

# The Ranch Report

The Newsletter of Black Butte Ranch

## GM's CORNER

Greetings from snowy Black Butte Ranch! As you were last reading the Ranch Report, we were enjoying 50 degree days and toying with idea of opening the golf courses. Mother Nature had different ideas however and sent Old Man Winter to pay us a belated visit the last few weeks. While the snow may have put a damper on our visions of spring, it hasn't hindered activity around the Ranch. There are some important updates to share:

- The Board of Directors has just completed a comprehensive review of Ranch Governing Documents and will be recommending a number of changes. While the majority of these changes relate to cleaning up language and ensuring consistency between documents, there are a few key items where owner input will be very valuable. We will be discussing proposed changes to the Master Design at the town hall meetings in March, with the goal to put recommended changes to owners for a vote sometime this fall. Changes to the Association Bylaws, Corporation Bylaws and the ARC Rules and Regulations are posted on the website for review. Owners have the opportunity to comment on the proposed ARC changes until April 10, 2011.

- Proposed changes to the Master Design are also posted on the website. Because any changes to this document require a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the owners, we will be undertaking a comprehensive education campaign in the coming months. The official comment period for the Master Design will begin after the May board meeting. Please email any questions to Katie Williams ([kwilliams@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:kwilliams@BlackButteRanch.com)).

- The 2011/2012 Budget is posted online and I would encourage you to take a look. This year we have provided a comprehensive narrative for each operating department that gives good insight into our forecast for the next twelve months.

- The Lodge Area Task Force gave a final presentation to the Board in February and the Board voted 8-1 to adopt the five recommendations put forth in the plan. While this project has a long ways to go before a final plan can be presented to homeowners, I would encourage you to view the new LATF presentation online and read their recommendations as they set a definitive course of action over the next 18-24 months.

The Glaze Meadow Golf Course is progressing according to plan. While the recent snow has hampered our start on the back nine, the irrigation crews took full advantage of the mild conditions in January to complete their work on the front nine. The course held up well through the winter and we are all pleased with the initial results of the redesign. The project remains on time and on budget, and with our better than expected cash flow, the Board has approved allocating an additional \$500,000 of cash to reduce the amount we are borrowing from Bank of America. As part of our operating capital budget for 2011/2012, we will be presenting a plan to the Board of Directors in May for remodeling the Glaze Meadow Clubhouse. As plans firm up in the coming weeks, we will be certain to keep you in the loop on the scope and budget for this project.

Last, but certainly not least, I would be remiss if I didn't offer a hearty public thank you to Sharon Dille, our CFO. Sharon, will be retiring at the end of April after 22 years of service to the Ranch. She has not only provided valuable financial services to our community but has been an extraordinary leader and all around great person to work with. She will be missed and we wish her all the best as she heads off to new adventures in life.



*John*



## AT YOUR SERVICE

### *New Management Joins the Team*

The Ranch has two new managers on board.

Traci Donaca of Bend has taken the place of retiring Human Resource Manager, Greg Cole. Donaca has been in the HR industry for 12 years, primarily with a focus in hospitality.



Her position before joining the Ranch was as Director of HR in the hospitality industry in Charlotte, North Carolina. When asked what brought her to Oregon, she mentioned that her husband is a native and wanted to move back to his home state.

Donaca brings determination and professional focus to her role at the Ranch. She said, "Coming from the hospitality industry, she has a finely tuned focus on the guest experience, and to achieve that you must start with recruiting quality people to carry out that focus." She also said, "I'm really anxious for the summer push—that's where I thrive—so let's have some fun."

New to the Golf Department as Golf Sales Manager is Brendon Bain, former General Manager and Tournament Director of Royal Links Golf Club in Las Vegas, NV.



Bain says he is a "soccer player turned golfer." As he explains further, his father grew up in Scotland and there are only two sports there –soccer and golf–his father taught him both. He attended Jesuit High School in Portland and went on to the University of Nevada Las Vegas on a soccer scholarship.

