

The Ranch Report

The Newsletter of Black Butte Ranch

SUMMER!

"Then followed the beautiful season....Summer....filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Everyone looks forward to summer. Sunny, warm days and balmy evenings that beg for a gentle breeze to come by. Summers at the Ranch are a special time filled with family activities (e.g. "Monopoly" marathons, 6000 piece jigsaw puzzles, etc) and childhood memories. It's like summer camp – for everybody.

To make your Ranch experience even more memorable there have been a few changes. The Lodge Restaurant has undergone some remodeling, as has the menu. The original hardwood floors have been restored in places and the menu now features generous cuts of beef and lamb called "Cowboy Chow," accompanied by side dishes such as Sweet Potato Puree or Sautéed Mushrooms and leeks. It's easy to see that the new menu has the gourmet touch of Executive Chef Dean Ecker and Executive Sous Chef Adam Kapela.

A new addition to the Lodge is the creation of the Lodge

Espresso shop. This combination espresso counter and gift shop brings new vitality to the Lodge entrance. As you enter the Lodge you'll also notice the custom-made wrought iron table and chandelier built by Ponderosa Forge. Ponderosa has had a long history of wrought iron work here at the Ranch. If you look at the entry doors you'll see the custom door handles and the railing on the entry steps as well as the railings throughout the Lodge, all forged by Ponderosa.

The Lakeside Bistro, which was a hit last summer, features hand tossed pizza and BBQ grilled burgers and hot dogs. What was once the Lodge Shop has been reconfigured to accommodate small meetings and Bridal parties.

Mark your calendars for the "Live at the Ranch" summer concert series. The July 23 concert features the signature piano sound of John Nilsen and the August 8 concert, a benefit for the Sisters Americana Project, features the female acoustic quartet Misty River, with an opening by Jena Rickards (a Sisters High School and Americana Project grad). Curtis Salgado plays September 5 on Labor Day weekend.

Come to the Ranch and experience what summer fun is all about!

RANCH REPORT GOES PAPERLESS

The recent online homeowner survey results made it clear that the majority of homeowners are in favor of moving the Ranch Report to an electronic format. This change will benefit the Ranch in many ways. It will save on postage, paper, cost of printing, and labor to prepare the mailing.

The switch to emailing the Ranch Report will require homeowners to have an email address registered in our database in order to receive it. To register your email address, go the property owner's page on the website at BlackButteRanch.com/property-owners and click on the light blue link that says "to sign up or update your email preferences click here." The newsletter will also be available on the owner's webpage. September – October will be the first paperless version.



Horses on their way to work... Make summer memories with a trail ride this year.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Communicating with a Purpose

A heartfelt thank you for the great participation we received for our Spring Survey. We had 470 homeowners respond to the electronic survey and many useful comments. The results of the survey are posted online, but I wanted to share with you some of our key takeaways from your input.

COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT

While of most of you were happy with how we communicate with you, there were some consistent comments that prompted us to make some changes in our approach:

ENHANCED OWNERS WEBPAGE

Coming in July, we will be making changes to the owner's pages on the BBR website which will provide more content, easier navigation and implement password protection. Be on the lookout for notification of your user name and password.

CLEAR DELINEATION BETWEEN 'NEWS' AND 'MARKETING' EMAILS

We have received many accolades for the *View from the Ranch* emails, however there were several requests to separate the critical homeowner content from these emails. Beginning in July, we will send out a monthly email that will focus solely on important Association related business that is relevant to you as a homeowner. *The View from the Ranch* will continue to be sent out twice a month and will focus on activities and events taking place at BBR.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The survey indicated that a number of you are interested in more in-depth reporting on the financial health of the Ranch. I will begin posting monthly financial reports to the owner's page in July, as soon as it is password protected.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The town hall meetings we have held in the last nine months provided very valuable feedback to the management team. We will continue these in the fall as I believe they are a great forum for dialogue and ideas.

GOING PAPERLESS

There was an overwhelmingly positive response to going paperless for certain communication. Therefore, this will be our last printed copy of the Ranch Report. We are going digital with this and our financial publications. Additionally,

we are making it a priority to have paperless billing available by the end of the year. Not only does this make ecological sense, it will save us \$25,000 + per year.

WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE WADING POOLS

The survey asked a question whether wading pools were important at Paulina and South Meadow pools in light of the impending Oregon state requirements to install separate wading pool filtration systems. As a result of your feedback, we will be collecting data on daily usage throughout the summer so that we can make an informed decision this fall.

KEEP OUR RECREATION PROGRAMS FRESH

While many owners stated that using our recreation programs was not part of their routine while they were here on the Ranch, most of still felt that they were important part of the BBR experience and encouraged us to keep improving them. This summer we are introducing stand-up paddle boards, family movie night at the Rec Barn, organized family sports, and a variety of other new programs to spark interest in the activities available at Black Butte.

As a result of your input, we are also making changes to our owner services program in the Maintenance department and adding some new items to our Lakeside Bistro menu.

A new survey will come out in September and will be focused on soliciting feedback for our food and beverage programs and the Lodge Area Task Force presentation.

Thank you again for your input and involvement, it is critical to our success. I look forward to an outstanding summer and hope to see you around the Ranch.



ARC RULES CHANGES PROPOSED

The ARC has proposed rule changes to the ARC Guidelines.

They can be viewed on the website at BlackButteRanch.com/ARC-proposed-rule-changes-2010.pdf, with links from the owner's page.



AN ICON PASSES

GENE "BUNNY" MASON 1927-2010

Gene C. "Bunny" Mason was born in Moro, Oregon on December 15, 1927. He came from a large family with eight siblings and was always active in sports at Salem High School. In Mason's own words from his autobiography he said, "Once I became a professional golfer, I never looked back."

He was hired in 1951 as the golf pro at Salem Golf Club and stayed there until October 1960 when he was invited to become the golf pro at Columbia Edgewater Country Club where he continued to teach until his passing.



Mason's history with Black Butte Ranch began when he was approached in August 1970 by Mike Hollern (then chairman of Brooks Resources) and Bob Harrison (then president of Brooks Resources). As Mason once stated "the original plan was to build a nine-hole golf course and a large number of tennis courts. Tennis was a big game in the 1970s. But we worked things out in a hurry and we ended up with thirty-six holes of golf before it was done."

During Mason's tenure at BBR he designed the Glaze Meadow golf course at the Ranch which will begin renovation later this year by John Fought, golf course architect.

Back in 1961 while speaking at a service club event Mason said, "it is my pleasure to predict that the whole world will be coming to Central Oregon before I die." He also predicted that there would be 25 golf courses in Central Oregon before he died. Well, he lived to see more than 30 courses built.

Mason was the golf course designer of some well know courses such as Awbrey Glen, Crooked River Ranch, Eagle Crest - Resort Course, Fairway Village, Green Mountain, Middlefield Village, Persimmon Country Club and Skamania Lodge.

Bunny, if you're reading this, thank you for helping to create such a spectacular place to enjoy.



Glaze Meadow 3-4, designed by Gene "Bunny" Mason.

GOLF SUMMER UPDATE

With summer in full swing both Big Meadow and Glaze Meadow courses are in excellent condition and offer exceptional play. Golf clinics are underway with "For Ladies Only" a 3 day school with which includes 9 holes of golf with "on-course" instruction 9am to 11:30am; the popular "100 Yards In" clinic, from 9am to noon each day; the Junior golf Camp a great way for young people to understand the game of golf. For additional information regarding golf schools check the website BlackButteRanch.com/golf/instruction.

The Homeowner-Guest Invitational Tournament is slated for August 28-29. This is a special time for homeowners and guests to show off their skills. It's a fun event with a horse race, golf at both Big Meadow and Glaze courses and delicious meals throughout the tournament (not to mention the great prizes). Get your entry forms in as soon as possible as this tournament fills up early; cost is \$550 per team. Forms are available at the Big Meadow Clubhouse after July 4.

20% OFF

Purchase of \$100 or more of apparel
at the Golf Shops.

Excludes sale merchandise; Valid through August 31, 2010.
Coupon required for discount.



