musson, Event Coordinator, Friends of Trione-Annadel State Park, 326-3463, annettem@fotasp.com

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Travel and Adventure Club

■September Holstad

On July 1, I will be doing a presentation of different cruise line types and this will also be a good time to bring all your questions as we will not have a formal presenter at this meeting due to the holiday week.

August 5: G Adventures will be our guest presenting the many different tour type around the world that they offer. Don't let the name fool you, it's not all zip lining and kayaking. They have partnered with National Geographic in many areas to provide a more upscale experience accompanied by specialists from National Geographic. This is a meeting you won't want to miss.

In September we will not have a meeting due to the holiday.

In October, American Queen Steamship company will join us to talk about US-based river and lake cruising.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the West Rec. Center. As soon as the East Rec. is reopened, I will try to get an earlier meeting time for us.

Our Morocco trip in November is on, but I still have two more spots available. If you are interested, please see me about information.

Our meetings are open to all Oakmont residents and there are no dues or membership fees. There is no high-pressure selling—these are informational meetings.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

SIR Robert Ripley Branch #53



■Al Haggerty

BUSY SUMMER AHEAD

A busy summer is ahead for members of SIR Robert Ripley Branch #53, starting with the summer luncheon and including a day tour of 180 Studios in Santa Rosa and a visit to the Pacific Air Museum in Santa Rosa.

The summer luncheon will be held June 26 at the East Recreation Center with a social hour beginning at 11 a.m. The cost is \$30. Contact Roger Morcomb at morcomb@hotmail.com or 537-7192.

A day tour is set for June 29 at 180 Studios in Santa Rosa, a 15,000-square-foot space with labs for

electronics and robotics, a machine shop, fiber arts, woodworking and welding. There's no charge. Carpools will leave Berger at 10 a.m. Contact Ed Kelleher at edwardkelleher1@gmail.com.

A group will visit Open Cockpit Day for Vietnam War Aircraft Aug. 17 at the Pacific Air Museum in Santa Rosa. Aircraft on display include helicopters and fighter jets with speeds of more than 1,000 mph. Admission is \$7. Contact Kelleher. In addition, Kelleher is attempting to revive the book group, which needs a fourth member to continue.





Oakmont Democratic Club

■Tom Amato



“MORE JOY” FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT PROGRESSIVE ISSUES

Our country faces many political choices over the next 18 months. To energize us as we move into campaign season, and to raise a bit of money and to have some fun, More Joy will give a concert at 7 p.m. at the Berger Center on Saturday, June 22. Musical classics from the genres of folk, pop, country lifting up “Heroes” in the fight to create justice and compassion, songs will include blues and jazz that will inspire us as we prepare for the upcoming campaigns. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the Josh Harder Campaign.

Last year many Oakmonters helped Josh Harder upset a five-term Republican from the nearby Modesto/Tracy area. Harder is advancing a progressive agenda on health care, the environment, clean government and inclusion of everyone in our society.

Join us June 22. Ticket prices are \$25 per person. We expect a large turnout, so we would encourage getting tickets in advance by contacting More Joy at morejoyconcerts.com.

Over the next year and a half, the Oakmont Democratic Club will seek assistance from as many Oakmonters as possible, engaging at whatever level they can, to help win key elections and issues. One great effort is being made by the Oakmont PerSisters to stop voter suppression in North Carolina. Because of actions by the Republican candidate for Congress, courts have ordered a run-off. PerSisters are writing postcards, emailing, etc. to inform voters in Carolina that they are being taken off the rolls and denied their voting rights. If you wish to help, let us know by email at amatothompson@gmail.com.



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■Tony Lachowicz

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JUNE 20 LONG HIKE DIPSEA, STEEP RAVINE, AND MATT DAVIS LOOP

This seven-mile hike with a 1600' elevation gain begins along the Dipsea Trail at Stinson Beach. You climb gradually with ocean views until you reach

the junction with the Steep Ravine Trail. From here it climbs 1000' through the lush Web Creek Canyon with waterfalls, redwoods, and a 10' ladder to Pantoll Ranger Station in 1.5 miles. After that it's a leisurely descent on the Matt Davis trail with a lunch stop on a knoll with a view of the San Francisco skyline if weather permits. Bring hiking poles, water, and a snack. Leave the Berger Center at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Bill Stacy, (408) 694-7161.



