

# Riviera-West News



Issue 38

## OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

FRIDAY,  
September 18, 2009

PROPERTY OWNERS  
@ 5 PM

WATER COMPANY  
@ 6 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Property Owners:

President.: Phil Wilson

V-Pres.: Doug Bridges

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Karl Hoenke

Director: Doug Morris

Water Company:

President.: Jan Worswick

V-Pres.: Jim Snodgrass

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Barb Curtis

Director: Dave Worswick

Administration Office

8475 Harbor View Dr.  
707.279.8544

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 1 PM

Katy English

[www.rivierawest@aol.com](http://www.rivierawest@aol.com)

September 2009

### MWC PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Shareholders:

Many of our Members have contacted the Board asking for a public response to a series of viral emails and neighborhood gossip, circulating throughout the Community, filled with misinformation, bald-faced lies, half-truths, innuendos and a mixed bag of individual demands.

Please be advised that the Board has been strongly advised by counsel to conduct all MWC business matters at the regularly-scheduled Board Meetings. The reason for this advice has been carefully and repeatedly explained to those in attendance at every Board Meeting since January 2009.

This slanderous gossip and email campaign has been orchestrated and scripted by two unsuccessful Board candidates and a few disappointed supporters, in their efforts to gain by intimidation what they could not achieve by legitimate Shareholder election mandate. Their antics have been divisive, disruptive and defamatory but they will not be successful. Our By-laws admonish the duly-elected Board of Directors to manage and operate the MWC business and we will continue to do so, despite the efforts of those who cannot seem to accept the overwhelming results of the last election.

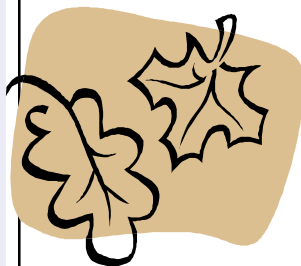
Unfortunately, the behaviors exhibited at the July MWC Board Meeting have made apparent the need to protect our Board Members and attendees by tightening the parliamentary procedures practiced at future Board Meetings, in order to preserve an atmosphere conducive to our business meeting protocols.

As always, the Board welcomes all of our Shareholders to attend our bi-monthly Board Meetings and to join us in a civil and respectful Open Forum segment, where a timed sharing of your concerns and ideas may be heard.

Best Regards,

Jan Worswick, President

Riviera-West Mutual Water Co. Board of Directors



Page 1

## POA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We, as homeowners/shareholders of Riviera West, are so fortunate to own property here. This is a wonderful place to live and play. Even with the uncertainties of property values and financial losses, we all still need to keep up our efforts in making Riviera West what we want it to be.

Our common goal should be, as stated in Article III of our By-Laws, to "promote the community welfare of owners of real property" and "to operate and maintain social and recreational facilities for the benefit of such owners and their families."

In short, although we all live our own lives we are also responsible for our community. The Board will work to those ends and we will do our best to help make this happen.

Wishing you all the best,

Phil Wilson, President

Riviera West Property Owners Association

Board of Directors



## Fire Fuel Abatement Committee Column

Fire safety is one of the greatest if not the greatest concern in the Riviera West. In the last two or three years, many lots that had a high fire danger have been cleaned up. Thank you for all of your efforts each spring when the fire committee looks at all of the lots, there is always new branches down, and new weeds and brush growing. If you have cleared your lot recently (in the last two or three years) and have and have not done anything to it since, you can plan on getting a fire notice next spring. Lot clearing is a once or twice a year commitment. These are two basic ways to deal with lot maintenance. Clear your lot with shears and a weed eater once or twice a year, or have it sprayed to keep the brush and weeds from growing back. Spraying is a very economical method of keeping your lot in compliance. Weed Tech is an example of a company that will spray your lot to keep it in compliance. Cost is about a penny per square foot of lot. Example: an 80 x 100 lot would be 800 square feet and would cost \$80 per year to have maintained.

Once again we want to thank all of you that have made an effort to keep their lot in compliance, and would like to encourage you all to regular maintenance of your property.

Riviera West Fire Fuel Abatement Committee

Riviera-West  
Ladies' Club News

LADIES CLUB EVENTS

September 23rd: 1pm -- Brief Ladies Club Meeting at clubhouse.

September 26th: 5pm -- Pool Party at the Clubhouse.

Bring a side dish -- hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments supplied.

B.Y.O.B. Ron Germonie and The Bakstad's are experts at the grill.

If you prefer chicken, etc., bring it and we'll BBQ it for you. Come by and enjoy!

RSVP by September 23rd: Call Vivien Moen 279-4511

or email her at [vivmoen@mchsi.com](mailto:vivmoen@mchsi.com)

COED BOOK CLUB starting in October. We'll choose books, a time and/or locations for meetings.