ART AT THE RANCH ON LABOR DAY

The popular "Art at the Ranch" Art Show & Sale is an annual summer event not to be missed. The show will kick off on Friday, Sept. 3rd, 4-7 PM, with a Silent Auction and Artists' Reception where you can catch up with old friends, and meet some new ones! The event is free and open to the public and beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Art and crafts created by homeowners and local artists will be for sale that evening, and also on Saturday, Sept. 4th, from 10am to 4pm. A handmade quilt will be raffled and go to the lucky winner of a drawing to be held on September 4. The quilt is on display at the Welcome Center where tickets can be purchased now.

The event is sponsored by the Art Guild, a group of homeowners who meet throughout the year to enjoy talks & demonstrations by local artists. Each summer they organize and put on this show; the proceeds from which go towards purchase of art for public places in the Ranch (a recent example – the beautiful wood carving by Tim Outman, on the wall at the Glaze Meadow Recreation Center.) They also fund scholarships for Sisters High School students – four \$1000.00 scholarships were awarded this year! – and contribute to Arts programs at Sisters Elementary & Middle Schools.

If you would like to know more about the show, the Art Guild, or are interested in exhibiting, please contact Denise Mariman 541.595.5616 or mariman_bearzi@yahoo.com.



Get your tickets at the Welcome Center!



PEGGY'S PIN PALS HONOR FOUNDER

Years ago Peggy Click-Taylor gathered up a group of her quilting friends at Black Butte Ranch and formed "Peggy's Pin Pals." When the group first began they would meet at Taylor's house because at that time she was battling cancer. As time went on and the group grew, and Peggy was more able to get around they began meeting at the community Center.

The meetings were a casual affair and anywhere from 18–20 quilters would drop in for quilting help and a lot of advice from the veteran quilters.

After Peggy's passing, the group wanted to do something special to honor their good friend. So they decided the best way to honor her was to make a quilt. Each person from the group constructed a square and from that they made a very special quilt, which was presented to Peggy's husband Al during a Bridge Club session a few weeks ago.

According to Ruth Ingham, he was quite touched and a bit teary-eyed after receiving the gift. Ingham mentioned that Al was always very supportive of his wife's passion for quilting and the group has always considered him to be their "teddy bear."

The special quilt honoring Peggy Click-Taylor will be on display during the month of July as part of the Quilt show at the Lodge Gallery.

QUILTER'S ARTIST'S RECEPTION

Thursday, July 29, 4-6pm

The Lodge

Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres



ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATIVE

The homeowners Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, June 19 at the Section 5 Maintenance Facility. There were approximately 185 homeowners in attendance.

The first presentation was made by Scott Huntsman who gave an overview of where Ranch operations were a year ago and where they are today. Next was the Finance Committee report given by Jeff Reents. Many people commented on how informative and easy to understand Reents presentation was. There were several humorous photos interspersed in the PowerPoint which brought some levity to a complex subject and which the audience seemed to enjoy.

The next presentation was made by the Lodge Area Task Force (LATF) with Ruth Burk giving a synopsis of what the LATF's mission and goals are. Then TVA architects Rod Ashley and Bob Thompson, who have been working with the LATF to develop schematic drawings and ideas for the Lodge Area complex, began their portion of the presentation. The architects had set-up a display of the schematic drawings prior to the beginning of the meeting so that homeowners could get a close-up look at them. Their presentations included several potential ideas for the Lodge Area and were meant to get the conversation started with homeowners regarding what the vision should be for that area. The architects' presentation is available on the BBR website under the Property Owners section.

There were also presentations by the ARC (Glen Grader), Coldwell Banker / Reed Bros. (Mike Reed), the Fire District Report (Rodger Gabrielson), Police Services Report (Chief Denney Kelley) and finally a report from the Board chair, Bob Wollmuth. Wollmuth's presentation featured pictures of the many staircases throughout the Lodge to make a point of how difficult it can be for some people to make their way around the Lodge.

Finally, the elections results were announced and Wollmuth then shared with the audience that Ruth Burk was resigning her seat on the Board and that the Board would appoint someone to fill the remaining year of her term. Then the homeowner awards were given: the Distinguished Service Award went to Glen Grader and the Spirit of Volunteerism award went to Andrew & Worth Ludwick (see companion article on page 7.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

View the presentations online at BlackButteRanch.com/property-owners/board-of-directors.

