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President's Message

Our Cabana facility has never looked better or offered more activities for our members. If you have not been to the club recently, please come out this summer and see all it has to offer.

This year's focus for the board's attention will be getting the new bylaws completed. The goal of this project is to modernize our bylaws to streamline our operations and, most importantly, to better comply with new laws that were enacted since the last time we revised the bylaws. Due to the complexity of the project and our desire to minimize the expense of the project, it became a multiyear project and is finally nearing the point where we will put the new bylaws out for vote by the membership. Please be looking for the bylaw package in the next few months. Once the new bylaws are enacted, we will all benefit from a more efficient board. I want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our treasurer, Dave Klenske and our secretary, Tom Martin. These individuals really drove the process and with a lot of personal effort over this last year got us to the point where we are today.

As you may have seen in the last Belringer, we have a new Belringer editor, Bent Jensen. We are very fortunate to have him volunteer for this role. I want to encourage anyone and everyone to consider contributing articles or other content for the Belringer. Bent is always looking for content to add that will make the newsletter more relevant to the readers and he will welcome your help. You can reach him via email at bentjensen@yahoo.com.

I also want to encourage everyone to communicate any ideas, thoughts or questions you may have to the board.

You can always reach us via email, but the best way to communicate with the board, is to come to the board meeting. It will allow you to discuss your points in with the entire board and meet the board and some of your neighbors at the same time.

In closing, myself and the rest of the board invite you to join us in our efforts to add value and enjoyment of our community. You do not have to be on the board to contribute. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to drop in anytime.

- Mitch Cipriano, President

Treasurer Report

Spring is just around the corner and the winter rains have made the neighborhood so much greener. So nice to see how lush everything looks. Hopefully your house kept dry in the midst of the storms we've had.

At the time off this writing, we've had only one month of financial data (January) so there's not much to report. Just a reminder to make sure you pay your dues promptly to help keep the homeowners organization running smoothly. As part of a recent Belwood Board of Directors project to obtain all of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs, also known as Declaration of Restrictions) for the Belwood neighborhood, we discovered a few homes that were actually not part of the HOA. For as long as we have records on Class A members for the homeowners association (HOA), they paid dues and enjoyed being part of the HOA. Since they were found to not be legally part of the HOA, one of the property owners has requested the board of directors help them achieve Class A status. The board, working with our lawyer, has sent a voting package to a CC&R Tract that was adjacent to the homes and had 13 voting members. That vote will be tallied at the March 2017 board meeting by an independent Inspector of Elections.

I bring this up for a few reasons. First, the board does a lot more than just worry about budgets and keeping the facility looking good. There are lots of legal and county property issues which come up now and then that the board must deal with. Secondly, this process will be a good learning for us as we go through the By-Laws process with will affect ALL homeowners. Since we only had 6 owners with this vote, it limited the complexity and simple can be good when you've not done anything before.

We have lots of activities coming up such as the swim team starting, pool opening for key holders and summer will be here before you know it! Looking forward to seeing you all.

- **Dave Klenske, Treasurer**

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Secretary Report

Accompanied Non-Resident Guests Now Permitted for After-Hours Bocce Ball Court Access!



With the new bocce ball courts installed and ready to go, your Board of Directors has decided to allow resident facilities key users to bring up to six non-resident guests for a bocce ball game. You can now invite non-residents to a dinner party at your house, and top the evening off with a hard fought game of bocce ball at the club!

If you have decided to purchase a key for 2017 and already returned a signed key request form, the rules for key use on that form remain in effect. The following rule, which actually makes things less restrictive, is added:

“Only residents of the key-holder’s household may accompany the key user, with one exception: The key user may admit up to six non-resident guests limited to use of the bocce ball courts and restrooms.”

If you haven’t purchased your key yet, please use the updated form. A PDF for you to print, complete, and sign is available at: [2017 Facilities Key Form](#). (If you are reading a hard copy of the *Belringer*, you can get this form at www.belwoodhomes.org. Click on the Forms link at the top of the page.)

Keys will be provided this April and will remain in effect until the locks change in April 2018.

Because of the anticipated low wear-and-tear nature of bocce ball games, we will initially waive the \$3.00 fee for your guests and see how things play out. If users are not respecting the courts, the Board reserves the right to reinstate the fees in the future.

Enjoy!

- Tom Martin, HOA Board Secretar

Bocce Court Guidelines

Spring has arrived, and along with it the opportunity to use the new bocce courts! While the courts are playable, we have a little bit more work in progress. We are cleaning up the dead space with some landscaping, crushed granite ground cover, picnic tables and a final surface for the courts. We don't know exactly how high peak demand will be on any given day or time, so we ask for a little patience while we figure it out.

Belwood Guidelines

- The courts will be available on a first come first serve basis.
- We ask that you limit play to one hour while people are waiting.
- Up to 8 people allowed per court allows for 4 at each end of the court during play.
- Up to six guests are allowed when accompanied a current class A or D member.
- Per the new key holder policy, guests are free after hours as well during regular hours
- season hours of 1 PM - 7 PM for non key holders.
- Members must provide their own balls.

