


At Dockside

Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay - April 1998

Picnic Date Set - It's August 29th!

Mark your calendars now - the picnic date for 1998 has been set and it will be held on Saturday, August 29th. This year the Association will not fund the picnic. We will recover costs by selling tickets. The committee has promised a fun event with good food and drink at a reasonable cost. More details will be provided as the date gets closer. Just wanted to make sure everyone gets the date on his or her calendars. 

Rats & Cats in Ballena

John Moore

It's long been known that we have a feral cat problem here in our association and on the island in general. Cat feces on our roofs, cat tracks across our decks, cat spray in our boats and deck lounge chairs are all signs of their infestation. County agencies have been working diligently to reduce the problem with trapping and neuter programs.

Recently another varmint has taken up Ballena residence: roof rats. Unlike larger Norway rats which live in borrows or sewers, the roof rat prefers to make nests in trees, dense vegetation, walls and attics. Roofrats weigh about 1/2 pound, can pass through openings larger than 1/2 square inch, can walk horizontal wires and climb vertical wires and pipes; they can reach 13" above a flat surface and jump at least 3 feet above a flat surface. They can dive and swim as far as 1/2 mile in open water. In short these guys are good survivors.

Several neighbors have reported seeing rats or

hearing them gnawing in the walls. Last week this writer killed a roofrat in a neighbors courtyard near the Ballena bridge. An exterminator was called and verified it was a roof rat. Since daytime sightings are rare for these nocturnal rodents, the fact they are being seen is indicative of a growing rat population.

The key to successful long term rat control in our community is the reduction of the life supports that sustain rats and cats alike. (The exterminator advised that while cats will often catch mice, they rarely combat rats). This means eliminating their food availability and habitat. Food availability means management of garbage, garden waste and pet food both inside and outside the house. Habitat control means reducing the places for rats to roam and nest. Open boats, cellars, wall voids, attics, debris heaps and wood piles are all places where rats can nest. Closing and sealing up entrances to these spaces is essential. Incidentally rats have liters every 2 months and a liter is usually 6-8.

What we can do:

1. Report any sightings to Rich Noble @ 865-3003 so we can assess the size of the problem.
2. Survey your home and yard. Make sure you are not leaving any food accessible. Make sure that any holes or access into your home or boat are plugged to prevent rat entry. Check for rat signs such as droppings, gnawing or rub marks.


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3. The board can elect to undertake an eradication program, however these are short term and temporary solutions. It is a fact that rat populations quickly adapt and become poison resistant, thus the real long term solution is to eliminate or reduce the available food and habitat areas. 

It's a Mail Thing!

At our February homeowners meeting you may recall hearing about a warning given by Alameda police. The problem was described as unsavory people taking mail out of mailboxes, removing checks, modifying them and cashing them.

One of our good neighbors last week stopped a young man on Tideway who appeared to be sifting through a mailbox.

They say a ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure. In this case if you have an external mailbox you may wish to change to a mail slot where your mail resides safely inside your yard or garage. 

Classified Ads

Nokia 2160 Digital Cellular Telephone, regular and long talk time batteries, 2 chargers, leather case, lighter cord, headset adapter. Less than 1 year old. \$120. Call Jeff Frankel 769-6097

24-Speed Mountain Bike, silver, like new. Call John 865-7580.

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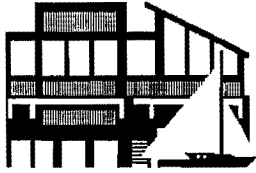
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Summer is Here! (almost)


John Moore

We have on good authority that the rain will wane and the sun will return despite El Nino. In this issues, I thought I would explore some of the summer fun things that are going on around the community.


The BBTA Walkers

Rain, nor sleet, nor hail (all of which we have had in abundance) don't seem to stop the BBTA walkers. Monday through Friday two groups of walkers do a 3.5 mile trek (about 45 minutes). They meet at the Ballena bridge at 5:30 am and at 7:30am. The trek goes from the bridge down Cola Ballena and back, then up to Central, then down West Tideway, back across the bridge, down Ballena around the point through the harbor to the end of Cola Ballena, back up to Central towards Encinal High School through the apartments and back up Tideway. Whew!!!! I feel better already. Please join us. The more the merrier. 


BBTA Rowers and Kyackers

Beginning May 15th we will begin rowing around Ballena Island most mornings at 6:45am. It takes less than 1 hour and is great cardiovascular and upper body exercise. Please join us. Call John @ 865-7580. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a life vest. 