LOCAL EVENTS

BlackButteRanch.com/Whats-Happening | SistersCountry.com

JULY

- 1-4 Sisters Roundup of Gems
Spa Products 20% off 7/ 4 only.
- 3-4 Sisters Summer Faire
- 3 Around the Block Fiber Art Stroll—Sisters
- 4 Annual BBR 4th of July Celebration
Picnic for Habitat for Humanity—Sisters
- 5-9 Sisters Quilter's Affair
- 8 Sisters Garden Club Tour
- 9-11 Tennis Doubles Camp
- 10 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show
Sisters Annual Library Book Sale
Vino Thursday at the Lodge \$10
- 15 Metolius River Fly Fishing & Bamboo Rod Fair
- 17-18 Glory Daze Car Show—Sisters High Desert Corvette Club fundraiser
- 23 Live at the Ranch Concert with John Nilsen 6-9p
877.290.5296
- 24 Plein Air Paint Out Metolius River 541.549.0251

AUGUST

- 6-8 Tennis Doubles Camp
- 8 *Live at the Ranch concert - Misty River & Jena Rickards* 877.290.5296
- 12 Vino Thursday at the Lodge \$10

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4 Art at the Ranch
- 5 Live at the Ranch - Curtis Salgado 877.290.5296
- 15-17 Art Workshop with Don Driggers

NEW EXHIBITS AT LODGE GALLERY

With the annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in early July it seemed like a great time to celebrate the art of quilting here at the Ranch. From July 1 - 30 the Lodge Gallery will feature 14 beautiful quilts (out of 33 submitted), handmade by the skillful hands of the Black Butte Ranch quilters.

An Artist's Reception will be held on Thursday, July 29 from 4-6pm with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres.

In August there will be a new exhibit going up featuring the works of oil painter Ken Roth from Bend. Roth is a diverse painter whose works are inspired by the beauty of nature. Some of his landscapes are recognizable renditions of Central Oregon monuments, while others only hint at their origins with a swirl of abstract color and light.

Roth exhibit will run from August 1 through September 30. There will be an Artist's Reception on Saturday, August 7 from 4-6pm with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres.



WHAT IS A NON-EMERGENCY CALL?

We all know the Police Department is there to help with many issues and in many situations. Occasionally people misunderstand what constitutes an emergency and a non-emergency.



An emergency situation is one where health, safety and welfare are in immediate danger. A non-emergency is where the situation does not present imminent danger to a person or property. The non-emergency number for the Black Butte Ranch Police Department is 541.693.6911 and should be used to report things such as rules violations and non-violent suspicious activity. This number may also be used to reach an officer on duty. The business office number is not manned on the weekend or after business hours but can be used to leave messages for a particular officer. The Black Butte Police website can also be used and has contact information for individual officers.

Residents should call 911 whenever there is a situation that presents imminent danger or criminal activity. Both 911 and the non-emergency number are routed through the same dispatch center, so residents needn't worry that if their non-emergency call suddenly turns into an emergency.

When Chief Kelley was asked what the average on-Ranch response time to emergency calls is, he responded, "one and a half minutes from dispatch to the officer's radio."

Emergency info cards are available at the post office with the appropriate numbers to call to reach the police department both for emergencies and non-emergencies. For more information you may also check the police department website at BlackButteRanchPolice.com.

THREE ELECTED TO BOARD SEATS

Cathy Ellis, Mark Pilkenton, and Bob Wollmuth were elected to three-year terms on the BBR Association board of directors, at the Association's annual meeting on June 19.

The new board selected BBR Finance Committee Chair Jeff Reents to serve a one-year term created by Ruth Burk's resignation due to increasing commitments of work and family.

Board officers for the coming year are Bob Wollmuth, chair; Matt Baker, vice-chair; Doug Pollack, secretary; and Jeff Reents, treasurer.

Continuing directors include Matt Baker, Phil Jackson, Rob Sprouse, and Vanessa Wilkins.