Basic Rules

Bocce is played with eight large balls and one smaller target or object ball called a pallina. There are four balls per team and they are made of a different color or pattern to distinguish the balls of one team from those of the other team.

The game is played with two teams, with each team having one, two, or four players. For four player teams, each player throws one ball. For two player teams, each player throws two balls. For one player teams, each player throws four balls. When there are multiple players on a team, a playing rotation is determined at the start of a game and is maintained throughout the entire game.

A game begins with the toss of a coin. The team that wins the coin toss can choose to either have first toss of the pallina or the color of the balls they will use. To start a game, the pallina is rolled or tossed by a member of the team having won the coin toss. A player can toss the pallina any distance as long as it passes the center line of the court and stays within the boundaries of the court. If the player fails to toss the ball properly into play, a member of the opposing team will toss the ball into play. If the opposing team fails to properly toss the pallina into play, the toss reverts to a member of the original team.

The player tossing the pallina must deliver the first ball. If the ball lands outside of the boundaries of the court, that team must roll again until the first ball is put into play. Otherwise, that player steps aside and the opposing team will then deliver their balls until one of its Bocce balls is

closer to the pallina or has thrown all its balls. The "nearest ball" rule governs the sequence of thrown balls. The side whose ball is closest to the pallina is called the "in" ball and the opposing side the "out" ball. Whenever a team gets "in", it steps aside and allows the "out" team to deliver. The other team throws until it gets its ball closer (not ties) to the pallina. This continues until both teams have thrown all their Bocce balls. After both teams have exhausted all their balls, a frame is over and points are awarded. The game resumes by teams throwing from the opposite end of the court. The team that was awarded points in the previous frame begins the next frame by tossing the pallina into play.

All balls must be thrown underhanded. A team has the option of rolling, tossing, bouncing, etc. its ball down the court provided it does not go outside the boundaries of the court or the player does not violate the foul line. The foul line is used to deliver all balls down the court with the intent of getting a ball closer to the pallina, knocking the opponent's ball away from the pallina, or hitting the pallina so that it ends up closer to your team's ball.

A player should not step on or over the foul line before releasing any ball. If a player steps over the foul line, the player will receive one warning. For a player that commits a second foul line infraction, the team fouled against will be awarded points as they were immediately proceeding the foul and the frame will end. The team committing the foul will be awarded no points for the frame. Or, the fouled against team may have the option of declining the penalty and completing the frame.

Any ball that goes outside the boundaries of the court is considered a dead ball and is removed immediately from play until the end of a frame.

At the end of each frame, points will be awarded. Only one team scores in a frame. One point is awarded for each ball that is closer to the pallina than the closest ball of the opposing team. In the event that the closest ball of each team is the same distance from the pallina, no points will be awarded and the pallina returns to the team that delivered it. Only balls which are distinguishably closer to the pallina than any of the opponent's balls are awarded points. All measurements should be made from the center of the pallina to the edge of a Bocce ball. Games are played to 13 points, or any other agreed upon odd number of points, with the first team reaching those points being the winner of a game.

- **Lloyd Grant, HOA Board Member**



Registration for the Belwood Swim Team has ended, but you may still add your swimmer(s) on a waitlist. Looks like we have a great group of swimmers this season. If you would like to come down to the Cabana and support our swimmers, or if you are just wondering when the cabana is in use, I've added the dates for all the events. All are welcome to support our Dolphins! For more information on the swim team please go to www.belwooddolphins.com

SWIM TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

1. April 24-25th - New swimmer tryouts
2. April 26-27th Afternoon practices begin 3:30-6:30
3. April 29th Saturday practices begin 8:30-11:30
4. Practices will be Mon-Thur afternoons until June 8th.
5. 6/12-7/21 Morning practices will take place from 7:30-11:00

SWIM TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. June 3rd - 7:00a-1:00p - Time Trials
2. June 10th 7:00a - 1:00p - OakTree Sharks @. Bellwood Dolphins
3. June 17th 7:00a - 1:00p - Los Paseos Penguins @ Belwood Dolphins
4. June 24th - 6:00p-10:00p - Adult Fundraiser Card & Bocce Night - OPEN TO ALL HOA Members and Friends
5. July 8th - 7:00a - 1:00p Montevideo Piranhas @ Belwood Dolphins
6. July 24th - 4:00p-10:00p - Dolphins Award Banquet

Go Belwood!

- **Lisa Goldberg, HOA Board Member**

2017 Pool Schedule

The pool is expected to be open for key holders on April 22 through October 1. Lifeguards will be on duty weekends only from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm beginning Saturday of Memorial weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm beginning June 12th.

- **Gina Wagner, Facilities Manager**

Belwood Events

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Belwood neighborhood events!

Summer Kick-Off:	Sunday, May 21 st
July Fourth Celebration:	Tuesday, July 4 th
Halloween Party:	Sunday, October 29 th

More information will be available in the coming months about our annual movie and bingo nights. If you have any interest in volunteering for one of these events or have any comments/suggestions, please email the board at hoa@belwoodhomes.org.

