

# SILVER LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter Spring 2018

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### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Do you feel it? Spring is in the air and that means we're not that far away from another summer at our beloved Silver Lake. Actually, for those of us who live in Lassen County, we can't make heads or tails of the local weather. We had a dismal winter, precipitation wise, but then April hit and we've recovered somewhat. We're not out of the woods yet but it is looking better. The road is not open yet but if the current warm weather continues, I think we should be able to access the lake by mid-May. I will let everyone know when the road is open via Facebook and our webpage.

The really big news is that we have hired a new caretaker, Gene Stewart. Bob Barker and Toddy Cutler helped me with the interview and selection process and they have written an article about our caretaker in this newsletter. I hope you will all take the time to go meet and welcome him. Please remember that he is not Mark and it will take him some time to settle in and get comfortable with his duties.

Since purchasing my cabin a few years ago, I have made sure that my son, Christian, was always there when we opened and closed. I would also encourage you to do the same with your children. I say this because you never know how much time you may have left, and Mark is gone. Sure, Mark may be willing to help some, but I seriously doubt if he is going to be up for opening and closing all the cabins he has in the past.

Finally, this will be my last submission to the newsletter as your President. I have been on the board for nearly fourteen years and that's plenty. My reign of terror will be over after the Labor Day general meeting. Did I just hear a big sigh of relief from the association? I thank all those who I have served with on the board, and all those who have volunteered on projects and hosting events over the years. I wish the board (continuing members and new ones) and the incoming Prez all the best.

Cheers, Alan Siemer

### BOARD TERMS

Richard Jenness and Gerry Wood will finish their third and final terms on the board with this year's September membership meeting. As Alan Siemer notes in his President's Update, he too will leave his post as President and voting board member as of the September meeting. All deserve a vote of thanks for a collective 32 years of service on the SLHOA Board of Directors!

What this means is that we will have three board member openings come September. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. To serve on the board, one must be a regular member of the SLHOA or a family member.

We will also be electing a new President during the September meeting. He or she must be one of the elected directors.

Ken Kendall

## WELCOME GENE!

We are pleased to announce that Gene Stewart will start as our new Caretaker beginning June 7. Gene comes to us with years of experience in facility maintenance and guest services including RV resorts in Arizona during the winter. He recognizes that Silver Lake requires many unique skills and exhibits a willingness to learn. He pledges to “care for your cabin and lot like it was his own” and wants to continue our strong caretaker tradition. During this first year please recognize that Gene will need time to learn and respond to your individual and traditional cabin needs.

Beginning June 7, you may contact Gene by email at: [gene4261@yahoo.com](mailto:gene4261@yahoo.com) or by cell at (541) 954-7167. Remember that he will only be able to receive your messages when he goes to town.

On a more personal note, Gene has considered Eugene, Oregon, his home for his entire life. He has been a widower since 1995 and has six grown children who are raising families themselves. He takes pride in being active and energetic and enjoys running and hiking.

Please give Gene your warmest welcome when you meet him this summer.

Bob Barker



Gene Stewart, SLHOA Caretaker

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Silver Lake Home Owners Association (“SLHOA”) finished the 2018 Fiscal Year (5/17 through 4/18) with an operating profit of \$4,532, or \$827 ahead of the 2018 Fiscal Year budget. Again, this is the second year of strong financial results and we again applaud the continued support from the SLHOA Membership – Permit Holders (49 cabins of 54 participated) and Family & Associate Member (70 members).

At the end of the fiscal year, including prepaids, the SLHOA held cash and savings of \$17,668, an increase of \$1,219 from Fiscal Year 2017 balances.

Permit Holders Dues and Family & Associate Member Dues will remain unchanged from their current levels for the 2019 Fiscal Year - **\$490** for Permit Holders and **\$35** for Family & Associate Members.

Erik A. Foraker

## DUES

The Permit Holder dues are \$490, which includes membership in the National Forest Homeowners (NFH). The Family/Associate dues are \$35, or \$70 if you want to add a NFH membership. The Silver Lake Home Owners dues can be paid in two ways:

1. Send the payment back to Kim Andrews (address on invoice) via USPS, or
2. Pay them through the [www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com](http://www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com) website. You must be a member on the website to do this. There is a small transaction fee, but it is fast and convenient.