Salmon Tournament

The first Annual BBTA Bill Mills Salmon Tournament is being planned now. There's nothing like the taste of fresh caught salmon right off the BBQ. This year a group of us thought it would be nice to add a new event to our BBTA calendar in honor of the late Bill Mills. Bill and his wife Dee Dee loved to fish the bay and ocean waters and have been missed by all of us. If you would like to help us put this Derby together, we'll be having a planning committee meeting on May 21st @ 300 Tideway @ 7:30pm. Call John @ 865-7580. 

BBTA Summer Picnic

The annual BBTA picnic will be held August 29th. Ann Kenyon has graciously volunteered to be this year's chairperson. More details will be published in up coming issues of At Docksider. 

Classified Ads

Frankel Franklin Stove

Complete with the flue pipe and reported to have been owned by Ben himself. Stove is in good condition and needs a good home. Will accept the best offer under \$100 - originally a \$1500+ stove, call Jeff @ 769-6097.

Motocycles

1981 Honda CB750 custom motorcycle in excellent condition, \$1500, call Dave @ 523-8702

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1982 Honda CB125 Motorcycle \$500.00 Call Dave @ 523-8702

Boat Parts

Pre owned J-24 Parts Must see to appreciate. Call Dave or Julie @ 523-8702 for a viewing.

Awesome Transportation

1987 Dodge Dakota Pick-up Truck - fair condition. Critics have called this vehicle "A flashy red champion of basic transportation". \$1500 or best offer. Call Pete or Kathy @ 337-1853


Go Fast for Little Cash

Sail Boat - JY-15 Racing Dinghy, Great condition, with a trailer and complete set of sails. Ready to go! Jeff Frankel says: "I'd buy it myself if Patty would let me!" \$2500 - firm, call Pete @ 337-1853

Bicycle Maddness

Bridgestone MB-4 18 speed Mountain Bike, light alloy frame, quick release hubs, like new, over \$1000 list, asking \$375.00 - Competition Montana -KHS, alloy frame, all Shimano parts, like new, \$1200+ list, asking \$400 or both bikes for \$725.00. Call John @ 865-7580

Cheaper Bikes

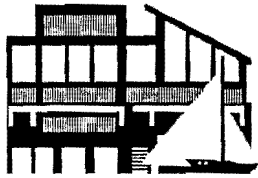
Jeff and Patty will part with a pair of Marin Mountain bikes, each in reasonable shape, \$150 each or best offer, or both for \$300 and we'll throw in a Franklin stove (see earlier ad). 

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First Annual BBTA Willie & Dee (Mills) Salmon Tournament

John Moore

A planning committee consisting of Sigi Osicki, Kjell Ragner, Paul Ekstrom, Leon Persson, Merrill Peters, and John Moore met Monday to discuss the format of this hopefully annual event. Darlene Shiley daughter of Dee Mills called to offer a perpetual trophy in honor of her mom and Bill after whom the tournament has been named.

The date for the tournament is August 8th (This is usually when the big one's come in). In case of bad weather, the backup date is August 15th. The fleet departs Ballena at 6:00am (though you can actually leave anytime). Entrants must be back at the dock by 4:00pm for the weigh-in.

Prime Rib & Salmon BBQ

Following the weigh-in an old fashion BBQ will be held. Sigi and Corinne Osiki, owners of The Whales Tail have graciously donated the prime ribs and it will be up to the participants to provide the Salmon. Veggies, salads and deserts will be pot luck.

The entry fee is \$20.00 per person, BBQ only guests are \$10.00 per person.

The Bill and Dee Mills memorial trophy will be awarded to the largest fish determined by weight. (A resident of BBTA whose name will inscribe on a perpetual plaque can only win the trophy.) The winner will hold the trophy until a new winner is named next year. In addition to the perpetual trophy there will be other prizes for:

* The first fish caught

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Dates to Remember

June 21 - Summer Solstice

June 27 - Garage Sale - 9 households participating, so far. Call Melaine Hovanian 337-9303 to add your name to the list.

August 8 - Salmon Tournament - See story at left.

August 29 - BBTA Picnic - Details next month.

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Variety of household furniture and decorator items. Call Phyllis @ 865-1051

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* The longest fish

* The second longest fish

We are also hoping to have a few door prizes. We have at least six residents with fishing boats who have indicated they would participate. Therefore you don't need a boat to participate we should have plenty of space aboard. An official entry form will be sent to each resident within the next 10 days. This should be a great opportunity to have fun with your neighbors and enjoy a fresh salmon/prime rib BBQ. 

Tahoe Anyone

This summer we will have limited time to enjoy our Incline Village house and wonder if any of our neighbors would like to use it. It has three bedrooms and two baths on three levels. Rent would include a recreation pass that allows free use of private beaches, discounts at the golf course and tennis complex as well as the recreation center. If interested, call Beverly Partridge at 865-2574. 