Jack London State Park. (Photo by Keith Sauer)



Tule Elk at Tomales Point. (Photo by Martin Johns)

JUNE 20 INTERMEDIATE HIKE ROSIE THE RIVETER MUSEUM AND BAY TRAIL

Explore the Historic Richmond waterfront with a walk along the Bay Trail and an optional visit to the Rosie the Riveter Museum. Flat terrain, 5–6 miles. Bring lunch and prepare for windy, cool conditions. Leave Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leader is Marilyn Pahr, 541-6430.

JUNE 27 INTERMEDIATE HIKE KORTUM TRAIL

Starting at Shell Beach parking lot, our Sonoma coast hike will walk toward Goat Rock for approximately 1.5 level miles before returning to Shell Beach on the same path. There are great views in both directions. We might walk down to the beach for lunch or a snack.

Hike leader is Jason Wilkenfeld, 978-2385. Leave Berger at 9 a.m.

JUNE 27 LONG HIKE JACK LONDON—HAYFIELDS

A moderate, scenic hike (7.8 mi, 1500') on the Mountain and Hayfields Trails in Jack London State Park. We might be lucky enough to catch some late spring wildflowers. Meet at Berger Center for an 8:30 a.m. departure. Bring lunch, water, and hiking poles. Hike leader is Dave Stein, (650) 215-0327, ggds162@gmail.com.

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Billiard Club

■Jack Linder

On Wednesday, May 22 the Billiard Club hosted the 2019 Willie Mosconi 8 Ball Classic, a double elimination tournament that attracted 12 shooters featuring an assortment of bank shots, trick shots, combo shots, scratch shots, and their usual dose of good old-fashioned luck.

Although Mosconi's 1954 record of 526 consecutive balls was never seriously challenged, Willie certainly would have approved of the effort and camaraderie displayed during the event by our club members. At the end of the three-hour competition, Tom "Shep" Sheppard electrified the crowd by sinking a "once in a lifetime" winning shot to emerge as the tournament winner: a lower left english, 4-rail, 3-banker, off the chandelier 8-ball in the corner pocket to defeat Mike "The Machinist" Nerat in a hard-fought contest.

Our next exciting tournament is tentatively scheduled for mid/late July with details on the exact date, type of game, and location forthcoming in next month's *Oakmont News*.



Tom Sheppard (right) and Mike Nerat.

On Thursday, May 30 the Billiard Club had the pleasure of meeting dozens of prospective new members at the "Join a Club Night" at the Berger Center, outlining to them the club's mission statement and ironclad guarantee: they "will" have a ton of fun while making new friends and enjoying a wonderful game.

No dues! We play every Monday and Friday from 1-4 p.m. We offer an exciting tournament every other month. We provide all the equipment. Our friendly instructors will have you sinking shots on our emerald green tables in no time. Did I mention no dues?

The pool hall is located adjacent to the 10th tee at the East Golf Course. Access key can be obtained from the clubhouse pro Monday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Join the party or receive further information by contacting Steve Dieterle at (860) 502-4164 or me at 880-9279. Rack em' up!

Table Tennis Club



■Tom Gilmer

You are invited to join us in having fun playing table tennis. Our schedule will be changing as soon as East Rec. reopens. But for now, we still play on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m., Fridays from 4-6 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4:30 p.m. Members can also play on Sundays from 12 noon to 2 p.m. but need to prearrange with other players to join them.

We play on four tables in the well-lit and air conditioned 2nd floor of the West Recreation Hall, and we play regardless of rain, wind, or other weather issues. We have been having great turnout over the past few weeks in spite of all the rain.

We distribute notice of schedule changes and other information of interest to club members who are on our email contact mailing list. If you would like to be added to this list, send your email contact information to TPGilmer@Juno.com.

We play for fun and enjoyment, usually doubles. There are no dues—just show up ready to play. We have paddle and lots of balls, so you don't need to bring anything other than yourself.

We also have occasional social events for members and their significant others, including a New Year's Eve party and a summer picnic. For additional information contact me at 791-7448 or Ruthie Snyder at 230-2491.

Quilting Bee

■Joan Rumrill

At our May meeting Cathy Rapp introduced a list of ideas that have been generated for speakers, classes and items our group needs. Janet Shore donated an iron to our group and Skipper Taylor said she had purchased a new ironing board cover. There are issues with lighting over the counters near the sinks and of not having enough chairs set up in the room for our meetings. Kim Taddei said she would be happy to lead a Spider Web Quilt workshop.