In the off-season Bain worked at the Desert Pines Golf Club, where he began his PGA program. After college, Bain moved to Scotland for two years to play professional soccer and also worked at Gleneagles Resort. His next move was back to Las Vegas where he worked for Royal Links Golf Club.

When asked why he relocated back to Oregon, it's all about family and "home." Bain laughingly said, "While he hasn't seen any grass yet, this feels a lot like home already. Coupled with the stunning views and great people he has met, he looks forward to being part of this family."

### *Sharon Dilley to Retire*

Sharon Dilley, chief financial officer of the Ranch for 22 years is retiring at the end of April. In addition to her responsibilities as CFO, Dilley has been Interim General Manager three times. The first was in 1990 before Michael Justin came on board as GM, the second was between Justin and Loy Helmly, and the third was between Helmly and current GM, Scott Huntsman.



Dilley has forged friendships with both property owners and business associates, and mentioned that she is very appreciative of the many property owner mentors she has had through the years. She said, "The Ranch has been very good to me and my family; it has been more than a job, it's been part of my life. My boys pretty much 'grew up' here." She added, "There has never been a dull moment during my tenure. I really appreciate all the employees at the Ranch and have developed great relationships and friendships with them."

In closing Dilley said, "Not only is this a beautiful place, but the people are beautiful as well. Where else can you work and encounter people who actually love being here?"

Dilley's co-workers will miss her quick wit and easy-going personality. The search for a replacement for Dilley is underway; interviews are being conducted, but as of press time a selection has not been made yet. Dilley, however, will be on hand to guide the company through its annual audit which occurs at the end of the fiscal year (March 31).

For those who would like to wish her well, cards and greetings may be sent to the administration office at P.O. Box 8000, Black butte Ranch, OR 97759 or by email at [sdilley@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:sdilley@BlackButteRanch.com).



## NOMINATIONS FOR HOMEOWNER

### AWARDS NEEDED

Each year two homeowners are selected to receive either the “Spirit of Volunteerism Award” or the Distinguished Service Award.” Nominations are now open for both of these prestigious awards.

The purpose of the “Spirit of Volunteerism Award” is to recognize outstanding volunteer service on behalf of Black Butte Ranch and the community of homeowners as part of independent, proactive projects and activities. The 2010 recipient was Andrew & Worth Ludwick for their efforts and generosity in continually striving to improve fire protection around their property that borders the Ranch (they are also property owners at BBR).

The “Distinguished Service Award” is to recognize outstanding volunteer service on behalf of Black Butte Ranch and the Black Butte Ranch community of homeowners. The 2010 recipient of this award was given to Glen Grader in appreciation for his efforts serving as chair on the Architectural Review Committee.

Nominees can only be BBR homeowners who are not Board members at the time, and may not be relatives, of, or co-owners with, members of the selection committee. The awards are presented at the homeowner’s Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Nomination forms are available on the property owner’s page of the website and must be submitted to the BBR Administration Office by Friday May 13, 2011. For more information please contact Katie Williams at 541-595-1510 or [kwilliams@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:kwilliams@BlackButteRanch.com).

## ARC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The ARC welcomes new committee members:

Bill Kinnune (promoted from alternate to voting member), David Vadman (voting member) and Kevin Neary (alternate).

The ARC Rules have been reviewed and proposed ARC Rules & Regulations changes online at: [BlackButteRanch.com/arc](http://BlackButteRanch.com/arc). There will be a comment period of thirty days for homeowners until 4/10. All comments should be sent to the attention of Stephanie Coe at [scoe@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:scoe@BlackButteRanch.com). We wish to thank Marilyn Jack for her years of service to the ARC.

## CALL FOR BOARD CANDIDATES

Interested in making a difference on the Ranch? The Ranch is currently seeking applicants to run for 3 positions on the nine-member board of directors. This year, two seats are open without any incumbent running for re-election. If you have ever considered running, now is the time!