Community Board

Monthly Events

Belwood Homeowners Board Meeting

Open to all Belwood members - Cabana Club - 7:30 pm, third Tuesday of the month unless a **change** is posted on the bulletin board.

Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society:

Fourth Tuesday of the month.
Please call Kathy McChristian (Junior Program) 408.258.8400 or Frank Mullaney 408.266.1791

Cabana Club Schedule

Gina Wagner: 408.358.2229

Y Adventure Guides

For dads and boys in K-5. Meets at the Cabana the Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM.
Contact is Matt Quadro at 408.398.4522

Community Ads

DJ Cameron

Want more than just Pandora streaming into your Bluetooth speakers? Contact DJ Cam for your next event - birthdays, house parties, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Text or Call 408.348.8296 for more info.

Gutters, Roof, Plumbing, Tree Trimming

You name it! I have a list of workmen who can help you. Call Gail Bordi, 408.356.4624 or email gailbordi@yahoo.com

Guest Speaker

Betty Auchard is an author and speaker. She lives in the Belwood neighborhood and is available as a guest speaker. You can email her at btauchard@aol.com or check out her website or current blog: <http://bettyauchard.com/>.

Middle School/High School Math Tutor

California Mathematics Single-Subject Teaching Credential
Belwood Resident since 1984
Tom Martin: 408.656.4017

Rentals

BEACH HOUSE:

Aptos Beach House, spacious 3BR/2 bath, short walk to Rio Del Mar/Seacliff Beach. Available year-round for monthly, weekly, mid-week, weekend rental. Call Sheryl at 408.348.3237.

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, luxuriously furnished Oahu townhome for rent. 3 BR, 3 BA + den, 1700+ square feet, 5 min walk to beach in the luxurious Coconut Plantation in Ko Olina. Perfect for families. See our website for pictures, details and contact info: <http://www.koolinahome.com>.

TAHOE DONNER RENTAL

Beautiful, spacious home in Tahoe Donner available for rent: 3 bedrooms, 2 bath & large loft (sleeps 6-11). The home is also available for ski lease. Corner lot amongst pine trees, green belt behind & 700+ sq ft decking. Amenities: premiere golf course, fitness club/pools, tennis courts & more. Info & pictures go to: VRBO.com # 323668 , or call Sue Ahmadian at 408.356.5276.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE RENTAL

Beautiful home for rent: 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, 1600 sq ft, sleeps 6. Large open concept living/dining room, fabulous views, spa tub, fireplace, wifi, close to lake, heavenly, casinos. Pets considered. For details go to: <http://www.vrbo.com/451904>.

Editor's Note

The purpose of a newsletter is to inform the Belwood neighborhood about board news, community events, offer free advice, and advertise skills and rental postings. **Article submissions**

for the Belringer from the community are very much encouraged.
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**BELWOOD HOMES ASSOCIATION
2017 FACILITY KEY REQUEST FORM
(Complete all fields, and sign below.)**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

If renting, landlord's name _____

List below the first and last names of all adult residents using the key.

KEY FEE AMOUNT: \$ 75.00

You may either add \$75.00 to your annual dues payment check, or write a separate check. In either case, this signed form must accompany your payment. Mail your payment along with this form to:

Belwood Homes Association
P.O. Box 1372
Los Gatos, CA 95031
Attn: Facility Manager

The specific rules for using this key are:

1. All Belwood Homes Association rules remain in effect. A complete copy of the Belwood Homes Association's rules is available at our website www.belwoodhomes.org, or by request from any board member. Please make sure you are familiar with all the rules before using the facility.
2. Key will be provided in April, and will remain active until April of the following year.
3. Facility access is limited to the hours of 6:00am-10:00pm.
4. Key use is limited to the adult residents of the household listed on the form above.
5. Keys may not be shared with anyone who is not listed on the form above.
6. Minors from the same household may accompany the adult key user, provided the key user remains present throughout the minors' presence at the facility.
7. Only residents of the key-holder's household may accompany the key user, with one exception: The key user may admit up to six non-resident guests limited to use only of the bocce ball courts and restrooms.
8. The signer below assumes any and all liability for all key users, accompanying minors, and guests.
9. No loud noise.
10. Leave the facility at least as clean as you found it. Pick up and throw away your trash.
11. Lock all doors and gates (including bathrooms) when you leave.
12. Access to the fenced-in pool area when no lifeguards are on duty is limited as follows:
 - a. Access only on days the pool is open, as per the 2017 Pool Schedule. (See below.)
 - b. A minimum of two people must be present at all times in the fenced-in pool area.
 - c. Members only are permitted inside the fenced-in pool area. NO GUESTS.
 - d. No alcohol is allowed inside the fenced-in pool area.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Property owner or renter's signature (indicating you agree to the above rules)

Tentative Annual Pool Schedule

The pool is expected to be open for key holders from the end of April to the end of September. Lifeguards will be on duty weekends only beginning the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm beginning mid-June. For updated schedules, please check the calendar on our website, www.belwoodhomes.org.