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# C.R.R.P.O.A Newsletter

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## Excitement in Cedar Ridge

She: You see there in the clearing in the backyard, in the sunlight? Looks like a deer relaxing there.

He: Are you sure? Must be a small one.

She: You're right. Wow, it's a really ugly cat!

He: Where did that come from?

She: Oh, oh - it's wagging its tail. Could it be? Yes, there's a puff at the end ..that's no ugly cat, it's a baby cougar!

## Theft of the CCRPOA website sign

We're sorry to report that our website sign, that was mounted on the Cedar Ridge welcome sign, was quickly stolen after the Fazio's (Sign's Right Now) contributed it. See the article later in this issue to success of our professional website. [www.cedarridgeranch.org](http://www.cedarridgeranch.org)

## Annual BBQ and CCRPOA Meeting

Mark your calendar now: August 5, 2000 we will combine the CCRPOA annual meeting with the Fire Department's annual BBQ. The annual meeting, including election results for new officers, will begin at 11:00 AM. The barbecue will start at 3:00 PM. This year both will be held at the Lower Lake, located off West Brookside Dr. and the end of Kewin Mill Rd.

## Area Road Report

Tuolumne County Department of Public Works has submitted, per our request, a summary of the work maintenance for our subdivision for fiscal year 1999/2000. County objectives were outlined as follows:



1. Improve sight distance and provide vegetation control which includes extensive brushing of Kewin Mill Rd.
2. Help reduce sub-grade intrusion of water into paved surface, reduce standing water to reduce icy conditions. Drainage has been re-established with shoulder grading. Improve and buildup/widen shoulders by importing road base to grade. Replace cross culverts and place drainage down drains where needed. Replace large cross culvert pipe and provided structural repairs.
3. Tree removal: Ongoing hazard tree removal throughout Cedar Ridge.

4. Digging out removal of cracked/failed pavement. Fix standing uplifting water from pushing and cracking pavement. Dig out material and replace with compacted road base

5. Replacement of worn out street signs, stop signs, regulatory signs. Provide vandalism repair and graffiti removal on an ongoing basis. Placement of large "Snow Removal" warning signs regarding the parking on road while snow removal operation takes place. This is part of ongoing snow removal operations.

6. Regarding striping and pavement marking: County will keep centerline and paint and edge-line paint maintained with reflective paint. This will assist in night driving conditions and provide safer driving conditions. All pavement markings will be repainted as needed i.e. "Stop" legend and limit lines.

Due to budgetary constraints and funding issues, I do not know at this time what future work will be on Kewin Mill Rd.

Funding for road operations maintenance is generated mostly from timber reserve receipts. This means whatever timber is harvested from USFS's land, a portion of these funds goes to roads and schools. With an unsteady revenue source it is very difficult to maintain 680 miles of County roads currently in our maintained road system."

Thank you, Bill L'Hommedieu, Road Operations Asst. and Cedar Ridge resident.

## Membership Growth Continues

We now have 154 members in the CRRPOA. Our membership has been enhanced by a personal letter to welcome the new residents and invite them to join our association. We also include the opportunity for new residents to receive a copy of the CC&R's. Do you have neighbors who are not members yet? Please extend them an invitation to join.

Since the first of the year, eight new members have joined with us to enjoy the benefits of being residents of Cedar Ridge. Most are new property owners, the majority are from the Bay Area.

## Our Busy Volunteers

Thanks to Craig Lainen and Dean Squires for giving our Cedar Ridge signs a "face lift".

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### CRRPOA Board Members Needed

This year term limits will retire our treasurer and vice president and perhaps one other member of the Board. If you can serve with us in this valuable community service, we would like to talk to you. Our Board meetings are held only once a month and usually last about an hour. We have accomplished so much over the years to insure the quality of life in Cedar Ridge that we want to continue with a full slate of Directors and their diversity of thoughts. Can you contribute your talents? Please contact Ed Minium (Secretary) (209) 586-3702, or Joan Lainen (President) (209) 586-6339. We thank you in advance of your considering us.

Volunteering to serve the Dogwood Lake Association: Randy Rivers. The Dogwood Lake Association is a separate association from CCRPOA. If you need information about membership, etc., please contact Randy at (209) 586-5576.

### Website gets a live color camera

Our website now has a live color camera. The camera takes a picture looking East from its North Oxbow Lane location. The picture is be refreshed each morning during the summer months and more often during the winter months.

The camera was donated to the CRRPOA by Roger Carr of California Security. Roger and his family are members of our association and own a vacation home in the area.

Our web site has been visited 40-50 times per day over the last several months. On the bad weather days during the winter months visits were as high as 80-90 per day. We have received numerous positive comments praising the quality and professional look to the site.

If you have Internet access and would like to visit our website, the URL is; [www.cedarridgeranch.org](http://www.cedarridgeranch.org) . We welcome your comments and suggestions.