The board meets six times a year, setting the strategic direction for the Ranch, ensuring that the Ranch is operated and maintained in a responsible manner, and representing homeowner interests in management decisions. Directors are elected for three year terms on a rolling basis and are able to serve for two consecutive terms. To apply, please submit a Candidate Profile before April 18, 2011. Candidate Profiles can be obtained online under the property owner login or by contacting Katie Williams at [KWilliams@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:KWilliams@BlackButteRanch.com). All profiles will be distributed to homeowners in May and elections will occur at the Black Butte Ranch Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Open positions include those occupied by Matt Baker, Doug Pollack and Jeff Reents.

The Association seeks nominees with an ability to listen to a multitude of perspectives, debate options in a clear and respectful way, and make decisions that will best serve all homeowners at BBR. All homeowners in good standing are eligible to run.

If you have any questions about board roles and responsibilities or the nominating process, please contact nominating committee chair Vanessa Wilkins at [vanesswilkins@me.com](mailto:vanesswilkins@me.com).

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

### PORTLAND

Wednesday, March 16, 2011  
Embassy Suites Downtown Portland, 6pm

### BLACK BUTTE RANCH

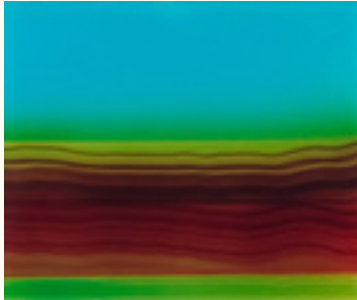
Saturday, March 26, 2011  
Community Center, 10am



## NATASHA BACCA EXHIBIT IN GALLERY

Bend artist Natasha Bacca will be the featured artist in the Gallery at the Lodge March and April.

Bacca has a very unique process for creating her art. Her biography states that her work explores light, combining contemporary and archaic processes to push the bounds of conventional photography.



She works in complete darkness and creates images using beams of light on photosensitive paper and designed different tools for this purpose. A US patent has been granted for

the process by which her art is created. Every piece of artwork produced is unique.

Recently Bacca's "Creation of Light" was chosen by Deschutes Brewery for the 2010 label of their seasonal winter beer Jubelale. Her exhibit will bring color and a unique perspective to the Lodge Gallery as the season transitions from winter to spring.

An artist reception is planned for Saturday, March 26 from 4pm to 6pm. Come and meet this inventive artist and enjoy complimentary wine and light hors d'oeuvres.

## NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### Activities and Projects

The Natural Resources Committee (NRC) had a very busy 2010. Cathy Ellis, the NRC chair, commends Don and Sue Imbrie who did an outstanding job organizing and running the weekly weeding work sessions. The volunteers logged 556 hours.



Overall the total of noxious weed volunteers in 2010 was less than in 2009 - there was a core group of 5-8 people who did the bulk of the weeding. More volunteers will be needed for 2011 projects. It's

the volunteers that make the projects of the Natural Resources Committee successful and the hope is that there will be more interest in getting involved.

As the NRC looks ahead to the projects and activities of 2011, they will meet in early spring with the Lot Certification personnel to discuss the best strategy for the upcoming season. An impending project at Glaze Meadow Lake is the eradication of thistles and mullein on several islands in the lake. This will involve extensive spraying and native plant reseeding and planting.

The NRC plans to have commercial harvesters back in late spring to remove cat tails and algae in the lakes. If these unchecked, over time they can turn lakes into meadows.

Below is a sampling of other projects that the NRC is continuing to work on. The complete report is online.

- Riparian and Meadow Management
- Japanese Mystery Snails in Aspen Lake
- Riparian Grant
- Barbed Wire removal
- Geese Population Control
- Noxious weed removal
- Western Bluebird Habitat
- Black Butte Heritage Society

To find out more about these projects and how you can become involved contact the Natural Resources Committee Chair Cathy Ellis at 541.595.2935 or email [Cathylsbbr@gmail.com](mailto:Cathylsbbr@gmail.com).

## We're Here for You...



April is "Lot Cleanup Month" It's that time of the year to cleanup needles and yard debris from your lots and we are here to help you!