Dr. Vickery Retires

Scoop Flanigan

Our neighbor, Doctor John Vickery, made the last day of 1997 his final one as a practicing Oakland physician. The Mayor of Oakland proclaimed December 31, 1997 "Dr. Vickery Day" in the Oakland Tribune. Nurses with whom he had worked for years threw him a farewell party, the examining table serving as a buffet table that day. Jim and Mary Neil hosted a dinner party in his honor at their home. Among the many visitors who bid him farewell were third generation patients. I must elaborate on this. When he first began practice, he treated a woman ninety years of age. Thereafter, he treated her children, her grandchildren and ultimately her great-grandchildren—truly remarkable. Over the course of his professional career, he delivered 4,000 babies, performed 8,000 surgeries and

served the community of Oakland for fifty-two years in all.

During a period in his career, Dr. Vickery became active in the politics of medicine. In the 1970s, malpractice insurance costs skyrocketed. The cost of such coverage was \$185 per year when he started practicing medicine in 1947. It had risen to \$43,000 by the early '70s. Many insurance companies were pulling out of the market. Dr. Vickery worked with the legislature in Sacramento and with congressmen to reduce these soaring costs with the insurance companies who remained.

Among the many organizations and associations to which he has belonged are the California State Medical Association, the Oakland Airport Emergency Committee, and the Alameda County Medical Association. He was Chief of Staff of Oakland Hospital until it closed in 1987. He was active on both Alameda Hospital staff and Summit Medical staff.

His patients have demonstrated a long-term allegiance. Some left in the late '70s and early '80s to migrate to HMOs. Many came back, realizing that pared-down costs meant reduced care. The good doctor became chagrined when, of his Medicare/Medicaid patients, "When are you going to discharge them?" became a premature and too-often asked question. As he points out, one diagnosis does not fit all.


The Vickerys are enjoying the travel and leisure side of retirement. They recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia. Upcoming travel plans are likely to include taking a barge down the Rhine and seeing the fjords in Norway. Doctor Vickery is a wine enthusiast and also enjoys goose and duck hunting.

The good doctor has many pleasant memories of his days as a practicing physician. He fondly remembers

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receiving Crown Royal and cigars at the birth of newborns. At holiday time, not only was he showered with cakes, cookies and See's candy, but also with homemade beans and enchiladas. These are memories he holds dear and he sums up his professional career thusly, "It was a pleasure to serve them. 

Ciao!

By Mort A. Della and Reggi Ano

This month we visited Luna Piena (trans. Full Moon), located next to Ratto's Delicatessen in Oakland. This was formerly the site of the restaurant operated by Ratto's itself. The menu lists the proprietors as Anna Schweitzer and Geoffrey Deetz, and the chefs as Geoffrey Deetz and Cindy Deetz. We always view it as a positive sign when the owner is in the kitchen, and in this case it proves to be true. The room is relatively

large and nicely decorated, with seating for perhaps 200, with the kitchen along the back wall. The left wall contains an attractive bar and the right wall features a piano and a small P.A. system. On both nights we were there recently, a jazz trio was performing, and on another occasion when we were dining nearby, a big band was holding forth! For the jazz trio, there was no cover.

The food is an interesting blend of styles; while we won't use the dreaded "C" word, suffice it to say that good parts of various cultures are incorporated. Salads included a great Caesar's Salad, Shaved Fennel-Hazelnut Salad and a Baby Spinach Salad, all \$8. Other Starters included a New Orleans Sushi Roll with blackened catfish, mustard greens, red bell peppers, green onions, asparagus and tobiko caviar,

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BBTA Residents with owners of Luna Piena.

Photo Credit: Stan Brody



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rolled inside-out with toasted sesame seeds, an equally eclectic Vegetarian Sushi Roll with Feta cheese and tofu, both \$7. Also offered were a Brushetta with Feta, garlic, basil, olive oil, and tomato relish (\$8), a wonderful Pan Seared Coconut-Lime Mussel dish (\$9), and Baked Brie en Croute (\$8).

Entrees were uniformly excellent and true to their menu descriptions (this can be problematic elsewhere). Pastas included Anna's Angel Hair with fresh tomatoes, basil, goat cheese balls (\$13), Tiger Prawn Spaghetti (\$16), and Smoked Salmon Ravioli (\$14). The Ravioli, from Phoenix Pasta, was served in a yellow and red pomadora sauce and was outstanding. Other notable entrees included a Potato and Pasilla Pie (\$12), which was a baked philo pastry stuffed with banana potatoes, roasted mushrooms, fresh pasilla chilies, Parmesan cheese and fresh herbs.


For the adventuresome, Blueberry Barbecue Duck Legs (\$14), two legs stuffed with pecan cornbread and oven roasted with homemade blueberry barbecue sauce, served with creamed corn and yams. By the way, the phrase "oven roasted", like "previously owned", is a marketing term. Our parents more honestly called such things "baked" and "used".