### Dogwoods to Bloom Soon



It won't be long until our beautiful dogwood trees are in full bloom. Trees that are in Cedar Ridge are the variety called Pacific or Western dogwood. Unlike the shrubs of the mid-west dogwood, our Pacific dogwood is a tree that can be 50' high with a 20' spread. These treasures are native to Pacific Northwest

and northern California. It is one of our most spectacular natives. Unfortunately, it's not as easy to grow in gardens as Eastern dogwood. It reacts unfavorably to routine garden watering, fertilizing, pruning, and injury to its tender bark provides entrance for insects and diseases. But if you give plants exceptionally good drainage, infrequent summer water and plant under high-branching trees so bark will not sunburn, you have a chance of success. Right now, the 2-3" white flowers are past budding. This magnificent spring display will be followed in the fall by pinkish leaves, creating color in our fall landscape. Then the robins and other birds will arrive to harvest the bright red seed pods that form before winter sets in. So year 'round, these dogwoods give beauty and color. There are trees blooming in the ravines in the subdivision and a beautiful stand along Kewin Mill near North Oxbow.

### Earth Day - April 22, 2000

Volunteers are being sought for Earth Day 2000 cleanup day in Cedar Ridge Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

As part of the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day 200 Restoration and Cleanup presented by Enron, the Stanislaus National Forest, Mi Wok Ranger Dist. is seeking volunteers for garbage and debris cleanup in the areas of Cedar Ridge and Mt. Elizabeth. Volunteers will help in the removal of garbage and debris that has been dumped illegally by placing debris into ON SITE dumpsters in honor of Earth Day's 30th Anniversary. This project is one of 74 environmental stewardship sites funded through the California State Park Foundation's Earth Day program. Last month \$102,032 in grants were awarded for conservation and rehabilitation efforts in 28 California counties.

Over the past three years, the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup program has contributed more than \$275,000 for long overdue environmental stewardship projects. Nearly 20,000 volunteers have been mobilized to assist with the massive effort, which is the nation's only statewide Earth Day program. During the 1999 event, volunteers planted 7,500 trees & flowers, removed 3,000 non-native plants, picked up 4,000 bags of debris, restored 50 miles of trails and launched 21 recycling or composting programs.

Volunteering on Earth Day to clean up litter and garbage is a terrific opportunity for members of our Cedar Ridge community to join together and give back to our local national Forests System Lands. Working together, we are able to accomplish thousands of dollars in

environmental and community improvements that otherwise would not be completed. With your help, we can make a difference. We will be meeting at Keltz Mine Road at 9:00 am. Go to the end of Kewin Mill Road to Estralita. Bear to the right and there is a sign to Keltz Mine Rd. There should be plenty of parking. This information will also be posted on our website: [www.cedarridgeranch.org](http://www.cedarridgeranch.org) or you may call Chuck James at the MiWuk Dist. office 209-586-3234 ext. 635 for further information.

### - Historic Properties -

by Joan Lainen

I decided to include a property some 4 miles from Cedar Ridge in this historical segment of the CRRPOA Newsletter. Most of us who live here know about Sierra Glen Ranch and some of us have enjoyed picking berries at the Ranch, taking the children on field trips there and have savored their fresh pies. Located on Big Hill Road, this property has a spectacular view, open areas and commercial orchards and Christmas tree farm. But the story starts in



Photo compliments of Larry Robertson

Waltham, Maine. Solomon and Nahum Haslam made their way west. The brothers settled in the Columbia area. Each had 2 sons. One son, William was born in 1831, Solomon in 1832. In 1879, Solomon married a girl of 19. In March of 1872, Solomon received a Federal Land Grant for a large section of, part of which is the Sierra Glen Ranch today.

But the more interesting part of the tale is the story surrounding Solomon. Seems that he shot & killed Sam Brooks. He and Brooks had squabbled over a claim for some time. One day, it got out of hand and when Brooks "called him names" Solomon shot in "self defense" and was exonerated for the crime. A local doctor told the Court that Brooks was seriously ill and had only about 6 months to live at the time of the

shooting. Solomon died in April of 1888, leaving the wife, Anna & 3 small children. Nahum Haslam owned 830 acres from east of Columbia through Yankee Hill, to near the present Belleview school. Part of this land was the Haslam Ranch, now Sierra Glen. Nahum Haslan was killed by a runaway team (not an uncommon tragedy in those days) in November of 1886. The Sierra Glen parcel was also owned by Charles Segerstrom who bought the land for the timber rights. This harvest was primarily used for the Carson Hill Mine. In 1921 orchards were re-planted by Wilber Robertson for owners Segerstrom & Burden. Bunk houses for workers were built on the property. Wilber Robertson and Vernon Hatler were in school together, Vernon, the youngest of 10 children, becoming a teacher at the early Belleview school. It was "portable" and placed on Big Hill Road, not far from the current mobile home park. Wilber Robertson and Montgomery were trustees of the school.

Currently the ranch is owned by Don & Carol Jones who's father formerly owned the property. Don and Gaye Wolfe have worked as managers in recent years and have brought the orchards up to date with modern methods of pest control and marketing advances. When Sierra Glen opens with the first harvest of berries (usually in mid-June) it is a short drive with a beautiful view of the foothills. Take Big Hill Road about 2+ miles from Belleview school intersection.



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### Next Issue

Also, the continuing column on the history of Cedar Ridge.