Members in our new Saturday quilt group gave reports about why they like having this time to quilt together without home distractions. They said they were able to get a lot accomplished and especially appreciated having other quilters handy when they hit "road blocks" in their projects.

Paula Scull advised Wednesday, July 24, from 1-2:30 p.m. is reserved with the Grandparents Club for 12 children to join us for a sewing project. The children will make a Christmas ornament and should be able to complete it in the time reserved.

Joan Rumrill announced that Charlene O'Rourke, who recently gave a talk on Quilt History through Lifelong Learning, is slated to speak at the Oakmont Art Association September 13. The program will be held at the Berger Center beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Cathy Rapp showed some of her found treasures and shared stories of her recent trip "Down Under." Helen Anderson gave us a peek at the beautiful quilt on which she's currently working. It's a beautiful heart "and more" design.

Joan Moore showed some placemats she made for Meals on Wheels. Carol Jarvis brought two lovely quilts from her collection. One was a design by a PIQF instructor from Alice Springs and another, displaying a Hawaiian motif, was from a technique sharing workshop. Cheryl Anderson brought two antique heirloom family quilts for us to admire; one a small log cabin and the other a crazy quilt. She also gave some blue jeans to Joan Moore who enjoys making aprons from jeans.



Carol Jarvis.

Kim Taddei shared her current "Yarn Bomb" project (it's a secret!). She also showed an embroidered block project she finished for the Project Social Justice Sewing Academy. Kat Stevens gave us an update on her recent problems with professional quilting she had done on her Apple Quilt. She might be having a "Reverse Quilting Bee" in the future!

Liz McDonnell arrived a little late, but she brought a darling baby quilt she recently completed for a new family member. It is a soft pastel gray quilt with a giraffe appliquéd on it.

Bonnie Butler-Sibbald gave us an update on the search for a new home for the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild. Anyone with a suggested venue is welcome to let the SRQG Board know.



Liz McDonnell.

The Quilting Bee meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Arts and Crafts room from 1-4 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For further information please call Elizabeth McDonnell at 538-2523.

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Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

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Whatever your comfort level, you will be welcomed when you join us. The discussions are moderated by volunteers within the group, and microphones are passed around to enable everyone to hear. A \$1 donation is requested.

MODERATORS

- June 21: Barry Katz • June 28: Karen Donnelly

Join us on Fridays at West Rec., 1–2:30 p.m. and bring ideas of what you’d like to discuss. Our return to East Rec. depends on when the remodel work is finished. Watch OVA e-blasts and Current Events emails for when we can resume meeting at East Rec.

For more information call 539-5546 or send an email to tinalewis31@comcast.net.

Oakmont Cat Care Cooperative



■Mary Ellen King, List Coordinator

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For more information and to put your name on the list contact me at 849-1581.

Canasta Club

■Lorraine Hoffman

The ladies are having a great time playing canasta on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We are always welcoming new members.

If you are interested in playing canasta, contact me at 303-7089.

Thursday Pinochle



■Rod Clark

LOOKING FOR DAYTIME PINOCHLE?

We meet every Thursday morning at 9:15–11:45 a.m. in the Activities Center card room. This is a wonderful way to learn pinochle or brush up on your game, as well as for advanced players.

Arrive shortly before 9:15 a.m. We draw for partners, so singles or couples are welcome. Cost is 25¢ per game, paid to the winners.

For information or questions call me at (650) 346-0473.

LOOKING FOR NIGHT PINOCHLE?

We meet every second, fourth and fifth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Activities Center card room. We draw for partners, so singles or couples are welcome. Cost is 25¢ per game, paid to the winners.

For information or questions call Phillip House at 964-3236.

Just for Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY?

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games like: Rummikub, Hand and Foot, Pan, Settlers of Catan, Parcheesi, Spades, Splendor, Uno, Mah Jongg and so much more! We meet in the Card and Game Room at the CAC (Central Activities Center) every Saturday at 1 p.m., and on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. There are multiple games being played at the same time and you will always be able to choose what game you want to play. We are not too serious—because we play games Just for Fun!

We have a large collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. If you have any games that you would like to donate

or lend to the club, please let us know.

Come check us out even if you are not good at games—we enjoy the extra company. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. Come and have fun with us!

For more information contact me at 843- 3053 or send an email to goldguyphil@gmail.com.