## REPRINT FROM SEPTEMBER 2017 – Responding to Algae Blooms in Back Lakes

**To:** Silver Lake Homeowners Association

**From:** Barb Andrews, Secretary, SLHOA Board

**Re: Algae Bloom in Rim Rock Lake**

Dear SLHOA:

As many of you are aware, the famous Silver Lake swimming hole, Rim Rock Lake, has once again developed a significant blue/green (cyanobacteria) algae bloom. In large amounts, some bacteria can be toxic to humans, including dogs that can be very sensitive to the algae because they drink the water as they swim. Toxicity can occur randomly as a secondary substance whenever a bloom is thriving, so even negative cultures today could be positive cultures tomorrow. Bottom line, if it looks yucky, keep people and dogs out!



I have been in communications with the Hydrologist of Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake Ranger District, as well as the Cyanobacteria and HAB (Harmful Algae Blooms) Coordinator, Environmental Scientist, at the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Both entities have taken an active response to the notification of the algae bloom at Rim Rock. As it turns out, the water quality of Silver Lake and our Caribou Wilderness lakes, which include Rim Rock, are overseen by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Interestingly, climate change and phosphorous from weathering of volcanic rock are on the initial list of suspects for the algae bloom at Rim Rock. Rim Rock and other lakes like Shotoverin and Echo, which evidently have experienced regular algae blooms, are all glacial in origin with relatively minimal land disturbance (no agricultural runoff). Geologically, these lakes are located on top of or immediately adjacent to glacial till from eroded andesite and basalt, which are iron-rich volcanic rocks that tend to have higher trace amounts of phosphorous compared to other rock types.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board has asked our assistance in notifying them of any further algae blooms. If a bloom is reported through any of the four methods outlined below, the information will be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Water Board HAB lead. However, if you want to get a jump start on possible response after logging in your report, you can also contact the Lahontan Regional Water Board HAB lead directly. For the Lahontan Region, there are two HAB leads:

(Primary HAB Lead) Alanna Misico, Environmental Scientist (530) 542-5579

(Alternate HAB Lead) Mary Fiore-Wagner, Senior Environmental Scientist (530) 542-5425

Please report all sightings of a cyanobacteria bloom in California using one of four methods:

Call our Harmful Algal Bloom Hotline at [\(916\) 341-5357](tel:9163415357) or call our toll-free line at [1 \(844\) 729-6466](tel:18447296466)

Send an email to [CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov)

Fill-out our online Freshwater Bloom Incident Form (preferred approach because it provides us with the most information but does take a few minutes longer to

complete) <http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/do/bloomreport.html>

Use the BloomWatch app on your smartphone (Apple iPhone or Android phone) to report a cyano HAB <https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/>

For more information on California Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), please visit our HAB Portal at <http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>

## UPDATES FOR SILVER LAKE CABIN HISTORY BOOK

In June 2000, Ginny Spencer Davis and her daughters undertook the immense project of securing cabin histories from most of the Homeowners. It is now time to update the existing histories and fill in histories for the cabins listed below. I hope to distribute these updates/additions soon. But I need your help.

Please write a page or two including what you know about your cabin history. It needn't be anything formal. The "chatty" entries are some of the most fun. If you know only part of the history, that's fine too. Friends and neighbors of the cabin owners listed below, if you have memories to share, you can help! Please send your memories/stories to the cabin owner with a copy to Susan Carlsen at [susanbcarlsen@gmail.com](mailto:susanbcarlsen@gmail.com).

If you do not have a copy of the History Book, one can be printed for you for the cost of \$30.

My binder may not be complete, but I am missing cabin histories for the following cabins:

- 11 Ginocchio
- 13 Corder
- 15 Brodie
- 20 Curtis (C2)
- 23 Foraker
- 30 Leaver/Alan Siemer
- 33 Holcomb
- 38 Charles Bruyn
- 52 De Graff
- 55 Operhall
- 68 Pfaff/Verke
- 69. Simmons

This summer may be a fun time for your family to share Silver Lake stories about your cabin around the campfire and please consider recording them! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,  
Susan  
[susanbcarlsen@gmail.com](mailto:susanbcarlsen@gmail.com)

## 2017 ANNUAL WATER TEST RESULTS

On a very chilly fall morning in 2017, with a thick mist rising from of the lake and an ice chest strapped to a paddle board, we set out to take the water samples for our SLHOA annual end of season bacteria testing. Small jars of water were collected off shore on the north and south sides of the lake towards the cliff, and at the exit cove near the caretaker's cabin. They were loaded into the ice chest and driven that morning to the analytical laboratory in Reno, Nevada for review.