Call owner's services for an estimate to clean up your lot, just in time for the May Street side pickup.

"Street side Pick up" is scheduled for May 23-27.

Limited time special offer on  
Chimney sweeping  
& carpet cleaning  
541.595.1527  
866.331.3884



## EASTER AT THE RANCH



### *Easter Egg Hunt*

11am at the Lodge

### *Easter Buffet*

Sunday, April 24, 9:30am – 2:30pm

\$35.95 per person

Children 5-12 years of age \$17.95

Under 4 years complimentary

### *Salads*

Ranch Salad Bar

Truffle potato salad with roasted mushrooms

Fresh Cut Fruit salad

Imported and Domestic Cheese Display

Charcuterie Display

Tapenade and spreads with grilled bread and crackers

### *Hot Food*

Hickory Smoked Bacon and Maple Sausage Links

Ranch Benedict with Parisian ham

and Pepper vodka and herb hollandaise

Amaretto French Toast, with candied pecans

Orange Glazed Lamb shoulder with a mint pesto

Grilled Seasonal Vegetables

Herb whipped potatoes

Pan Seared King Salmon with a port butter sauce

### *Chef Attended Stations*

Herb Crusted Beef Prime Rib

With black pepper horseradish cream and Brandy grain mustard Jus

Ranch Omelet Station

### *Dessert*

Raspberry cheesecake

Chocolate hazelnut tarts

White chocolate mousse with Berry Compote

Assorted Pastries and Muffins

Bread Pudding

### *Childs Buffet*

Waffles with maple syrup and berries

Scrambled eggs with cheese

Chicken strips with ranch dressing

Tater Tots

Penne pasta with Alfredo sauce

Easter Candies

## SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Join the fun kids programs at the Lodge Rec Barn - open during spring break! For details call 541.595.1282 or 541.595.5879. Details: [BlackButteRanch.com/whats-happening](http://BlackButteRanch.com/whats-happening). Note: Children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult supervisor and may not be left unattended.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19** 10am-5pm

11am Backpacks \$3

1pm Heat Fusion Beads \$3

2pm Ice Cream Social \$3

3pm Movie: ANTZ (PG) Free

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20** 10am-5pm

11am Flutterby Mobiles \$3

1pm Flower Pots \$3

2pm Origami Cranes \$3

3:30pm Dirt Cups "Yummy treat, we promise!" \$3

**MONDAY, MARCH 21** 10am-5pm

11am Soap Making \$5

1pm Puppets \$3

2pm Pizza Cookies \$3

3pm Movie: An Extremely Goofy Movie (G) Free

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22** 10am-5pm

10:30am Family Hike

Call 541-595-1282 for details.

11am Traditional Willow Baskets (ages 10+) \$5

2pm Dutch Oven Cooking: Scones \$5

3pm wii Dance Free

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23** 10am-7:30pm

11am Candle Making \$5

1pm Jewelry Making \$3

2pm wii Mario Kart Free

6pm Campfire Cookout

Join us at the Rec Center for cooking hot dogs and s'mores \$5 per person

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24** 10am-5pm

10:30am Family Hike

Call 541-595-1282 for details.

11am Traditional Willow Baskets (ages 10+) \$5

2pm Biscochitoes \$3

(Cookie decorating)

3pm Movie: Wild America (PG) Free

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25** 10am-7:30pm

11am Bee Bouquets \$3

1pm Tissue Paper Flowers \$3

2pm Dutch Oven Cooking: Cobbler \$5

3pm wii Resort Sports Free

6pm Teen Night

Pizza making and wii Dance \$5 Ages 13-17

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26** 10am-6:30pm

11am Pine Cone Critters \$3

1pm Scavenger Hunt Free

2pm No Bake Cookies \$3

3pm Movie: Toy Story 2 (G) Free





## POLICE BIKE PATROL BACK

With the success of last year's pilot bike patrol, the Black Butte Ranch Police Department will again implement the program during the 2011 summer season. The bike patrol allows the officers to have a more visible and approachable presence around the Ranch and to interact with kids and other riders.