SUMMER POTLUCK

We will be having our spring into summer potluck on Saturday, June 15. We will meet in the Art Room in the CAC at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and then move next door to the Card and Game Room for games at the usual 1 p.m. time. Bring what you like: starter, salad, side, main, dessert. Make it yourself or buy it, it all works!



Movies At Oakmont

■Barbara Bowman

WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAYS AND TIMES: Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.

HOSTS: Barbara Bowman, Ernie Erler, Al Haggerty, Carol Haggerty, Mike McInnis and Jeff Neuman.

NOTE: All films are shown with English subtitles when possible, free of charge—compliments of the OVA

JUNE 16, 2 AND 7 PM

FIRST REFORMED



Mired in guilt over his son’s death, the Reverend Ernst Toller (Ethan Hawke), pastor of a small church that was once a stop on the Underground Railroad, agrees to counsel a pregnant congregant (Amanda Seyfried) and her radical environmentalist husband, who challenges the clergyman’s views and leads him to embrace the same cause, regardless of the consequences. Acclaimed by critics, the film received many awards for Hawke’s performance, and for its direction and screenplay. (2018), R (violent images), 108 minutes.

JUNE 23, 2 AND 7 PM

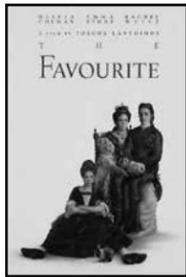
IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK



Exquisitely adapted from James Baldwin’s acclaimed novel, this timeless love story is set in 1970s Harlem. Newly engaged 19-year-old Trish and her fiancé Fonny are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Now the pair and their families must fight for justice in this lush, moving dramatic film. Regina King received both the Best Supporting Actress Oscar and a Golden Globe, and the movie garnered numerous other accolades and nominations, including a Best Picture nomination. (2018), R (language/sexual content), 119 minutes.

JUNE 30, 2 AND 7 PM

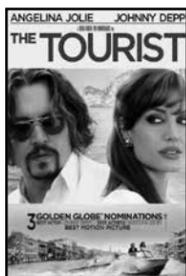
THE FAVOURITE



England is at war with France and amid the court of mercurial Queen Anne (Olivia Coleman) in 18th-century England, cousins Abigail Masham (Emma Stone) and Sarah Churchill (Rachael Weisz) battle to gain the favor of the monarch and her court. A film full of comedy and dark humor, it received ten Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture and Best Supporting Actress (Stone and Weisz), and won four Oscars, including Best Actress (Coleman), Best Costumes and Best Original Screenplay. (2018), R (sexual content/language), 119 minutes.

JULY 7, 2 AND 7 PM

THE TOURIST



An American tourist (Johnny Depp), seeking solace for his broken heart instead finds it in danger again after encountering a beautiful Interpol agent (Angelina Jolie). Little does the Yank know that the lady arranged their “chance” meeting and is using him to trap a thief. Soon they’re dodging bullets through both the historic streets of Paris and the winding canals of Venice. This stylish romantic thriller, with its beautiful cinematography, was nominated for three Golden Globes: Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Actress. (2010), PG-13, 103 minutes.

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- Sunday, June 16, 2 and 7 p.m.: *First Reformed*, (2018), R, 108 minutes.
- Sunday, June 23, 2 and 7 p.m.: *If Beale Street Could Talk*, (2018), R, 119 minutes.
- Sunday, June 30, 2 and 7 p.m.: *The Favourite*, (2018), R, 119 minutes.
- Sunday, July 7, 2 and 7 p.m.: *The Tourist*, (2010), PG-13, 103 minutes



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AVAILABLE IN OVA OFFICE

GAS SHUT-OFF WRENCH.....\$9
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REPLACEMENTS.....\$25 EA
GUEST ACCESS CARD.....\$25 EA
EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR RESIDENTS
This form is confidential and used only in case of an emergency to notify your named contacts.

BULLETIN BOARDS

There are three OVA bulletin boards, one at each recreation center, where OVA events can be posted. Please bring in notices to the Events Coordinator at the OVA Office. Size is limited to 8.5"x5.5". Items "For Sale", "For Rent" or "Want to Buy" can be put on a 3"x5" card and left at the OVA Office.