The 2017 test results were in line with the testing from previous normal years and do not show a hazard for recreational use of lake water. The testing we conduct looks for *Enterococcus*, *E. coli*, and Total Coliform.

The SLHOA Board reminds members that these tests give an indication for safety related to recreational uses of the lake, such as swimming and boating. They do not indicate the safety of the lake water nor your well water as a source of drinking water. We are not testing for many things that could be a concern for drinking water, such as viruses, fuel and fuel additives. As we have mentioned before, the only water that is tested regularly for safety for consumption is the water found in the Forest Service well in the campground. Many of our cabin wells are not built or maintained to the same standards as the Forest Service wells, which could make them more prone to contamination from surface run-off, critters that fall into them, etc. The same is true for cabins that draw their water directly from the lake.

A best practice for cabin users to avoid problems related to bacteria and viral contaminants in drinking, tooth brushing, and dish washing water is to simply boil the water for 3 minutes. Note that because we are above 5,000 feet the time required is two minutes longer than lower altitudes. If water is cloudy, let it settle and filter it through a cloth, coffee filter, or paper towel before boiling. A flavor helper tip from the EPA's page on water disinfection: Adding a pinch of salt per quart or liter, or pouring the boiled water from one clean container to another several times can improve the flat taste that can come from boiling.

For more info on preparing drinking water check out:  
[http://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/dwg/Boiling\\_water\\_01\\_15.pdf](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwg/Boiling_water_01_15.pdf)  
and  
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/emergency-disinfection-drinking-water>

Scott Carroll

## GARBAGE PICK-UP

Pick-up will begin June 30, 2018 and end September 9, 2018 (weekend after Labor Day).

## *IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR NILES CARPENTER*



Arthur Niles Carpenter  
November 20, 1954 - January 25, 2018

Arthur Niles Carpenter was born in Berkeley to parents Fred and Betty Carpenter. Growing up in an academic family, Art had the opportunity to study abroad in Paris and graduate from Leysin American High School, Switzerland. He spent every summer with his family at their cabin in Silver Lake, Lassen National Forest where he became an accomplished sailor and fisherman.

A jack of all trades, from ski instructor to carpenter, Art settled on a career in law graduating from Golden Gate University Law School. Displaying his diverse interests, Art practiced immigration law in San Francisco and later personal injury and criminal defense in the East Bay and then Sonoma County. While living in the East Bay, Art was an active member of the Eagles Fraternal Order, enjoyed playing softball and was an accomplished billiards player.

He moved to Santa Rosa in 1998 with wife Elena Herdman and son Christopher. Art loved fishing in Bodega Bay on the New Sea Angler. Travelling to Europe, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and cruising to the Caribbean, Western Mediterranean and Alaska rounded out an adventurous life.

In addition to his wife of 33 years and son Christopher (Amber), Art leaves his granddaughter Audrey, step grandson Elijah, sisters Sarah (Bob Newman), Carol (Huseyin Yaman), brother Nathaniel (Lori), many nieces and nephews, and sisters in law (Anita, Carmen and Connie) and brothers in law (Alex, Reggie and Larry).

Special thanks to Memorial Hospice and dear friend Rex Miller for easing Art's passing. Art's life will be celebrated at a scattering in Bodega Bay and Silver Lake by family.

Donations may be made in his name to the American Liver Foundation.

## *IN MEMORY OF CURTIS JAMES MOULTON*



Curtis James Moulton  
1953 – December 12, 2017

Curtis James Moulton passed away on December 12th, 2017 after living two years with incurable brain cancer. Curt was born in Tokyo Japan in 1953 to Peggy and Kirby Moulton, and grew up in Eureka and Orinda, California with his brother, Mike Moulton, and Sister, Mary Colson, before moving to Washington State with his wife, Martha, in 1976. Curt built a rewarding career that lasted 39 years with Washington State University Cooperative Extension, and grew a family that he loved including Jehan Moulton-Kylo, Laurel Moulton-McMillan and Philip Moulton. He retired to Cannon Beach, Oregon in 2017.

A large piece of his heart and soul lived at Silver Lake, and still does. He spent every summer of his childhood at Silver Lake fishing, building rock lined paths and bark forts. He loved running on the trails with his brother, sister, and cousins, and hiking cross country to find unnamed lakes with Martha. After moving to Seattle he made sure to make the 13 hour trip every year, no matter what. If there were any impediments to the trip he always solved them- when Martha built a garden at home that needed to be watered all summer he installed a sprinkler system. When he couldn't get time off of work he drove the whole family to the lake for a vacation, dropped them off, and then drove all the way home to work while the family enjoyed their time there.