Chief Kelley has applied for a matching grant program from the Service District Association of Oregon. If received, the grant will match the department's investment of \$3,000 giving them a total of \$6,000 in funds to use for equipment purchases and development of the program.

The department's plan is to purchase four mountain bikes, other equipment, and accessories to make them viable for police use. Each bike will have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), first aid kit, a flashing red light, and BBR maps for cyclists who need assistance in navigating the extensive bike paths here at the Ranch.

Kelley also indicated that the bike patrol program will extend longer into the summer season than last year because they will have their own equipment. When the department launched the program last year, they did so with bikes on loan from the Portland Police Department, which had to be returned before the end of the season.

The patrol is manned by BBR officers and will also utilize volunteers who are retired officers from other precincts.

The department is applying for a Public Safety Education grant, which would allow them to expand the youth educational programs currently offered during the summer season, such as the bike safety program.

As the department emphasized last year, the bike patrol will be able to respond to calls in a timely manner, without any loss of response time, by accessing vehicles strategically placed around the Ranch. The bike paths often make it easier for officers to get to various areas of the Ranch quicker than they would be able to in a vehicle.



*Did you know you can open your automatic garage doors manually when the power is out?*

With the garage door closed, look up and you will see a rope suspended from the door. Pull the rope with your hand to disengage the auto feature, then manually pull the door up with the second rope (handle), which is attached to the bottom of the door.

In weather where we have thaws and freezes, leave your garage door open a tiny bit so it is not touching the floor. This precaution can eliminate the potential of having the garage door freeze to the floor.

If you need a demo, call the BBR Police Station and an officer will stop by and take you through the steps...541.595.2191.



## *It's Tune Up Time*

Bring your bike into the Glaze Meadow Rental Shop for our Spring Full Tune-Up Special - \$35

Offer valid April 30, 2011

Regular price \$45

541.595.5877



## KAPELA'S KITCHEN BLOG

Black Butte Ranch Executive Sous Chef, Adam Kapela has created a blog called Kapela's Kitchen. In the blog Kapela muses about his passion for fresh ingredients, what inspires him, and recipes for the home cook.

As he states, this is his first blog ever. His goals for the blog are to "explore and share new, exotic and classic knowledge, recipes and ideas." He also links from his blog to upcoming events, specials and menus at the Ranch.



The blog has additional components such as "Food for Thought" where he highlights various ingredients and their uses, and "My Life as a Recipe" which features recipes that have helped him get to where he is.

Kapela is also offering his expertise at private dinners and classes for homeowners. Kapela comes to the home, brings all the ingredients and necessary equipment, and instructs the homeowner and seven guests on how to prepare each dish that is featured. These dinners are very hands-on and an entertaining way to share a special evening meal with friends.

To check out the blog go to [KapelasKitchen.wordpress.com](http://KapelasKitchen.wordpress.com). You will also be able to subscribe via email to receive future blog posts.

### Adam Kapela Recipe: Quinoa Pancakes

2 cups Flour  
2 tsp Baking powder  
1 tsp Baking soda  
3 tbsp Sugar  
½ t sp Salt  
3 tbsp Butter  
2ea Eggs  
2 cups Buttermilk  
½ cup Cooked Quinoa (see below)



Combine all dry ingredients and mix well. Melt butter. Combine wet ingredients and cooked quinoa (see recipe below). Add melted butter to quinoa mixture (it is okay if the butter starts to harden at this point) Add dry ingredients to quinoa mixture and mix just until combined, do not overmix.

#### Cooked Quinoa

To cook quinoa place ½ cup Quinoa and 1 cup of water into a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add a pinch of salt and turn to med low heat and let simmer. Once liquid has been absorbed, spread quinoa out on sheet tray to cool.