The wine list affords an adequate selection, with emphasis on California wines and some wine from Italy and France. The prices are reasonable, with, for example a Ruffino Chianti at \$18, a Clos de Bois Cabernet (Alexander Valley) at \$25, and Mondavi "Coastal" Chardonnay at \$24. A good selection of wines are available by the glass. For

those wishing to bring their own wine, corkage is a reasonable \$8. Desserts were wonderful, with a good assortment of cobblers, creme brulees, and other interesting forbidden creations.

This area of Oakland is undergoing a very nice revival, and this restaurant is a great addition to that process. We enjoyed both of our meals here very much and recommend that you give it a try. Luna Piena 827 Washington 444-4480. Reservations recommended. 

Thanks Bev!

Thanks to Bev Partridge for submitting the attached Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. 

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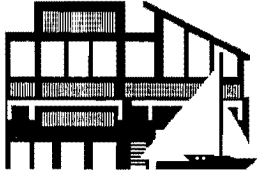
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New Recycling Guide Available

Nancy Moore

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority & Recycling Board has released the newly updated 1998-1999 Alameda County Recycling Guide. The information guide provides practical information on where to take reusable and recyclable materials, buying recycled products and preventing waste before it starts.


The illustrated, 36-page booklet includes listings for Alameda County recycling facilities and vendors, information on how to properly dispose of hard-to-recycle materials such as plastics, construction debris, used motor oil and household hazardous waste, and a comprehensive directory of Alameda County residential curbside collection programs.

If you are interested in obtaining a free copy of the recycle guide you should call the Recycling Hotline at 639-2498. 


Annual Salmon Derby Next Month!

John Moore


The first Mills Memorial Salmon Derby will be held AUGUST 8. Several Fishers neighbors have already signed up. The tournament features a perpetual trophy for the largest salmon. The trophy was donated by Darlene Shiley, the daughter of Dee Mills. Other awards and special recognition's will be made at the BBQ which will follow the tournament which has a 3pm weigh in time. The BBQ and weigh in will be held at the Whales Tail Deck.

Owner Sigi has graciously offered to supply prime rib for those who have their fill of barbecued salmon. So dust off that old fishing pole in the garage and have some fun with your neighbors. For information call John Moore at 865-7580, or Sigi Osicki at 814-9085. 

Notice of Important Community Business

The BBTA board of directors will take up the issue of dock replacements at this week's meeting. Please read the attached notice and attend the meeting and contribute to the discussion. 

Annual Picnic

A registration form for this year's picnic appears on page 2 of this issue. See you at the picnic. 

Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the BBTA Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 16, 1998 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club.



Ballena Bay Annual Picnic - Saturday, August 29th.

It's time to dig out your sombreros and sarapes - this year's picnic will have a Mexican theme. Our festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Mexican beer, margaritas, sangria, soft drinks, chips, salsa, and guacamole. A Mexican dinner (fajitas, rice, beans, and salads) will follow at 6:00 p.m. The location for the "fiesta" will be 1213 Ballena Blvd. As mentioned in an earlier Dockside, this year's event is not sponsored by the Homeowner's Association. As a result, we must charge for the event. Guests are welcome and tickets are priced as follows:

Adults	\$12.50
Children 6 - 12	\$ 5.00
Children under 6	Free

Reservations may be made by completing the section below and sending a check to Pat Chronis. Cut-off date for reservations is August 15th. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact one of the members of this year's Picnic Committee. They are:

- Bob and Ann Kenyon
- Jim and Mary Neil
- Ed and Isabella Foster
- Gary and Jennifer Flanigan
- Gus and Pat Chronis

Hope to see you there amigos!!!

Detach Here

PICNICRESERVATIONS

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$12.50 = \$ _____

_____ Children between 6-12 @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

_____ Children under 6 = Free

Total \$ _____

Checks Payable to Pat Chronis, 463 Cola Ballena

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Salmon Tournament Hailed as Great Success

John Moore


Our first Salmon Tournament given in honor of Bill and Dee Mills was a great success. Over 20 fisherman in four boats plied the water of the Pacific in search of the prize salmon. The Honorable and Reverend Bob Partridge and his lovely wife Beverly manned the weigh in station. The overall winner, weighing in just over twenty pounds, was young Peter Ryan Shea. Peter collected \$150.00 and the perpetual trophy which now has his name inscribed on it.



Capt'n John & First Place Winner, Peter Ryan Shea

The second largest salmon was caught by Leon Persson who collected \$50.00. First fish caught was won by Peter Shea who also collected \$50.00. Finally, although not a salmon a honorary prize of \$20.00 was given to Hans Bockenamp for his nice stripper.