Curt's kids remember how he charged into the lake flapping his elbows like a chicken to get the cold over with and dive in. He introduced them to running the Jewel/Emerald loop in high school, giving instructions to "stride out" on the flats while going by Black Lake to make up time after running up the Jewel Hill. Before the days of the pump truck, they remember he and Kirby shoveling out the outhouse and laughing hysterically about how much shit they were shoveling. They got great joy telling young Philip that it was his turn to do it next. He loved the challenges of installing plumbing and solar panels, and serving time on the SLHOA board to supplement all the canoeing, hiking and wine time on the front porch.

Silver Lake was like a fountain of youth for Curt. His last trip to the lake was at the end of July in 2017. Brother Mike swooped in from Norway to drive and off we went. As we got to the lake Curt stopped the car so he could walk down the road to the cabin and he said "I never thought I would get here again" and cried tears of joy. Curt's mom, sister Mary, Mike and his children met there for a reunion. There were evenings of wine on the deck with relatives and lake friends.

Curt by then was blind from radiation treatment but that didn't stop him. Folks tried to think of easy ways to get places, but he found strength and insisted on taking the usual paths as if his feet had the terrain memorized. Silver Lake's magic fountain of energy effect was still there. The first day we were there he announced he wanted to walk around the lake, so he did, Mary scouting the trail and Martha and Mike taking turns to guide him, calling out rocks and roots. He also wanted to walk the Jewel/Emerald Loop but compromised on a round trip to Jewel Lake guided by Martha, Jim Silk and Lindy Curtis.

The love for Silver Lake is one the precious special things that Curt passed along to his wife and children. They will carry on with the relationship and pass it on to their families.

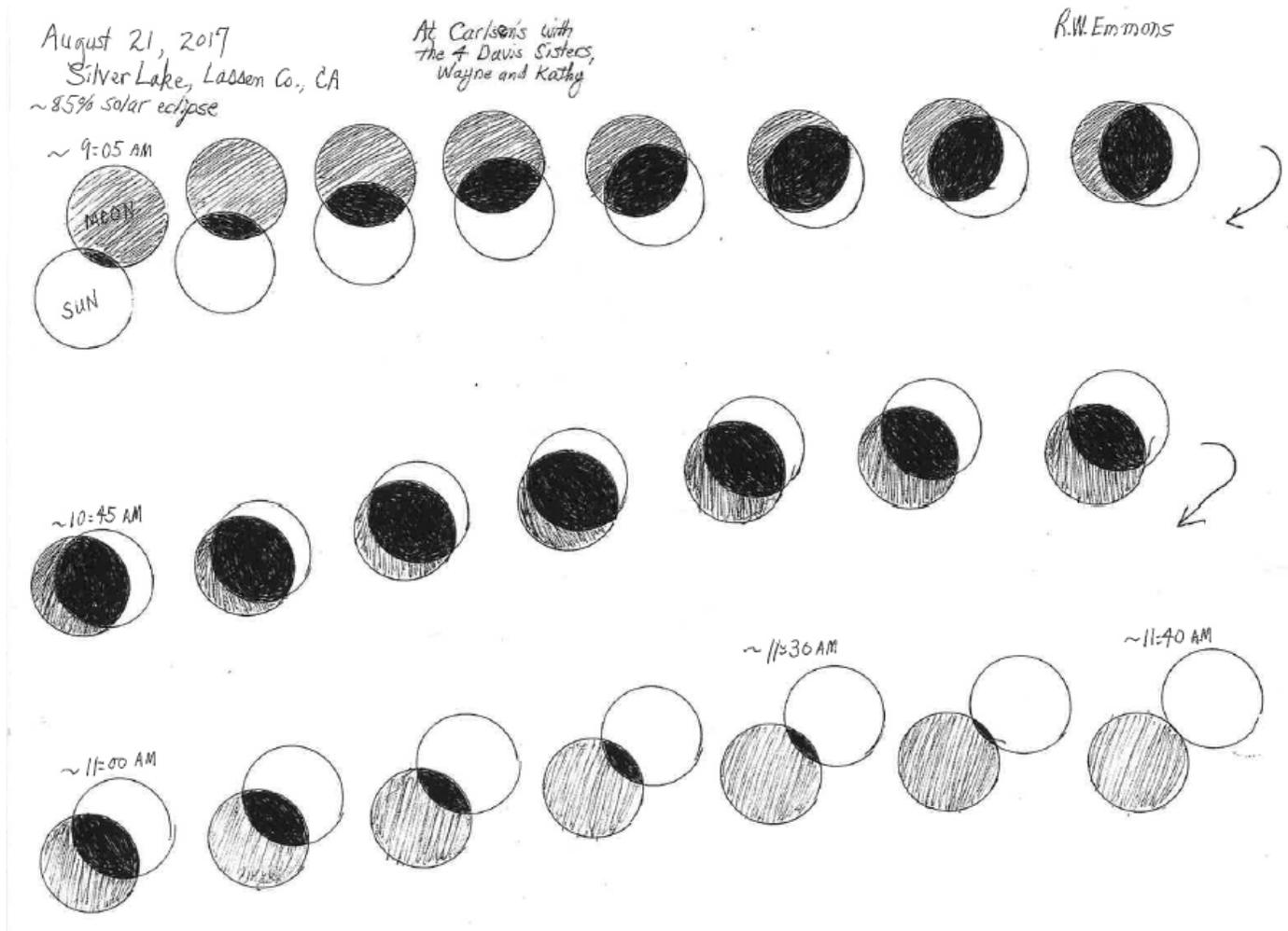
*Congratulations to KIM ANDREWS, who won FIRST PLACE in the NATIONAL FOREST HOMEOWNERS 2018 PHOTO CONTEST!!  
Posted at the NFH Annual Meeting held April 28, 2018 in Sacramento.*