SUMMER FIRE DANGER LOOMS

Where there's smoke, there could be fire. Fire Chief Dan Tucker asks owners to call 9-1-1 immediately if you see early signs of potential blazes this summer. An unusually wet spring has left grasses and fire fuels higher than normal and after drying these could promote rapid spread of a wildfire.



In the event of a threat to BBR, emergency information will be available on cable TV channel 3, as well as recorded messages at 541.595.1502 and 1504.

If an emergency evacuation becomes necessary, the process will be directed by the BBR police department and Deschutes County. Emergency preparedness information and forms are available at the BBR post office. This information gives some great tips about how to prepare your home and your family for an emergency event.

Open burning is prohibited on the Ranch, except during specified periods in the spring and fall. No fireworks, of any type, are allowed.

Kid's Programs



BBR Fire Hall Tours with Sparky

Wednesdays 10a-11a

541. 595.2288

BBR Police Jr. Officer Program

Tuesdays 10a-11a

541. 595.2191



DSA Award winner Glen Grader and SVA Award winners Andrew and Worth Ludwick (Dave Elpi accepting the award.)

AWARDS PRESENTED

Each year a call goes out for nominations for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and the Spirit of Volunteerism (SVA) Awards.

This year the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was Glen Grader. He was given the award for his dedication to serving on the Architectural Review Committee as it's chair, all the while keeping the Ranch's assets and best interests at the forefront. Grader has also served on the BBRA board of directors, finance committee and various task forces.

The recipients of the Spirit of Volunteerism Award were Andrew & Worth Ludwick. They were selected for their efforts in continually striving to improve the fire protection area, not only on their property on the Ranch, but also on their property that borders the Ranch. Their work has been recognized and endorsed by the BBR Natural Resources Committee for improving the forest health and enhancing wildlife habitat, and for their work on a long-range Forest Stewardship Plan. The Ludwick's were unable to attend the meeting, so their forest manager Dave Elpi accepted the award.

RECYCLING SUBSIDY ENDS

As of July 1, 2010, Deschutes County will no longer subsidize recycling efforts for area businesses. To help offset the estimated \$12,000 in additional annual expenses this will bring, the Ranch will begin charging a nominal fee for the disposal of appliances, furniture, construction materials and scrap metal. This change will go into effect on August 1, 2010.

Black Butte Ranch remains committed to providing our owners with a convenient and environmentally friendly recycling option; if you have any questions regarding this change, please call our Owner Services department at 541.595.1528. A Deschutes County Recycling Guide is available on the owner's webpage.

VOLUNTEERS WEED OUT TROUBLE

The war on noxious weeds continues. Join fellow owners in a volunteer effort to clean up common areas of the Ranch.

Work parties are scheduled from 8 to 10am on July 3, 8, 15, 22, and 29; August 7, 12, 19, and 26; and September 4. Meet at the Glaze Meadow Recreation Center parking lot. Bring gardening gloves and a digging tool – trowel, hoe, or shovel.

A brochure highlighting common noxious weeds on the Ranch has been posted at BlackButteRanch.com/noxious-weeds.pdf. For more information, contact Cathy Ellis at cathylsbbbr@gmail.com or 541.595.2935.

NINE NOXIOUS WEEDS AT BBR



Bull Thistle
Patrick J. Alexander @ USDA
-NRCS PLANTS Database



Canada Thistle
Steve Dewey, Utah State
University, Bugwood.org



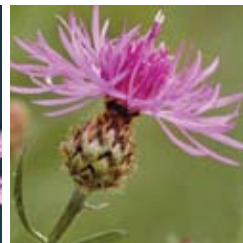
Common Mullein
Brother Alfred Brousseau @ US-
DA-NRCS PLANTS Database



Leafy Spurge
J.S. Peterson @ USDA-NRCS
PLANTS Database



Diffuse Knapweed
Richard Old, XID Services,
Inc., Bugwood.org



Spotted Knapweed
John Cardina, The Ohio State
University, Bugwood.org



**Common
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Yellow Toadflax
Steve Dewey, Utah State
University, Bugwood.org



St Johns Wort
Jennifer Anderson @ USDA-
NRCS PLANTS





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