The BBQ that followed was a lot of fun with over 50 people in attendance. Thanks to all of you who brought your creative pot luck. A special thanks to Sigi and Corrine of the Whales Tails for donating the space, decorations, prime rib, and Sigi's fabulous potatoes to go along with the fresh fresh BBQ salmon.


Thanks to John and Nancy for organizing the event and a special thanks to Darlene Shiley (Dee Mills daughter) for her donation of the perpetual trophy. We look forward to next years Salmon Tournament. 

Classified Ads

Bridgestone MB-4 18 speed mountain bike: Light alloy frame, quick release hubs, like new, over \$1000.00 listing, asking \$275.00 Call John @ 865-7580

Dinette Set: Glass table with 4 metal back cushion chairs. \$150.00 Call John @ 865-7580

Oxy Acetylene Torch Set: Complete set with regulators, cutting torch, hoses, gages, tanks and cart. \$400.00 Call John @ 865-7580

Pickup Truck - Ford F150 XLT, V8, Warner winch, dual gas tanks, bed linner, lumber rack, new transmission, runs great, 187K miles, \$13K, call John @ 865-7580 

Next Meeting


The next Meeting of the BBTA Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 20, 1998 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club.



Don't Feed Rats/Cats

The rat and feral cat population seems to be rising. Last week, Ed Foster observed a large rat swimming past his dock. This writer has observed several rats and feral cats feeding at the fishing point at the end of Tideway. Someone is leaving a large tin platter of cat food and fresh water on the concrete blocks. Although providing food and water may seem like a good thing to do for nature, in reality it is fueling a rat and cat infestation that could have serious consequences for our community.

It is generally agreed that the poison extermination programs work marginally at best and the most successful rat abatement programs are those where food supply is eliminated.

Please help us control this growing problem. If you see open food around our community please dispose of it. If you see someone bring food into our community tell them our problem and ask them to feed someone else's rats and feral cats. 

A Few Good Men And Women Needed

Next month we elect new board members for our association. Our homeowners meetings are the third Thursday of each month at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. The board has the responsibility to:


- Develop operating and reserve budgets
- Select service contractors
- Enforce the CC&R's (which we all agreed to

abide by when we purchased our homes)


- Review and take action on architectural, dock and landscape recommendations made by their respective committees
- Set dues commensurate with budget needs
- Hire and oversee an association manager

Normally the board, consisting of five members has two to three seats open each election. This year all five positions are up for election. As of this date the following homeowners have expressed interest in running:

Jeff Frankel	352 Tideway Drive
Bob Kenyon	1213 Ballena Blvd
Susan Frank	1209 Ballena Blvd

If you are interested in serving on the board please call Gary Flanigan @ 523-4734. 

Fantasea's Back

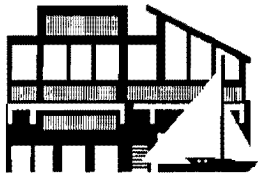
The Fantasea returned to Ballena Bay last week after a month hiatus at Svendsens Boat Yard where she underwent a complete propulsion replacement. Owners Bob and Beverly Partridge and neighbors missed the Fantasea a 1925 Matthew's Cruiser. Now she's back with her new engine and old siren to the delight of everyone including Max Partridge the coon cat who takes his afternoon naps aboard the good ship. 

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Board Election September 17

Nancy Moore

The annual homeowner's meeting will take place next Thursday, September 17, 1998 at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club. Five candidates have placed their names in nomination. Their biographies follow for your review. Please attend this annual meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Susan Frank

I have lived in the Ballena Bay Townhomes since 1985. I am the founder and owner of Suma Landscaping. Besides holding a C-27 Landscape Contractor's License, I am also a licensed Real Estate Broker doing business as Bay Realty. I believe we are very fortunate to live in this little known paradise called Ballena Bay. My background in the construction trades, real estate, and business management should allow me to make a positive contribution to our association.

Jeff Frankel

I have lived in Ballena Bay with my wife Pat for the past 10 years, and have been a Bay Area resident since 1977. I have served past boards of directors, twice as president. My current employment is as Chief Information Officer for New Horizons Computer Learning Centers in Irvine. The primary task ahead of us for 1999 is clearly to get the dock replacement program underway. I've seen lots of positive changes in the community since 1988 and know that such progress is only gained as the result of hard work on the part of the whole community. I pledge my best efforts to help keep the community on the track of sound funding policies and of ever-improving maintenance programs. We'll have some fun along the way too.