*Mason McNany, "Fishing and Cocoa"*



# CELEBRATING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE – MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

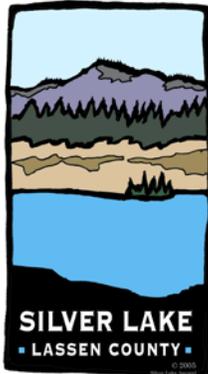


If you were at Silver Lake for the occurrence of the Solar Eclipse, the above is what it looked like from the lake, thanks to the fantastic documentation by Richard Emmons, Cabin 9. It was definitely a gob smacking, thrilling site for Silver Lake folks, thanks to the high tech, make-it-work moment, viewing goggles!



## SILVER WEAR ORDERS AND NEW SLHOA WEBSITE

It's almost Summer, and time to get your new favorite "Silver Wear" from Kim McNany Andrews! Just access the link to purchase on the main page of the SLHOA website.



[www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com](http://www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com)

Kim has also created a new website for the Silver Lake Home Owners. Ask to become a member! You must be a member to use the member button. Just go to the website, log in and create a password. Kim will receive a message regarding your request and can approve you. Once you are a member, you will have access to newsletters, forums, events calendar and more. So far we have heard from many of you. **Thanks, Kim!!**

## SILVER LAKE SLHOA MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks all hosts and attendees of the SLHOA social events for their generous donations of food, beverages and dollars that offset the cost of financing these events. Your continuing support helps to maintain our expenses at the lowest possible level.

### NEXT SLHOA MEETING

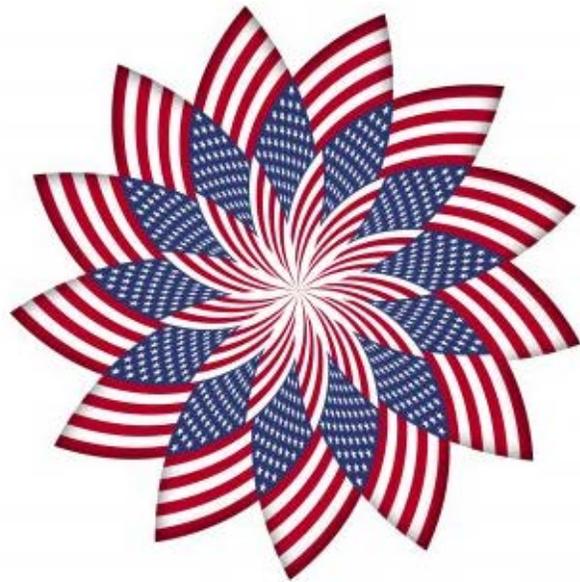
**Sunday, July 7, 2018, 3:00 p.m.**

**SOCIAL, 5:00 p.m., hosted by  
Stephens, Cabin 25**

### LABOR DAY SLHOA MEETING

**Sunday, September 2, 2018, 3:00 p.m.**

**SOCIAL, 5:00 p.m., hosted by  
Moulton, Cabin 63**



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