If questions, contact [spidermouz@gmail.com](mailto:spidermouz@gmail.com)

279-1256 or sign up with Vivien Moen 279-4511

or email [vivmoen@mchsi.com](mailto:vivmoen@mchsi.com)

October 17th: 5:30pm -- October Fest

Enjoy the Speck's Special Dinner

Mark you Calendar: T.G.I.F. 4-6pm

FRI DAY THE 13TH of November

Banish any bad vibes with some good cheer.

B.Y.O.B. and snacks to share. Invite your neighbors!

December 5: Holiday Season Open House

Need volunteers to have a Crab Feed in January.

It's fun. Call Karen 279-1256 for specifics.



Upcoming Events in  
Lake County



Kelseyville Pear Festival

In Downtown Kelseyville

Saturday, September 26th

Starts at 9AM



Steele Wines

Harvest Festival

At Steele Wines in Lakeport

October 10th and 11th

Start at 10AM



Please visit our website, to self-subscribe to receive the most current news and updates for Riviera-West at:

[www.rivierawest.org](http://www.rivierawest.org)

Riviera West documents can be found under the 'Documents' tab. Or, if you prefer, you may pick these up at the office.

I've long been curious about the walnut orchard planted early last century on the Kelseyville side of Mount Konocti and known to locals as "the horse". It is especially visible after a light snowfall. The background surrounding this landmark was found in one of the little books on local history. [Lewis, Ruth, *Stories and Legends of Lake County*, published 1936, pp. 98-99]

## The Legend of the Horse

By: Betty Helf

When white men came to the valleys about Clear Lake, the country was inhabited by several tribes of Pomo Indians. These tribes were friendly with each other in many ways but differences often arose over hunting or fishing grounds.

Big Valley on the southwest of Clear Lake had two or three tribes which mingled freely with each other and also with those of the Scotts Valley, Upper Lake and Ukiah sections.

To the South and east of Mt. Konocti lived Indians who were not Pomos. They were more war like and were not very friendly with the Big Valley Indians. These tribes we now know as Sulphur Bank Indians.

Occasionally they came in contact with each other but marriage between the tribes was much opposed by both. In spite of this the young braves and maidens were sometimes attracted to each other and wounded hearts often resulted. The story of one of these romances became a legend among the Hoolanapos, explaining to them the reason for a large treeless place on the slope of Mt. Konocti.

The heroine of the story was the very beautiful daughter of one of their chiefs. This maiden often rode her pony through the tangles of the forest or lingered along the shallows of the lake paddling her canoe.

On such a trip one spring morning she encountered a young man of the unfriendly tribe fishing among the rocks. The two were at once attracted to each other and talked long together. Before parting they agreed to meet again and as the days passed, they were spending many hours together. For a time these meetings passed unnoticed but before long, friends of the girl learned how she spent her hours on the lake and carried the news to her father.

The chief was very angry. He upbraided his daughter and forbade her to go alone on the lake in the future.

The young brave waited in vain for her day after day. At length he learned the truth from some of the Hoolanapos. Determined not to lose the girl, he went, as was the custom of the Indians, and sat before the wigwam of her father, thus proclaiming himself as a suitor for her hand. The chief was enraged, bade him begone and ordered him to return no more to the land of the Hoolanapos.

The young man pleaded long and earnestly but to no avail. Then in despair he sought out a friend among the Hoolanapo boys and sent a message to the maiden proclaiming his undying love and begging her to meet him at an appointed place. Several times they met in this way. Then they planned to elude her father.

One night when the Indians were making merry in the village the young brave came with two ponies. Awaiting her chance when the gaiety was at its height, the girl slipped away into the shadows and hurried to her awaiting lover. Mounting the horses they rode swiftly and noiselessly away.

All might have been well had they not met a Hoolanapo huntsman returning from a day in the mountains, who tried to stop them. Failing, he went quickly among his tribesmen giving the alarm.

Soon a dozen horsemen were in pursuit and the lovers rode hard, urging their ponies to their utmost speed. Cut off from the easier routes around the mountain, they sped up its steep slope with the pursuers close behind.

As they approached the glades near the summit, the maiden's horse began to lag. She urged him on but just as they were about to pass over the ridge and start downward a huntsman of the pursuing Indians let fly an arrow. The maiden's pony was hit and the brave animal reared to fall in a death plunge.

Quickly the lover lifted the girl to his own horse. On they fled and at last left the others far behind. Tradition has it that they lived happily ever after.

In falling, the stricken pony stretched its length head downward on the mountain side. The Indians say that on that spot trees and shrubs never grew again.

Even today we may see the open glade on the mountain side, shaped like a horse lying with its head downward.

The horse, so called, has now been planted to walnut trees but even these fail to obscure the outline.