Robert Kenyon

I am a retired Naval Officer; I have been employed as a marine engineering consultant for the U.S Navy for the past twelve years. A resident of Ballena Bay for the last seven years, I have previously served three years as a board member responsible for dockside maintenance (two years) and landside maintenance (one year). In addition, I have served on both architectural committee and dock committee during years that I was not a member of the board.

Bruce Smith

My wife Sandy and I are newcomers to the community have moved into our new home over the Fourth of July weekend from Harbor Bay. We both have joined in our local activities—attending the dock hearing, the fishing tournament dinner, the regular monthly meeting, and the Fiesta. Sandy has also gotten involved in the noise abatement issue with the Port of Oakland, see the article in this issue.

I am the Product Marketing Manager for Hewlett-Packard's PA-RISC microprocessors. With worldwide responsibility, I listen to the needs of the various in-country markets and take these into consideration in developing regional marketing plans. Previously at Hewlett-Packard, I managed a nationwide group of Business Support Consultants that focused on the business needs of HP resellers. Prior to joining Hewlett-Packard twelve years ago I held computer related management positions with Lucky Stores, Applied Materials, and Spectra Physics.


I am interested in seeing the continuation of the efforts of recent boards to bring the quality of maintenance up to a level that protects the individual owner's equity in their home and that keeps the property values consistent with the unique offerings of our waterfront living.

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David Wiard

I am a native Bay Area resident, an eight-year resident of Alameda and have been a homeowner for the past three years here in Ballena Bay. My wife Julie has served on a prior board and so I have had a chance to view the challenges facing our community from a nearly first-hand vantagepoint. I want to maintain and improve upon the high standards of maintenance established by recent boards over the past few years. I am a graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I work in machine tool sales for a global organization. I love to sail and race a j24 competitively. 

From The Editor


Nancy Moore

Writing The Dockside has been a great experience. Collecting articles from our reporters, John and Scoop Flanigan, getting text to Jeff Frankel for production, going to Kinko's at midnight for the press run, and delivery @ 5:45 am: Its been fun!


I would especially like to thank all of you who contributed articles. The Dockside can really help keep us all informed about what's happening in our neighborhood and community. I am sure the next editor will continue to grow our newsletter.

John and I will be leaving for New Zealand next month however we will look forward to getting The Dockside by e-mail. Our e-mail address is jmoores@pacbell.net. We also look forward to hearing from you. We will have a sailing website and will put the address in the next Dockside.

Best Regards, Nancy Moore

Nancy: We look forward to receiving your round-the-world journal entries for inclusion in the Dockside. - Jeff Frankel 

Thank you Beverly Partridge!

Thank you Beverly for all the great information on the Hornet attached to this Dockside. 

Barbecue

The annual BBTA barbecue was a resounding success. Sixty-seven homeowners, renters and guests began arriving at five in the afternoon to sip margaritas and/or beer and munch on chips and salsa. The mood was lively and fun and everyone seemed to be having just a great old time. This is always such a great event to catch up with people you haven't seen in a while, maybe even since the New Year's Day event. As someone once said "This is the glue which holds this place together."

The theme was Mexican and the table committee of Mary Neil, Pat Chronis and Isabella Foster did a wonderful job decorating with vividly colored tablecloths and plates. The centerpieces of miniature jalapeno pepper plants added just the right spice—thank you Isabella! Muchas Gracias Grande to our two chefs, Gary Flanigan and Jim Neil—Jim stir frying up a storm with the chicken fajitas (ably assisted by Bob Kenyon) and Gary (likewise assisted in both preparation and quality control by Dave Wiard) with his famous carnitas. What can you say about these guys except—fantastico!

Doctor and Mrs Vickery were turning out those margaritas as though there was no manana—a few of us felt the effects the next manana, but what a way to go. Bob Kenyon, Jim Neil, John Moore & Gary Flanigan rounded up chairs and tables—no small feat. Ed Foster, Gus Chronis, and Phyllis McGrew did setup and takedown. Thanks you guys. And Gus's hands were nearly numb from skewering eighty fruit kabobs—what a trouper! A very special thanks go to

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the Wiards—Dave and Julie did setup, did bartending and serving. You two were great.

Elois Lillywhite, we missed you! Many nametags were not on the correct side. We want to see you at the greeting table next New Year's Day!

The BBTA annual event was chaired by our own Ann Kenyon, who kept us focused (no small feat here, either!)—gracias, gracias, gracias.

Volunteers Needed

Kathleen Shea

I am sitting for certification for the Enneagram Professional Training Program. Between now and December I need to interview 20 people. The Enneagram is a system of personality development based on what we can observe about how people think, feel, and behave.