**BUY 1**  
*Entrée*  
**GET 1**  
*For ½ Off*

*At the Lodge Restaurant  
& the Aspen Lounge*

*Reservations are  
recommended at the  
Lodge Restaurant.  
877.817.9835*

*Valid for dinner and evening  
entrées of equal or lesser  
value. Not valid with other  
offers. Valid 3/1-13/2011.  
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## Spring Cleaning Time

*How would you like to leave the Ranch and not worry about your house cleaning and dirty laundry...just lock the door and forget about it?*

Now you can with Housekeeping's *Owner Cleans*. Our professional staff will take care of cleaning your dirty home, including washing your linens and towels, making all beds, and set up your home, so you and your guests can enjoy your time and know the home will be ready for your next arrival.

For a limited time, the Ranch is offering you the opportunity to purchase 6 cleans for the price of 5 cleans. Our team can help you plan a monthly or bi-monthly cleaning program that fits your spring and summer schedules!

Ask about our deep cleaning special which includes window washing and carpet cleaning.

Please call or email Cindy for free estimates. Phone: 541.595.1512 or [cjohnson@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:cjohnson@BlackButteRanch.com). These offers are valid until April 30, 2011 for scheduled cleans.





# Black Butte Ranch

THERE IS A PLACE

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MEETINGS

<b>Board of Directors</b> 5/21 8:30am Bob Wollmuth, chair bwollmuth@comcast.net	541.595.1510
<b>Finance Committee</b> 3/25, 4/22 1pm; 5/13, 16 Jeff Reents, chair jeffandpaula@bendbroadband.com	541.595.1501
<b>Architectural Review Committee</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 3/10, 4/14: 9am Glen Grader, chair ARC@BlackButteRanch.com	541.595.1503
<b>Police Service Board</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 3/17, 4/21: 9am Randy Garcia, chair bbrpd@bendcable.com	541.595.2191
<b>RFPD Fire Board</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 3/24, 4/28: 9 am Rodger Gabrielson, chair ssowa@BlackButteRanchFire.com	541.595.2288 541.595.5655

*\*Schedules may change without notice—please call to confirm.*

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

See [BlackButteRanch.com/Whats-Happening](http://BlackButteRanch.com/Whats-Happening) or [SistersCountry.com](http://SistersCountry.com) for details.

### March

- 10 Vino Thursday 5-7pm
- 11-12 Acrylic Painting Classes at Sisters Art Works with Sandy Melchiori 541.419.5207 [sandymelchiori@msn.com](mailto:sandymelchiori@msn.com)
- 12 Dog Portraiture Acrylic Painting workshop Sisters Art Works [sandymelchiori@msn.com](mailto:sandymelchiori@msn.com)
- 12 Sisters Act Community Talent Show Benefit 7pm SHS. 541.549.1149
- 17 St Patrick's Day Celebrate with Food and Beverage specials at Lodge and Aspen Lounge
- 18 Shamrock Run, Sisters Athletic Club 541.549.6878
- 19-26 Kids Programs at the Rec Barn 10am-5pm. 541.595.1282 / 541.595.5879
- 24 Wildflowers of Central Oregon Talk by Maret Pajutee, 7-8:30pm The Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Ave. Bend 541.330.0017
- 25 Watercolor painting workshop [creativepaintingretreats.com/retreat-in-march](http://creativepaintingretreats.com/retreat-in-march).
- 26 Artist Reception Natasha Bacca 4-6pm

### April

- 14 Friends of Black Butte Ranch 3pm
- 14 Vino Thursday 5-7pm
- 15 Robert's Pub opens for the season My Own Two Hands Art Stroll 541.549.4979 [sistersfolkfestival.org](http://sistersfolkfestival.org).
- 16 My Own Two Hands Art Auction 541.549.4979 [sistersfolkfestival.org](http://sistersfolkfestival.org).
- 24 Easter Buffet at the Lodge
- 28-5/1 Central Oregon Shootout
- 29 Star Watching Party 541.549.8846

## OWNER POTLUCKS

- 3/11 Potluck at the Community Center
- 4/8 Potluck at the Community Center
- 5pm—Social 6pm—Dinner
- Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve six people, beverage and your own dishes.