LOCKER RENTALS

Annual Locker Fee \$30 (January 1–December 31). If you wish to rent a locker, come to the OVA office and give us a check, your information and the number of the locker you want to rent. You provide the lock. We can prorate the annual fee. Daily use lockers are free. NOTICE: Weekly locker inspections are done by OVA Maintenance. Locks could be sawed off with no prior notice and locker contents removed on all unpaid lockers. Items will be held in OVA Maintenance office for 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact the OVA Office M-F 539-1611

GUEST PASSES

The following are OVA Guest Pass types and duration: 1) Guest from outside Sonoma County—up to 90 days; 2) House sitters—up to 90 days (OVA host must present written request to OVA Office for approval prior to visit); 3) Guests living in Sonoma County—2 days per card, and no more than 3 cards per month. Guest cards are available during regular hours in the OVA Office for a \$25 non-refundable fee. Guests accompanied by their Oakmont host are not required to have a Guest Pass.

STORAGE UNITS AND PARKING

Call Oak Creek RV & Storage, P.O. Box 2246, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. 707-538-3230

OAKMONT COMMUNITY GARDEN ON STONEBRIDGE

For more info on signing up contact OVA at 539-1611 or email Oakmontcommunitygarden@gmail.com. Spaces are available.

FITNESS CENTER

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr. Daily 5 AM–9 PM. Closed at 7 PM on Tues. for cleaning. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

NEED A RIDE? GIVE A RIDE! OAKMONT VOLUNTEER HELPERS

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We provide the following services to Oakmont Residents:

- Transportation to medical/dental appointments in Santa Rosa only
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- Meals on Wheels, 525-0383

Call 9AM–5PM
June 16–30
Barbara Lowell
538-0333
July 1–15
Susan Mullaly
539-1328

If you would like to be a volunteer, please call 539-8996. Donations to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers are appreciated and tax deductible. Mail your check payable to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers, 6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Thank you.

Mon.–Fri. medical rides before 9 AM or after 4 PM are subject to limited volunteer driver availability. No service on weekends or holidays. Please call at least three full working days prior to appointment. **We regret that we are unable to provide either wheelchair or emergency service.**

POOLS & JACUZZIS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
WEST: 7 AM–9 PM (Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM (Closes 7 PM Mondays for cleaning)
CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM (Closes 7 PM Tuesdays for cleaning)
JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.
CENTRAL POOL CHILDREN'S HOURS: 11 AM–2 PM (Exception: 12 Noon–4 PM Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day.) Children must be accompanied by an OVA member/resident or adult with a valid guest pool access card. NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AT ANY OVA POOL. ALL FACILITIES CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY.

PASSAGES

Please contact OVA resident Bev Schilpp by phone 538-4293 or by E-mail wallyschilpp1@peoplepc.com if you would like to have published in the *Oakmont News* the name and date of death of your loved one.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Wed 10:30 AM–12 PM, Berger Center, Room D. Contact: Del Baker 539-1657.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITER GUIDELINES

The Oakmont News welcomes residents' letters to the editor about Oakmont life. Email letters of no more than 250 words to news@oakmontvillage.com. Writer's name, address and phone number must be included. Writers will be limited to one letter published every 90 days. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

STREET CLEANING

City streets in Oakmont are cleaned by the city early on the fourth Friday of each month. Residents who want their streets swept should avoid street parking overnight on those days.

LIBRARY

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr. Hours: Daily 6 AM–9 PM. Closed Christmas Day. It is run by volunteers. All donations are gladly accepted. Materials we cannot use will be passed on to others.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE IN OAKMONT

- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
 - Sonoma County Transit #30 bus goes to Memorial and Kaiser Hospitals and downtown Santa Rosa. Returns via Oakmont to Sonoma.
- Schedules available at OVA office.

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OVA BOARD MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
1 PM in the Berger Center
All residents of Oakmont are welcome.

The Board of Directors of Oakmont Village Association reserves the right to select those articles submitted for publication that seem appropriate to the purpose of this association.

E-MAIL LIST

Do you want to stay updated on what is going on in Oakmont? Join the OVA E-mail list. You will receive Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes, Oakmont Notices, Meeting Announcements and the weekly Manager's Newsletter. To join, go to the OVA office and fill out a sign-up form, or visit www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-residents/. To receive E-Blast by E-mail, click the "join our E-Blast email list" link. If you would like a hardcopy, please come to the OVA Activities office. They are located on the front counter.

Canine Club

■Randi Hulce

OAKMUTT DOGGY DAY A "WOOFING SUCCESS"

Social Directors Peri Olinger and Karen Palmiotti reported that the Canine Club's first Dog Show on Saturday, June 1 was a "woofing success." The expected turnout of about 100 Oakmont dog lovers turned out to be closer to 200, with over 45 dog category entries.