The Enneagram helps you understand how you are boxed in by your habit of mind so that you have a chance to get out of your particular box. It works in team building. It promotes effective relationships by understanding the strengths and weaknesses of yourself and others and avoidance of blame. It helps you to take things less personally when you are under stress. Each interview will take about 50 minutes and I will video it. Please call if you are interested: 337-1953

Attention Bridge Players

Audrey, Beverly, Gloria and Josie like to play bridge on Tuesday afternoons. Unfortunately, having all four in town on the same Tuesday is not always possible. We need to enlarge the group! Anyone interested, please call 522-3266 or 865-2574.

For Sale

Gray Marine

6 cylinder, inline, side valve engine rated @ 150 h.p. at 3300rpm; complete with Paragon transmission w/ 2 ½ reduction gear, and fresh water cooling system. Removed from Fantasea in August '98 in running condition. \$1500.00! Will consider selling parts/ negotiation. Call Bob partridge @ 865-2574

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Orinda Controls Auto Pilot with remote control

Easy installation, easy operation. \$150.00.

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Airport Noise

Sandy Smith

Did you know that recently, two of our homeowners attended the first meeting of the Oakland Airport Community Noise Management Forum? Julie Wiard and Sandy Smith took their concerns about the increasing frequency of noisy aircraft going low above our area to this new forum. This forum appears to be an attempt by the Port of Oakland to appease the critics of their planned expansion of the Oakland Airport. Several organizations critical of the expansion plan were represented on the panel. Included were mayors of surrounding communities, county supervisors, city council members from the surrounding communities, and at least one homeowner's group representative. Representatives of the airport administration, the FAA, airlines (SouthWest), pilots (SouthWest) were present as advisors.

This formative meeting became an opportunity for concerned citizens to be heard on the issue. Representatives seemed surprised by the presence of residents from Ballena Bay and their concerns. Julie Wiard was effective in getting the forum's attention when she effectively rebuked the attempts of an

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Airport representative to downplay the concerns and experiences of repeat callers to the Noise Hotline. The representative attempted to eliminate the complaints of frequent callers as unrepresentative of the problem. This is consistent with the noise level report available from the Oakland Airport. The report uses averages in reporting noise levels. You probably are not awakened at 4:30 a.m. by an "average"; it is a specific occurrence.

We all should be concerned about this issue. In addition to the noise that is all too obvious, several residents have reported black soot from the jet engines on the boats, cars, and deck furniture. The noise and pollutants have been shown to be a health hazard. The homeowner's associations should consider having representatives from our community on this forum if it is determined that the forum will be effective in dealing with the issues and is not a ruse to placate residents. The next meeting is:

When

Wednesday, October 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where


Port of Oakland Building,
2nd Floor 530 Water Street, Oakland
(Jack London Square—across from Yoshi's and behind Beverages & More)

You are encouraged to attend and be heard! You can make noise reports on aircraft to the Noise Hotline at Oakland Airport.

The number is 577-4194, and is available 24 hours a day. It might be helpful to use the following outline in making your calls: Clip it out and keep it by your phone.

When you call make sure to give the following information:

Noise Hotline 577-4194

- * Last Name (spell it!)
- * Address
- * Phone number (if you want to be contacted)
- * Date (include day of the week)
- * Time (remember a.m. or p.m., or military time)
- * Nature of complaint (noise, aircraft turning to soon-they should not be going over your area)
- * Aircraft identification if you know it (Fed-X MD-11 etc.) 

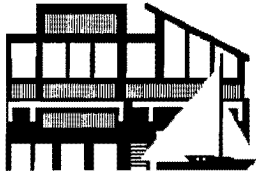
**Come to the
Homeowner's
meeting, Thursday,
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New Board elected

Jeff Frankel

By now you have received your 1999 budget package so the information below is provided again mostly for your reference. I do want to take a moment to thank David, Susan, Bruce, and Bob for taking on the job. I look forward to a great year working with these generous and committed neighbors. 

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Volunteers Wanted

If you have a little free time and would like to serve on one of the Board Committees, please call the appropriate board member. Your efforts will be appreciated and you will be making a significant contribution to the community. 

Baja Ha-Ha Early-Results


John & Nancy Moore (300 Tideway Drive) finished the annual San Diego to Cabo San Lucas race this week. When we spoke yesterday, the results had not yet been posted so we don't know if the Moores won, lost, or tied. We'll keep you posted.




John & Nancy Moore relaxing below in Bob & Bev Partridge's Fantasea at TI cove the night before leaving for San Diego




CC&R's & ByLaws Available

While the legal-sized documents given to you when you bought your house are your official copies, I have available very clean copies of the CC&R's and Bylaws on 8.5x11" paper. For the computer jockeys out there, I also have copies available in Adobe Acrobat format. Call or e-mail me at 769-6097 or jeff.frankel@newhorizons.com. 


Articles Needed

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Got an Association-Related Issue or Problem?

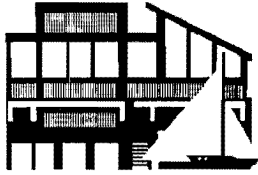
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The Voyage Of John And Nancy Moore

by Scoop Flanigan

John and Nancy Moore set off on their exciting voyage to see the world and its many wonders on October 20, 1997. Just as a great adventure begins with a single step, so a great voyage begins with a short sail; theirs was Ballena Bay to Clipper Cove the night of the 20th. They overnighted at the cove then at 4 A.M. set sail for Half Moon Bay where they put in for some much-needed fuel. Leaving there, they then headed south with plans to make for San Diego. They were burning 1 to 2 gallons of fuel, not .75 as they had anticipated. The most difficult sailing of this route is point is Pt. Concepcion and the most dreaded time to be there is 4 P.M., so the plan was to go out 50 miles; but fuel was a concern. To be safe, they decided to stop in Santa Barbara on Oct. 23. They had been told, don't come in at night, their sail plan had them putting in at 11 P.M. During this passage, the weather went from calm winds to a 26-knot blow. The boat loved it. Both John and Nancy said it was the best sail of the way South. It was here that they encountered hundreds of dolphins, some jumping along side the boat. A bit later, Nancy was down below, John was at the wheel when he saw what looked to be a nuclear sub next to the boat to port. It was in actuality a whale and he was looking down its blowhole. Just as he was reacting to this unexpected visit, he saw another whale to starboard. Thankfully the event was over in a heartbeat, the whales glided away and John did not have to utter the call "Man the Harpoons!" Nancy was most grateful as she had not made it to the harpoon aisle at Costco and was fresh out.

John describes sailing in to Santa Barbara as a little eerie. It was nighttime and very dark. They could barely make out the oil platforms in the distance. The smell of diesel was strong in the night air. It was here that the ITT Night Vision Scope came in handy (there was no moon that night) and soon they could make out the lights of the city. They spent the night here, fueled up the next morning and got underway. After a short stop in Catalina they set out for San Diego and made port at 6:30 A.M. Sunday morning.

Preparations were well under way for the Baja Ha Ha, which is a San Diego-to-Mexico cruise rally. The Moores were proud to announce the the Breakin Wind came in third in its class in this rally—no small feat. They left San Diego the following Tuesday for Turtle Bay, a primitive village on the Mexican coast. They had taken on additional crew in the form of Sigi Osicki, executive chef of the Whale's Tail Restaurant here in our own Ballena Bay. Aside from his abilities as able crewmember, the Moores were extremely grateful for the sumptuous meals he prepared on this leg of the voyage.

John and Nancy have a vivid recollection of the people inhabiting Turtle Bay and describe them as very poor and very happy. The pier there is about a thousand feet long and John remembers the children lining up along it with flashlights in hand, dressed in costumes. It was Halloween! One of Nancy's brothers and his wife flew down to meet them. They stayed at a small hotel in the town, catching up on the events of the voyage thus far. To point up precisely how primitive this village was, there was only one telephone in town, so for \$6, they phoned home and let everyone know they had arrived safely in Mexico. To celebrate, the following day they had a beach party. They caught two yellow fin tuna and had fresh sashimi. As John remarked, sashimi doesn't get much fresher than eight minutes from water to plate.

From Turtle Bay, they sailed to Bahia Santa Maria, which they describe as very desolate part of the Mexican coast. After Bahia, it was on to Cabo San Lucas where they encountered 26 knots of wind the first day out. They stayed close-hauled at first, but as the wind blew out the winds changed to the northwest. This meant they were getting blown towards Puerto Vallarta on a southeasterly course. Nothing wrong with P.V., however their destination was Mazatlan, more due east. Finally the winds abated and they sailed a beam reach course to close-hauled course and made it to Mazatlan in 26 hours. The final eight hours were totally flat. They reached Mazatlan at 5 P.M. on November 14, to the cheers of good friends who made the trek in a Southwest Airlines 737 jet to show neighborhood support for the colossal endeavor.

Next Month - 'South to P.V.



1999 Directory

We plan to publish the 1999 BBTA community directory in January. We need your updated contact information. Please remember that by Board policy, the information you supply will only be used to prepare the directory and for internal use by the association. Drop a copy of this information in the mailbox at 352 Tideway Drive or e-mail it to jeff.frankel@newhorizons.com.

Check one: Resident Homeowner Both

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address _____

New Years Day

Come join your neighbors on New Years Day for food, beverages, and good cheer. Several stops are planned on this annual and festive tour of the neighborhood. The cost is \$5.00 per person for this homeowner and resident sponsored event. For more information or to sign up, call Mary Neil at 865-8722. Water taxi service will be available.

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