I was Master of Ceremony, aided by Judy and Dick Ayres, Steve Huntley, Gordon Freedman, along with a host of Canine Club volunteers, friends and relatives.

The judges, Steve Spanier, Noel Lyons, Christel Antone and Marsha Zolkower, had their work cut out as 16 events were extremely varied. "Best Dressed" costume parade was won by Paula Lewis and her fur baby Sabina; both dressed in handcrafted matching outfits. Paula was all smiles getting her blue ribbon.

The dog judged most wanted to take home was a beautiful Samoyed named Niko, entered by Jan Young. Jan also had a winner with Murphy, showing off his obedience qualities in the Best Dog Trick event. Lucia Cargill, whose dog Mickey won Prettiest Eyes, had just rescued him three months ago from a local shelter. A great looking standard poodle named Piper, owned by Sally Shoemaker, won for Most Radiant Rescue.

Two dogs, Marlee, owned by Gordon Freedman and Norman, owned by Marla Dougherty, managed to snag two ribbons! Activity categories proved the

most fun to watch as the dogs competed for Fastest-To-Come-When-Called and Best Biscuit Catcher.

Here is a complete list of winners:

CATEGORY	DOG NAME	OWNER
Best Dressed	Sabina	Paula Lewis
Best Dog Buddies	Willis and Marlee	Gordon Freedman
Fleece as White as Snow	Windsor	Judy Maretta
Black Beauty	Norman	Marla Dougherty
Best Coat of Many Colors	Morgan	Jean Nattkemper
Best Biscuit Catcher	Norman	Marla Dougherty
Most Radiant Rescue	Piper	Sally Shoemaker
Fastest to Come When Called	Marlee	Gordon Freedman
Owner and Dog Look-a-Like	Budha	Lea Hopkinson
Best Mixed Breed	President Monroe	Claudette Brero-Gow
Best Dog Trick	Murphy	Jan Young
Bad Hair Day	Toto	Suzanne Rutlin
Prettiest Eyes	Mickey	Lucia Cargill
Happiest Dog	Finley	Dick and Judy Ayers
Softest Ears	Max	Salley Wagner
Judges Choice	Niko	Jan Young

Along with hot dogs offered by the Oakmont Market, there were prizes donated from local businesses including: Petco (Unleashed), Dr. Mark Ross D.V.M of Montgomery Veterinary Clinic, Village Pets & Supply, Safeway Market, Oakmont Pet Grooming, Pawsarotti, Western Farm Center and Century 21 Valley of the Moon.

Oakmont artist, Charles Gresalfi, did caricatures of the dogs. Pets Lifeline arrived with their truck of

pups available for adoption and information about their "No-Kill" Shelter. Paws for Healing came with some certified therapy dogs and offered information on joining their organization.

All attendees had an opportunity to cast their ballot to help name the future Oakmont dog park.

Canine Club membership forms are available at the OVA office or download from our website www.oakmontcanineclub.org. Membership is \$12 for individual or \$20 for a household. Leave your check or new member application in the Canine Club folder in the OVA office.

Partners Contract Bridge

■Jeff Hickman

The Partners Contract Bridge group plays in the Card Room at the Central Activity Center on the first and third Mondays of every month. This means we will be playing on June 17. We will also play on July 1 and 15.

Play begins by 6:45 p.m. and wraps up by 9 p.m. You keep the same partner throughout the evening and play three different opponent pairs. The cost is 50¢ per person or \$1 per couple.

If you wish to play, please call me at 282-9350 or email me at jeff@hickman.cc (yes .cc) If you enjoy bridge but haven't played with us before, call! We are always happy to meet new people who enjoy bridge.

We ask you to call in advance, rather than just show up, so that we can be certain that we have full tables and everyone can play. Even if you are a regular player but you did not attend the previous session, please call one of us so we can keep track of the number of players. It is always a bit of a struggle to ensure that we have full tables for the evening, so when in doubt, please call.

While we can best accommodate pairs, we will try to find you a partner if time allows. For this, you must call me days ahead of time. We will try but cannot guarantee that we will be successful.

See you at the bridge table.



Karen Palmiotti with Marlee, and Frank Donaldson with Willis.



Left to right: Marla Dougherty/Norman, Ann Free/Valhe, Kathy Tindall/Max, John Ray/Chloe, and Len and Sharon Klay's dog Cookie.



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